



**ST. STEPHEN'S**  
**SCHOOL**  
*Rome, Italy*  
**Summer**  
**Program**



## MAKING HISTORY ACCESSIBLE

Participants in the Summer Program will discover some of civilization's most significant cultural wonders by living just five minutes from the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Circus Maximus and the Palatine Hill. History is within an arm's reach, and the chance to explore the myriad archaeological ruins, catacombs, richly varied museums, and omnipresent fountains offers a unique experience, to Italian speaking students exposing them to a distinct two-week summer language and culture immersion program.

The St. Stephen's curriculum offered during the academic year extends to and forms the basis of our summer program. The unique location of our campus in an ex-monastery nestled in the heart of the historical center of Rome allows us to use the ancient city as a source of academic inspiration.

Our Summer Program includes visits to some of the Eternal City's most important monuments, sites, and artistic masterpieces while being immersed in the Italian language and culture. Stimulating classes led by our remarkable bi-lingual faculty are aimed at motivated students between 13 and 17 years old, preferably with some prior knowledge of the Italian language.



## THE ARTS & HUMANITIES PROGRAM OVERVIEW

**JUNE 16-JUNE 29, 2019**

### Who Can Attend?

Open to students ages 13 to 17, the two-week Arts & Humanities Summer Program offers courses taught by the distinguished faculty of St. Stephen's School, along with exceptional local teachers.

Mornings and afternoons are packed with visits to Rome's main archaeological sites, monuments, churches and museums- examining the context of each in terms of Roman society, religion, history and urban development.

### Daily Schedule:

Every day students will venture out in the cooler morning hours to explore an area in Rome of particular artistic and historical interest.

Returning for lunch on campus and a rest, afternoons will then be dedicated to their chosen elective class, followed by Italian Conversation.

There will be free time in the late afternoon for socializing, sports or relaxing before dinner and evening activities.

Students enroll in the following courses:

- Roman Topography
- Art History Renaissance Through Baroque
- Italian Conversation
- One elective - Latin, Drawing Rome, Creative Writing & Theater

### Also Included: Art! Food! Fun!

A rich evening Cultural Program is offered with events both on campus and around the city of Rome, with unique outings and special evening visits to landmarks across the city, including:

- Street Art scene (Rome's vibrant Ostiense neighborhood)
- Vatican by Night
- Caracalla Baths or Teatro Marcello Evening Concert
- Forum of Caesar light show
- Gelato crawl
- Italian Cinefile movie nights (Cinema Paradiso, Pane e Tulipani, Il Postino)
- Cooking class: From the local market to your table!
- Day Trip to Pompei and Sorrento

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### SUMMER 2019 COURSES INTRODUCTION

St. Stephen's encourages a harmonious balance of intellect and creativity.

The summer program is an extension of our annual scholastic offer, giving Italian speaking participants the opportunity to explore academic and artistic interests in a program tailored to their individual passions.



The Summer 2019 core courses are:

**Art History: Renaissance through Baroque**

**Roman Topography : How Rome has changed over time**

Daily excursions will include:

- Circus Maximus (the foundation of Rome, games, traditions)
- Capitoline Hill and Museum
- Tiber Island, Forum Boario, Republican temples (architecture and building techniques- theaters, temples, bridges)
- Roman Forum & Palatine Hill, Baths of Caracalla
- Colosseum and Ludus Magnus (demagogic propaganda in the form of entertainment, bathing culture, imperial luxury)
- Catacomb Tours (Appian Way, Claudius Acqueduct, Cecilia Metella)
- Servian Walls, Aurelian Walls, Case Romane, Montemartini Museum
- Ostia Antica (picnic)
- Sistine Chapel
- Palazzo Farnese, Campidoglio, Palazzo Farnesina
- Michelangelo's Moses and Pietà
- St. Agnese Church and Bernini Sculptures

## Roman Topography

### How Rome Has Changed Over Time

This course is a detailed overview of the development of Ancient Rome, from the days of Romulus and Remus to the changes brought in by Emperor Constantine and the advent of Christianity.

On daily field trips, students will explore all the sites that marked important events in the city's history. Along with these visits, students will learn not only about Roman history, but also about building techniques, materials and tools involved in the "sculpting" of Rome.

When possible, students will also dive into Latin language and will learn to decipher various inscriptions and will discover the sounds, smells and colors of ancient Roman life.

## Art History

### Renaissance Through The Baroque

This course will provide an in-depth, insider investigation of the architectural and artistic wonders of the city of Rome, from the Renaissance through the Baroque.

While the course will cover the major items of art historical interests, from Caravaggio's paintings to the Sistine Chapel, what sets this course apart is the focus on the important, but little-seen jewels of the Eternal City.

The result is an insider's study of the art and architecture of what is arguably the most important city in the history of the civilized world. Since it is summer vacation, there will be plenty of time built in for a pick-me up gelato or smoothie, and the field trips are designed to be a fun and dynamic way to get to know Rome better while practicing the Italian language!



## Italian Conversation

To really experience Italy you need to feel the color and rhythm of the Italian language.

Italian conversation will be offered daily during the afternoons through dynamic, informal language exchange.

Discover the nuances and dialects of Italian, and learn to talk with your hands like a native!

Students of all levels can immerse themselves in the Italian language and gain confidence while conversing—from ordering their favorite flavor at a gelateria to contributing to a debate on current events!

Jump right in and have fun with it no matter what your level!



## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Creative Writing & Theater

#### Rivisiting a Classic

This course is centred around a creative study of a selection from Ovid's Metamorphoses.

The students will read a few metamorphoses aloud in class and uncover what makes these tales timeless (in terms of effect as well as ideas).

They will then embark upon personal projects to transform one of the tales into a contemporary piece (visual; theatrical; or narrative) seeking to recreate the feelings and thoughts of the original in contemporary terms.

The aim of the course is for students to explore their creative talent; understand the mechanics of effective storytelling; and enjoy a classic by owning it.

### Latin in Rome

#### Using Latin in the context of Rome

Understanding Latin grammar and knowing Latin vocabulary offers insight into Romance languages such as Italian, French, and Spanish, and enriches knowledge of English.

Daily lessons will consist of the presentation of new grammar, as well as drill exercises in which the learned grammar and vocabulary are consolidated.

Through the stories we read, students will become familiar with Roman society, history, and mythology, and will gain a clearer perception of Western civilization.

### Drawing Rome

#### Drawing Portraits of Rome

This course will take full advantage of the St. Stephen's School location in the historic center of Rome.

The Aventine hill is accessible to a variety of important sites such as the Circus Maximus, The Baths of Caracalla, Pyramide Cestia, and the Forum.

Students will record their observations in sketchbook form. In-class demonstrations will complement fieldwork.

Instruction will be given on various methods of working in a variety of media including pencil, charcoal, contè crayon and ink wash.

Experiments with a variety of mediums will be encouraged.

The focus of the course is on fluency, quality and the development of an individual style with personalized interpretations of the sites visited.



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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Do we need to bring our own linens?**

No, towels and sheets are provided for you, and fresh linens are provided weekly.

### **Should I bring my laptop?**

This is up to you. The school has a computer lab with Internet and printers, available for students to use.

Many students do choose to bring their own computers, in order to stay in touch with family and friends while on the program.

The school has free wireless Internet access. We ask that if you do bring your laptop, you are particularly careful to lock your dorm room when you are not there.

### **Should I bring my cell phone?**

Yes. All students should have a working cell phone that is activated for use while in Italy. Contact your cell phone provider for more information. You should be able to make calls to your home country and within Italy during your stay.

### **Is there a laundry facility on the school's campus?**

Yes. There are washing machines and dryers in the lower level of the school. Both are free to use; you will be asked only to provide your own soap (which you can buy just across the street from campus).

### **Can I stay with, or go to dinner with, friends or family in (or close to) Rome while I'm on the program?**

Usually this is not a problem if your guardians have given you permission. Your family should contact the program director and make clear arrangements.

### **Do students share rooms?**

Yes. All dorm rooms at the school are double or triple rooms.

### **Can I request to room with another student?**

Yes. Please send the request via email, to the Director, at [summer@sssrome.it](mailto:summer@sssrome.it).

### **How much spending money should I bring?**

We suggest between 300 - 500 Euro.

### **What is the best way for me to bring spending money?**

You have two options (see below).

We strongly encourage the first option, as it is the option with the least risk, and it is the most convenient.

If you choose this option, you must check with your bank first, ensuring that your ATM card is activated for use in Italy.

- Bring an ATM card, which you may use at any machine here in Rome ("bancomat") to take out money from your account in your home country.  
The cash you take out here will be in Euro.
- Bring cash to Rome and exchange it for Euro while here, or exchange cash into Euros before leaving your home country

### **Do we receive academic credit for participation in the programs?**

The St. Stephen's School summer programs are enrichment programs.

You will not receive academic credit, but you will receive assessments from your instructors.

You may also request a certificate of attendance, at the end of the summer session.

**2019 ARTS & HUMANITIES PROGRAM**

**SUMMER PROGRAM FEES**

**Boarding Student Fees: € 2,800\***  
**Day Student Fees: € 2,000\***  
**Application Deadline: May 1, 2019**

\*payable to St. Stephen's School - Rome

Please submit a € 300 deposit once you have received an acceptance letter from the Program Director.

Balance is due no later than May 15, 2019

**Details**

All fees sent to St. Stephen's School may be paid by wire transfer in Euro into our US account or Italian account.

For payments to the US account, please convert dollar amount to today's exchange rate.

Be sure to state "Summer Programs" and the name of the student on the wire transfer.

**For wire transfers:**

Banca Popolare di Sondrio  
Agenzia n. 29-FAO- ROMA  
Viale delle Terme di Caracalla 1,  
00153 ROMA  
IBAN: IT 49 V 05696 03229 000003836X48  
BIC SWIFT: POSOIT22XXX

**For wire transfers from the USA:**

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