

**Northern California Study Abroad Consortium**  
**Florence Program**  
**Spring Semester 2027**



**Program Dates**

<b>Saturday, January 30</b>	AIFS flight departs from San Francisco for Florence, Italy.
<b>Sunday, January 31</b>	Arrive in Italy.
<b>Monday, February 1</b>	Orientation.
<b>Tuesday, February 2</b>	Workshops.
<b>Saturday, March 13 - Through Sunday, March 21</b>	Mid Semester Break.
<b>Monday, March 29</b>	Easter Monday
<b>Thursday, April 29</b>	Last Day of class.
<b>Friday, April 30</b>	Program ends. AIFS flight departs London for the U.S.

**The AIFS program fee of \$9,165.00 includes the following:**

- **Accommodation:** in self-catering apartments within the historic center of Florence in twin-bedded rooms, with typically 4-6 students sharing a 2-3-bedroom apartment. Apartments include shared kitchen/living space, bed linen (not towels) and Wi-Fi; all students will be housed in a central hotel for the first night for orientation purposes.
- **Orientation:** program consisting of an orientation meeting with AIFS staff covering topics on safety/security and travel, workshops on cultural differences, a local area walking tour
- **Meals:** self-catering in the student accommodation, meal vouchers available details listed below.
- A half-day sightseeing walking tour of Florence with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide
- Weekly program of subsidized cultural activities such as cooking classes, wine lectures, soccer matches, day trips to Pisa and other nearby locations, concerts, and film nights
- Italian Life and Culture course taught by local faculty, with lectures focusing on historical, political, economic, and cultural aspects of Italy and Florence, and related activities and excursions (course still subject to college tuition fees)
- A full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano including round-trip transportation by private bus, the services of a professional, English-speaking guide in Siena and an AIFS staff escort throughout
- A full-day excursion; either a visit to a Tuscan farm by private bus, including tour, tastings of local products such as olive oil, meats, bread and cheese, and a group lunch or a visit to the Chianti wine region by private bus, with a visit to a winery and a typical Tuscan lunch.
- Access to the wireless-enabled AIFS Student Center and a team of experienced Student Services staff for information, personal advising/counseling and 24-hour emergency contact service
- Mandatory official police registration fees and local insurances
- Medical insurance policy

**Program fees do not include the following:**

- Optional Transportation Package consisting of round-trip airfare between San Francisco and Florence, and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the accommodations on the specified program dates for \$650.00; and mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges of \$744.00.
- Community College tuition or administrative fees
- Textbooks
- Optional meal voucher plan consisting of 30 vouchers for some lunches or dinners in local trattoria for \$625.
- Single room supplement \$2,250 – on a first come/first-served basis in a shared apartment. Note: single occupancy rooms are not guaranteed
- **An optional weekend in Rome**, including round-trip transportation by train, two night's accommodation in twin-bedded rooms in a centrally located hotel with daily breakfast, entrance to the Colosseum with a guided tour, a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica (does not include the Vatican Museums), and the services of an AIFS Tour Manager throughout for \$595.
- **An optional excursion to Verona**, including round trip transportation by train, two nights hotel accommodation in twin room with breakfast, a guided walking tour of Verona, a day trip to Venice by train including a guided walking tour and the services of an AIFS Tour Manager for \$595.
- **An optional four-day, three-night excursion to Sorrento and Pompeii**, including round-trip transportation by train and private bus, three nights' accommodation in multi bedded rooms in a centrally located hotel on a bed and breakfast basis,

entrance to Pompeii with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide, a day excursion to Capri by high speed ferry, one day bus tickets for self-exploration of the Amalfi coast and the services of an AIFS Tour Manager for \$695

- Passport and visa fees if applicable
- Additional field trips or excursions required by your instructors.
- Local or independent travel while in Florence
- Personal expenses such as laundry
- Optional medical insurance upgrade for \$65

#### **PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES**

<b>Spring Semester</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Optional</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	November 6, 2026	Transportation Package	\$650.00	December 4, 2026
Balance of fees	<u>\$8,715.00</u>	December 4, 2026	Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	<u>\$744.00</u>	December 4, 2026
Total	\$9,165.00		Total	\$1,394.00	
<b>Optional</b>	<b>Fee</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	30 Meal Vouchers	\$625.00	December 4, 2026
Rome Excursion	\$595.00	December 4, 2026	Single Room Supplement	\$2,250.00	December 4, 2026
Verona Excursion	\$595.00	December 4, 2026	Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	December 4, 2026
Sorrento Excursion	\$695.00	December 4, 2026			

**All students must submit the \$450 deposit (plus \$50 for each excursion, if selected) when completing the online enrollment form. Subsequent payments may be made by check or credit card. Checks should be made payable to “AIFS.” American Express, MasterCard, and Visa are accepted.**

**Financial Aid students are responsible for paying by Friday, December 4, 2026, the airfare (\$650); taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (\$744 [subject to change]); an \$850 program reservation deposit, payment for optional program components, and any remaining balance that will not be covered by aid.**

Please note: A \$35 returned check fee will be charged on all checks returned by the bank for insufficient funds.

#### **AIFS TRANSPORTATION PACKAGE**

Participants have the option of purchasing a round-trip ticket for the flight arranged through AIFS. Participants choosing this option should note the following restrictions: Tickets purchased from AIFS are exclusively on scheduled airlines (not charters). They are not endorsable to another carrier. Flights are not necessarily direct or non-stop, and frequent flyer miles are not applicable. The AIFS Transportation Package includes round-trip ground transportation between the airports overseas and your accommodation on the regularly scheduled program dates. AIFS will book flights on the dates indicated on this application only.

Participants wishing to purchase the Transportation Package must notify AIFS in writing or by selecting this option on the online enrollment form by Thursday, October 22, 2026. Participants wishing to cancel the flight must notify AIFS by Friday, December 4, 2026. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

**AIFS Airfare Regulations:** Return must be to original U.S. departure city. No refunds are available for any unused portion of ticket. Stopovers are not permitted.

**Note: Participants contemplating returning home on a different date should make their own round-trip travel arrangements. AIFS cannot book flights on alternate dates.**

AIFS cannot guarantee that all passengers will be booked on the same flight. A minimum of 10 participants must purchase the flight for it to be offered.

#### **Refund policy and important dates to remember should you need to cancel your participation:**

<b>Withdrawing on or before Friday, November 6, 2026</b>	All fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded.
<b>Withdrawing after Friday, November 6, 2026, and on or before Friday, December 4, 2026</b>	All fees paid less the \$450 deposit and any non-refundable deposits paid by the participant or by AIFS on the participant’s behalf will be refunded.
<b>Withdrawing after Friday, December 4, 2026</b>	No refund and the total program fee is due.

*Please note that after the final payment deadline the full program fee is due to AIFS even if you have not yet paid and do not participate or plan to participate in the program. Non-refundable financial commitments have been made to secure your spot. If a participant withdraws once the program has begun, there is no refund. **This refund policy applies whether a participant pays AIFS Abroad directly for all, part, or no program fees.***

**Protecting your investment:**

Participants may purchase additional trip cancellation or interruption insurance which allows them to protect their study abroad program. This policy includes options to cancel for any reason (CFAR) and interrupt for any reason (IFAR). Details of the Worldwide Trip Protector Plans with Travel Insured International (TII) is underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Information on these options is available on the Travel Insured International website – [www.travelinsured.com](http://www.travelinsured.com) - or by phone at 855-611-0918. ***The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days after the deposit is paid.***

**General Cultural Resources:**

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey. We invite everyone to engage with the cultures around you while at home and abroad. Everyone is complex, and the uniqueness of who we are is important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring who you are and learning about the uniqueness of others is an important part of this journey. Thus, we invite you to take the time to learn about the cultures you embody and the cultures of others on your program as well as the cultures that are a part of your host country.

We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.