



CIRCULAR IB & AP No. 8 /AY 17-18

October 4, 2017

Dear Parents,

In line with Sagesse High School's mission statement and the objectives of the IBDP CAS program the secondary division is organizing an eye-opening trip to Italy from November 6th to November 13th, 2017. Students will gain a new perspective of the world by coming into direct contact with a different environment and the daily life of the cities of Milan, Como, Venice, Florence, Orvieto and Rome.

The preliminary program includes a variety of activities to meet everyone's tastes and educational needs:

Day 1: Milan

- Arrival to **Milan** at 11:05 a.m.
- Tour Milan's main attractions: The Cathedral of Santa Maria Nacente "Il Duomo", the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and Piazza della Scala
- Visit of Leonardo da Vinci National Museum of Science and Technology; this museum illustrates the history of science and technology from the work of early scientists into modern times (Leonardo da Vinci Gallery with working models of his inventions, the Physics apparatus used by Galileo, Newton and Volta...)
- Head to **Como** to check in and overnight at the hotel

Day 2: Lake Como

Hike to Aple Di Blessagno, a mountain farm, from Argegno and cross the medieval village of Pigra. Then, return to Como from San Fedele Intelvi.

Day 3: Venice

- Head to **Venice**
- Tour of Venice's historic monuments, iconic palaces, vivid piazzas and glass making factories:
- St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, the Palace of Prisons and the Treasury.
- Take a boat ride to the Island of Murano to visit a glass maker's workshop
- Explore venues such as the Museo Correr, the Archeological museum, the area built by Napoleon and the rooms restored for Sissi, the Empress of Austria
- Head to **Padua** for check in and overnight

Day 4: Padua & Florence

- Explore historic Padua in a walking tour while strolling through the Prato della Valle
- Visit the Basilica of St. Anthony
- Head to Florence for check in
- Hike to the Piazzale Michelangelo from the San Nicolo neighborhood of Florence

Day 5: Florence & Orvieto

- Visit the Accademia gallery that houses Michelangelo's "David", the cathedral "Il Duomo", the Uffizi square and Ponte Vecchio
- Head to **Orvieto**
- Visit the Chapel of San Brizio that features Luca Signorelli's lit frescoes of the Day of Judgment and Life after Death, Palazzi Papali, a complex of medieval palaces, the Duomo and the marble Mary and Child
- Tour Orvieto's underground network of Etruscan-era caves, tunnels and St. Patrick's well (175 feet deep, 45 feet wide and 496 steps down)
- Head to Rome to check in and overnight

Day 6: Rome

- Visit of St. John Lateran, Holy Cross Jerusalem, Agelus and Santa Maria Maggiore, St. Paul's outside walls, the Catacombs of Domitilla, San Callisto, the Basilica of San Celestino, the Capuchin crypt and museum
- Visit of the Church of Illumination and the secret passage connecting the Vatican to Castel Sant Angelo

Day 7: Vatican & Rome

- Tour of the Vatican. St. Peter's Basilica, the Sistine's Chapel, the Renaissance paintings in the Raphael Rooms and Pinecone Courtyard
- Visit the Colosseum and explore the first and second levels
- Visit Ancient Rome by exploring the Roman Forum and the Palatine Hill.

Day 8: Rome

- Tour Rome's main attractions and landmarks: the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, Piazza Navona, Piazza Colonna (column erected by Marcus Aurelius), Piazza Montecitorio and Piazza Madama

Basic details:

- Maximum number of 40 students.
- Number of chaperons depending on the number of students.
- Participating classes AY 17-18: Secondary 3, Secondary 2, IBDP I, 11 AP, 12 A.P. and IBDP II.

Cost of the program per student:

- 1810 USD on a double occupancy.

The above package includes:

- Airplane ticket with Alitalia & MEA Airlines traveling: Beirut/Milan/Beirut.
- Airport taxes.
- Internal transportation
- Transfers airport/hotel/airport.
- Tours transportation in a new comfortable and air-conditioned mini-coach van with a personal driver and English speaking tour guides.
- Accommodation in city center three star hotels.
- Daily breakfast.
- Entrance fees.

The above package excludes:

- Visa fees (for those who require one).
- Obligatory travel insurance (applicable to all students).
- Meals and personal expenses (applicable to all students).

Parents who are keen to offer this exciting and experiential learning opportunity to their children are kindly requested to:

- Submit the consent form given below.
- Deposit 50% of the trip cost, to Ms. Lady Maalouf, by Tuesday, October 10, 2017 in order to secure the airplane ticket bookings in accordance with the above package cost. (Once the amount is received by the school; any refund will not be possible as the school has to pay the tour operator in advance).
- Inform us of any special medical attention needed (e.g., allergies).
- Dietary preferences (e.g., vegetarian).

Best regards,

Lady Maalouf
IB & A.P. Coordinator

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Head of Secondary Division-L.P.



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Parents' Consent Form: Italy Trip

I, the undersigned _____ parent / guardian of

_____, agree with the above itinerary and permit my

son/daughter to register for the trip to Italy and will settle the corresponding cost by the deadline set by the school.

Special medical attention required by my son/daughter:

Parent's Contact Number (in case of emergencies)

Parent's / Guardian's Signature

Date