



Reggio Emilia Provocations NZ

# Reggio Emilia Study Tour 2019

April 2019

It is with pleasure that the R.E. Provocations committee invite you to join us on the 2019 Study Tour to Reggio Emilia, Italy. As a member of the International Network of Reggio Children we are organising a delegation from New Zealand to visit Italy and see first-hand the Reggio Philosophy and Educational Approach to teaching and learning within their Preschools and Infant Toddler Centres.

Your week in Reggio Emilia is truly a wonderful experience, with participants arriving with a host of questions and often leaving with many more. We have been taking these study tours since 1995 and there has always been an element of surprise as the week unfolds. You will visit the town of Reggio Emilia led by the Friends of Reggio Children, engage with presentations to provoke your thinking and challenge your practice, visit to an Infant and Toddler centre and be immersed in a Preschool for a morning. We also visit the REMIDA Centre which is full of recycled resources as well as the Loris Malaguzzi School.

Reggio Children are very open and willing to share their journey. There is always something to be discovered, something to challenge your thinking, something to be emotional about, as you weave your way through the week of encounters, provocations and dialogues.



## Costs

- ▶ Shared Twin Room - **\$3,900** per person
- ▶ Single Room - **\$4,250** per person
- ▶ The cost for accompanying persons not attending the course is **\$850**

*All prices are in New Zealand dollars  
Prices exclude flights*

## Our Study Tour package includes:

- ▶ Accommodation for 7 nights (6-13 April) at Hotel Europa
- ▶ Airport transfers to Reggio Emilia (if travelling with the group)
- ▶ Conference registration costs
- ▶ Daily buffet breakfast at Hotel Europa
- ▶ Buffet lunch and light refreshments during full conference days (Monday-Friday)
- ▶ Walking tour of Reggio Emilia



Samuel Hopkins will be the tour leader for 2019. Samuel brings an incredible passion and knowledge of the Reggio Emilia approach as well as a wealth of experience in leading groups. This will be his third Italian excursion and this adds into a highly organised and knowledgeable experience of Reggio Emilia and its surrounding cities to enhance your time.

## Payments

- ▶ A deposit of **\$1,000 per person** is required with registration and **\$250** for any accompanying persons
- ▶ 50% of the tour and accommodation cost is required by 1 December 2018
- ▶ Payment of the balance of tour and accommodation cost is required by 31 January 2019

*Receipts will be issued upon receipt of payments*

## Cancellation Terms

The following cancellation criteria stands so please make yourself fully aware of this:

- ▶ All deposits are refundable in full until the 30 November 2018
- ▶ Cancellation fee after the 1 December until 30 January 2019, 50% of amount paid
- ▶ Cancellation fee after the 30 January 2019, no refund

## Travel Insurance

Travel insurance is a **mandatory requirement** of joining this study tour. Confirmation of insurance is to be provided with your final payment. If you cancel after the airfares have been paid, your travel insurance will have to be used.

## Exchange rate

All costs are based on the exchange rate as of the **1 July 2018** and are subject to change until paid in full.

## Accommodation

We have arranged accommodation at **Hotel Europa**, which is a modern, four-star hotel, set within central Reggio Emilia. Options include a share twin or a single room configuration. A full breakfast is included.

## Flights

If you wish to travel with the group, we are happy to support you in arranging your flights through our travel agent.

**The airfares are not included in the study tour costs above.**

## Tour Dates

The dates for the international conference are from the **7th – 12th April 2019**. If you are travelling with the group, we plan to arrive in Reggio Emilia a day early on the 6th April. This would require you, to leave New Zealand on Friday 5th April. The group will begin the journey back to New Zealand on 13th April.

## Optional Trip

We are considering an option to explore some of the incredible cities of Italy after the conference. We are exploring a 6 day tour of Italy, stopping in Venice, Florence and Rome. We would require 5 participants to ensure this is viable. Please do let us know if you would be interested in joining us!

### A quote from a participant from last year:

*"I loved my tour to Reggio Emilia. The course was without a doubt a truly inspiring experience and I'm hoping to do the next level next year. The tour organiser always listened and responded to anyone's wants and needs (and there were a few), had good local knowledge and found us some lovely authentic dining experiences in the evenings so it was fun to compare notes about the course and chat about how little Italian we could speak. We had a few laughs and met some great people. I was traveling alone from Christchurch so it was extremely comforting to be introduced to some other New Zealanders during my tour. I'd thoroughly recommend everything about the whole trip."*

### What we offer

- ▶ Small group size
- ▶ Experienced & knowledgeable tour leaders
- ▶ Dinners arranged
- ▶ Regular opportunities for discussion
- ▶ Competitive prices
- ▶ Lot of fun!

## Ready to Register?

To register, or to find out more information -  
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