

# SAF

# History of World War II Berlin & Rome

**Today, the world is undergoing a new round of major changes, as we witness the rise of anti-globalization, trade protectionism and ultra-nationalist sentiments. How do we prepare the next generation of global leaders to face these challenges? We have to seek wisdom from history.**

Designed for students with a love of history, politics, and international relations, this exclusive 2 week SAF program allows students to explore the scenarios, motives and lessons WWII from the European & Chinese perspectives. This immersive, unique program draws together the world's leading experts to facilitate learning through a series of lectures and site visits across Italy and Germany.

Through IES Abroad, SAF manages end-to-end logistics including curriculum development, pre-departure briefings, orientations, housing, transport, academic coordination, site visits, and safety for all students and staff in the program.



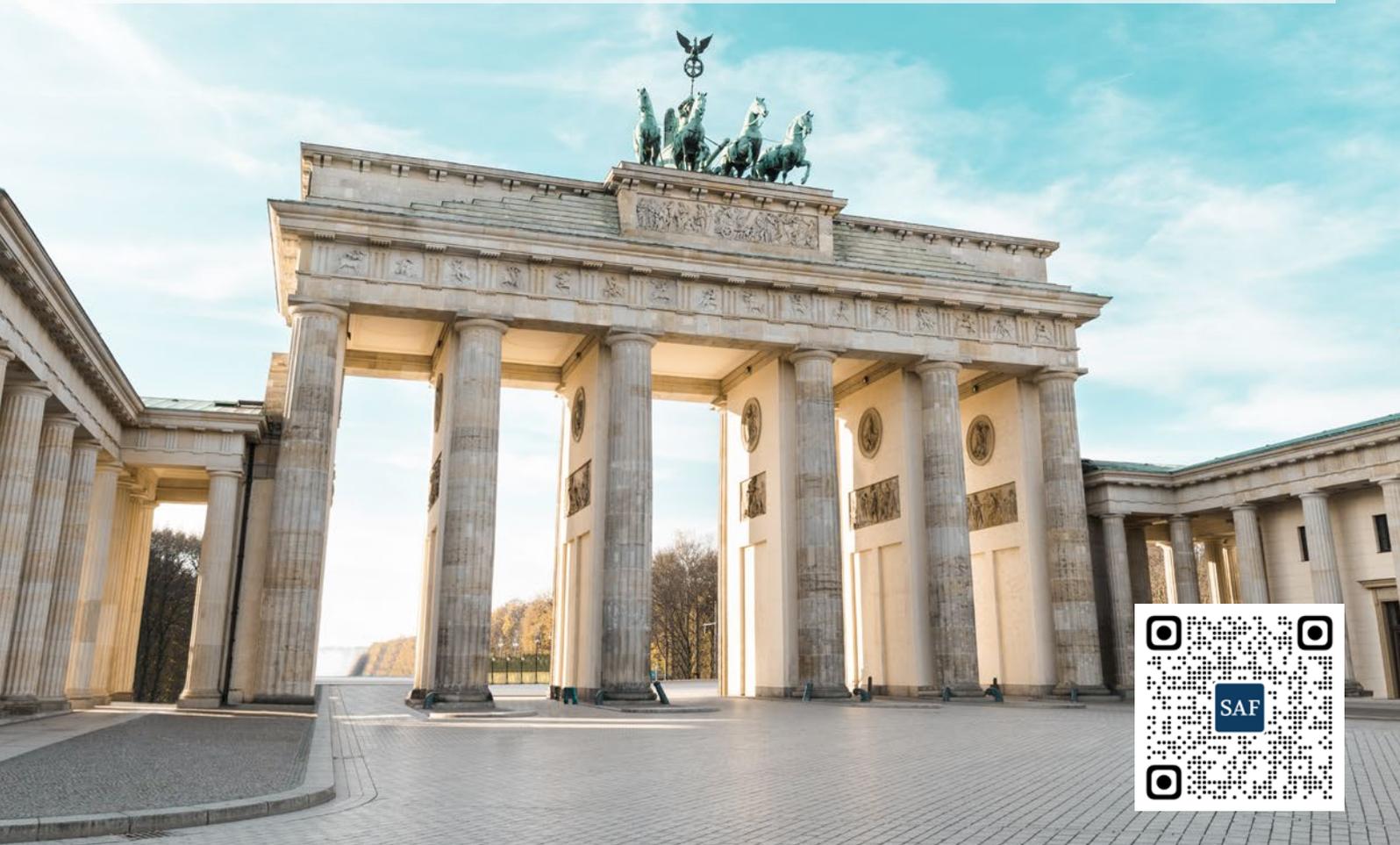
**Distinguished academics** from University of Rome & Humboldt University instructing in English



**Exclusive visits** to UNESCO sites including Palazzo Venezia Reichstag, Berlin Wall and more



**European cultural immersion** with inspiring historical tours and colorful cultural activities



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## Program Composition & Characteristics

**World War II Curriculum** – distinguished scholars from University of Rome, Università Roma Tre, and Humboldt- Universität zu Berlin, teach high quality lessons relating to the Second World War. English-taught courses cover topics on politics, economics and cultural studies of Italy and Germany, and special guest lecturers provide insight into China relations with Europe over this critical time.

**On-site teaching** – with exclusive access to IES Abroad’s global network of teaching centers, along with a comprehensive schedule of historical and cultural site-visits, students in this course experience a combination of quality in-class instruction and immersive on-site teaching.

**Experience Europe** – held in Rome, Italy and Berlin, Germany, the colorful cultural visits enhance learning outcomes and develop a deep appreciation for European history and civilization, with feature visits to Vatican City, the Colosseum, and the Piazza Venezia, and even traditional Italian cooking classes.



**Format:**  
14 days between  
Berlin and Rome



**Curriculum focus:**  
Learning the lessons  
of WWII



**Course intensity:**  
26 lecture hours



**Faculty expertise:**  
IES Abroad Rome &  
Berlin, University of  
Rome, Università  
Roma Tre, and  
Humboldt-  
Universität zu Berlin



**On-site support:**  
5 dedicated SAF/IES  
Abroad chaperones



**Housing style:**  
Hotels

Rome						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Airport arrival</li> <li>Hotel check-in</li> <li>Tour of Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, Trajan's Column, Pantheon</li> <li>Welcome dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lecture on Ancient Roman Civilization</li> <li>Tour of the Vatican, the Colosseum, Sistine Chapel, and Forum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWII Classes</li> <li>Tour to Mussolini dictatorship locations Palazzo Venezia, tomb of Fosse Ardeatine, &amp; Altar of the Fatherland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWII Classes</li> <li>Afternoon of self-lead study and excursions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Curriculum trip to Piana delle Orem War Museum and the Sicily-Rome American Cemetery and Memorial</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Italian cultural event: traditional Italian cooking, from appetizer to dessert</li> <li>Farewell dinner</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Group departure</li> <li>Arrival in Berlin, city bus tour to experience panoramic city views</li> <li>Welcome dinner</li> </ul>
Berlin						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Berlin city orientation</li> <li>Cultural visits to Museum Island, Berlin Dome,</li> <li>Curriculum visits to Berlin Castle, Foreign Office &amp; Reichstag</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWII Course</li> <li>Supplemental tour of Gestapo HQ, Documentation Center, SS Security Bureau and Topography of Terror</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWII Classes</li> <li>On-site teaching at the Holocaust Memorial and Information Center Resistance Museum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>WWII Classes</li> <li>On-site teaching at Soviet Memorial in Berlin</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visiting Professor lecture on 'WWII &amp; China'</li> <li>Tour of the Berlin Wall Museum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-site teaching</li> <li>Day trip to Potsdam &amp; Sanssouci Castle</li> <li>Tour of city and Scholl Cecilienhof</li> <li>Farewell lunch</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinated group check out and departure to China</li> </ul>



*“The classes in Rome enabled us to have a deeper understanding of the history and architectural achievements of ancient Rome. The immersive field trips are the best way to consolidate our textbook learning. This journey is more than a memory of written words. The tour of historical sites, the scenes in the streets and the people we met, has left us with a deep impression and is worth of our reflection.”*

*Luo Shiyi, program participant*

