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Seven reservations still available for educational tour of Italy

Professor Eric L. vonFuhrmann, assistant professor of English at University of Southern Indiana, will lead an educational tour of Italy from March 12 to March 24, 2000. The travel tour can accommodate 18 individuals; seven reservations are still available. Cost is \$1,600 for persons under 25 years of age; \$1,800 for persons ages 25 and over. The fee includes airline flights, accommodations, travel expenses in Italy, and most meals. Deadline for registration is Friday, December 3.

Professor vonFuhrmann, in his eighth year of leading educational tours abroad, said, "The tour offers an opportunity for students and others to experience world travel, other cultures, and to briefly live in the same environment as such historical figures as Virgil, Dante, and St. Frances. "

The 12-day trip begins with tours of Rome and Vatican City followed by Florence, Dante's birthplace; Pisa; Bologna, site of the world's oldest university; Assisi, birthplace of St. Frances; and Pompeii, one of the richest archeological sites, to name a few. Included will be stops at the balcony where Juliet spoke to Romeo, the coliseum where Spartacus fought, and gondola rides in Venice.

Professor vonFuhrmann alternates the tour of Italy with a tour of Rome each year. On the tour of Rome last year, vonFurhmann filmed the trip and produced a video for use in the classroom and in distance learning as an aid when teaching mythology and literature. The hour-long video "A Hoosier Odyssey" will air on WNIN-TV at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 15, and at 1 p.m. on Thursday, December 17.

The trip can be taken as one to three hours of course credit at USI. Mary Sue Moman, a Liberal Studies graduate student who took the trip to Rome for credit last spring, said, "Traveling through the cities, towns, and countryside of Italy was an adventure that engaged all my senses. I learned about another country's customs and critically looked at my own customs in comparison."

For reservations, or more information, call vonFuhrmann at 812/464-1749.