

**Southern California Foothills Consortium
Florence Program
Fall Semester 2025**



The AIFS program fee of \$9,295.00 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, a set amount of utilities, bed linen and Wi-Fi; all students will be housed in a centrally located hotel for the first night with breakfast included.
- 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 accommodations, meal vouchers available details listed below, a welcome reception
- A half-day sightseeing tour of Florence with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
- Academic, Cultural Activities and Excursions:
 - An Italian Life and Culture course taught by local faculty, with lectures focusing on historical, political, economic, and cultural aspects of Italy and Florence.
 - Reserved entrance to the Uffizi Gallery with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
 - Reserved entrance to the Accademia Gallery with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
 - Reserved entrance to the Pitti Palace with the services of a professional, English-speaking guide.
 - A full-day excursion 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.
 - A full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano including round-trip transportation by private bus and the services of a professional, English-speaking guide in Siena.
 - A cultural calendar of free and subsidized events to help students make the most of their time in Florence. Events will include walking tours, cooking classes, guided museum visits, sporting events, and local seasonal activities.
- Also Included:
 - 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 Los Angeles (LAX) and Florence (FLR), and round-trip transfers overseas between the airport and the accommodations on the specified program dates for \$1,180; and mandatory additional U.S. government and airline-imposed departure taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges of \$655.
- Southern California Foothills Consortium tuition or administrative fees
- Textbooks
- Optional meal voucher plan consisting of 25 meal vouchers for some lunches or dinners in local trattoria for \$450.
- Single room supplement \$1,950 – on a first come/first-served basis in a shared apartment. Note: single occupancy rooms are not guaranteed
- Rome Excursion: An optional three-day, two-night excursion to Rome to include: round trip transportation by train or private bus, accommodation in twin rooms in a tourist class hotel with breakfast daily, entrance to the Colosseum and Roman Forum with the services of a professional English speaking guide, entrance to the Vatican Museums with the services of a professional English-speaking guide, the services of an AIFS tour manager for the duration of the trip, metro tickets where necessary 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

2025 PROGRAM DATES

Friday, September 5	AIFS flight departs San Francisco for Italy.
Saturday, September 6	Arrive in Italy, and overnight in hotel.
Sunday, September 7	Orientation and workshops for all students and faculty. Transfer to accommodations.
Monday, September 8	Classes begin.
Saturday, November 29	Program ends. AIFS flight departs Italy for the U.S.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE FOR AIFS FEES

<u>Fall Semester</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>
Enrollment deposit	\$450.00	June 8, 2025	Transportation Package	\$1,180.00	July 11, 2025
Balance of fees	<u>\$8,845.00</u>	July 11, 2025	Taxes/Fees (subject to change)	<u>\$655.00</u>	July 11, 2025
Total	\$9,295.00		Total	\$1,835.00	
<u>Optional</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Due Date</u>	25 Meal Vouchers	\$450.00	July 11, 2025
Rome Excursion Deposit	\$50.00	June 8, 2025	Single Room Supplement	\$1,950.00	July 11, 2025
Rome Excursion Balance	\$645.00	July 11, 2025	Medical Insurance Upgrade	\$65.00	July 11, 2025

All students must submit the \$450 deposit 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, July 11, 2025, the airfare (\$1,180); taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (\$655 [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 airport in Italy and your accommodations 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 should select this option on the online enrollment form, or if you wish to add the flight after you complete the form you must notify AIFS in writing by Tuesday, May 13, 2025. Participants wishing to cancel the flight must notify AIFS in writing by Friday, July 11, 2025. Cancellation penalties will apply. Tickets are non-refundable after this date.

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

AIFS Airfare Regulations: Return must be to original U.S. departure point. Tickets are subject to airline availability. No refunds are available for any unused portion of the ticket. Tickets cannot be rerouted, and stopovers are not permitted. Once in Italy participants may be able to change their return date, but only if that date is available and in the same class of service in which the ticket was booked. Only the ticketing agent can provide this information. Participants are subject to agency and airline-imposed change fees and space availability. Group round-trip ground transportation to and from the airport in Italy is on the regularly scheduled program dates only.

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

Withdrawing on or before Thursday, June 12, 2025	All fees paid less than a \$150 processing fee will be refunded.
Withdrawing after Thursday, June 12, 2025, and on or before Friday, July 11, 2025	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.
Withdrawing after Friday, July 11, 2025	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 will have the option of purchasing 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 insurance underwritten by the United States Fire Insurance Company, rated A (Excellent) by A.M. Best 2019, are available on the Cultural Insurance Services International (CISI) website - www.culturalinsurance.com. Students may purchase their plan directly through the CISI website. The policy is time sensitive and must be purchased within 21 days of paying the \$450 enrollment deposit.

Access, Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity (AIDE) general social identity resources:

At AIFS Abroad, we support all participants in your study/intern abroad journey, inclusive of your gender, race, religion, age, physical ability, and sexual orientation. Everyone has a complex identity, and the different aspects of your identity are important when deciding on a program and location. Exploring the identities, you hold and learning about those of others is also an important part of this journey. We invite you to use the information here - <https://www.aifsabroad.com/student-resources/> - before, during, and after you study abroad.