

Visiting Gonzaga in Florence

Parents & family are welcome to visit the Gonzaga in Florence program during the semester your Zag is a participant. The Study Abroad Office hopes the following guide will assist you in your planning.

WHEN to GO

- ⇒ The GIF semester [calendar is online](#) and provides dates of holidays and important academic periods. Classes are Monday through Thursday.
- ⇒ GIF typically hosts a Family Weekend each fall semester. Watch parent monthly emails for more information! Monthly emails begin after your student has been accepted and committed to the program.
- ⇒ We ask that when visiting you *AVOID mid-terms and the week of finals*.
- ⇒ School sponsored travel weekends are scheduled throughout the semester, approximately 4-5 per each term. Approximately 2 months prior to the start of the program, students will be given the trip dates and destinations.
- ⇒ Students will hopefully be more familiar with the city, culture, and language later in the semester compared with earlier.

WHERE to STAY

- ⇒ The GIF program does not have or provide accommodations for visitors or alumni. Refer the links to the right for nearby options.
- ⇒ Due to Italian government regulations, visitors are not permitted to stay overnight with students in their pensioni/homestay.
- ⇒ In some cases, depending on the pensione, students can often make arrangements for their visitors to stay at other pensioni (sometimes at a discounted price) owned by their pensione managers. GIF participants should contact the pensione manager about this upon arrival.
- ⇒ GIF participants will be given their specific housing details and address prior to their departure, once it is available.

SUGGESTIONS

Travel Pre or Post Program
Travel before or after the program is a viable option should you want to spend more time with your student without having to coordinate with their academic schedule.

Entry requirements for US Citizens permit individuals to enter simply with their passport as a tourist for up to 90 days. Be sure to check the [U.S. Dept. of State website](#) for current restrictions and regulations.

♦ [Parent FAQs](#)

Helpful Online articles:

- ♦ [Sightseeing Tips](#)
- ♦ [Travel Tips about Transportation](#)
- ♦ [Booking Flights](#)
- ♦ [Timing Your Trip](#)

Accommodations:

- ♦ [Hotel Giglio](#)
- ♦ [Hotel Orto de' Medici](#)
- ♦ [Hotel Athenaeum](#)
- ♦ [Galileo Hotel](#)
- ♦ [Hotel Mario](#)