GOLD PACKAGE
Rolling check in starting Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at the FSU Florence Study Center
Specific meet-up times and locations to be announced. Attendees are welcome to travel to all events with International Programs staff.

Highlights:
- Anniversary Gala dinner at the Renaissance Palazzo Borghese
- Tour of the Study Center – Palazzo degli Alessandri
- FSU guided walking tour of Florence
- Guided tour of the Palazzo Vecchio and its Secret Passageways
- Guided tour of the Palazzo Davanzati
- Cooking lessons and Dinner

*Plans and times are subject to change, due to unexpected events and/or new opportunities.

Additional Inclusion:
Welcome Bag
6 Meal vouchers (worth 30 euro)
One 24 hour double-decker bus pass (worth 20 euro)

Package Price: $140.00

Free Time Suggestions:
There is a reason Florence was named by Conde Nast as one of the world’s greatest cities for travelers – there is something for everyone, from history to art to food. See Michelangelo’s masterpiece, the David, at the Accademia, or Botticelli’s breathtaking Birth of Venus at the Uffizi. With your ticket to enter the marbled Duomo, you also have access to Giotto’s bell tower and the Opera del Duomo museum. Take a walk through the stalls at the St. Lorenzo leather market and enjoy lunch at the ‘Slow Food’ court in the recently renovated San Lorenzo food market. Visit the Ferragamo Shoe Museum and see why he was known as the ‘Shoemaker to the Stars’. See the famed Santa Maria Novella officina-profumo pharmacy, first founded in the 1500s and famous for its soaps, perfumes and herbal remedies.
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. ➔ Tour of the Study Center (Open House)
The FSU Florence Study Center is located in a restored 15th century Renaissance palace, Palazzo Alessandri, in the historical center of the city. It is just a short walk from the beautiful Duomo and Bell Tower, the Uffizi and Bargello museums, and the Palazzo Vecchio (city hall), where the Medici family held court.

2:00 - 4:00 p.m. ➔ Walking tour of Florence
FSU Florence staff will lead you through the city’s bustling streets. You will see an insider’s view of Florence: from the outdoor markets to piazzas, passing by familiar sites such as the Duomo, the Palazzo Vecchio and the Ponte Vecchio. We will point out our students favorite restaurants and cafes, along with some of the lesser known favorite spots of local Florentines.

7:30 - 11:00 p.m. ➔ Signature Event: Anniversary Gala Dinner at Palazzo Borghese
Join us in celebrating our Florence Study Center’s 50th anniversary with a Gala dinner at the Palazzo Borghese – a beautifully renovated Renaissance palace dating back to the 1400s and situated a short walk from the FSU Study Center. Begin your celebratory experience with an elaborate and extensive antipasto buffet located in the various drawing rooms of the Borghese Palace, where you will be able meet up with old friends, other alumni and local guests. We will then have a sit-down dinner with a first course, second course and side dish. Choose from Italian wines, water and coffee to accompany your meal. The evening will conclude with buffet dessert tables where you will once again be able to catch up with past classmates or new friends.
Itinerary
Day Two
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10 a.m. - 12:30 pm ➔ Guided Tour of the Palazzo Vecchio and the Palazzo Davanzati
The private, guided tour will start in the political center of Florence the majestic Palazzo Vecchio. Visit the secret rooms and passageways within the City Hall and hear the fascinating history of the Medici family that once ruled. Continue on to the Palazzo Davanzati where you will get an inside look into a private home of the elite upper class during Renaissance times.

5:00 - 7:30 pm Cooking Lesson and Dinner ➔
Work side by side with a Florentine chef to make a full Italian meal - from scratch. Afterwards, together with your cooking partners and the chef, you will enjoy the fruits of your labor, along with a glass of wine. A sample menu includes an appetizer, two pastas and dessert.