

# ITALIAN EXCHANGE PROGRAM

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## INFORMATION EXCHANGE XVIII—NOVEMBER 2015

- Departure Date:** - November 13 – 29, 2015
- Destination:** - Mezzolombardo Exchange School in Italy
- Theme/Trip:** - Rome, Florence, Turin
- Eligibility:**
- 3.4 or higher GPA
  - 95% attendance or better
  - No OSS, ASD, Bus, or other disciplinary referrals previous and present
  - Recommendations from teachers and administrators
  - Attendance at all afternoon/evening classes
  - Initial non-refundable \$450 down payment in March (\$100 for ticket)
  - Preference is given to those students who can host in September/April
- TOTAL Estimated Cost:** - **\$2650– \$2700 depending on airfare**
- Airfare: \$1500 (estimated)
  - Transportations, Lodging, Entrance Fees & meals \$1200  
(= \$350 down payment; \$850 will come from Alumni fundraisers—and pay remainder)
- Other:**
- Passport, picture ID, and ATM card
  - Insurance (medical and cancellation as group approx. \$72+/-) due upon sign-up
  - Spending money
- Deadline:** - **February 27, 2015**



The Italian Exchange is a cultural exchange program, open to all HHS students who qualify and are selected to participate. Based on the above criteria for eligibility, students will be selected after the deadline of February 27, 2015. Parent/s and students need to attend the mandatory March 5, 2015.

We will travel to our exchange school in November; Italian students are likely to come again either in September 2015 or around Easter in 2016. Hampshire High students will stay/host the same students when in Italy and Italians come here to the US.

Included in the program is a 5-day trip to Rome, the capital of Italy, Florence and Turin. While on this trip, we will charter a bus and use public transportation to get around. We will be staying in Hotels. During this 5-day trip, we will be visiting interesting sights and places such as the Vatican with the Sistine Chapel, the Catacombs, Duomo and Science Museum in Florence, and see the Shroud of Turin. For preparation, we will meet two to three times a month after school (starting March 5, 2015) for classes to prepare students for the trip, discuss readings, general preparation, and Italian instruction.

While staying in Italy, students will be participating in a home-stay program with full immersion into Italian culture. Students will be participating in everyday life activities such as going to school and projects with Italian students. Also planned are excursions to Venice, Bolzano, and Trento. In addition, a mentor teacher at HHS will be assigned. For further information and past exchanges, please visit our web site at [www.hampshirehigh.com](http://www.hampshirehigh.com).

