The Mediterranean Sea is home to some of the most ancient civilizations in the world. This multi-country program will allow students to immerse in the fascinating history and culture of some three of the most beautiful and inspiring cities in Europe. We’ll travel from the ancient Imperial Rome to the Florence of the Renaissance with Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, and finish with the modern and extravagant architecture of Gaudi in the vibrant city of Barcelona.

**Concept:** The course will combine classes with field-trips and excursions

**Program Type:** Multi-country Study Abroad

**Location:** Rome, Florence and Barcelona (Italy and Spain)

**Dates:** Three-week course - 27th of December to 14th of January

**Degree Level:** Undergraduate

**Language:** English (possibility of doing some courses in Italian and Spanish)
Course Description:

FIRST WEEK – ROME

Our first destination will be the heart of the Mediterranean Culture, once capital of the biggest and most renowned empire in history. In class we’ll have the opportunity to learn the basic aspects of Italian history and culture, and combine it will field-trips to the Imperial Forums, the outstanding Colosseum and Pantheon, and Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel in the Vatican.

27TH December – Arrival and Orientation
28th December – Class: Introduction Italy’s history and culture
Field-trip: Pantheon, Piazza Novona and Trastevere
29th December – Class: The splendor of the Roman Empire
Field-trip: Colosseum and Imperial Forums
30th December - Field-trip - Vatican Museum, Saint Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel
31st December – New Year’s Eve in Rome
1st of January – Day-off for students

SECOND WEEK - FLORENCE

After discovering Rome’s ancient history we’ll travel to the birthplace of Renaissance and heart of the Tuscany region. Classes will give us the chance of learning the main aspects of the florentine art and culture, and strolling along its streets and gardens we’ll discover its most breathtaking monuments and museums.

2nd of January – Arrival and Orientation
3rd of January – Class: Introduction to the Renaissance
Field-trip: Duomo complex including Giotto’s bell tower, and the Cathedral with the magnificent Cupola del Brunelleschi.
4th of January – Class: Great artists of the Renaissance
Field-trip: Galleria dell Academia with the David from Michelangelo.

5th of January – Class: The Florence of the Medicis
Field-trip: Church of Santa Croce, Piazza Signoria and the Galleria degli Uffizi

6th of January – Field-trip: Fiesole, a beautiful town in the overlooking hills of the Arno Valley.

7th of January – Day-off for students

THIRD WEEK – BARCELONA
Last but not least we’ll fly over the Mediterranean to visit Spain’s most popular and vibrant city. The city of Barcelona is the perfect setting to end our cultural experience walking through its tiny streets, trying its magnificent cuisine and admiring the astonishing works of architecture like the Park Güell or the Sagrada Familia.

8th of January – Arrival and Orientation

9th of January – Class: Introduction to Spain’s history and culture
Field-trip: The Ramblas and Boqueria Market

10th of January – Class: The splendor of Barcelona in the Middle Ages
Field-trip: Gothic Neighborhood and el Born

11th of January – Class: Industrialization and the Art Nouveau (Modernismo)
Field-trip: Eixample and Sagrada Familia of Gaudí

12th of January – Class: From the Civil War to the Olympic Games
Field-trip: Air-raid shelter and the Montjuïc’s castle and art museums.

13th of January – Field-trip to Montserrat, hike and gastronomic experience

14th of January – Depart from Barcelona