



The ACADEMY of Classical Christian Studies

Travel FAQ

Q: When will these trips take place?

Eighth grade will travel in March their eighth grade year
Twelfth grade will travel in October their Senior year

Q: What is an example rough itinerary?

- Friday - depart OKC, head to Rome
- Saturday - arrive Rome, get settled into hotel and begin touring
- Sunday - tour Rome
- Monday - travel to the coastal region of Campania, get settled into agriturismo, begin touring
- Tuesday - tour region of Campania
- Wednesday - travel to Florence, get settled into hotel and begin touring
- Thursday - tour Florence
- Friday - travel back to Rome
- Saturday - depart Rome, head home to OKC

Q: Is Europe safe?

- Yes! The cities we will visit are safe.
- Pickpocketing is the biggest concern for any European city, however our adult sponsors will be in charge of carrying money, not the students

Q: Why Europe and not The United States?

- There are a number of beautiful (and educational) places to visit in the USA. Italy is a specifically chosen location. The well-spring of classical education originates from neo-classical Europe, with Italy being at the heart of ancient, medieval, and renaissance history.

Q: What is the ratio of adult sponsors to students?

- Our goal ratio is 1:3 adult to students

Q: How long is the trip?

- 8-10 Days

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Q: How much does the trip cost?

- We will lock in the cost of plane tickets this summer when they are released. We are looking at an approximate cost of \$4,000.
- \$4,000 (includes airfare, lodging, food, touring / museum fees, bus / train costs)

Q: What if we cannot afford to send our child?

- It is our sincere hope that each and every student will be able to attend this trip. We do not want the price of the trip to be the reason a family says “no” if there is a desire to attend!

Q: Is this trip required?

- No. Students who do not attend will be allowed to stay home that week.

Q: Are parents allowed to attend?

- Yes! Parents are welcome. We do ask that parents come with the expectation that they are assisting the school in the safety and overall trip enjoyment for our students.
- Parents are expected to pay the same amount for the trip as their child

Q: Are siblings allowed?

- No. We ask that the trip remain specific to our 8th or 12th grade students.

Q: What happens in the event of a medical emergency?

- We will have a medical release on file including insurance information. In the event of emergency, we will utilize the local city hospitals as needed. Parents, of course, will be contacted immediately.

Q: How do we apply for a passport?

- There is an online passport application. The link:
https://www.govforms.co/lp/?title=US+Passport&category=Passport&pkw=Download+US+Passport+Forms&utm_source=adcenter&utm_medium=cpc&utm_term=us%20passport%20application&utm_pos=%7Badposition%7D&utm_campaign=Passport

Q: What potential additional costs can we expect?

- If your child does not currently have a passport, that cost will be out of pocket
- The only expense your child will have in Italy would be souvenirs he or she chooses to buy, or additional food he or she chooses to purchase outside the per diem (so the extra gelato or cappuccino they can't resist).

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- It is not necessary to send excess spending money with your child, and we ask that you choose an amount your child can responsibly keep up with
- There might be a small fee for overseas medical insurance, in which case the parent would be responsible to pay that amount

Q: Will cell phones be allowed?

- If parents would like their child to bring a cell phone, we will allow them to do so. We just ask that the cell phone be used wisely and not become a source of distraction.

Q: Who will be touring the students?

- We have a “built-in” private tour guide named Jesse Blackwood. He works for noted traveler and author, Rick Steves, and presently gives tours all over Europe. He is excited to partner with The Academy and provide in-depth, guided tours for the richest and fullest touring experience for our students.

Q: Will teachers attend?

- Our goal is for two teachers to attend each year, likely one from North and one from South. These teachers will be from our Humanities department and/or Latin department.
- Our teachers will provide “enhanced” content for the students as it directly relates to our curriculum
- Our teachers will be key mentor figures during the week

Q: What will be the general daily rhythm for the students?

- We plan to structure the day in a similar fashion to the rhythm they keep at school, namely, beginning and ending the day in corporate prayer
- There will be an appropriate balance of time for touring and playing / free time

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