



Health & Safety Handout for Education Abroad Programs

Program Name:

Montepulciano Summer Program Study Abroad in Tuscany

Countries/Cities to be visited during program (overnight stays):

Montepulciano, Italy

The EAO encourages students to take responsibility for their own safety and security by carefully reading the information, advice, and resources provided, including the following websites:

CDC Website (Health Information for Travelers):

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/destinations/traveler/none/Italy>

State Department Website (International Travel Information):

Italy: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/country/italy.html>

Students Abroad: <http://studentsabroad.state.gov/smarttravel.php>

Traveling with Disabilities: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/go/disabilities.html>

LGBT Travel Information: <http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/go/lgbt.html>

You should be up to date on routine vaccinations while traveling to any destination. Some additional vaccines may also be required for travel. Routine vaccines include measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine, diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis vaccine, varicella (chickenpox) vaccine, polio vaccine, and your yearly flu shot. The CDC may also recommend additional vaccines or medications depending on where and when you are traveling. Please consult with your doctor/medical professional if you have questions or concerns regarding which vaccines/medicines are right for you.

Country Specific Vaccinations/Medications:

N/A

- *Familiarize yourself with attitudes, local laws, and customs of the countries to which you are traveling.*
- *Remember that no matter how safe you feel there is crime everywhere. Pick-pocketing and theft of a purse or bag is most common. Use common sense; stay aware of your surroundings.*



- ***To avoid being a target of crime, do not wear conspicuous clothing or expensive jewelry and do not carry excessive amounts of money or unnecessary credit cards.***
- ***Avoid traveling alone or at night. Always tell someone your travels plans including your destination, hotel, dates of travel, and method of travel.***
- ***Avoid protest groups or other potentially volatile situations.***

City/region specific safety information:

Montepulciano, Italy, is a safe, secure Tuscan hillside town. However, when going out at night or when travelling to some of the larger cities, such as Siena, Florence, and Rome, students should remain aware of their surroundings, travel with other students in the program, and behave responsibly. While crime in the larger cities tends to be minor, students should be aware of their belongings, especially in places like subways and trains where pickpockets frequent. However, the single greatest danger in the larger cities is traffic. Students should be alert to drivers on the road who might not be aware of them.

Country specific advice/tips for local travel:

Montepulciano is a Tuscan hillside town, whose two directions tend to be “up” or “down.” Students be aware that they will be doing a lot of walking in Montepulciano as well as during fieldtrips to Rome, Florence, and other fieldtrip locations. Students should be in relatively good shape, or they may find the trips and the walking in Montepulciano difficult.

Emergency Information:

Police Station: Polizia Distaccamento di Polizia Stradale, Via Matteotti, 38, Montepulciano (SI), Italy, 53045. The phone number is (+39)0578-717473.

U.S. Diplomatic Mission to Italy (U.S. Embassy in Rome) via Vittorio Veneto 121 00187 Rome, Italy Tel. (+39) 06-46741 (switchboard) Fax (+39) 06-488.2672

U.S. Consulate in Florence Lungarno Vespucci, 38 50123 Florence, Italy Tel. (+39) 055.266.951 (+39) 055.266.951 Fax (+39) 055.284.088

Hospital Valdichiana-Pronto Soccorso Loc. Nottola, Montepulciano, 53045, Tel. (+39)057-871-3111

Scuola di Italiano Il Sasso (+39)0578-758311

Emergency Doctor -118 Police - 112

KSU Emergency Number 770-423-6666

Radio Taxi - Florence +39-055-4242 Radio Taxi - Rome +39-06-3570 Radio Taxi - Montepulciano +39-348-2868790



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