



Art History Abroad announces - just in time for Mother's Day:

GAP YEAR FOR MUMS!

For years, **Art History Abroad** has been taking Gap Year students on eye-opening and mind-stretching tours of the great art cities of Italy.

We show them famous things in different ways. We take them in a private group, for instance, to the Sistine Chapel when it is closed to the public, so that it can be experienced undisturbed. We show them hidden things – a 'lost' Tintoretto up a creaky flight of stairs at the back of a shop – the street where Caravaggio killed a man.

We listen to music, visit Mannerist gardens, read Byron, discuss world views past and present, stay at charming hotels, eating in family trattorias...Our aim is to *provide fine detail while presenting a world of limitless possibility*. Our tutors are erudite, clever, sympathetic, original, amusing. Our students come back changed, informed, even inspired.

For years, their parents, *especially their mothers* (who may suddenly have more time on their hands as their offspring is now at university) have urged us to organize such a tour for them and other adult students. *Well, now we've done it.*

On Friday, at the One Life Fair at Olympia, we announce the great step forward. A series of flexible courses designed to refresh and re-awaken the intellect in the most interesting and convivial of company.

The structure is as follows:

Week A – Venice and the Veneto

Week B – Milan, Genoa & Bologna

Week C – Siena & Tuscany

Week D – Florence & Pisa

Week E – Rome & Naples

Week F – Sicily (Palermo, Piazza Armerina & Syracuse)

Only weeks A to D will be available in 2008, but all of them will be in 2009.

With these courses, you can basically mix and match.

You can start with A and B, or A, B and C this year. Then do D in 2009, and on to E and F in 2010...Or you may know Florence, perhaps, so well that you want to opt out of that particular week. It is entirely up to you. These courses are made for people with a little more time on their hands but not all the time in the world. Just enough to leave the world behind for a while...

As far as we know there's been nothing like it before. The Grand Tour for Mums. And when better to announce it than on the cusp of Mother's Day?

Note to Editor:

History Abroad has been run since 1990 by Nick Ross, and is currently taking bookings both for Gap Year Student Course and Gap Year Mums Course in 2008 and 2009. The price for the latter (open to anyone over 30) is £1,390 per week and includes b & b in charming hotels and entry to museums, galleries etc. It does not include lunch or dinner although we always have some special local place to recommend. Nor does it include flights since some people will like to stay on or get their families to come out for a weekend...The whole idea is that this should be flexible. Please call 01284774772 for further details, go to info@arthistoryabroad or visit www.arthistoryabroad.com

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