

DESIGNED IN ITALY

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Summary of TOUR PRESENTATION

Friday, 15 Jan 2010 – 3:30pm
NUS School of Design & Environment, LR422

Ergo:
TRAVEL

DESIGNED IN ITALY – Design as it is lived in Italy

Travel Period within Italy	Fri 14 May to Wed 2 June 2010 (20 days/19 nights)
Departure from Singapore	Thu 13 May 2010 (late evening)
Return to Singapore	Thu 3 June 2010 (late afternoon)



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Cost of land arrangements S\$3300 for students
S\$3760 for others

- A **downpayment of S\$500** per person is required to register for this tour.
- Travel insurance is *compulsory*. This must cover the full travel period between 13 May to 3 June 2010, and may be either bought separately on your own or from Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd. for **\$125** (AIG Assist - Classic plan) as desired.



Suggested Flights

Singapore to Italy

Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive
Thu 13 May	LH779	2305h Singapore	0530h+1 Frankfurt
Fri 14 May	LH3840	0730h Frankfurt	0915h Rome

Italy to Singapore

Date	Flight	Depart	Arrive
Wed 2 Jun	LH3889	1825h Milan	0915h Frankfurt
Wed 2 Jun	LH778	2155h Frankfurt	1530h +1 Singapore

Notes

- Special fare of **\$805** (excl. taxes and other charges) for those coming on tour, with possibility of postponing date of return (subject to availability and possible additional charge).
- Airport taxes, fuel surcharge and other charges currently estimated to be approx. \$680.
- Students can also arrange their own flights if they have special requirements such as arriving at an earlier date, from or to a different country, etc.
- For arrivals at a different time of day, students are to consult Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd. For advice on reaching the hotel on their own.

Critical Dates

Registration begins	Fri 15 Jan 2010	That's today!
All names to be provided by	Fri 12 Feb 2010	
Deposits (\$500/pax) accepted until	Fri 19 Feb 2010	
Last day for remaining payments	Mon 15 Mar 2010	
Final briefing for tour participants	Mon 10 May 2010	(to be confirmed)



Tour Structure 1/2

1. Coach transfer to & from airport and between towns.
2. Transport within towns by coach, boat or on foot, with special passes provided in Rome and Milan for free public transport.
3. Accommodations in a variety of lodging types and environments, as well as room sharing types from twin-share to 6-bed halls.
4. Breakfast is always provided, together with 10 other meals during the course of the trip, either lunch or dinner.
5. Any food restrictions *must* be made known to the Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd. prior to booking so that appropriate measures can be taken.



Tour Structure 2/2

6. All orientation walks are led by Huang Eu Chai together with a licenced local expert guide, and accompanied by a lecturer from IUAV for most of the tour.
7. Group activities are planned to have a minimum of commentary to allow students to develop own observation of built environments.
8. Open discussion is actively encouraged.
9. Free time without planned activities are scheduled for each major location to allow students to carry out their own exploration.
10. There will be a few organised activities not strictly related to design per se, but are included to provide a comprehensive overview of the cultural context.



Activities *not* strictly related to Design?

1. Local restaurants and markets – local food customs and way of life.
2. Val d'Orcia – agricultural land *par excellence*.
3. Chianti – classic Tuscan countryside.
4. The Dolomites – rural alpine environment.
5. Sant'Antimo – 12th century abbey with monks and Gregorian chanting.
6. Optional guided tours of the Uffizi and other art museums (at additional cost).
7. Optional visit to a vineyard with simple wine-tasting (at additional cost).



What is it like in May?

1. Late spring – temperatures between 13-23° C
2. Long daylight hours – from approx. 6am to 8:30pm, increasing over the trip.
3. Mostly good sunny weather, with occasional rain.
4. Low humidity except in Venice and Milan.
5. Growing season for many crops, poppies growing wild.
6. Strawberries and cherries on sale.
7. High tourist season, places crowded.



What to prepare for the trip?

1. Long and short sleeve tops with jacket or windbreaker over, a pullover for colder weather, and good walking shoes (preferably leather).
2. Sketchbook, still or video camera, other methods of documentation, guidebooks as desired, and perhaps a small tape measure and a torch light.
3. About €500 to €800 in cash for own meals, snacks and miscellaneous entrance fees for sites visited during own time.
4. Laptops are entirely optional, but leave your i-Pods behind...
5. Travel **light!**



Programme 1/2

Day			overnight	
	Thu	13 May	Depart Singapore 2305h	
1	Fri	14 May	Arrive Rome; orientation of Historic Centre (HC)	Rome
2	Sat	15 May	EUR - Museum of Roman Civilisation; Ostia Antica ●	Rome
3	Sun	16 May	Excursion to Tivoli - Villa d'Este ●	Rome
4	Mon	17 May	Olympic Village, MAXXI, Parco della Musica, Vatican City ●	Rome
5	Tue	18 May	Transfer to Assisi; orientation of HC	Assisi
6	Wed	19 May	Eremo delle Carceri; Roman arena; San Rufino ●	Assisi
7	Thu	20 May	Excursion to Perugia ●	Assisi
8	Fri	21 May	Transfer to Siena; orientation of HC	Siena
9	Sat	22 May	Val d'Orcia; Sant'Antimo; San Gimignano ●	Siena
10	Sun	23 May	Transfer to Florence; orientation of HC	Florence

● More than 3 hours of available free time

N.B. Activities subject to variation

Programme 2/2

Day			overnight	
11	Mon	24 May	Central market; Boboli Gardens ●	Florence
12	Tue	25 May	Salvatore Ferragamo Museum ●	Florence
13	Wed	26 May	Bologna and Padua; transfer to Venice	Venice
14	Thu	27 May	Orientation of Venice Historic Centre; San Marco	Venice
15	Fri	28 May	IUAV; Fondazione Masieri ●	Venice
16	Sat	29 May	Dolomites; Bassano del Grappa; transfer to Vicenza	Vicenza
17	Sun	30 May	Orientation of Vicenza Historic Centre; Palladian villas ●	Vicenza
18	Mon	31 May	Verona; transfer to Milan	Milan
19	Tue	1 June	Orientation of Milan Historic Centre ●	Milan
20	Wed	2 June	Triennale di Milano - Design Museum; depart Milan ●	
	Thu	3 June	Arrive in Singapore 1550h	

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Payments

- A **downpayment of S\$500** per person is required to register for this tour.
- Payments by cheque in favour of “**Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd.**”
Please write “**Designed in Italy**” at back of cheque along with the **name(s) of the person(s)** who are participating in this tour being paid for.
- Travel insurance is *compulsory*. This must cover the full travel period between 13 May to 3 June 2010, and may be either bought separately on your own or from Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd. for **\$125** (AIG Assist - Classic plan) as desired.
- Cheque payments made after today may be left with the Dept. of Architecture office. Please ensure that all relevant information is provided together with the cheque.



Payments

Crossed cheques to	Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd.
Write at back of cheque	Designed in Italy Name(s) of participant(s)
Post your cheques to	Ergo: Travel Pte. Ltd. 23 Holland Drive #24-108 Singapore 270023



UNESCO World Heritage Sites visited in this trip

1. Historic Centre of Rome, the Properties of the Holy See in that City Enjoying Extraterritorial Rights and San Paolo Fuori le Mura (1980)
2. Historic Centre of Florence (1982)
3. Vatican City (1984)
4. Venice and its Lagoon (1987)
5. Historic Centre of San Gimignano (1990)
6. City of Vicenza and the Palladian Villas of the Veneto (1994)
7. Historic Centre of Siena (1995)
8. Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites (2000)
9. City of Verona (2000)
10. Villa d'Este, Tivoli (2001)
11. Val d'Orcia, Tuscany (2004)
12. The Dolomites (2009)



ITALY - facts and figures

- Has an area of 301,230 km², slightly smaller than Malaysia, and some 430 times larger than Singapore.
- Population 58.1 million people; 193 pers/km²
- Mainly Mediterranean climate, alpine in the far north, hot & dry in the south.
- Highest elevation 4748m (Mont Blanc).
- Highly varied terrain from flat plains to rolling hills to rugged mountains.
- Has Europe's highest and most active volcanoes: Etna, Vesuvius and Stromboli.
- Led Europe in cultural evolution throughout history, but became a country only in 1861.
- Rome is the capital city today, but only became so after Turin and Florence.
- Contains two other sovereign states – San Marino and the Holy See (Vatican City)
- There are Italians in Italy who are not Italian: Slovacs, Greeks, Albanians, Tiroleans, Ladins, Rom, etc.
- There is a multitude of dialects and languages spoken, and not all Italians speak Italian.