



## Exploring Innovative Art and Architecture Through the Ages: Creative Educational Journeys

Throughout the ages men and women have given shape and form to their cultural beliefs and practices through architectural structures and in pigment, glass and stone. We gain perspectives and insights into peoples and historical epochs through their art and structures. Illume collaborates with educational leaders to create customized interdisciplinary study tours to places where the genius of people and civilizations are showcased in museums, religious structures, monuments and urban structures.

### Program Objectives

#### Visionary design and structure

Explore the places and structures that represent leaps of imagination and technology – whether in Roman monuments built with cement (such as the Pantheon), the great valuted cathedrals of medieval Europe, Brunelleschi's dome in Florence, great palaces of Muslim Spain, or vast religious temple complexes in India. Gain appreciation for the artistic and technological integration with local expert architects, art historians and anthropologists.

#### Ponder the vision of artists over the ages

Artists use their medium to give shape and form to cultural values, perspectives and beliefs. Art is an expression of the soul of an age and a window into the people, places and events of important moments in human history. With local historians and artists explore both great masterpieces and less-well-known gems of various civilizations – whether it be Celtic stone carvings, frescos and mosaics of ancient Rome, magnificent Greek sculpture, Muslim ceramics, Renaissance sculpture, stained glass or modern and impressionist art.

#### Gain insight into our own cultural perspectives

The study of great historical monuments and art not only provides access to former ages, it puts in greater relief our own vision, beliefs, and practices that arise in the work of contemporary artists. Combine historical visits with seminars by local artists and architectures to link past and present in inspiring on-site workshops.

The way we travel the world is always changing but the reasons remain constant - to become citizens of the world, *leading and inspiring respectful and compassionate ways of life*. People who travel the globe begin a lifelong journey of worldly citizenship to gain valuable insight about themselves and the world around them through discovery and exploration of cultures outside their own.

### Sample Venues

**Italy** - Italy boasts perhaps the greatest patrimony of art and architecture, spanning Etruscan, Imperial Roman, Byzantine, Medieval, Renaissance and Modern Ages. Great monuments from these ages still give witness to the genius and skill of visionary men and women. Vast archaeological parks, world-class museums, and richly decorated churches form a rich quilt of sites in satisfying cities.

**Turkey and Greece** - Thanks of vast archaeological parks in Turkey, Greece and Aegean islands – modern students can easily imagine the life and times of ancient Greek and Roman civilization and the innovative monuments that were expressions of their political, philosophical and religious values.

**France** - From graceful Gothic cathedrals, etheric Romanesque monastic centers and an unparalleled network of art museums, France is a great destination for art and architecture study tours. Explore the galleries of the Louvre and Musee' d'Orsay in Paris, the Toulouse Lautrec museum in Albi, and beautiful cathedral towns such as Rouen, Chartres, Aix and Narbonne.

**Spain** - Spain offers a great example of the integration of different artistic and architectural styles in places like Toledo, Granada, Cordoba and Seville where Jewish, Muslim and Catholic artisans created unique palaces, religious structures and urban settings that draw from each other. Visit the great Mezquita in Cordoba, the Alhambra Palace in Granada and the spectacular cathedral and Giralda in Seville.

**Other venues** - Illume has expertise in other countries of great artistic and architectural heritage such as the UK, India, Germany, and Morocco.

**Illume works with group leaders to create customized and unique programs with activities, visits and resources that support your vision and objectives. Call us to begin planning a program tailored to your constituency!**