

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



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



Syracuse
Academy

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

INTERNET & WiFi ACCESS

Free Wi-fi in accommodation and study center

Expect it to not work as well as at home


World average download speeds

USA 26th (35.8 Mbps) vs Italy 92nd (10.7 Mbps)

Remember the time difference – 9 hours

Respect your roommates

Plenty to see in the city...

A large green circle graphic containing text.

Be careful what
you post
on social media!

CLIMATE IN SICILY

Temperature changes

Plenty of walking

Rain

Takes time to dry your clothes

Syracuse	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Rainfall (Inches)	2.59	1.57	1.57	1.3	.65	.55	.55	.66	2.7	1.8	2.63	2.9
Min Temp (°F)	41	41	43	46	54	59	64	66	63	57	50	45
Max Temp (°F)	54	54	55	61	73	79	79	79	75	70	63	55

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

SOUVENIRS

STAIRS

INSURANCE

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

**US
110 Volts**

**EU
220/240 Volts**

Laptops, tablets, smart phones = OK

Hair dryers, flat irons = NO

Adaptors vs convertor

Any doubts- ask!



MONEY



\$1 = €0.89

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

Bring €100-150 in cash
Don't bring \$\$\$ cash

HEALTH & INSURANCE

If you have medication, bring enough for whole trip

All students are covered by AIFS-provided insurance

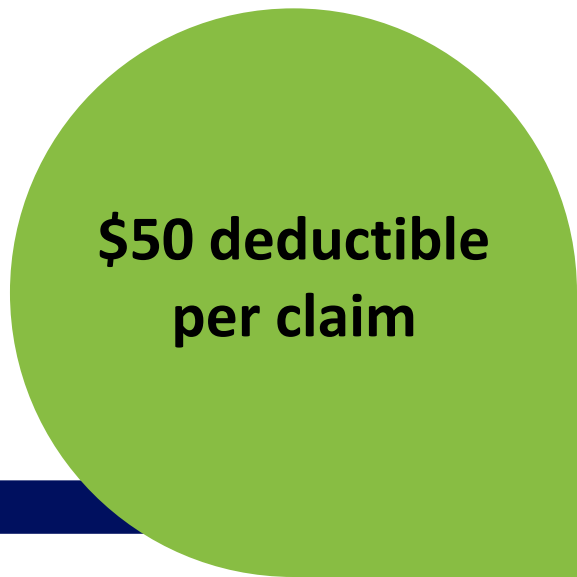
Pre-existing conditions covered up to \$500

No dental coverage

English-speaking doctor services available in Italy

Pharmacies give great advice

Look after yourself!

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**\$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



SmartTravelerEnrollmentProgram
U.S. Department of State
U.S. Department of State



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CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Busy with Tourism

Walking

Customer Service

Smoking

Language

Food

Attitudes



Differences can be positive!

QUESTIONS FOR AIFS?



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