



Art and Classics Study Tour

Florence

Saturday 30th March to Tuesday 2nd April 2019



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Travel Details

Saturday 30th March 2019

3.30am	Meet on Shelburne Road, Dean Close School (check passports, luggage weight & EHIC cards)
4.00am	Depart Dean Close School – Pullham’s Coaches
6.15am	ETA Gatwick Airport (North Terminal) to commence check-in
8.30am	EasyJet flight EJ8231 to Pisa Airport
2.30pm	ETA Hotel Eden (NB: Italy is one hour ahead of the UK)

Tuesday 2nd April 2019

Return flight c11.15pm	EasyJet flight EJ8234 to London Gatwick expected ETA to Dean Close School
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Accommodation

Hotel Eden	Via Nazionale, 55-50123 Florence, Italy. Tel +39 055 483722
	The building has recently been renovated and each room has WI-FI broadband, safe, TV and air conditioning.
	The ensuite bathrooms have a shower and hairdryer.

Catering

En route	Please supply a packed breakfast and lunch for the outward journey. Lunch is the final meal supplied on the last day, so pupils should keep approximately £5 for a snack on the return journey.
Breakfast	A continental breakfast is served at the hotel.
Lunch	Pupils will be given a lunch allowance each day and have a choice of cafes, pizzarias and pasticcerias to visit.
Dinner	Evening meals are taken at La Grotta di Leo, a busy and lively restaurant that is a popular haunt for locals, offering a wide range of traditional dishes and able to cope with all dietary requirements. Followed by Gelato ice creams.

Itinerary

Please note that the itinerary is subject to change.

All travel within Florence will be on foot: comfortable footwear is vital.

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Guided Walking Tour of Florence

- Stunning views along narrow, medieval streets to the Duomo and Baptistry, Giotto’s Belltower and ancient Roman passageways to Piazza Signoria.
- Sculptures by Ammanati, Michelangelo (including *David*), Bandinelli and Giambologna
- The Ponte Vecchio
- Sketching opportunity

Sunday 31st March

- Visit to The Accademia Gallery – many of Michelangelo’s most important works.
- Visit to The Medici Chapel – 16th & 17th century chapel within the Basilica of San Lorenzo, final resting place of the Medici
- Explore San Lorenzo Market to buy lunch – traditional Tuscan produce, also market stalls of fine leather goods, silks and hand carved Pinocchio figurines.
- Visit The Pitti Palace and Boboli Gardens – designed for the Medici in 1549, the gardens are an excellent example of stylized Renaissance gardening and give elevated vistas over the city and Duomo below.

Monday 1st April

- Visit to Florence Cathedral, Crypt and Baptistery. Conceived in 1293 and aiming to match the Pantheon in Rome, the Florence cathedral and Dome took over 140 years to complete; the dome was intended to be the world's largest dome yet with no technology the dome roof was left open for decades while the conundrum of how to complete it was solved.
- Lunch in the Piazza Santo Spirito – artisans' quarter of Oltrarno
- Visit The Brancacci Chapel – famous for its frescoes of *The Life of Saint Peter*, completed in 1480.
- Climb to the top of Brunelleschi's Duomo for spectacular views of the city.
- Free time for shopping, relaxing and to explore central Florence.

Tuesday 2nd April

- Visit Uffizi Gallery for a guided tour. Works by Botticelli, Michelangelo and Titian, with works showing the development of Florentine art from Gothic to High Renaissance.
- Lunch in the San Lorenzo Foodmarket

2.30pm	Coach departs Florence Coach station
3.30pm	Check in at Pisa Airport
6.10pm	Easyjet flight EJ8234
7.25pm	Arrive Gatwick Airport
11.15pm	Approx arrival time at Dean Close School, Shelburne Road

IMPORTANT

- Passport & EHIC Card** To be handed in to Mrs Caroline Evans (into her hands) at least a week before the end of term.
All UK students should be in possession of an EHIC in case of any necessary medical treatment while abroad.
- Hand Baggage** Please check the EasyJet website for rules on Cabin Baggage size and carrying liquids on board.
- Optional Hold Luggage** Students have been booked on the flights with cabin luggage only (no weight limit but must fit into overhead locker). With careful packing this is sufficient for 4 days abroad. For students who wish to pay the airline supplement to take a suitcase in the hold in addition to the cabin allowance, this will cost £55 per 15kg suitcase. Please advise school and send payment for this well in advance of departure. It is possible for 2 (or more) students to share one suitcase.
- If you are only bringing cabin luggage please make sure you pack an empty rucksack to use as a day pack.
- A money belt/bum bag is advisable for carrying money, cash cards and phones etc.
- Phones** It is assumed that pupils will have a mobile phone on trip and that they will ensure they have the main contact numbers stored. When in small groups, there must be at least one pupil with a working mobile.
- Breakfast and lunch on 30th March** Pupils should bring a packed meal to eat for breakfast at Gatwick and a packed lunch as the **first meal provided is the evening meal**. There will be an opportunity to buy a snack at Pisa airport.
- Food** The trip is on a full board basis whilst in Italy.
- Money – Euros** Passports and money will be kept in the hotel safe to minimise the risk of loss or theft. A ‘house bank’ system will operate (open in the mornings and evenings).
- Students will require money for drinks, snacks and souvenirs. A total sum of around £120 (in Euros) should be more than enough. **The final meal to be provided will be**

lunch on the final day, so students should keep some money in reserve to purchase a snack on the return journey.

Clothing

Sensible shoes, i.e. trainers, are essential as we will be doing a lot of walking! The weather is likely to be changeable at this time of year. Layers are good: T-shirts, jumpers, waterproof and jeans.

Art Materials

The art students should bring a basic art kit in a pencil case: A range of pencils (B, 2B, 4B); a pencil sharpener and rubber; a drawing pen/biro and possibly a small watercolour box or some coloured pencils and an A5 hardback sketchbook or notebook. A camera is a must!

The Kitchen Sink

Please leave this behind! – we will be away for 4 days only so concentrate on packing only what is essential.

School Rules:

School rules apply throughout the duration of the trip. Smoking and the consumption of alcohol will not be tolerated. Parents will be informed of any transgression as soon as we return.

Remember that we are visitors to Italy and that we are ambassadors for our country and school.

Supervision & Lights Out

We intend to allow the students an opportunity to explore their environs and to experience the Italian culture. However, they will certainly not be allowed to roam around unchecked as we want to make sure that the scholars remain safe. We operate an 'abuse it, you lose it' system, i.e. any student whose conduct is unbecoming will forfeit his/her opportunity to enjoy evenings spent relaxing with friends. There will always be a member of Staff on duty in the hotel.

	Return to hotel	Lights out
Remove:	21.45	22.15
5th form:	22.00	22.30
L6th:	22.15	22.45

Code of Conduct

Please remember that this is a working trip and the highest standard of behaviour is expected.

The School's Code of Conduct applies. On tour, certain rules are more important than others in the interests of safety and everyone's enjoyment. The following are particularly important:

- Wearing seatbelts and remaining in one's seat on the coach.
- Being on time for meals, meeting points and departures.
- Keeping hotel rooms tidy, being considerate of other guests and keeping the noise down.
- No-one may go off alone. The minimum group size is four for Remove and 5th form, and three for 6th form. When out and about, keep bags firmly closed and be extremely vigilant with regard to traffic when crossing roads.
- Lights-out times are specified by age-group, and pupils should go to their rooms and stay there at the stated times or when directed to do so by the staff on duty.
- No smoking or vaping.
- No alcohol to be consumed by any student on tour.
- Boys and girls may not enter each other's rooms unless permission has been given by a member of staff.

Name		Age on Trip	Year group
Valentina	Alfonsi	14	R
Daphne	Bennett	15	R
Ella	Cambridge	14	R
Oskar	Dennert	14	R
Isobel	Edgley	17	L6
Elizabeth	Ellison	17	L6
Emily	Forge	15	R
Harriet	Gammon	15	R
Lily	Griffiths	14	R
Susan	Hicks Beach	17	L6
Iona	Hutton	15	R
Jack	Logan	15	R
Fiona	Ma	16	L6
Ilya	Mordvintsev	16/17	5
Olivia	Nelson	14	R
Frederik	Philip-Sorensen	15	R
Nils	Philip-Sorensen	16	L6
Emily	Smith	17	L6
Mirabelle	Troughton	14	R
Zachariah	Truscott	17	L6

Remove Girls

Valentina Alfonsi
Daphne Bennett
Ella Cambridge
Emily Forge
Hattie Gammon
Lily Griffiths
Iona Hutton
Liv Nelson
Mirabelle Troughton

5th Form Boys

Ilya Mordvintsev

L6th Girls

Isobel Edgley
Beth Ellison
Susie Hicks Beach
Fiona Ma
Emily Smith

L6th Boys

Nils Philip-Sorensen
Zac Truscott

Remove Boys

Oscar Dennert
Jack Logan
Freddie Philip-Sorensen

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