

Thank you for your interest in joining our international immersion with the University of St. Augustine scheduled for April 6-15, 2019. We are thrilled that you will be part of our educational experience to learn about the culture, community, education, and healthcare aspects of a country that is rated so highly with the World Health Organization. I am sure you will have so much to learn!

I would like to share with you the financial details of the trip at this point. There is room for spouses or significant others (adults only) in case they are interested. Custom Europe (our trip vendor) is willing to work out alternative itineraries for those spouses who may not want all of the health-specific educational experiences. However, during our last trip, the spouses and friends of our students participated in every detail of the educational trip.

I would like to once again express the importance of understanding the purpose of this trip. This trip is focused on educating participants on culture, community, education and healthcare systems and does not include time for sightseeing or shopping. However, Custom Europe will make every effort to incorporate time into our educational schedule to allow for shopping for souvenirs. If your interest is to sightsee then please consider adding a few days before or after the identified time frame of the educational dates. Please refer to the itinerary. Remember, itinerary is subject to change.

How, When, and To Whom to Pay for the International Trip?

Cost of the Trip: The cost of the trip to the student, alumni, or guest is \$3600. This covers all expenses (i.e., hotels, meals, bus transportation, professional activities, tour guides, interpreters, entrance fees). Please note this cost does not include flight costs. The travel vendor (Custom Europe) prices the trips according to non-profit standards and will receive payments directly. Students will also be responsible for paying for the tuition for the 3-credit course associated with the educational immersion trip.

In summary, there are two separate costs: \$3,600 for the trip cost to Custom Europe; tuition cost for the corresponding 3-credit course to USAHS (students only).

Please read the following message from Custom Europe.

Greetings and Happy New Year,

We are all excited that you will be joining us for our spring trip to Italy.

Please hold off from making flight arrangements until further notice. In February, prices sometimes drop, and at this time, there is no rush.

Soon you will be getting information about going over a day early as an option. Many did that for our November trip, and it proved to be a good decision. We will have a recommended hotel (strictly your option) and the bus will be there to take you to the airport (5-10 minutes) to pick up the arriving group on Sunday, and then we will begin our tour of Ancient Rome public health. You have the option of relaxing at the hotel, maybe having dinner on the beach, or perhaps going the short distance to the old Roman port. And one of the largest shopping malls in Europe is right there too.

So please hang on for a little while and then you can make your decision and arrange your flight.

Thanks, Don Dodson

Cancellation Policy: A **\$500 non-refundable deposit** will be due at the time the trip registration to reserve your spot. Additional payments will be required incrementally (outlined below).

Payment: Checks are made and mailed directly to:

**Custom Europe
1722 Main Street
Suite 200
Columbia, SC 29201**

Please include the following details on your check. Name/email address. Also, identify whether you are a student, alumni, or guest.

Payment Schedule	Amount Due	Date:	
Deposit	\$500	ASAP	The deposit is non-refundable
1st payment	1000.00	January 5, 2019	
2nd payment	1050.00	January 20, 2019	
Final payment	1050.00	February 5, 2019	
Total	\$3,600.00		

Itinerary Changes: The itinerary changes if the university requests it. The itinerary has been worked out to benefit students based on university goals and objectives, mission and vision, and student and program goals. Unexpected conditions could force some changes (e.g., weather or so-called acts of God). The only change might be if something happened that would enhance the trip (e.g., a major international conference which falls during the trip time).