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THIS PAST WEEK...

This past week, students were hard at work, focusing on projects, homework, and studying for midterm exams before heading off for a much-deserved spring break! They also enjoyed guest speakers in their classes, excursions outside the classroom, a walking tour for Italian Life & Culture, and time with professors and fellow students from their home university.

ITALIAN LIFE & CULTURE (ILC) -- TOUR & ACTIVITIES

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 wrapped up their week with home faculty and fellow students, visiting famous sites and squares in Florence. It was a great opportunity to reconnect and see everyone before a long break!



ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES

This past Tuesday, the Media 10 course took their lesson beyond the classroom and into a theater here in Florence to attend a screening of *The Truffle Hunters*. The film follows a group of men as they search for rare, expensive, and delicious white Alba truffles deep in the forests of Piedmont, Italy. It was a fantastic experience for our Media students!

Meanwhile, the Visual Theory and Practice – Ceramic Arts course invited Marcella, an Italian-American model, to pose for a clay project. Students learned how to create a live depiction of Marcella as a small clay sculpture. What an incredible experience for them!

WHAT IS TO COME?

This week, students are traveling for spring break, taking time to rest and recharge after the first half of the semester. Many are likely exploring new places with newfound friends and even visiting family!

Hopefully, they'll return refreshed and ready to tackle the second half of the semester. We have many exciting cultural calendar events coming up, along with one more big overnight weekend trip! We'll check in again in two weeks. Thanks, as always, for following along and for all your support!

