Rome - Strolling in the Eternal City (Italian 525) is a FLPA study abroad course that will give you the opportunity to visit Rome and study the history and culture of this incredible city for three weeks during the Summer pre-session in 2013.

It is a 3 credit hour course. If you have never been to the eternal city, this course will provide a wonderful introduction to the culture and history of Rome. Also, if you have already had a short stay in Rome and have always thought of going back, this is your chance to return for more extensive exploration.
Rome is the city of fountains, Roman ruins, labyrinthine streets, Renaissance churches, piazze (squares) that will take your breath away, enchanting views from the bridges on the Tiber River. Rome is all of this, and much more!

While in Rome you will learn about centuries of history, art, culture, and society. Rome is a complex city and a web of cultures. Today, as a 21st century city, the character of Rome is still well rooted in romanitas and images of the Colosseum, columns, and temples. It is also the location of Vatican City, the Pope’s seat. It is a city with many impressive Renaissance palaces, theatrical squares, and art collections built by many prestigious Roman families, as well as many popes. There is also contemporary Rome, once again reflecting aspects of its imperial era. The time when Roman ‘citizens’ came from various provinces of the Roman Empire is reflected today by the presence of a new wave of immigrants coming from many parts of the world.

In this course you will learn about Rome from its antiquity to contemporary times, about early Christianity in Rome, the important Roman families, popular Rome, and Romans in Trastevere, the Jewish quarter. You will learn about the topography of Rome, and its most important rioni (quarters). You will walk along the banks of the Tiber and cross its bridges. You will mingle with Romans, eat what they eat, shop where they shop, and have fun like Romans do! Before you know it, you will conquer the city and make it your ‘home’ for three wonderful weeks. And, of course, the beauty of Rome will conquer you.

Proficiency in Italian is not required, any students need not be registered in any other Italian classes. Any student interested in Italian history and culture may apply. Reading materials, journals, etc. will be in English. However, students with proficiency in Italian may write their journals in Italian, and will have many opportunities to practice their language skills.

The estimated cost of the Rome program is around $3,800. This estimate includes lodging, breakfast, tuition, insurance, instructors’ fees, and more. It does not include airfare, meals (you budget for this), and personal expenses.

As you know, TUTTE LE STRADE PORTANO A ROMA (every road will take you to Rome), therefore ARRIVEDERCI ROMA! (I will see you soon, Rome!)

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