What we’ll do
Travel Writing and Photography is a 3-hour journalism elective class that will fit into all majors in the J-School. (If you are a PR major, it will count as your required extra writing class.) The class meets during May Mester 2019, May 13-31. The first week will be on campus. The following two weeks you’ll have an immersive experience in Rome, Italy, staying in the heart of the city with easy access to all the important historical sites. You’ll investigate how travelers document their experiences using photography, journals, essays and blogs. The class will help you find the best tools to communicate your inward and outward journey.

About Rome, Italy
Rome is one of the most visited cities in Europe and with good reason. While the city is bustling, it is easy to get off the beaten path and experience the neighborhoods throughout the city. And, while you’ll have a city pass for unlimited transportation, it is a remarkably walkable city. The city is conveniently located to the airport and the sea and the main train station provides easy transportation to many areas throughout Italy in case you want to experience a different part of the country during your free weekend.

The faculty
Travel Writing and Photography will be taught by two seasoned faculty in the J School: Dr. Carol Pardun (advertising) and Professor Van Kornegay (visual communications). Both have spent significant time in Italy. Professor Kornegay has led nine study abroad classes during his 30 years as a faculty member.

Costs
The cost will be about $3,000 not including airfare or tuition for a 3-hour class. Covered costs include hotel accommodations, all breakfasts, a welcome dinner, farewell dinner and celebration, and a lunch in a vineyard. Also included are a day trip to Pompeii, guided visits to the major historical sites, a bike tour on the Ancient Appian Way, a visit to some catacombs, a cooking class, a food tour, and the opportunity to meet with an Italian travel writer.

There will be a $500 deposit due in December and then a payment for half of the remainder of the trip due mid-February and the remainder due mid-March.

In order to receive credit for the trip you will have to pay tuition for 3 hours on VIP before departure.
Potential additional costs:
– Spending money (souvenirs etc.) – Lunch, some dinners, snacks
– Supplemental medical / emergency insurance ($30 - USC has a plan they require)
NOTE: These figures are estimates and could change.

Financial aid
Financial Aid is available from both the Study Abroad Office and the School of Journalism and Mass Communications. Look into the Beyond Boundaries Award and the Passport Travel Grant at the Study Abroad web site for details and application procedures:
http://studyabroad.sc.edu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=142&Itemid=639

Other things
Passport: Everyone must have a valid passport.
It typically can take 8 - 10 weeks to get one during the Spring months.
We have room for up to 20 students
Spots will be limited, so, if you’re interested, sign up and get on our contact list as soon as possible by contacting Professors Pardun or Kornegay at:
pardunc@mailbox.sc.edu
kornegay@mailbox.sc.edu

We will hold a general interest meeting about the trip Wednesday, November 13 in Room 318 at the Journalism School at 5PM.