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LAST WORDS...

As the semester comes to a close, our students are looking back on an incredible time in Florence—one filled with discovery, challenge, and growth. Between engaging classes, hands-on cultural activities, and weekend adventures, each experience has left its mark. They've savored authentic Italian cuisine, gained a deeper connection to art and history, and built meaningful relationships with classmates and locals alike. More than just a semester abroad, this journey has expanded their worldview and created memories that will stay with them long after they leave Italy.

Please see below the last few activities and events students enjoyed during their last week in Florence!

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CHIANTI DAYTRIP 2

As part of the program, students choose between two different weekends during the semester to travel to Chianti by private bus to visit two local wineries. The day includes a cheese tasting, a three-course Italian lunch, and, of course, wine! It's always a favorite day trip, and they lucked out with beautiful weather.



FIorentina SOCCER MATCH

As part of the cultural calendar, a group of students joined AIFS staff on Sunday evening to attend a soccer match in Florence. The Fiorentina faced Sassuolo in a hard-fought game that ultimately ended in a 0–0 draw. Despite the score, students had the chance to experience the energy and passion of Italian soccer culture firsthand, something Florence is especially known for.

DAS LIED VON DER ERDE MUSICAL

Das Lied von der Erde is a deeply moving work that blends symphony and song, reflecting on themes of nature, transience, and the beauty of life. Set to evocative poetry and brought to life through sweeping orchestration and powerful vocal performances, it draws listeners into a world that feels both intimate and expansive. The performance held students' attention throughout, offering a compelling and emotional glimpse into this unique musical form.



FAREWELL EVENT

This past week was the finality of all things study abroad, including our farewell event with all students, faculty and staff. Offering food, drinks, a rooftop view of Florence, music, the company of all and so much more; we were able to celebrate the past 3 months and all of the memories we have made together.

