USC in Monte Castello
at the International Centre for the Arts

Experience the rich culture of the traditional village of Montecastello de Vibio, Italy. Surround yourself with nature and beauty as you explore the surrounding mountaintop cities including Todi and Assisi. Take in the panoramas of the Tiber River Valley while enjoying the authentic Italian culture that Montecastello has to offer. Visit Teatro Della Concordia, the smallest theatre in Europe. In early morning, the village is often surrounded in fog as swallows dart in and out of the mist. Take in spectacular evening sunsets in this village located near the exact center of Italy. The International Centre for the Arts, located in the heart of Montecastello, offers an impressive array of courses filled with authentic and uninhibited Italian culture. The Centre exposes students to Italian culture through the arts.

You will travel with a USC Study Abroad Office staff member, USC faculty and other USC students while having the opportunity to earn 3-9 credits. During this three week program, you will participate in two day-long excursions to visit historical and cultural sites in the beautiful nearby cities of Florence and Rome. When not in class, you will also have free time outside of class to explore Montecastello, the Umbria region, and the country of Italy on your own.

USC undergraduate students with a minimum 2.5 GPA are eligible to participate in this program. This course is open to undergraduates in any major. No previous Italian language is required.

Courses and Credits
You will have the choice of 3-9 credits of USC course offerings. Anticipated course offerings include:

- Classics 220: Introduction to Classical Mythology
- Italian 121: Elementary Italian Language
- Italian 398: Italian Food & Culture
- Music 310/544: Italian Music in Context
- Studio Art 210: Beginning Painting
- Studio Art 514: Advanced Projects in Painting

These courses will be taught by USC faculty and your classmates will be other USC students. You will be able to select from these courses to create your own schedule while in Montecastello. Check with your academic advisor to see how credit earned may be used to fulfill general education, major, or minor requirements. Final course offerings will be dependent on enrollment.

Living Arrangements
Students will be housed in a single or double occupancy rooms either within the International Centre for the Arts or in nearby apartments. All accommodations are located within easy walking distance of classrooms, academic facilities, entertainment, and community resources. Students in double accommodations will share their room with other USC students.
Travel Dates
This three-week program will take place from June 6-27, 2015. Prior to departure, the group will also meet on-campus in late spring. You have the option of traveling independently before or after the program, as long as you arrive and depart on the designated days. You could even add on another program in July!

Costs
The program fee of $4775 includes: study abroad participation fee, double or single occupancy accommodation in either an apartment or dorm-style lodging; three traditional Umbrian meals per day (Sunday-Thursday); two day-long excursions to nearby cultural sites of interest (Rome and Florence); round-trip airport transfers; overseas emergency medical insurance; housekeeping service once per week; 24/7 support of USC faculty and staff in-country.

Fee Does Not Include
USC tuition paid directly to USC, at a rate of $1395 per 3 credits, will be paid separately on my.sc.edu. Round trip airfare, local transportation (if needed), meals not on itinerary, personal expenses, and optional activities are not included. Students have the option to add on Saturday meals for an additional $50.

Scholarships Available
USC students applying for this program are eligible for the following awards, among others which may be available:
- Passport Travel Grant, for Honors/Capstone students: deadline November 15
- Beyond Boundaries Award, for underrepresented students: deadline February 15
- Magellan Scholar or Mini-Grant Award, for undergraduate research: deadlines vary by award
- Walker Institute International Experience Award: deadline March 6

Check the Scholarships section of the Study Abroad Office website, or meet with an advisor, to discuss in more detail.

Application Information
To apply for the USC in Montecastello program, please follow the instructions that can be found on the Forms and Applications page of USC’s Study Abroad website: www.studyabroad.sc.edu; click on the link for Global Classroom Program and follow the instructions for the USC in Montecastello program. Complete applications are due to the Study Abroad Office by February 1, 2015. Students are encouraged to submit their application by the priority deadline of December 1, 2014. Students will be notified of their acceptance by email shortly after the deadline.

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