

Other Rules and Information

Safety

Rome is fairly notorious for pick-pockets. If you are aware of your surroundings and your group is watching out for themselves and you, there should not be a problem. Please ignore any beggars you see on the streets. Helping them could invite more trouble. Overall, Rome is a fairly safe city as long as you are observant.

Meals

Some meals (as indicated in the itinerary) are pre-paid. All breakfasts will be provided by the hotel. For other meals, students will have a choice of several places to visit. Please be aware that in a sit down restaurant portions for each restaurant are smaller in Italy than they are here and meals usually consist of several courses.

Also be aware that some of the food establishments will charge you for either eating at the bar or sitting down to eat. If you want to save money, you can eat outside or while walking.

Pre-paid meals will have a set menu with two or three choices(at least one vegetarian).

Money

Please try to change at least \$50 in Euro's before the trip so everyone does not have to run and get money at the same time. Try not to bring Traveler's Checks as they can be expensive to change. ATM cards are the most efficient. Please inform your bank ahead of time that you will be making purchases in another country as not doing so could put a freeze on your account.

The amount of money to bring depends on the amount of money you want to spend on souvenirs. Money only needs to be spent on some lunches and dinners as noted in the itinerary.

Clothes

The weather in Italy is similar to ours in April since both Italy and Southern California both have a Mediterranean climate. It should be easy to pack light. You may want a light jacket just in case and for nights. Bring comfortable shoes as we will be walking A LOT! The only "special" clothes you will need will be for Easter mass. Please dress appropriately for mass, your shoulders should be covered.

Rooms

Hotels in Europe are significantly smaller and less "luxurious." Please be aware of the following:

- There is a possibility of only a finite amount of hot water
- IF there is an elevator it is only large enough to fit 1 person (maybe 2) WITH luggage.
- The rooms will most likely be very small: big enough for beds and not much else.

Also, please choose roommates carefully. Once they are submitted to the travel agent, they cannot be changed. The hotel receives this list and they must have the exact lists for legal reasons.

Baggage

You are allowed ONE check bag, a personal bag, and a carry on. Please check klm.com for baggage restrictions.

Electrical Devices

Please be aware that Italian electrical sockets are rated at 220V (ours are 110V). If you do not have a converter, you risk destroying your charger, or even your Ipod, notebook, or whatever. Some devices need only an adaptor, others require a converter. Check your device to figure out which you need.

Behavior

This is a school sponsored trip. As such, all rules as outlined in the Connelly Handbook apply. If a student is found in flagrant disregard of even one rule, they can be sent home at her parents' expense.

Alcohol

As this is a Connelly function all rules and codes of conduct WILL be followed which includes the no alcohol policy. Any student caught drinking alcohol will be sent home at her parents' expense.

Free Time

During most of the trip, there will not be time for free time. There will be free time allotted on our last day in Rome. ALL students must be in groups of at least 3 and must have two things: A map of Rome and the business card of the hotel.

On the scheduled day where free time is allotted, students must inform chaperones of their plans. They are NOT allowed to leave Rome.

Airport Pickup

At the end of the trip, parents will be responsible for picking up their daughters. Students MUST sign out with a chaperone before leaving and the chaperone MUST see the parent.

Passport

I should have everyone's passport information by January 4th (the first day of school after Christmas break). The easiest way to do this is to hand in a copy of the front page.

Payment

- All checks will be held until a confirmation email is sent. The confirmation email asks to confirm the spot on the trip you have received. After replying to the confirmation email, ALL deposits/payments become non-refundable.
- Please adhere to the payment schedule as listed on the application which is as follows:

Payment #1 due with application on 10/9 (\$500)

Payment #2 due on 11/13 (\$800)

Payment #3 due on 12/4 (\$800)

Final Payment due on 2/1 (Balance)

Helpful Items to Bring

- Water Bottle

We will be walking around a lot and Rome has many water fountains that are not only safe, but the water is delicious!

- Money Belt

You will always need to carry around money and your passport. A money belt is an easy way to keep your stuff safe wherever you are.

- Miscellaneous Chargers

Phone charger especially. You may not use your phone in Italy, but you will probably need it in the airport on the way home.

- Map of Rome

This is an essential item. The best brand is a Borch map. You can get these at Barnes and Noble or at borch.com .

Everyone should carry around at least a copy of their passport at all times.

I have read and I understand the rules of conduct for this trip. I understand that by violating the rules put forth in the student handbook that I may be sent home for misconduct.

Student Name

Signature

Date

As a parent, I have read and understand the rules of conduct for this trip. I understand that if my daughter violates these rules in any way, that she may be sent home for misconduct at my expense

Parent Name

Signature

Date