Information for Visitors to Rome & The Duquesne University Italian Campus

The Italian Campus is located in a zone of Rome called “Boccea”. The campus is accessible via public transportation. The closest metro stops to campus are Battistini, Cornelia, and Valle Aurelia, the last three stops on Line A. The campus is about a 15-20 minute walk from Battistini. From Cornelia and Valle Aurelia it is possible to catch the 906 Bus which stops right in front of the Italian Campus (Le Suore della Sacra Famiglia di Nazareth, Via Nazareth, 400 - Boccea). Once you are on Via Nazareth you will want to hit the stop button on the bus when you see the Yellow Gas Station on your left. The very next stop will let you off just past the Italian Campus walls. See map below.

Travel arrangements to Rome:

1) **Classic Travel & Tours**: Families and friends of students studying at the Italian Campus are welcome to call and consult with Classic Travel and Tours in Pittsburgh, PA. Rick Sicilio and his staff have been helping Italian Campus families and friends for years. They can offer assistance with flights, transfers, hotels and tours based upon budget and personal preference. Give them a call at 724-733-8747 (out of state 800-411-8747) or send an email to info@tripsandcruises.com.

2) We recommend hotels that are located in the area of the Vatican for being close to the center of the city and also within convenient distance of the Italian Campus.

3) Families and friends who wish to vacation in Italy sometime during the semester are also welcome to call Classic Travel and Tours, which can provide suggestions and assistance with hotel reservations (5-, 4- and 3- star), transfers (private car or train), and tours in cities such as Rome, Florence, Venice, as well as throughout all of Italy. The hotel closest to campus is The Church Palace Hotel. **Warning: This hotel is not located close to the center of Rome and is only accessible to the campus via taxi. Classic Travel and Tours recommends that parents and families stay in the center of Rome where they will have access to all of the tourist/pilgrimage sites, taxi ranks, and public transportation.**

Staying at the Italian Campus

We allow only alumni of the Italian Campus program and employees of Duquesne University to book rooms at the Italian Campus **while the semester is in session**. Outside of the academic year, we invite all friends of the Italian Campus to stay with us! For more information, see the “Staying at the Duquesne University Italian Campus” form on the Alumni page of the Italian Campus website at www.duq.edu/italy and click on “Alumni”.

Hotels

Here are a couple of hotels in different price ranges that we recommend!

- **5-star**: Grand Hotel de la Minerve, Piazza della Minerva, 69 (Next to the Pantheon – Public Transport: Largo Argentina).
- **4-star**: Twentyone Hotel, Via Cola di Rienzo, 23 (Close to Vatican, Castel Sant’Angelo, & Piazza di Spagna).
- **3-star**: Hotel Navona, Via dei Sediari, 8 (Close to Piazza Navona)
Airbnb’s
A sometimes more affordable option than a hotel is Airbnb. Here you can book several different types of stays such as a private apartment (all to yourself), a private room in an apartment, or a shared room. Depending on your budget and needs you can find some of these options to be very reasonable and in very nice areas. Areas you want to look at: Piazza di Spagna, Campo dei Fiori, Piazza Navona, Via del Corso, Trastevere, and the Vatican.

Restaurants:
Remember, most restaurants are closed on Mondays in Rome. Traditionally, gnocchi are the specialty in Roman restaurants on Thursdays!

For those traveling on a budget, but don’t want to eat McDonald’s daily – try out a couple of these cheap spots!

L’Insalata Ricca (€) – various locations in the city. This place has a giant selection of salads, but don’t worry, you can get a plate of pasta or pizza too!
Piazza Pasquino, 72 (close to Piazza Navona)
Via Giulio Cesare Santini, 12-14 (Trastevere)
Piazza Risorgimento, 4-5 (close to the Vatican)

Pastarito (€) – various locations in the city. This place has large pasta portions that are big enough to share!
Via Gioberti, 23/25 (close to Termini Station)
Via Cola di Rienzo, 16/20
Via 4 Novembre, 139 (close to Piazza Venezia)

Isola della Pizza (€€) – Great pizza, pasta, & grilled meats! Mention Duquesne University or Michael, and you’ll get a discount! Via degli Scipioni, 41/51 (Close to the Vatican)

La Taverna dei Fori Imperiale (€€) – Casual, traditional restaurant, renowned for classic & creative home-cooked pasta & grill dishes. Via della Madonna dei Monti, 9 (Close to Piazza Venezia & the Coliseum)

Looking for a nice place for dinner? Here are some of our favorites! You’ll want to call for reservations at these restaurants.

Ristorante Spirito DiVino (€€€), Via dei Genovesi, 31 a/b (Trastevere) Tel: 06.589.6689
Located in the oldest functioning building in the world! The basement of this restaurant is at the 80 BC street level & the restaurant once was an ancient synagogue. Today Romeo and his family make very special Roman food. Ask for the ancient pork as a second course, based on the recipe by Julius Caesars’ cook!!

Ristorante Sant’Eustachio (€€€) – Piazza dei Caprettari, 63-65 (Close to the Pantheon & Piazza Navona) Tel: 06.686.1616 Specializing in dishes from Rome & Abruzzo, the “fritto misto” antipasto is enough for 2 people and their Ravioli are made by hand daily!
Taxis in Rome

**From the Rome Fiumicino Airport:** Once you exit baggage claim at the Rome Fiumicino Airport, you will be approached almost immediately by people that ask you simply, “Taxi?” These men are licensed with the city of Rome but are private car drivers. They are VERY expensive! You can just say, “No grazie” and exit the terminal. Once outside you will see the white city taxis lined up. The official rate from the Rome Fiumicino Airport into the center of Rome (within the Aurelian walls) is €40,00.

**In the city!:** Roman taxis cannot be hailed. If you would like to get a taxi, you must go to a taxi stand or call for a taxi (Tel: 06.3570) or use the IT Taxi app (very similar to Uber, you pin your location and set your destination. You can also pay directly through the app). Your hotel and/or restaurant can always call you a cab. Tipping taxi drivers is appropriate in Italy by just rounding up your taxi fare to the next Euro (€). For example, if your taxi fare is €10,50 – leave €11,00.

**To the Italian Campus:** Most taxi drivers know where we are located and know Via Nazareth. But, if a driver happens to be confused by Via Nazareth, you can also tell him Via della Acquafredda, the main street that Via Nazareth connects to. Taxi fares to campus from the center are usually no more than €30,00.

Public Transportation in Rome Metro and Buses:

Rome is an easy city in which to use the metro, as we currently only have two lines – Line A and Line B. Both lines intersect at Rome’s Termini Train Station. Buses are necessary to use through the very heart of the city (Piazza Navona, Largo Argentina, and Pantheon), as there is no metro service through this area. The main bus depot for the center is in Piazza Venezia, next to the Victor Emanuel II Monument.

**To the Italian Campus:**

**From Battistini Metro Stop:** Exit station, turn left and walk until you get to Via di Boccea. Cross the street and turn right. At stop-light, turn left on to Via Nazareth. Walk about 1 mile until you get to number 400.

**From Cornelia Metro Stop:**
Exit station on to Via di Boccea. Cross the street & look for Ferramenta Ruberto. The yellow bus stop for the 906 bus is located here. Ride bus to the end of Via di Boccea. At the stop light, the bus will turn left on to Via Nazareth. Ride until you see yellow gas station on the left side and hit the “Stop” button. The next stop is the Italian Campus!

**By Bus from City Center:**
Take 46, 916, or 190 from Piazza Venezia or Largo Argentina to Via di Boccea. Here transfer to the 906 bus. Ride until the end of Via di Boccea. At the stop-light the bus will turn left on to Via Nazareth. Ride the bus until you see the yellow gas station on your left and hit the “Stop” button. The next stop is the Italian Campus!

For additional information on Rome’s public transportation system or to plan out routes in the city, visit [www.atac.roma.it](http://www.atac.roma.it) Also see the metro map of Rome below.

**From the Rome Fiumicino Airport:**
Train service is available between the Rome Fiumicino Airport and Termini Train Station. The train departs from the Airport train station (follow signs in terminal) and arrives at Termini Station in about 30 minutes. Train tickets cost €12,00. More information on these trains is available at [www.trenitalia.it](http://www.trenitalia.it).
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