

AIFS - Richmond in Rome excursion to

AUSCHWITZ CAMPS AND KRAKOW, POLAND

Fall Semester 2016: October 13 - 16

The program includes 3 nights accommodation w/ breakfast in centrally located hotel, ground transportation in Krakow for all visits, on site lectures of a Richmond professor, one traditional Polish dinner, one traditional "communist" lunch, sightseeing and entrances as indicated.

Reminder: bring passport, comfortable, closed in shoes and camera.

Airfare and transfers to/from airport not included. Students purchase their own airline ticket to Krakow.

"Exploring the dark side of our past"



Field trip led by Prof. Gabriele Simoncini, Ph.D. Columbia University, NY.

The field trip is based in Krakow, Poland, the capital city of a region that witnessed some of the greatest atrocities in European history. The visit focuses on a diversity of identities including Polish, Jewish, German, Ukrainian and Roma ("Gypsies") in their historical context. Professor Gabriele Simoncini, who lived in the area for many years, accompanies students throughout, lecturing on the historical, political and sociological aspects of the area and the genocidal policies that it suffered under both Nazi and Communist regimes. Students will be guided through the region, seeing for themselves the places that witnessed the worst crimes in recent history and honoring those that suffered there.

During the excursion we will stay in central Krakow, at:

Hotel Radisson Blu
ul Straszewskiego 17
PL-31101 Krakow
www.radissonblu.com

<p><u>Thursday, October 13</u></p> <p><u>2:30pm – 6:30pm</u></p>	<p>Arrival in Krakow. Check in at Hotel Radisson Blu.</p> <p>Meet punctually in the hotel lobby and transfer by private coach to Wieliczka town and Salt Mine. We visit the only mining site in the world functioning continuously since the Middle Ages. Explore the subterranean wonder world featuring numerous corridors, caverns, lakes and chapels – all hidden deep underground. Return to Krakow.</p> <p>Overnight in hotel.</p>
<p><u>Friday, October 14</u></p> <p><u>9:00am – 1:00</u></p> <p><u>2:00pm – 5:00pm</u></p>	<p>Visit of Kazimierz, Krakow historical Jewish District. We experience the unique context of historical synagogues, marketplaces, narrow streets, cemeteries, and tenement houses. Head on to the Jewish Ghetto, visit the main square and the wall's remains. See the original Oskar Schindler's Factory, now a museum.</p> <p>Lunch in a typical Communist restaurant, included in the program. Visit Nowa Huta industrial town, the most relevant Polish example of Communist utopia in social and architectural experimentation, including genocidal policies. Return to the city center. Free time.</p>
<p><u>Saturday, October 15</u></p> <p><u>9:00am – 1:00pm</u></p> <p><u>7:00pm</u></p>	<p>Meet punctually in the hotel lobby to depart by private coach to Auschwitz-Birkenau, the largest of Nazi Germany's death camps and the site of the worst human atrocity of modern times. Return to Krakow.</p> <p>Free time to explore Wawel Castle, the surrounding scenic Vistula river, the Main Market Square and the Mariacki Cathedral.</p> <p>Meet in the hotel lobby to go together to dinner and experience a traditional Polish dinner in the Main Market Square (included in the program).</p>
<p><u>Sunday, October 16</u></p>	<p>Check out from the hotel. Program ends.</p>

NB: Please listen out for any announcements made during the trip, as this itinerary may be subject to change.



RECOMMENDED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

To best match our itinerary most convenient flights are through ALITALIA currently (July 2016) available at approximately 120 EUR via <http://www.skyscanner.it/>
Students participating in the Poland excursion will miss one day of class on Thursday, October 13.

- 1) THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13
ROME FCO – KRAKOW KRK
ALITALIA # AZ 488
DEPARTS 9:35 – ARRIVES 11:40

- 2) SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16
KRAKOW KRK - ROME FCO
ALITALIA FLIGHT # AZ 489
DEPARTS 11:55 – ARRIVES 13:55

We recommend that you book your flights as soon as possible, as prices will increase and it may be difficult to find availability at a later time.