



# **SANTA ROSA JUNIOR COLLEGE**

## **SICILY AND THE BAY OF NAPLES 2017**

**June 3-July 8, 2017**

# Syracuse June 3-June 20



Beautiful

Historical

Cultural

Inspirational

UNESCO World Heritage  
Site

# Lipari June 20-June 25



Largest of the Aeolian Islands

Lipari is the capital town

UNESCO World Heritage Site

# Sorrento June 25-July 8



Coastal town in Bay of Naples

Tourist town

Close to Naples

# 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 4



**AM**                      Orientation at Study Center

**PM**                      Sightseeing tour with professional guide

**EVENING**              Welcome meal

# First Week



**Monday, June 5 – June 8**

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**9-12**

Class

Visit to Neapolis Archaeological Park

**Tuesday June 6**

Excursion on Ferrovia Circumetnea

**Wednesday June 7**

**9-12**

Class

Visit to Paolo Orsi Museum

**Thursday June 8**

Excursion to Necropolis of Pantalica & Thapsos

**Friday June 9**

Optional Excursion to Oriented Nature Reserve of Cavagrande del Cassibile

# CLASSES BEGIN

Monday, June 5



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



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Study Abroad



# ACCOMMODATION

## HOMESTAY IN SYRACUSE



Short commute to school

Share rest of house

Daily Breakfast & Dinner

Communication

# STUDY CENTERS

## Syracuse Academy

June 5-June 20

Via San Giovanni alle  
Catacombe 7, 96100



## Sant'Anna Institute

June 26-July 6

Via Marina Grande 16,  
80067



# AIFS Program Coordinator

## Clement Banks



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



**Contact Clem:**  
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# EMERGENCY CONTACT

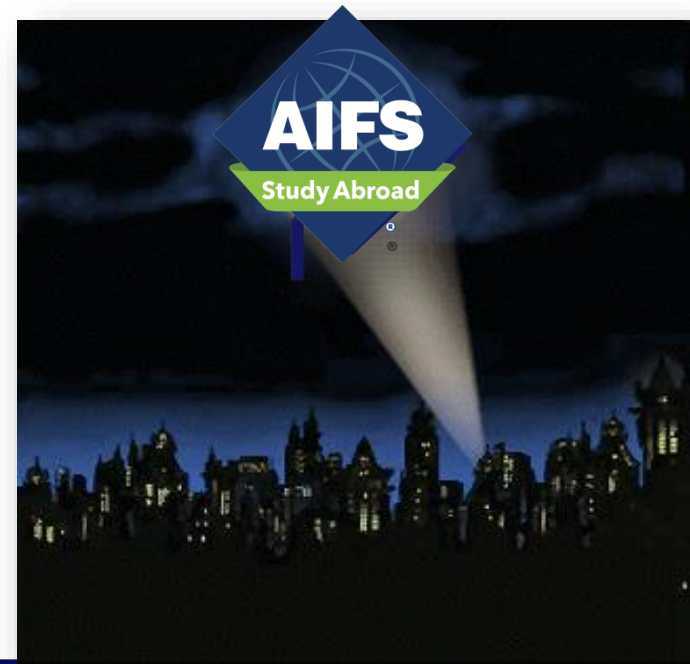
AIFS staff on duty 24/7 during program

Please talk to us about any problems / concerns / issues

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Posting on Facebook is not an  
emergency service...



# 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

Use of alcohol within reason- it's a cultural thing- and a safety issue

**Italy is an extension of your U.S. campus- You are still subject to the Santa Rosa Code of Conduct**

# 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**

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**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 26<sup>th</sup> (35.8 Mbps) vs Italy 92<sup>nd</sup> (10.7 Mbps)

Remember the time difference – 9 hours

Respect your roommates

Plenty to see in the city...

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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 = €0.94**

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 prescription 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



Smart Traveler Enrollment Program  
U.S. Department of State  
U.S. Department of State



Sign In or [Create Account](#) Username  Password  >>  
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**TRAVELING?**  
Enroll a trip and get Travel Alerts and Warnings



**STAYING AT HOME?**  
Get Travel Alerts and Warnings



**FREQUENT TRAVELER?**  
Create an account



# CULTURAL DIFFERENCES

Busy with Tourism

Walking

Customer Service

Smoking

Language

Food

Attitudes



**Differences can be positive!**

# QUESTIONS FOR AIFS?



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