SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE

SICILY AND THE BAY OF NAPLES 2019

June 1-July 6, 2019
Syracuse June 1-June 16

Beautiful
Historical
Cultural
Inspirational
UNESCO World Heritage Site
Lipari June 16-June 23

Largest of the Aeolian Islands

Lipari is the capital town

UNESCO World Heritage Site
Naples June 23-July 6

Capital of Campania

3rd largest city after Rome and Milan
TRAVEL DAY

Check in at least 3 hours before departure – traffic!

E-Ticket Confirmation and passport

Carry-on and checked luggage

Pack a spare set of clothes & medication in your carry-on

Let AIFS know if you are delayed

Be patient, listen...and relax!
ORIENTATION DAY
Sunday, June 2

AM   Sightseeing tour with professional guide

PM   Sightseeing tour with professional guide

EVENING     Welcome meal
**First Week**

**Monday, June 3 – June 7**

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| **Monday June 3** | 9-12 Class  
Visit to Neapolis Archaeological Park |
| **Tuesday June 4** | Excursion to Necropolis of Pantalica and Thapsos |
| **Wednesday June 5** | 9-12 Class  
Visit to Paolo Orsi Museum |
| **Thursday June 6** | Optional Excursion to Oriented Nature Reserve of Cavagrande del Cassibile |
| **Friday June 7** | Free day |
CLASSES BEGIN
Monday, June 3

First day of class with U.S. faculty

AIFS staff on hand to help and advise

Full schedule at orientation
ACCOMMODATION
APARTMENTS IN SYRACUSE

Short commute to school by foot
Smaller / More basic than U.S. apartments
Older buildings / delicate
Utilities
No overnight guests, respect of others
You are in charge of cleaning
All different
AIFS Tour Manager

- Coordinate accommodation and academic and cultural activities
- Student and faculty support, advice and information
- 24-hour emergency phone service
- Arranging medical appointments as needed
CLASS VISITS
DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES

All students have signed agreement and release form
Ignore rules = Removal from the program
Written warnings
Respect each other, faculty, AIFS staff, facilities
Zero tolerance of abuse / violence / drugs
Students have been removed from the program in the past

Italy is an extension of your U.S. campus
RECEIVING MAIL

Care packages - send with caution!

Mark all packages “used personal goods”

Beware of importation taxes for U.S. goods

Expect packages to take at least a week if sent with USPS

AVOID mailing medications / cosmetics / food

Send all packages to the Study Center, not apartments
KEEPING IN TOUCH

Download apps to your smartphone:  
**Whatsapp, Viber, Skype**

Consider an international plan
**OR** turn off data & roaming to avoid a huge bill

Consider purchasing a cheap local cellphone or a SIM card for an unblocked cellphone

Mail postcards and letters to family and friends at home
YOUR U.S. SMARTPHONE

Check insurance
Use as wi-fi device
Roaming data - caution
Take care if using as a map
Do not place on table of cafes/restaurants
It is not the answer to everything!
Common sense
Free Wi-fi in accommodation and study center

Expect it to not work as well as at home

World average download speeds

USA 26\textsuperscript{th} (35.8 Mbps) vs Italy 92\textsuperscript{nd} (10.7 Mbps)

Remember the time difference – 9 hours

Respect your roommates

Plenty to see in the city...

Be careful what you post on social media!
### CLIMATE IN SICILY

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PACKING: DO BRING

One checked bag (max 50lbs), one carry-on, one personal item

Medication – enough for three months

Towel(s)

Clothing you will wear/ can layer / wash easily

Rain gear and comfortable shoes

MP3 player for long journeys

Laptop/tablet for class work
PACKING: DON’T BRING

- Bed linen or pillows
- Clothes you “might” wear
- Heavy and/or expensive items, such as jewelry
- Expensive hairdryer / flat irons
POWER

Laptops, tablets, smart phones = OK

Hair dryers, flat irons = NO

Adaptors vs convertor

Any doubts- ask!

US
110 Volts

EU
220/240 Volts
MONEY

Tell your bank you will be in Europe
Set up online banking

Debit Cards
- Cirrus, Plus, Star
- check fees

Credit Cards
- Visa / Mastercard
  (no AmEx)

Travel Money Card

$1 = €0.89

Bring €100-150 in cash
Don’t bring $$$ cash
If you have medication, bring enough for whole trip

All students are covered by AIFS-provided insurance

Pre-existing conditions covered up to $500

No dental coverage

English-speaking doctor services available in Italy

Pharmacies give great advice

Look after yourself!

$50 deductible per claim
SAFETY & SECURITY

- Register with Smart Travel Enrollment Program (STEP) https://www.step.state.gov/step
- Record all travel – weekly email
- Photocopy / scan passport in advance
- Limit expensive items
- Neutral clothing
- Pickpockets / stay alert in crowds
- Common sense!
REGISTER WITH THE U.S. EMBASSY STEP PROGRAM

AIFS...
- Logs weekend travel plans – weekly email
- Receives U.S. State Department Advisories
- Has emergency procedures and extensive back–up services
- Has excellent links with local emergency services
- Over 50 years in Study Abroad
CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Busy with Tourism
Walking
Customer Service
Smoking
Language
Food
Attitudes

Differences can be positive!
QUESTIONS FOR AIFS?

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