

GIF Budget Planning Tool

All prices are ESTIMATES listed in US Dollars – based on general, non-specific conversion from Euros. This sheet is to provide a frame of reference for an average traveler for a semester at Gonzaga-in-Florence. With good planning and budgeting, students could plan to spend less than \$5,000; yet it also reflects how costs can add up quickly. A good starting point is an average of 175-200 Euros per week (or 185-215 USD per week).

Expense Description	Comments/Notes	Min	Max	YOUR COST
Tuition and Fees	12-18 hours	\$20,270		
Room & Board	Housing for program dates; 14 meals per week	\$5,600		
Opening Tour	Opening Tour is a mandatory part of the program	\$620 Spring	\$1,500 Fall	
Technology Fee	Required for GIF campus	\$270		
Program Deposit	Towards the total billed balance	(\$500)		
	Billed to Student	\$26,260	\$27,140	
	Scholarships/Financial Aid	Subtract from Above		
		AMOUNT OWED TO GONZAGA		
Additional Personal Out of Pocket Expenses				
International airfare	Price will vary based on itinerary and time of purchase.	\$1,200	\$1,800	
In-Country travel & local transportation	Trains will be most affordable and vary based on where traveling within Italy	\$8 per ride	\$30 per ride	
Books & Supplies	Will vary if bring own supplies or will purchase. Books will vary based on courses	\$50	\$500	
Meals not included in program fee (approximately 140)	Produce, meats, cheeses, pizza, sandwiches less than \$15 per meal Restaurants range between 15-30 per meal	\$1,400 (\$10/meal)	\$2,800 (\$20/meal)	
Essential daily living (toiletries, laundry, etc)	Laundry \$6-10 per load (wash & dry) recommend to share with others. Toiletries will be similar to US prices	\$100	\$250	
Communications (phone card, cell, data)	\$50-100/month depending on usage/wants. Italian cell phones are affordable and wi-fi is widely available.	\$160	\$500	
Emergency cash	Recommend bringing a credit card to use in emergencies as to not have to "bring" emergency funds.	\$200	\$500	
Spending Money	Activities at GIF, school sponsored day trips, gelato, coffee, entertainment	\$700 (\$50/week)	\$1,400 (\$100/week)	
Independent travel	Depending on where you're traveling flights alone are going to range from about \$75 – \$250 in Europe. Accommodations will also vary depending on how many people are traveling together.	\$400 1 trip	\$1,600 4 trips	
School sponsored trips	The following are examples from previous GIF trips. List priced is an ESTIMATE. Personal: means additional expenses like meals not included, souvenirs, and independent free time activities	Rome: \$295 + personal Venice: \$180 + personal Poland: \$365 + flight + personal Budapest: \$390 + flight + personal Spain: \$480 + flight + personal		
		\$900 2 trips	\$2000 4 trips	
TOTAL ESTIMATED PERSONAL EXPENSES		\$5,110	\$11,350	

Additional Resources:

[Currency converter site](#) Be sure to look at currencies and the exchange rate of places you plan to travel.

[Cost of Living in Florence](#) | [Florence General Costs](#) | [How to Create a Study Abroad Budget](#)