Background Information

Perugia is located halfway between Florence and Rome in Umbria, a region known as the “green heart of Italy” for its lush natural resources and central location. Umbria is large and diverse, abundant with mountains, lakes, river valleys, and sprawling agricultural fields. Its local hilltop towns, traditional cuisine, and scenic panoramic views are signature characteristics of the region.

As the regional and provincial capital, Perugia is a must-see for visitors to the area. This authentic and intimate city exudes local pride for its art, tradition, and food, not to mention its 2,500-year-old history. Perugia has a strong artistic tradition. In the 15th century it was home to fresco painters Bernardino Pinturicchio and his master Pietro Vannucci (known as Perugino), who would later teach the famous painter Raphael.

The historic center of Perugia has preserved its Etruscan walls, medieval churches, winding cobblestone streets, and Renaissance and Baroque architecture. Against this charming backdrop, visitors will find many modern amenities. Corso Vannucci, the main street in the city center, is a broad pedestrian thoroughfare alive with energy from the countless restaurants, jazz cafes, pubs, and cultural exhibits.

Nicknamed the “University City”, Perugia is home to thousands of students who attend the Università per Stranieri di Perugia and other universities, including the many studio and performing arts schools in the area.

Perugia remains a pleasant destination for those wishing to explore beyond the beaten path. As opposed to larger cities like Rome or Florence, it offers limitless opportunities to practice language skills and experience authentic Italian life, making it the ideal location for study abroad in Italy. Time and time again, those who studied here find themselves returning to enjoy the city’s delights. Once seduced by Perugia, it is impossible to stay away!

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The John D. Calandra Italian American Institute, in collaboration with the European Languages and Literatures Department at Queens College and the University for Foreigners of Perugia (Università per Stranieri di Perugia), is offering a summer study abroad program for students interested in Italian language and culture. It will be held at one of Italy’s oldest and most prestigious center of Italian language education.
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