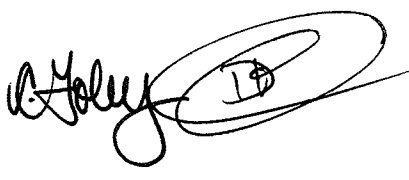


# Memo

**To:** Dr. Thomas Kingston  
**From:** Colleen Foley and Daniel Richards  
**CC:** Janice Darias  
**Date:** 5/13/2014  
**Re:** Trip to Italy for Latin students- April 2015



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Please see attached proposal for a trip to Italy for Latin students.

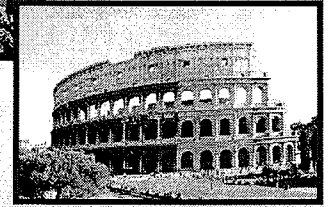
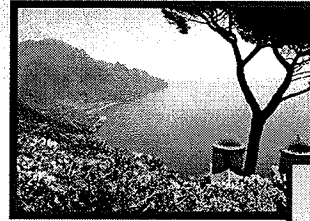
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## Proposal for Latin Trip

- Destination:** Italy, Rome and Sorrento
- Dates:** April 15-25, 2015  
*April vacation is April 18-26*
- Educational Rationale:** This is a unique opportunity for students studying Latin to visit *in situ* Roman buildings, ruins and art. Students will visit the ancient town of Cumae where Book VI of Vergil's *Aeneid* takes place. (Students are required to read Book VI as part of the A.P. curriculum.) In addition, students will view and discuss the Renaissance period, making the connection to their studies of European history and literature. As part of the educational requirement for the trip, participants are required to act as "guides" and prepare (before leaving) two different oral presentations: one on the ruins of a building in the Forum and another on a classical work of art.
- Number of participants:** approximately 30-40  
(Students must have completed or be enrolled in A.P. Latin or Latin IV honors)
- Trip Leader:** Trip leader: Brian Dunn  
Additional chaperones: 2-3
- Itinerary:** The group will fly to Rome where they will stay for 5 nights. Then the group will travel by motor coach to Sorrento where they will stay for 5 nights. The group will return to Rome for departure home. (Daily itinerary is attached).
- Projected Costs:** The trip is being organized by World Cultural Tours in Uxbridge, MA. The price includes flights, land transportation, food, lodging, entrance fees, and the cost of the chaperones. Estimated cost: \$3,399 including up to \$400 in air taxes and surcharges.

Belmont High School Latin Department Invites You to Explore the Beauty Of...

*Southern*  
**Italy**



Rome \* Tivoli \* Sorrento \* Mt. Vesuvius  
Pompeii \* Positano \* Capri

April 15-25, 2015

*Our Daily Itinerary (subject to change):*

**Day 1: Depart USA**

We depart the USA on our overnight transatlantic flight to Rome, Italy. Meals and snacks are served on board.

**Day 2: Arrive Rome**

Upon arrival at the airport in Rome, we are escorted to our private motor coach for transfer to our hotel. En route, we enjoy a panoramic tour of the "Eternal City." This afternoon, we visit the Capitoline Museums, Ara Coeli Church, and the Trevi Fountain. Tonight, we make dinner arrangements on our own.

*(B) Hotel Best Roma or similar*

**Day 3: Rome**

We have breakfast at the hotel and then depart for a half-day self-guided tour of the city including the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, Roman Forum, and Mamertine prison. After our tour, we have time at leisure in Rome for independent sightseeing, shopping or relaxing. Dinner is under our own arrangements. Tonight, we visit the Spanish Steps on our own.

*(B) Hotel Best Roma or similar*

**Day 4: Rome - Tivoli - Rome**

This morning we have breakfast at the hotel and then depart for our excursion to Tivoli, via motor coach. Upon arrival, we visit to Hadrian's Villa, a retreat built for the Roman Emperor Hadrian in the early 2nd century. While in Tivoli, we also visit the Villa d'Este. We return to Rome and visit the Piazza Navona on our own. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

*(B) Hotel Best Roma or similar*

**Day 5: Rome**

We enjoy breakfast at the hotel, and then depart for a self-arranged visit to Borghese Museum to view its collection of paintings, sculptures and antiquities. Next, we visit the Pantheon to explore this incredible monument on our own. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening, followed by a self-arranged visit to the Piazza del Popolo.

*(B) Hotel Best Roma or similar*

**Day 6: Rome**

Following breakfast this morning, we board our motor coach and transfer to Vatican City for a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, where we climb the cupola. We continue with a visit to the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, which was the official cemetery of the Church of Rome. After our tour, we transfer to the walking route of the Appian Way. The remainder of the day is at leisure, and dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

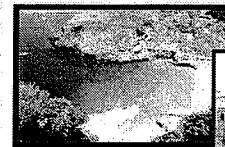
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**11-Day Tour Includes:**

- ◆ Roundtrip Airfare
- ◆ Nine (9) Nights Accommodation
- ◆ Luxury Motor Coach Per Itinerary
- ◆ Local Guides Per Itinerary
- ◆ Breakfast Daily
- ◆ Farewell Dinner
- ◆ Sightseeing per Itinerary
- ◆ Air Taxes up to \$400

**\$3,399 P/P Dbl. Occ.**

(Plus Air Taxes Exceeding \$400,  
Pending Air Confirmation)



*Rome*

*Rome is a city rich in art, history and culture. Vatican City is home to the Sistine Chapel, one of the most famous sites in the world and St. Peter's Basilica, one of the greatest examples of Renaissance architecture in Italy. Rome also hosts a fine collection of museums, art galleries, churches, libraries, universities and academies.*

*Sorrento*

*Built on a long cliff, this lovely old town of exquisite gardens, historic buildings, and bountiful orange and lemon trees is the perfect base for excursions along the majestic Amalfi Coast.*

## Day 7: Rome - Sorrento

Following breakfast this morning, we board our motor coach and transfer to Sorrento, enjoying a panoramic sightseeing tour of the countryside en route. We continue to our hotel and have some time at leisure. This afternoon, we visit the archaeological site of Cumae on our own. Dinner is under our own arrangements this evening.

(B) Hotel Conca Park or similar

## Day 8: Sorrento - Mt. Vesuvius - Pompeii - Sorrento

This morning following breakfast, we depart the hotel for a guided trip to Mt. Vesuvius. Upon arrival at Mt. Vesuvius, we have some time to explore this area on our own. We continue to Pompeii, where we have a guided tour of this ancient Roman resort, buried in 79 AD beneath ashes spewed by the still active volcano of Mt. Vesuvius. We return to Sorrento and dinner tonight is on our own.

(B) Hotel Conca Park or similar

## Day 9: Sorrento - Positano - Sorrento

Our day begins following breakfast, when we depart for a self-arranged excursion to the Amalfi Coast. We stop in Positano, one of the most beautiful stretches of coastline in the Province of Salerno and located at the center of the gulf formed by Point Germano and Cape Sottile. Here, we enjoy some time at leisure to shop or relax at one of the town's many seaside cafes prior to our return to Sorrento. Tonight, dinner is under our own arrangements.

(B) Hotel Conca Park or similar

## Day 10: Sorrento - Capri - Sorrento

This morning after breakfast, we make our own arrangements for transfer to Sorrento pier where we board a ferry for a full day visit to the legendary exotic Isle of Capri. Upon arrival at Marina Grande (Port of Capri) the day is under our own arrangements. We may choose to embark on an independent excursion to the fabled Blue Grotto by motorboat or if weather does not permit, we may choose to experience a scenic funicular ride while ascending to the village of Capri, which is built around the world-famous Piazzetta. Later this afternoon, we ride the ferry back to Sorrento. We enjoy a Farewell Dinner together at a local restaurant this evening.

(B, D) Hotel Conca Park or similar

## Day 11: Sorrento - Depart Rome - Arrive USA

The hotel provides breakfast boxes to take with us on our early morning transfer to the airport in Rome for our return flight to the USA. (B) \*

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| ☐ 90-61 days prior to departure - loss of deposit                      | ☐ 60-46 days prior to departure - 35% of total tour price is forfeited |
| ☐ 45-31 days prior to departure - 50% of total tour price is forfeited | ☐ 30-0 days prior to departure - 100% of total tour price is forfeited |

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