

Duquesne Alumni and Friends Travel: Focus on Florence

Florence is known for many things: fine foods and wines, its beauty and charm, its impressive leatherwork and pottery, and, of course, its art. But Florence is also the birthplace of the Renaissance, the intellectual movement that launched the Modern Age of humanistic and scientific thought.



***Focus on Florence:
March 8-17, 2025***

This journey is about reimagining and visiting the Florence of the 15th century when Florence is one of the largest and wealthiest cities in late medieval Europe. A growing class of wealthy entrepreneurs invent banking to support their expanding commercial

activities, and they fuel and finance the emergence of this historical era we now know as the Renaissance.

We can get a wonderful sense of Florence in this era still visible in the artworks of just three of the great geniuses who led this intellectual and artistic revolution. Three contemporaries: Brunelleschi, Donatello and Masaccio led the way in architecture, sculpture, and painting, respectively. And Florence is absolutely filled with their works. From Brunelleschi's iconic dome identifying the city to the works of Donatello and Masaccio preserved *in situ* or in some of the city's museums, we can get to know these three artists, and through them, the revolution in western thought and art that brings us all back to Florence again and again. Our FOCUS on them will uncover a Florence experienced by few.

Whether you have been in Florence many times, or this will be your first visit, our travelers will explore in detail an extraordinary moment in western history and art. We will have six (6) Zoom sessions in advance of the travel so we can learn more about what we will track down and see while we are in Florence. And we won't just track down art, we'll also enjoy beautiful and leisurely meals in special restaurants, shopping in the boutiques, and just wandering the charming streets. We will also have 3 days in Rome to explore what inspired our artists.

Join us for a special 10 days of travel preceded by a mini-course (no credit! No grades!) of the early Renaissance art of Brunelleschi, Donatello, and Masaccio. And we won't forget Florence's favorite son, Michelangelo, who stands directly on the shoulders of these three early Renaissance artists.

Check out pricing and a detailed Itinerary to learn more:
www.duq.edu/alumni-travel




Florence on Focus

An Experience for the Savvy Traveler



March 8-17, 2025

Itinerary

<p>Saturday, March 8</p> 	<p>Depart from USA to Rome, Italy!!</p> <p>Travel from Pittsburgh or other USA home city overnight to arrive the next morning in Rome, the Eternal City.</p>
<p>Sunday, March 9</p> 	<p>ROME - Welcome to Roma</p> <p>We'll go straight to St. Peter's Square for the Sunday morning Papal Angelus. Lunch together nearby St. Peter's (L)</p> <p>Afterwards, we'll check into our Hotel Pantheon (or similar) late afternoon Welcome Aperitivo Overnight in Rome at the <i>Hotel Pantheon - or similar</i> (https://www.hotelpantheon.com/en/) (L)</p>
<p>Monday, March 10</p> 	<p>ROME - Rome</p> <p><i>Walking tour of Rome with an emphasis on the major monuments that inspired Donatello and Brunelleschi. (L)</i> <i>Lunch included</i></p> <p>Overnight in Rome at the <i>Hotel Pantheon</i> (https://www.hotelpantheon.com/en/)</p>

Tues., March 11



ROME and FLORENCE ~ Travel to Florence by Train

Morning: Free morning for shopping or to see a sight of special interest
Lunch on own
Afternoon: Train to Florence and check into our hotel.

Hotel Cavour (or similar)
[Hotel Cavour Florence](#)

Welcome to Florence Dinner (D)

Wed., March 12



FLORENCE - Getting Acquainted with the Late Medieval City: The Gothic Trecento City

Morning visits to *Santa Maria Novella*, *Orsanmichele* and the *Duomo Complex*.

Lunch in Florence at *Le Botteghe di Donatello* (<https://lebotteghedidonatello.com/>) (L)

Late afternoon visits to *Santa Croce*: Florence's Pantheon, containing the tombs of Michelangelo, Ghiberti, etc.

Thurs., March 13



FLORENCE - The Background and the Beginning: Trecento & Quattrocento

Morning visit to the world famous *Uffizi Museum* - *Trecento* and *Quattrocento* Galleries

Included Lunch at *Tavernetta della Signoria* (<https://www.tavemettadellasignoria.com/>) (L)

Afternoon on your own for wandering and enjoying,

Dinner on your own tonight. We can help with suggestions.

(L)

Friday, March 14

FLORENCE - Donatello and Brunelleschi, Part I

This morning we visit the *Duomo* and the *Museo Opera del Duomo*

Following a group lunch, you'll have the balance of the afternoon free for individual pursuits (L)



Dinner: Cooking Lesson/Dinner. (D)

Saturday, March 15

FLORENCE – Donatello and Brunelleschi, Part II



Morning visit to the *Bargello*.

Included lunch at *Trattoria del Pennello* (L).

(https://trattoriadelpennello.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral)

Afternoon tours of *Ospedale degli Innocenti* and *San Lorenzo* and *Medici Palazzo*



(L)

Sunday, March 16

FLORENCE – Marvelous Masaccio and // *Divino*



This morning, you'll tour *Santa Maria del Carmine-Brancacci Chapel*

Lunch on own at *Osteria Santo Spirito*

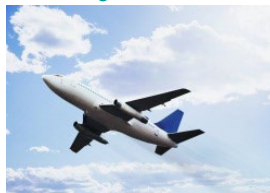
Free afternoon.

Late afternoon: Michelangelo's *David* at the *Accademia*

Early evening *Scavenger Hunt* (Prizes!) and *Group Dinner*. (D)

Monday, March 17

Depart from Italy – Return to USA!!



Ciao, Bella Italia!

Itinerary subject to change without notice. Included meals: L=Lunch; D=Dinner

Itinerary as of August, 2024

FOCUS FLORENCE FACTS



DATES: **March 8 – 17, 2025**

PRICE: **\$4795 p/p + travel insurance +air**
(\$1800 single supplement)
Sept. 30 – Deposit \$1500
Dec 8 - Balance due (90 days out)

For travel insurance inquiries:

ALLIANZ: 866-672-9580
800-284-8300

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SOME SAMPLE AIR:

Pittsburgh Roundtrip

(all prices based on same schedule listed below)

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**ECONOMY 1377.00 per person + USD 75.00 per person Classic
Travel Ticket Fee**

****One Checked Bag included**

****Advance seat assignments are free with United**

****Advance seat assignments are EXTRA on segments operated
by Lufthansa (payable after ticketing)**

****Prices can change until a reservation is made and ticketed**

**PREMIUM ECONOMY 2586.00 per person + USD 75.00 per
person Classic Travel Ticket Fee**

(Double connections are less money to Rome for PE)

****Two Checked Bags included**

****Advance seat assignments are free with United**

****Advance seat assignments are EXTRA on segments operated
by Lufthansa (payable after ticketing)**

****Prices can change until a reservation is made and ticketed**

**BUSINESS 4362.00 per person + USD 75.00 per person Classic
Travel Ticket Fee**

****Two Checked Bags included**

****Advance seat assignments are free with United**

****Advance seat assignments are EXTRA on segments operated
by Lufthansa (payable after ticketing)**

****Prices can change until a reservation is made and ticketed**

OutboundUnited Airlines 6119 • **Economy** • Class V • 1 Bag Included

Depart	Mar 08, 2025	10:20 AM	Pittsburgh International Airport
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Arrive	Mar 08, 2025	11:26 AM	Washington Dulles International Airport
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Miles 159 • Embraer ERJ-175 (ENHANCED WINGLETS)

UA6119 is operated by Mesa Airlines DBA United Express

6hr 19m connection

United Airlines 884 • **Economy** • Class V • 1 Bag Included

Depart	Mar 08, 2025	05:45 PM	Washington Dulles International Airport
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Arrive	Mar 09, 2025	08:30 AM	Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport
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Miles 3902 • Boeing 767-400

InboundUnited Airlines 9697 • **Economy** • Class S • 1 Bag Included

Depart	Mar 17, 2025	01:05 PM	Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport
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Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	02:20 PM	Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport
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Miles 274 • Embraer 195

UA9697 is operated by Air Dolomiti

2hr 25m connection

United Airlines 8785 • **Economy** • Class S • 1 Bag Included

Depart	Mar 17, 2025	04:45 PM	Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport
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Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	09:05 PM	Washington Dulles International Airport
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Miles 3691 • A350-900

UA8785 is operated by Lufthansa




1hr 17m connection

United Airlines 3540 • **Economy** • Class S • 1 Bag Included

Depart	Mar 17, 2025	10:22 PM	Washington Dulles International Airport
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Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	11:22 PM	Pittsburgh International Airport
Miles 159 • Embraer ERJ-175 (ENHANCED WINGLETS)			
UA3540 is operated by Republic Airways DBA United Express			
Baggage Policies • United Airlines			

*******OR**
This departure flight via Chicago

Outbound			
 United Airlines 1617 • Business • Class P • 2 Bags Included			
Depart	Mar 08, 2025	10:50 AM	Pittsburgh International Airport
Arrive	Mar 08, 2025	11:36 AM	Chicago O'Hare International Airport
Miles 356 • Airbus Industrie A320-100/200			
4hr 9m connection			
 United Airlines 970 • Business • Class P • 2 Bags Included			
Depart	Mar 08, 2025	03:45 PM	Chicago O'Hare International Airport
Arrive	Mar 09, 2025	07:45 AM	Rome Leonardo da Vinci Fiumicino Airport
Miles 4177 • Boeing 787-10			
Inbound			
 United Airlines 9697 • Business • Class P • 2 Bags Included			
Depart	Mar 17, 2025	01:05 PM	Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport
Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	02:20 PM	Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport
Miles 274 • Embraer 195			
UA9697 is operated by Air Dolomiti			

2hr 25m connection



United Airlines 8785 • **Business** • Class P • 2 Bags Included

Depart	Mar 17, 2025	04:45 PM	Munich Franz Joseph Strauss Airport
Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	09:05 PM	Washington Dulles International Airport

Miles 3691 • A350-900

UA8785 is operated by Lufthansa

1hr 17m connection



United Airlines 3540 • **Business** • Class P • 2 Bags Included

Depart	Mar 17, 2025	10:22 PM	Washington Dulles International Airport
Arrive	Mar 17, 2025	11:22 PM	Pittsburgh International Airport

Miles 159 • Embraer ERJ-175 (ENHANCED WINGLETS)

UA3540 is operated by Republic Airways DBA United Express

Baggage Policies • [United Airlines](#)



FOCUS ON FLORENCE
RESERVATION FORM

MARCH 8 – 17, 2025

PASSENGER INFORMATION	
Complete Name (First/Middle/Last) (as listed on Passport)	<u>*Please Print Legibly*</u>
Gender	Male () Female ()
Date of Birth	
Citizenship	
Home Address	
Cell phone	()
Email	

Complete Name (First/Middle/Last) (as listed on Passport)	<u>*Please Print Legibly*</u>
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Trip Itinerary

Date	Location
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March 10, 2025	Walking Tour of Rome; Group Lunch; Hotel: Hotel Pantheon or similar
March 11, 2025	Morning at Leisure; Afternoon Train to Florence; Hotel: Hotel Cavour or similar; Welcome Dinner
March 12, 2025	Visit Santa Maria Novella Orsanmichele and the Duomo Complex and Santa Croce; Group Lunch
March 13, 2025	Visit to Uffizi Museum; Group Lunch; Afternoon at Leisure
March 14, 2025	Visit to the Duomo and Museo Opera del Duomo; Group Lunch; Afternoon at Leisure; Dinner Cooking Lesson
March 15, 2025	Visit the Bargello; Group Lunch; Afternoon Tour to Ospedale degli Innocenti, San Lorenzo and Medici Palazzo
March 16, 2025	Tour Santa Maria del Carmine-Branacci Chapel; Accademia and Statue of David; Scavenger Hunt and Group Dinner
March 17, 2025	Depart from Italy

TRIP COST:

Price of Trip: USD 4,795.00 per person (USD 1,800.00 single supplement)
Travel Insurance: Varies per person (Purchase Independently – See link)
Roundtrip Flights: Varies per person (Quote can be provided)

PRICE (per person) # of Travelers

Price of Trip USD _____ x _____ = USD _____

DEPOSIT: USD 1,500.00 per person

DUE BY: Monday, September 30, 2024: to secure your place
Your Credit Card will not be charged until the Due Date
OR...
Check payable to Classic Travel And Tours LLC

Credit Card: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX DISCOVER

Credit Card Number: _____

Exp. Date: _____

Security Code: _____
(Three digits for VI, MC, DS...Four digits for AMEX)

Signature: _____

FINAL AMOUNT DUE: Friday, December 6, 2024

