

significance. Since university credit hours were earned from the study, the advantage was twofold: an interesting vacation and academic credit.

There are many types of study tours other than the Classical ones. For example, certain universities sponsor studies for those interested in improving their foreign language skills, others provide programmes for art historians or those interested in theatre, archaeology or architecture. As well, there are several universities in the British Isles that offer courses in English literature. (Check your department's bulletin board for information on such programs). The Vergilian Society offers tours every year in Italy and, on occasion, has offered programmes in Sicily, Spain, France, Germany, Africa, Turkey and Greece. I believe the Vergilian Society has one unique feature in their programme and that is they operate a quaint old villa in Cumae, on the Bay of Naples. The Villa Vergiliana serves as a base for the group to visit the nearby sites. After a long day climbing Mount Vesuvius and spending hours roaming around the ruins of Pompeii, the Villa is a charming refuge to replenish one's energy with superb Italian cuisine, good old American hooch, and for whiling away the warm evening hours talking with other members of the group that have become almost like a family.

Most study tours charge one basic price that includes accommodations, most or all meals, transportation on the tour, tuition and miscellaneous admission fees to museums and such. Usually, transatlantic travel is not included and, depending on where you are going and when, this can be the greatest expenditure. (Incidentally, you would do well to shop around to get the best air fares. Prices suspiciously change from one travel



save lots of time and footwork trying to find a particular spot all on your own.

However you may choose to see Europe, remember that it is within the means of many students. With a bit of planning and savvy one can cut many expensive corners and find a European tour within one's budget.

One final hint: when you get to Rome, go to the Piazza Navona to a little place called Tre Scalini and try a Tartufo. You'll immediately learn the meaning of the phrase "See Rome and die."

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agency to another. Also, remember that seasonal rates vary from country to country and it sometimes pays to fly to another major city and take a train or bus to your destination). As would be expected a study tour is not the cheapest way to see Europe, but it can be the most rewarding. The cost seems more reasonable when you consider that the accommodations are usually more comfortable than hostels and that you are earning credit hours. Most universities offering these tours can also offer financial assistance to some members of the tour.

There are many ways for the student traveller to see Europe - camping or staying in hostels, hitchhiking, or taking advantage of the marvelous train systems, working and travelling or by taking package vacation or study tours. From personal experience I would recommend anyone visiting a European country for the first time to take an organized tour. This is a great way to see all the high spots for with an informed guide. By seeing a country this way for the first time you know better what you want to see when you go back again, on your own. Even if you don't take a package tour, each city usually offers inexpensive day-tours. Again, this is a good way to get oriented and to plan a visit if you return later by yourself. This will



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