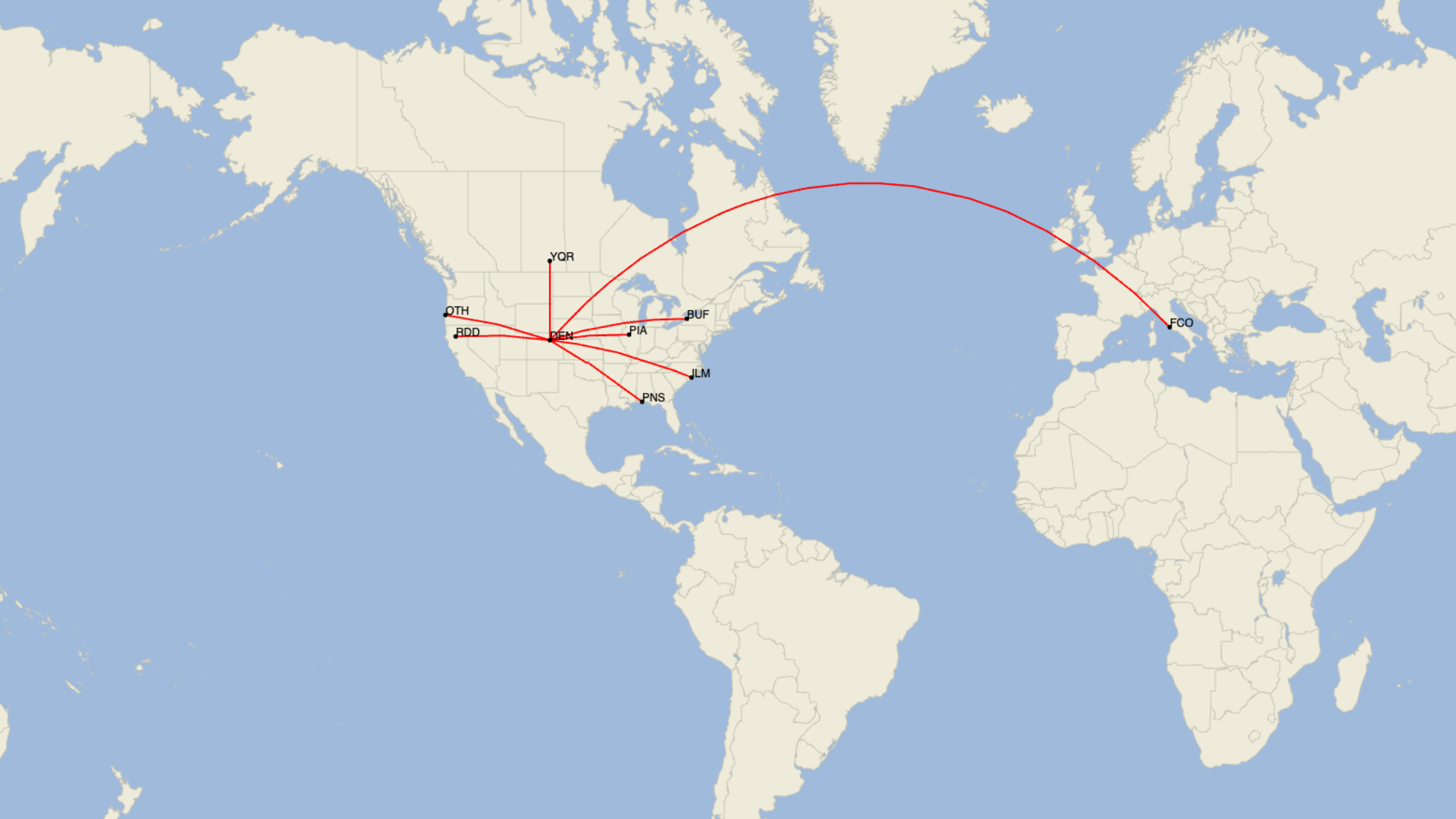


Welcome to Rome!





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An aerial photograph of a university campus. In the foreground, there are several modern university buildings with brick and glass facades. A large green lawn is in the center. In the background, a range of mountains is visible under a clear blue sky. The word "Agenda" is overlaid in large white text.

Agenda

- Introduce Dean Isabelli, Professor Dworkin, and Jen Nelson
- Italian Culture
- The Class
- The Week in Rome
- Syllabus



Who Are You?

- Name
- What is your major?
- Most excited to do/see in Rome
- What are you most anxious about?



Rome/Italian Culture

- **History Everywhere** – Ancient ruins, churches, and modern life all mix together in one city.
- **Tradition & Religion** – The Vatican and Catholic customs shape much of daily life.
- **Food = Community** – Meals are slow, social, and full of local pride (think pasta, pizza, gelato).
- **Piazza Life** – Public squares are the heart of social life—people gather to talk, relax, and celebrate.
- **Love of Beauty** – Art, fashion, and style matter—Romans take pride in making life look and feel beautiful.
- English spoken everywhere
- Watch for pickpockets (borsegatori)



Italian Laws

- **iD Required** – Italian law requires you to carry ID (passport or a copy + student card) at all times. Police can ask to see it.
- **No Sitting/Climbing on Monuments** – It's illegal to sit on the Spanish Steps, dip in fountains (like Trevi), or climb ruins. Police fine tourists for this regularly.
- **Metro/Bus Tickets** – You must validate your ticket before boarding or immediately after entering buses/trains. Transit police do random checks, and fines are steep.
- **Driving & Scooters** – Students can drive only with an international driver's license. Helmets are mandatory on scooters.
- **Drugs** – All illegal drugs (even small amounts of cannabis) are prohibited.
- **Alcohol Age** – Legal drinking age is 18. Bars/restaurants often ask for ID.

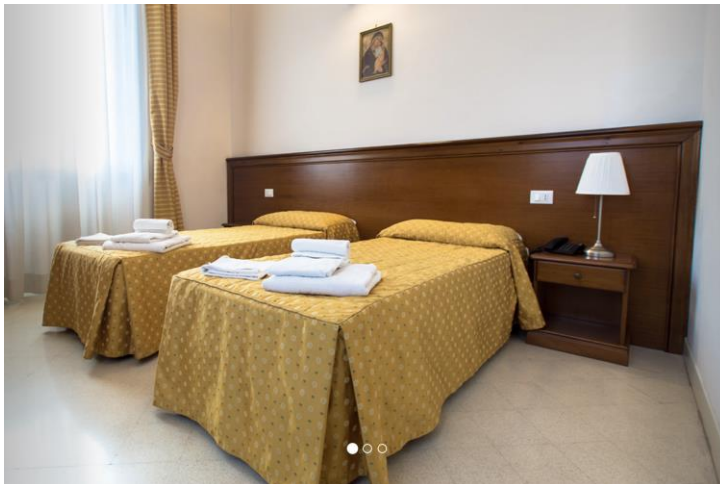


Going through Customs

- Follow instructions
- Have passport ready
- Know where you are staying: **Casa Santa Lucia Filippini**
 - **Address:** Largo di Santa Lucia Filippini, 20
 - **Website:** www.romacasaperferie.it

Housing

Both students and faculty will stay at the beautiful Casa Santa Lucia Filippini, a historic 17th century property in the heart of Rome. Run by the warm and welcoming Filippini Sisters (nuns). It is found in the heart of Rome, walking **distance:** 5 minutes to the Pantheon; 8 minutes to Piazza Navona; 10 minutes to the Trevi Fountain; 15 minutes to the Colosseum 20 minutes to the Spanish Steps; 25 minutes to the Vatican





Lodging

- 24/7 on-site security, entry and support
- No curfew
- Double rooms with air-conditioning
- Private ensuite bathrooms
- High-speed wireless internet
- Iconic central courtyard and common spaces
- Dining room for daily light breakfasts
- Modern elevator between floors
- Bilingual front desk staff



- Vatican Area & Prati Neighborhood
- Spanish Steps & Trevi Fountain Area
- Pantheon & Piazza Navona Area
- Colosseum & Ancient Rome Area
- Trastevere & West River Bank
- Jewish Quarter & East River Bank

Screenshot



WhatsApp

- Internet messaging for all operating systems
- Download the App
- Communications and group messages will go out on this app



Schedule

- Casual attire with **comfortable shoes for walking. No flip flops.**
- Morning Neighborhood tours
 - Jewish Neighborhood
 - Museum of the Risorgimento
 - Modern Neighborhood
 - Among others



Before you go...

- Make a list of things to explore on your free time
- Let your bank know you are traveling abroad so they don't block your account.
- Travel light
- Bring European power adapters and voltage converters
- Hairdryers and hair straighteners may struggle
- Look at maps of the area
- Bring your meds



Flights, Arrivals, Departures

- Transport yourself from Rome, Fiumicino Airport to the Monastery. Let us know if you need help.
- Check in is **Sunday, May 29**, by 5:00 pm
- Check out is **Sunday, June 7**.
- You can inquiry about extending your stay at an extra cost.



Go With The Flow, Don't Swim Upstream

How can you tell if you are “flowing”? Consider the following and check all that apply to you at any given point in time.

Going up-stream

- ☐ Talking (always)
- ☐ Talking about and focusing on alcohol related activities
- ☐ Pouting/holding a grudge
- ☐ Trying to impress others with your detailed knowledge
- ☐ Everything has to be perfect
- ☐ Frown

Flowing

- ☐ Listening (often)
- ☐ Conversation, asking questions
- ☐ Participating in a wide range of activities
- ☐ Give and take
- ☐ Letting others discover things for themselves
- ☐ This is the real world
- ☐ Smile



Ben on Instagram

- Part III.

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