

Announcement from The Harry Wilks Study Center at the Villa Vergiliana

We would like to bring to the attention of school teachers in the Netherlands the existence of the Villa Vergiliana, situated in Cuma, at the northern edge of the Bay of Naples. It is a very secure site, with all facilities for successful school study-trips.



The Harry Wilks Study Center, operated by the Vergilian Society of America, is recently renovated and offers accommodation for up to 40 persons, with a dining area, teaching space also suitable for evening activities, small library, internet and very lovely grounds with orchards, gardens, ping-pong table, and even the ruins of the ancient amphitheatrum Cumanum.

The Administrative Director of the Study Center, Dr. Antimina Sgariglia, is experienced in assisting you in the organization of your trip. On request she will arrange all bus transport needed, advise on special visits and most important of all: they care for participants! The Study Center serves a full breakfast, lunch at the Villa or arranges lunch bags for your group, and a lovely Italian dinner awaits you when you arrive home. You can focus on your visit and your students, while the Center will provide the best possible circumstances for you and your students.

Possible places of interest for your students: Pompeii, Herculaneum, the volcanoes of Vesuvius and Solfatara, the acropolis of Cuma and the Cave of the Sibyl, Lake Avernus, Museo Nazionale Archeologico in Naples, Ischia, Capri, the Greek colony of Paestum—more than enough for students to discover and explore during a 6 or 7 day study trip.

Practical information: A bus will take you in less than one hour from Naples airport to the Study Center. The Villa can accommodate groups from 15-40. You are welcome to get an impression from our study centre by checking the website: <http://www.vergiliansociety.org/villa/>. If you are interested in visiting the Villa, in meeting the Director, in discovering places of interest before you decide to make our Study Center your base in Italy, please let us know.

There is an option for you to join a short study tour in May 2016. For this exploratory tour the Vergilian Society offers free board for teachers unfamiliar with the area. Feel free to contact us by email for the dates and the program. Registration deadline for this tour is December 20, 2015. We believe teachers of all ages and levels of experience, and particularly younger teachers, will find in the Study Center a setting and location in which they can work successfully with their students, and develop all aspects of their teaching careers in a unique and historic part of the world.

For enquiries about availability, and all other details, please contact Dr. Antimina Sgariglia, Administrative Director of the Harry Wilks Study Center at the Villa Vergiliana: minasgariglia@gmail.com.

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