

Case Studies



A trip to Florence, Italy

'Florence is a beautiful town. The accommodation was close to all attractions, clean and comfortable. Every activity ran smoothly and the pupils had a really valuable experience'

– MS PARKINSON, ACCOMPANYING TEACHER



Levenshulme High School for Girls first ran a language study trip with **Cactus** to Florence in 2007. One year later, we were asked to arrange almost exactly the same trip for their Year 10 GCSE Italian group. At **Cactus**, we're all language learning enthusiasts, and nothing gives us greater pleasure than to know a group has enjoyed their language experience so much that their school comes back to us for more.



Levenshulme's 2008 trip was for 20 pupils, following the same structure as before: four Italian classes each morning in closed groups, with cultural trips around Florence in the afternoon. The group was accommodated in 4-bedded rooms in Residence Palazzo Mannaioni, and highlights included visiting the Leaning Tower of Pisa and trying real Italian ice-cream in Italy! For some of the girls it was their first taste of real Italian cuisine, but this experience - and the trip as a whole - brought the language alive as they were able to truly immerse themselves in Italian culture.

'I would definitely like to go on another trip like this one - it would be a dream come true!'

– Sidra Ghaus, student

'The trip was a great experience, once in a lifetime. I would like to go on another trip similar to this one...'

– Shazia Khan, student

MORE FEEDBACK

FROM LEVENSHULME HIGH SCHOOL TRIP TO FLORENCE



'This was a truly excellent trip, extremely well organised and meticulously planned. The length of excursions was just right, the guides friendly and helpful and very informative. As my first school trip I couldn't have had a more positive experience.'

– Miss Rice, Accompanying Teacher

'In class we did role play and descriptions, which were funny. The accommodation was very clean and there was a lot of space in our room. I enjoyed all the trip. I would love to go on another trip like this one.'

– Kirsty Tollan, student

'The classes were very enjoyable and relaxed and helped me pick up the language. Florence is amazing and beautiful – so much culture.'

– Hannah Fielding, student

