

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL IN ORVIETO

Art, Faith, & History in Italy, Between June 23 – July 8, 2018*

*Exact departure and return dates to be determined

1 semester humanities credit (may serve as a Bible or Fine Arts course for graduation)

Information Sessions:

Wed., May 10 – 3:20pm – Room H122

Tues., May 16 – 7:00pm – FPD Media Center

First Presbyterian Day School returns to Orvieto, Italy, for a two-week study abroad program in 2018. Students and FPD faculty will participate in traveling seminars and discussions, visit local landmarks, experience local culture, as well as visit Rome, Florence and other regional sites. We will focus on literature, art, and history of the Italian Middle Ages and Renaissance in order to better understand the interaction between Christianity and culture both historically and today. Students will participate in reading and discussion next school year in preparation for the trip. The program can accommodate 10-15 students.

COST – \$3996 including airfare and all necessary expenses while in Italy.

APPLICATION AND NONREFUNDABLE DEPOSIT OF \$333 DUE JUNE 20, 2017

PARTICIPANTS – Students who will be in 10th or 11th grade during the 2017-18 school year and are willing to participate in the preliminary readings and discussion.

THE CITY – Orvieto is a town of about 6000 in southwestern Umbria about 2 hours north of Rome. The town dates to Etruscan times and is built on the flat summit of a large butte surrounded by almost vertical cliff faces, historically guarding the road between Rome and Florence. The town is most easily accessed by funicular from the train station below. The town hosts a hospital and other modern healthcare facilities and several US university residential study abroad programs.

ACCOMMODATIONS – Students will stay 2 or 3 to a room at a local hotel. Breakfast is served at the hotel, and other meals will be at local restaurants.

PROGAM – A normal day in Orvieto includes seminars and discussion, landscape painting and other projects, visits to local sites of interest, recreational activities, and such cultural experiences as shopping in an open-air market, or enjoying a gelato or cappuccino at a local shop. Every second or third day, we will take a train or chartered bus to another significant city, including Subiaco, Tivoli, Pienza, Rome, and Florence.

FOR INFORMATION – For questions please e-mail

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“[T]here is another sort of travelling. You can eat the local food . . . , you can share the foreign life, you can begin to see the foreign country as it looks, not to a tourist, but to its inhabitants. You can come home modified, thinking and feeling as you did not think and feel before.” – C. S. Lewis