



BUDGET ESTIMATE—SEMESTER

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Tuition for 12-18 credits
- Housing in a shared apartment
- Student events including an arrival reception, mid-term social, and farewell ceremony
- Pass and library privileges for British Institute’s Library and Cultural Center
- Full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano
- Local transportation pass
- Medical, travel, and accident insurance¹
- My Global City cultural programming
- CAPA services and support in the US and abroad

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES (NOT INCLUDED IN THE PROGRAM FEE)

The **estimated** total expenses below are used to help plan and prepare for the program, as well as calculate eligibility for financial aid. Not all students will incur all the expenses listed. All amounts listed are estimates and subject to change depending upon currency fluctuation, reports from past participants, and feedback from CAPA’s on-site staff.

Expenses (All Costs in \$USD)	Low End	High End
Air transportation to and from Florence	900	1600
Roundtrip airport (Peretola) transfer	60	120
Passport (if currently do not own)	110	150
Visa Fee	50	75
Texts and materials	60	150
Meals for students living in apartments	1500	2500
Additional cost of lunch for homestay students ³	500	1000
Additional cost for homestay ³	2500	2500
Essential daily living expenses	300	500
Basic mobile phone ⁴	50	150
Local transportation ⁵	150	300
Additional spending money and personal travel	1500	3000



Note that additional spending money and personal travel expenses are typically not included in the calculation of financial aid, and you must expect to save for these expenses outside of what your financial aid will provide. **The amount of additional funds needed depends greatly on your personal spending habits and can vary widely from student to student.** We encourage you to apply for our [CAPA Scholarships](#) to help cover the cost of your program.

- 1. This is mandatory and included in program fees. You may wish to have additional coverage through your own US health insurance, or your institution may require you to purchase its own health insurance. That cost varies depending upon the plan.*
- 2. This is an average cost based on Chicago, LA, and New York. Prices vary depending on students' availability and location.*
- 3. Homestay students will receive breakfast and dinner from their host family*
- 4. You are required to have a mobile phone with data and cell service during the CAPA program. Most cell phone plans abroad offer free incoming calls but charge for outgoing calls and data usage. Students are encouraged to use Wi-Fi wherever possible.*
- 5. While CAPA provides a transportation pass encompassing local transport around the city, we recommend students take licensed taxis very early in the morning/very late at night.*

USEFUL BUDGETING & MONEY CONVERSION WEBSITES AND APPS

- [Numbeo](#): compare the cost of living in different locations
- [Splitwise](#): keep track of your shared expenses and balances with housemates, groups, friends, and family
- [Paypal](#): send and receive money to people from all over the world for small fees
- [Trail Wallet](#): an app to help you budget your spending—can be done in over 200 currencies
- [Wise](#): convert currency and send money around the world. Also allows you to have a multiple-currency bank card so you can add different currencies to the card and spend as needed.

And check out CAPA alum Azalea's [guide to cheap eats in Florence](#) for more!