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Join OU's Alumni Association for a Roman holiday

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Overflowing with historic architecture, fantastic restaurants offering fine food and wine, and some of the most breathtaking works of art ever created, Rome awaits you as the **Oakland University Alumni Association** invites members, friends and family to join the Grizzly Getaway to Rome.

The Grizzly Getaway program offers international travel opportunities of the highest quality at affordable prices for alumni and their friends and family. This Roman holiday, scheduled for Feb. 20-28, coincides with Oakland's spring break.

February is a perfect time of year to visit the "Eternal City," when you will experience pleasant temperatures warmed by Mediterranean breezes. You also can discover Rome's art and history at a leisurely pace without the throngs of tourists during the peak season.

Participants will spend seven nights in the Grand Hotel Beverly Hills, a four-star, first-class hotel located near the famed gardens of the Villa Borghese. This elegant hotel will welcome you home after a full day marveling the city's jewels, from the Colosseum and Roman Forum to the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. Other optional excursions include trips to Florence, Pompeii and Naples.

"What I love about this trip is that you can immerse yourself in the great museums, art and architecture of Rome, and you have the freedom to take day trips to other cities that are only a short distance away," said Adrienne Bass, director of Alumni Relations. "For those who have not traveled to Europe before, this trip is a wonderful opportunity for a relaxing and enjoyable experience with all the necessary details already handled. Experienced travelers are able to customize their trip. They can either follow the trained tour guides or be independent and enjoy their freedom."

Prices for the trip begin at \$1,399 per person, based on double occupancy, which includes round-trip air transportation, first-class hotel accommodations, a daily buffet breakfast, transfers between airports and hotels via deluxe motor coach, luggage handling and all related tipping, and a professional guide service.

Because of the exceptional price, limited space and popularity of the Grizzly Getaway program, reservations prior to Jan. 15 are encouraged.

For more information on the travel program to Rome or to make reservations, contact Global Holidays at (952) 918-8950 or (800) 842-9023 or visit the **Global Holidays** Web site. For information about OUAA programs and membership, contact Adrienne Bass at (248) 370-3700 or bass@oakland.edu.

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