

**NCSAC  
Florence Program  
Spring Semester 2020**



**The AIFS program fee of \$7,995.00 includes the following:**

- ⇒ student housing in self-catering apartments within the Historical Center of Florence in twin-bedded rooms with typically four to six students sharing a two- or three-bedroom apartment including a set amount of utilities, wireless Internet access and a change of linen. All students will be housed in a centrally-located hotel in Florence for the first night, then transferred by taxi to the student apartments;
- ⇒ orientation program consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff, information packet with handbook, half-day guided walking tour of Florence; workshops on cultural differences, safety/security and travel, and a welcome reception;
- ⇒ weekly program of subsidized cultural activities such as walking tours, cooking classes, wine lectures, ballet, soccer matches, day trips to Pisa and other nearby locations, concerts and film nights;
- ⇒ Italian Life and Culture course taught by local faculty, with lectures focusing on historical, political, economic and cultural aspects of Italy and Florence, and related activities and excursions;
- ⇒ full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano including round-trip transportation by private bus, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide in Siena and an AIFS representative throughout;
- ⇒ access to the wireless-enabled AIFS Student Center and a team of experienced Student Services staff for information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service;
- ⇒ mandatory police registration fees;
- ⇒ medical and program fee refund insurance policies.

**Program fees do not include the following:**

- ⇒ optional Transportation Package consisting of round-trip airfare between San Francisco and Florence, and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the accommodations on the specified program dates for \$TBC;
- ⇒ mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees and fuel surcharges of \$TBC;
- ⇒ Community College tuition or administrative fees;
- ⇒ textbooks;
- ⇒ optional meal voucher plan consisting of 30 vouchers for \$525 for lunches or dinners in local trattoria;
- ⇒ passport and visa fees if applicable;
- ⇒ additional field trips or excursions required by your instructors;
- ⇒ local or independent travel while in Florence;
- ⇒ personal expenses such as laundry;
- ⇒ optional personal effects coverage and medical insurance upgrade.

**2020 PROGRAM DATES**

Saturday, February 1	AIFS flight departs San Francisco for Italy.
Sunday, February 2	Arrive in Italy and transfer to hotel for first night.
Monday-Tuesday, February 3-4	Orientation and workshops for all students and faculty.
Wednesday, February 5	Classes begin.
Saturday-Sunday, March 14-22	Mid-semester break.
Monday, April 13	Easter Monday (no class).
Thursday, April 30	Last day of class.
Friday, May 1	Program ends. AIFS flight departs Italy for the U.S.

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES**

<u>Spring Semester</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	October 25, 2019	Transportation Package	\$TBC.00	December 6, 2019
Balance of fees	<u>\$7,545.00</u>	December 6, 2019	Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	\$TBC.00	December 6, 2019
Total	\$7,995.00		30 Meal Vouchers	\$525.00	December 6, 2019
			Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	December 6, 2019
			Personal Effects Coverage	\$90.00	December 6, 2019

All students must submit the \$450 deposit when completing the online enrollment form. Subsequent payments may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to "AIFS." American Express, MasterCard and Visa are accepted.

Financial Aid students are responsible for paying by Friday, December 6, 2019, the airfare (\$TBC); taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (\$TBC [subject to change]); an \$850 program reservation deposit and any remaining balance that will not be covered by aid.

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

## **AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE**

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation between the airport in Italy and your accommodations on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights on the dates indicated on this application only.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package must notify AIFS in writing or by selecting this option on the online enrollment form by Friday, October 25, 2019. Participants wishing to cancel from the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, December 6, 2019. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

**AIFS Airfare Regulations:** Return must be to original U.S. departure point. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of ticket. Tickets cannot be rerouted, and stopovers are not permitted. Once in Italy participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airport in Italy is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight.

A minimum of 10 participants must purchase the flight for it to be offered.