



## GO Rome December Newsletter

**December 9, 2020**

Congrats on making it through the *longest year ever*, otherwise known as 2020! For those I have not had the chance to talk to yet, I'm Michael - your onboarding expert and go-to resource for all things pre-program! Over the last few years, I've worked with thousands of students to help prepare for their epic adventures abroad, and ***I'm more ready than ever*** to help **YOU** get abroad this summer.

As we reach the end of the fall semester, we are excited to look towards the new year and share our very first newsletter for summer 2021! You can expect monthly updates until we get closer to departure. At that point, we will be in touch more often to make sure you're 100% prepared. [All newsletters will be posted online here](#) so you can always catch up if you miss an email!

As always, text me at **404.496.4095** or email **info@LeadAbroad.com** with any questions!

### What's Important Now

#### Payment Schedule

***\$1,500 2nd Installments due January 15th\*\****

- ***\*\*Deferred students from summer 2020 will have adjusted invoices to reflect credits and any balance owed.\*\****
- Beginning in January, you will be able to access invoices in your portal to submit program fees. 2nd installment payments of \$1,500 are due January 15th for all students accepted before December 15th.\*\*
- [Click here for the full payment schedule](#)

#### Your Classes Abroad

- Most students have been placed into classes! Your schedule is below:
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  - If you were recently accepted, you may not have a class placement yet (bullets are blank above). Be sure to submit the Academic Form in your portal.

- To request a class change, please submit the **Class Change Form** in your portal. We will try our best to accommodate your request; however, we cannot guarantee a change will be made. Some classes are full with a waiting list.
- Be sure to research your school's requirements for credit transfer. Your best resource to start this process is your academic advisor - start that process ASAP!
- All GO Rome syllabi can be found on the [accepted student page here](#).

### Apply for (or renew) your passport ASAP

- If you do not have a passport, your current passport is expired, or your passport expires anytime in 2021, start the process to get a passport or renew as soon as possible. The Department of State is estimating **up to 12 weeks of processing time**, so we strongly encourage everyone to take these steps now to avoid stress later!
- [Click here to get started on applying for \(or renewing\) your passport!](#)

### Flight Planning

- We know many students and families are eager to plan flights and use credits from cancelled travel in 2020. Given the pandemic's impact on airlines, flight schedules are still changing often, especially for international routes.
- In February, we will post specific recommended itineraries to Rome for students to book. We suggest waiting to book flights until we provide those recommendations.
- If you'd like to book flights before we post our recommended group itineraries, [click here to review the recommended travel times](#) to ensure your flight lines up with our group transportation plans. This is when *most* flights from the U.S. arrive in Rome, and we fully expect our official group flight recommendation will be in the timeframe as well!

### Connect with your fellow travelers

- Ready to get to know other students joining you abroad? [Join our program Facebook group!](#) *(sorry parents - this group is for students only!)*
- We also encourage you to join our program GroupMe - [click here to join!](#)

