

AIFS - Richmond in Rome excursion to

AUSCHWITZ CAMPS AND KRAKOW, POLAND

Spring Semester 2019: March 14th – 17th

Please, note that the program includes accompanying Richmond staff member, 3 night accommodation w/ breakfast in a centrally located hotel, ground transportation in Krakow for all visits, on site lectures by a Richmond professor, one traditional Polish dinner, one traditional "communist" lunch, sightseeing and entrances as indicated.

Airfare and transfers to/from airport are not included. Students must purchase their own airline tickets.

"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 Romani ("Gypsies") in their historical context. Prof. Simoncini accompanies students throughout the country in which he lived for many years, 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:

**Radisson Blu Hotel Krakow
Straszewskiego 17, 31-101
Kraków, 31-048, Poland
Tel: +48 12 618 8888**

<https://www.radissonblu.com/pl/hotel-krakow>

Thursday 14th	Recommended flight Ryan Air from Ciampino (CIA) to Krakow (KRK) 11:35am. Arrival in Krakow airport at 1:40pm. Train transfer to Hotel.
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	Check in at the hotel. Free time to explore the city and walk to Wawel Castle , stroll around and admire the surrounding scenic Vistula river, the Main Market Square and the Mariacki Cathedral .
Friday 15th <u>9:00am-1:30pm</u>	Meet punctually in the hotel lobby and go visit Kazimierz , Krakow's historical Jewish District. You'll experience the unique context of historical synagogues, marketplaces, narrow streets, cemeteries, and tenement houses. Then, we'll head on to the Jewish Ghetto to visit the main square and the wall's remains. Finally, you'll get to see the original Oskar Schindler's Factory , now a museum.
<u>1:30pm – 2:30pm</u>	Free time for lunch.
<u>2:30pm – 5:30pm</u>	Transfer by private coach to Wieliczka town and Salt Mine . We visit a mining site which had been functioning continuously from the Middle Ages to 1996. Wieliczka Salt Mine is also a world class monument, as it holds twelve items featured on the UNESCO's World Cultural and Natural Heritage List. We will explore the subterranean wonder world with its numerous corridors, caverns, lakes and chapels – all hidden deep underground. Return to hotel.
<u>8:00pm</u>	Traditional Polish dinner in the Main Market Square , included in the program.
Saturday 16th <u>7:30am – 12:30pm</u>	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 time. Return to hotel.
	Free afternoon.
Sunday 17th <u>9:00am – 1:00pm</u>	Check out from hotel and luggage storage. Visit Nowa Huta industrial town, the most relevant Polish example of Communist utopia in social and architectural experimentation, including genocidal policies.
<u>12:00pm-2:00pm</u>	Lunch in a typical Communist restaurant, included in the program.
<u>2:00pm</u>	Return to Radisson Hotel. Program ends. Free afternoon. <u>Students must provide their own transportation to Krakow airport.</u>
<u>8:50pm</u>	Recommended flight Ryan Air from Krakow (KRK) to Ciampino (CIA) at 8:50pm. Arrival in Ciampino airport at 10:50pm.

Transfers to and from airports are not included in the program

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



RECOMMENDED TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

To best match our itinerary, the most convenient flights are through RYANAIR, <http://www.ryanair.com>, currently (November 2018) available for approximately 60 EUR (240 PLN = Zloty, Polish currency).

1) THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH
ROME CIAMPINO (CIA) – KRAKOW (KRK)
RYANAIR FLIGHT # FR 9662
DEPARTS 11:35am – ARRIVES 1:40pm

2) SUNDAY, MARCH 17TH
KRAKOW (KRK) - ROME CIAMPINO (CIA)
RYANAIR FLIGHT # FR 9663
DEPARTS 8:50pm – ARRIVES 10:50pm

Should you decide to arrive earlier and or depart later, you can also search www.skyscanner.com or www.edreams.com for great price offers. Rome has two main airports, Fiumicino (FCO - Leonardo da Vinci) and Ciampino (CIA), both serving main European destinations.

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.