



10 Days to Departure: GO Rome

June 19, 2018

Rome is just around the corner! Please review this email for final reminders and important arrival information.

Your final newsletter will be sent on June 28th - 1 Day to Departure! Need to catch up on previous newsletters? [Review here!](#)

Frequently Asked Questions Before Departure

- **Where is the packing list?**
 - [Click here](#) to find the packing list.
- **I am not on the group flight but will be flying to Rome on June 30th. Will there be transportation for me at the airport?**
 - All students arriving on the group flight (or earlier that morning) will be included on the group transfer. If you arrive before the group but do NOT plan to take the shuttle, please email info@LeadAbroad.com ASAP. Otherwise, we will be waiting for you at the airport! If you arrive after the group flight, we will reach out to you to confirm your transfer plans.
- **I paid LeadAbroad for my flight. Where can I find my group flight confirmation?**
 - All group flight tickets were emailed on June 4th with the subject line "Your Flight Receipt - (Name) 29JUN18." Be sure to review and print this email. If you did NOT receive your ticket, please contact us ASAP.
- **Will LeadAbroad staff be on my flight?**
 - Since our program staff will already be in Rome preparing for your arrival, we will not have any staff at U.S. airports or on flights to Italy. However, we will have a student flight leader who will be taking attendance at the gate and helping students on the flight connect with each other. Look for [Audrey Mauch](#) at the gate! Should you have questions or problems with your flight, we strongly recommend you speak with an airline representative at the airport as they will be able to assist. Our on-call, U.S. based staff is available for any itinerary changes that will impact your arrival into Rome.
- **Do I need to pack sheets, pillows or towels?**
 - No, these are provided. We do recommend bringing an extra travel/beach towel.
- **Is it too late to book a weekend trip with 4.0 Tours?**
 - It is not too late, but prices have started to increase and final deadlines will be coming soon. The deadline to sign up for the Interlaken trip is June 21st!
- **Should I carry cash? Debit/credit cards? Both?**
 - We do not recommend you bring a lot of U.S. cash to exchange. ATM's are widely available and are the most convenient way to get cash abroad. We recommend you bring a credit card as well.
- **How much spending money should I budget?**
 - [Check out the online budget worksheet.](#) It's extremely important to create a financial plan before you go.
- [Click here for more FAQ's!](#)

Classes, Oglethorpe Email & Moodle Access

- All students should have logged into their Moodle account by Friday, June 15th. An email with instructions was sent, but if you still need assistance, [review details here](#) and reach out to the Oglethorpe Help Desk if you have questions. Your

professors have already started posting in Moodle. **Please check it regularly before departure.**

- As a reminder, you are in the following classes:
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- GO Rome syllabi have been updated and can be found on the program portal [here](#). **Make sure you check if textbooks are required for your classes.** You must purchase and bring them with you to Rome.

Special note for students enrolled in Art History:

- Dr. Collins, your professor in Rome, has finalized tour schedules for these classes as most of the instruction will be out of the classroom and in some of the most incredible museums and historical sites in Rome. Students enrolled in these courses will purchase a tour pass (80 Euros) after arriving in Rome.

Flight Arrivals & Airport Transfers

- If you are flying on the group itinerary from ATL to FCO, be sure to check-in with your group flight leader, [Audrey Mauch](#), at your **departure gate** in ATL.
- Audrey will have a LeadAbroad sign posted at the gate and will be taking attendance at the **departure gate** to Rome.
- [Click here for list of all flight itineraries](#). **All students arriving at 10:40am or earlier will be included on the group transfer.**
- If you are flying into Rome on June 30 at 10:40 or earlier but do NOT plan to take the group shuttle, please notify us by emailing info@LeadAbroad.com. Otherwise, we will be waiting for you at the airport.
- If you miss a flight and will not make it to Rome on your original itinerary, **please go directly to the airline counter** as soon as possible to re-book your ticket.
- When you have your new flight details, [please fill out this form](#) notifying us of your **FINAL LEG** into Rome.
- Our on-call staff will be monitoring flights and responses to the form above. We will work with your program director to make sure a plan is in place for your arrival if you are delayed.

Accommodations Address & Check-In

- Check-in at will begin at **1:00 p.m. on June 30:**

St. John's University
Rome Campus
[Via Marcantonio Colonna, 21A](#)
[Rome, Italy 00192](#)
Tel: +39 06 393842

- If you plan to meet us at the dorms, please arrive at the start of check-in. Remember, if you arrive at 10:40am or earlier but do NOT plan to take the shuttle, please email info@LeadAbroad.com.

GO Rome Orientation Reminder (Required for all participants)

- Your program-specific orientation video is now available:
 - [GO Rome Pre-Departure Orientation](#)
- You are also required to watch the general orientation for all programs:
 - [LeadAbroad Pre-Departure Orientation: All Programs](#)
- If you have not already submitted your [Pre-Departure Form](#) in your portal, please watch the videos linked above and review the questions simultaneously.

Print Your Welcome Packet

- [Please review and print the 2018 Rome Welcome Packet](#)
- Be sure to bring this welcome packet with you to Rome!

Tips for Flying

- Arrive at the airport three hours before your international flight.
- Check your bags all the way through to Rome.
- **Pack one day worth of clothes and your "must-haves" in your carry on.**
- Try to sleep on the flight. The first few days are BUSY!
- If you are not arriving with the group, you are responsible for the cost of your transportation to the accommodations. Please meet us at your assigned dorm at the start of check-in.
- Want more tips on flying? [Click here!](#)

Layover Policy

- LeadAbroad strongly encourages all students to remain at the airport during any layover en route to their final destination. If, however, a student chooses to leave the airport, they are responsible for themselves, their bags and returning to the airport three hours prior to departure. Though staff will always be available to help students in any way possible, LeadAbroad will not be responsible for any expenses incurred because of a missed flight.

Roommate Assignments

- Please be sure to review the [2018 GO Rome Housing Summary & Policies](#).
- [Click here for roommate assignments](#)
- **Please note that roommates and room types are subject to change until check-in.** We will post any housing changes in the forthcoming newsletters.

Review the updated packing list

- [Click here for an updated packing list!](#)
- Do not bring more bags than you can carry yourself.
- Check baggage policies for ALL airlines you are flying this summer.
- **It can get very hot in Rome during the summer.** Consider bringing lightweight clothing and a small portable fan.
- ****If you are in Italian Renaissance Art History,** plan to pack a hat, sunscreen, comfortable walking shoes and a large water bottle to carry on your tours.

Other Pre-Departure Reminders

- [Order an outlet adapter](#)
- Notify your bank of your travel plans online or over the phone. Be sure to include your layover locations.
- [Create a budget](#) with your parents.
- [Complete your self-care plan.](#)
- Bring two ways to access money (i.e. debit card and credit card).
- **Do not overpack.** Always check your airline for baggage restrictions and details.
- Change your voicemail.
- Leave a copy of your passport at home with your emergency contact.
- Visit your doctor and have all of your prescriptions filled.
- If you plan to use your cell phone, talk with your carrier about international plans and data usage rates.
- Print your return itinerary and have it with you when you go through customs. Remember, you're traveling as a tourist.
- **Hug your parents and say, "Thank you!"**

Your Next Newsletter: [June 28, 2018 - 1 Day to Departure!](#) What information will be coming?

- Final reminders and tips
- Who to contact in case of emergency

