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CHIANTI DAYTRIP 2

At last, the second group of students were able to travel to Chianti by private bus to visit two local wineries. The day included 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, as did the first group.



ITALIAN LIFE & CULTURE

The past few weeks, students attended a lecture on the History of Italian Cinema, learning about the depiction of the most important events in the country's history, including facism and totalitarian.

The following week, was Mafia and Organised Crime in Italy – discovering the origins of this notorious organization and tales behind them.

OPERA

Salome, is a gripping opera that tells the story of a young princess's obsessive desire for the imprisoned prophet John the Baptist, culminating in her infamous "Dance of the Seven Veils" and a shocking final request. With intense music and powerful drama, the performance captivated students and offered a bold example of operatic storytelling.

A great experience to have here in Florence – an excuse to dress up with friends!



ART SHOW

This week, faculty, staff and students came together to present their art, readings and films. Students gathered in the study center for one last Italian Life and Culture event to appreciate the works by their peers over the semester. The art work, readings and films were more than impressive! Great work students.



FAREWELL EVENT & DEPARTURES

This week was the finality of all things study abroad, including our farewell event with all students, faculty and staff. Offering food, drinks, a garden, 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.

LAST WORDS...

As the semester comes to a close, our students are reflecting on an unforgettable study abroad experience in Florence. From engaging academic courses and immersive cultural calendar activities to weekend travels, every moment has contributed to their personal and academic growth. They've explored Italian cuisine, deepened their appreciation for art and history, and formed meaningful connections with fellow students and locals alike. This semester has not only broadened their global perspective but also created lasting memories that will continue to shape their lives long after they return home.

