Fact Sheet

The Cities of Vesuvius: Ancient Greeks & Romans on the Bay of Naples
Cuma, Italy
January 12-23, 2016

Offered by the Classics Department in collaboration with the College of Advancing and Professional Studies.

You will visit:
- Baiae
- Benevento
- Capri
- Capua
- Cumae
- Herculaneum
- Ischia
- La Solfatara
- Lake Avernus
- Misenum
- Mt. Vesuvius
- Naples
- Oplontis
- Paestum
- Pompeii
- Pozzuoli
- Sperlonga
- Stabiae
- Terracina

The Program
Based at the Villa Vergiliana, Cuma, this program will take you on a guided journey through the famous sites of mythology and history along the beautiful Bay of Naples. We will visit the archaeological sites and several museums which preserve the artifacts from two millennia of Greco-Roman culture.

The Bay of Naples was always one of the most important centers of Classical culture and part of the European Grand Tour of the 18th & 19th centuries. It entered western literature as the site of Odysseus’ encounter with the Sirens in Homer’s Odyssey and later was the place where Aeneas consulted the Sibyl of Cumae and descended to the underworld in Vergil’s Aeneid. This was the historic foothold of the colonizing Greeks when they established their cities at Pithecussai (Ischia) and Cumae; the Greek alphabet that they brought with them became the basis of the Latin, and later the English, alphabet. Here was a series of decisive moments in the Punic, Social, and Slave Wars of the Roman Republic: both Hannibal and Spartacus fought battles here.

The eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD made this the graveyard of Pompeii, Herculaneum, and hundreds of lavish Roman villas. Celebrated here were the famous estates of the Roman elite, the aqueduct of Augustus, the real extravagances of Nero, and the fictional eccentricities of Petronius. Greeks, Etruscans, Samnites, Lucanians, and Romans lived here.

Highlights
- Unique access to the Roman cities and villas buried by Mt. Vesuvius.
- Educational excursions to the islands of Capri and Ischia. Visit ancient villas and see firsthand where Greek colonists first established a base in Italy.
- Walk the ancient roads of many towns in the shadow of Vesuvius, in the footsteps of ancient Greek adventurers and Roman gladiators.

Academic Credit
CLSICS 278: The Cities of Vesuvius
3 credits; satisfies a World Cultures (WC) distribution.

A non-credit option is available for those who wish to partake in this experience but do not need academic credit.

Who Can Apply
This course is open to all University of Massachusetts Boston students. Individuals from other colleges and universities are also welcome to apply.

A valid passport is required for travel to Italy.
Application Deadline

Application deadline: November 1, 2015.

Early applications are strongly recommended as space is limited. Applications received after the deadline will be considered if space is available.

Applications can be downloaded at: caps.umb.edu/international/

Program Fee

At press time, the program fee is TBA. Join our study abroad mailing list to be notified when fee information is announced and other program updates.

Faculty

Randall Colaizzi, PhD, senior lecturer in Classics at UMass Boston.

Professor Colaizzi excavated at Nemea, Greece, with the University of California, Berkeley program. He has taken student and tourist groups to the Bay of Naples for the last 15 years. He regularly teaches CLSICS 278: The Cities of Vesuvius as an online and classroom course at UMass Boston, along with Classics/History 306L (Roman Archaeology), and other classical civilization and Latin courses.

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