

# NORTHERN CALIFORNIA STUDY ABROAD CONSORTIUM

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During the fourth week, students had the opportunity to exercise taking a spinning class, went on a curiosities guided walking tour of Florence and presented their Discover Florence neighborhoods. Students in the Child Development course visited the Museum of Innocents and the Art History students visited the Duomo. All students went on a daytrip to Siena and San Gimignano and some students ended their week with a hike to Fiesole!



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## CYCLEX CLASS BY TWO WINGS STUDIO

On Monday, students had the opportunity to take a spinning class at a new studio here in Florence called TwoWings. They are loving the opportunity to move their bodies in a healthy way during the week!



## ILC CURIOSITIES TOUR & SEMINARS

On Tuesday evening, students joined a walking tour with our Florentine guides, exploring the myths, hidden treasures, and legends of Florence. They love this tour because it gives them insight into the city's details—things they may pass by daily but never notice!

On Thursday, students presented their Discover Florence Activity from a couple weeks ago. Presenting their findings from different neighborhoods around Florence.

## CHILD DEVELOPMENT COURSE VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF INNOCENTS

Last Wednesday, students from the Child Development course visited the Museum of Innocents – a unique museum housed in a historic building designed by Brunelleschi in the early 15th century. Originally built as a founding hospital, it was one of the first institutions in Europe dedicated to the care of abandoned and orphaned children.



## ART HISTORY STUDENTS VISIT THE DUOMO

Students in the Art History course had another academic visit to the Duomo. Their ticket gave them three days to explore the inside of the Duomo, the museum, the baptisery and the undergrounds (Santa Reparata). Such a great visit, as the Duomo is the most famous structure in Florence.



## SIENA & SAN GIMIGNANO

On Friday, students embarked on a day trip to Siena and San Gimignano! Traveling by private bus from Florence, they arrived in Siena, where they enjoyed a guided tour exploring the city's history. The tour concluded in Piazza del Campo (pictured above), after which students had free time to explore the city at their own pace. Next, they headed to San Gimignano, where they took in breathtaking views of the Tuscan countryside and indulged in what is said to be the best gelato in the world!

## FIESOLE HIKE

Saturday morning, some students woke up early to take a hike to Fiesole! An exclusive suburb of Florence surrounded by greenery. They were then given the opportunity to spend the afternoon there with a return bus ticket. Such a beautiful place to escape the chaos of the city – and its only a 20 minute bus ride away!

