



# *URBS AETERNA*

SPRING BREAK TRIP TO ROME, 2016

RIVERDALE COUNTRY SCHOOL



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



THE PAIDEIA INSTITUTE

## ABOUT THE PAIDEIA INSTITUTE

The Paideia Institute for Humanistic Study, Inc. is a non-profit organization whose mission is to promote the study of the classical humanities through innovative, experienced-based educational programming in the U.S. and abroad. Founded in 2010, the Institute currently attracts talented and motivated students across America to its Living Latin and Greek summer programs. Additionally, the Institute partners with high schools and universities to design customized educational experiences in Italy, Greece, and elsewhere in Western Europe. Paideia staff members all have advanced degrees in Classics or related fields and extensive experience in the countries where we operate.

The Paideia Institute is committed to providing American students with authentic experiences abroad.

### **A Paideia student reads the memoirs of St. Augustine at Ostia.**



We strive to surpass the ordinary study-abroad experience and put students into supervised but direct contact with the cultures they visit, both ancient and modern. The goal of all of our programs is to provide experiences that integrate history, literature, and language with the students' direct experience of foreign cultures. Paideia students can be found declaiming Cicero in the Roman Forum or reading Pliny the Younger in the ruins of Pompeii. We take a personal interest in every student we teach and are committed to showing them how a subtle appreciation of the humanities can make their lives fuller and richer.

# INSTITUTE STAFF FOR THIS PROGRAM

A Paideia Teaching Assistant (TBD) will accompany your group for the duration of the program. Paideia Teaching Assistants are trained classicists who speak fluent Italian and have extensive experience living and teaching in Italy. Your Paideia TA will manage all of the logistics of your trip so you can concentrate on teaching. However, your TA can also help you teach on site, assist you when preparing your lessons, and help you deal with emergencies, should they arise.

In addition to your TA, one of the Institute's directors will be assigned to your group and will be on call 24/7 in case of emergencies, and will visit periodically throughout the program to check in and participate.

## DIRECTORS



**ERIC HEWETT** is a long-time resident of Rome, where he teaches Latin and Italian at the university level. For the past five years he has also worked as a private docent for Context Travel. Eric has a Ph.D. in Medieval Philosophy from the University of Salerno and an M.A. in Patristic Sciences from the Augustinian Pontifical University in Rome.

Since 2011, Eric has managed the European operations of the Paideia Institute and has taught and directed its summer programs.

**JASON PEDICONE** is the Paideia Institute's co-founder and Director of U.S. Operations. He has a Ph.D. in Classics from Princeton University. He has taught Latin and Greek at the university level in the U.S. and Europe.

Jason has years of experience leading student trips to Italy. Since 2011, he has taught and directed Paideia's summer programs and has worked to coordinate trips abroad for American high schools and universities.



# PAIDEIA INSTITUTE TEACHING ASSISTANTS



**J**OSEPH CONLON has a B.A. in Classics from Reed College and is now a Ph.D. student at Princeton University. He is currently a visiting student at Ludwig Maximilians University in Munich. Joe has studied Classical Chinese, Japanese, Old Norse, and Old English. For his dissertation he is writing a commentary on a play by Plautus.



**C**HRIS COCHRAN received his B.A. in Classics from Princeton University, where he wrote his thesis on Synesius of Cyrene. In addition to his literary interests, he loves archaeological sites and has participated in excavations at Stryme in northern Greece. He is an alumnus of the Paideia Institute's first Living Latin in Rome program in 2011. He also participated in Living Latin in New York City 2013, and taught for Living Latin and Greek at Germantown Friends School. He is one of Paideia's Rome Fellows for 2014-15.



**A**MY GARLAND received her B.A. in Classics at Princeton University, where she wrote a thesis investigating Plato's views and practice of rhetoric in the Republic. As well as loving all things classical, Amy enjoys listening to and writing about music. She is an alumna of Living Latin in Rome, 2011, and is one of Paideia's Rome Fellows for 2014-15.



**G**ENE CUNNINGHAM received his B.A. in Classical Languages from the University of California, Berkeley. He has lived in France, Switzerland, and Rome, and is now studying at the University of Münster. His area of interest is Ancient and Medieval philosophy. He participated in Living Latin in Rome in 2013, Living Greek in Greece in 2012 and 2013, and Living Latin in Paris in 2013. He was Paideia's Rome Fellow for 2013-14.

[For a more complete list of Paideia TA's, visit our website.](#)

# PROGRAM DETAILS

We are delighted that **Riverdale Country School** is partnering with the Paideia Institute for its **Spring Trip in 2016**. This program includes:



## TRANSPORTATION

- ▶ Flights to and from Italy
- ▶ Public transportation passes for the duration of the trip
- ▶ Inter-city travel by private coach

## ACCOMMODATION

- ▶ Housing in hotels or guesthouses in the city center
- ▶ Double or triple rooms for students
- ▶ Private single rooms for chaperones

## FOOD

- ▶ Breakfast buffet every morning
- ▶ Dinner every night at one of our favorite restaurants

## GUIDING, CHAPERONING AND SUPPORT

- ▶ Curriculum designed to create an itinerary best suited to the academic interests of the group
- ▶ Knowledgeable, Italian and Latin-speaking chaperoning and logistical support for the entire trip
- ▶ Entrance tickets to all sites and museums
- ▶ Italian cell phones for all teachers and chaperones

## NOT INCLUDED

- ▶ Extra baggage costs
- ▶ Lunch, gelato, snacks, and souvenirs (Minimum recommended amount to bring for these items is \$250.)

**“I will never forget all the moments on this trip when I really felt Classical texts come to life.” Elodi Healy, Living Latin in Rome ‘12 student**

# ITINERARY

## **Sunday, March 20 (In Transit)**

Fly out of USA

## **Monday, March 21 (Arrival Day)**

AM - Arrival at Naples Airport, Check into Hotel

PM - Vesuvius

## **Tuesday, March 22**

AM- Pompeii

PM - Herculaneum, Transfer to Rome

## **Wednesday, March 23**

AM - Roman Forum and Palatine Hill

PM - Coliseum

## **Thursday, March 24**

Day Trip to Hadrian's Villa and Tivoli

## **Friday, March 25**

AM - Villa Borghese and Spanish Steps

PM - Free afternoon

## **Saturday, March 26**

AM - Vatican Museums

PM - St Peter's Basilica

## **Sunday, March 27**

AM - Transfer to Fiumicino Airport

PM - Flight to USA



**Paideia students trek up Mt. Vesuvius to read Pliny's letter at the top.**