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The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm and beauty of timeless Tuscany, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

- Relish the **glorious Val d'Orcia**, a landscape where cypresses crown hilltops and golden fields touch the horizon.
- Discover the magic of **Florence**, a delightful medley of fountains, splendid architecture and romantic squares.
- Observe Pulcinella atop **Montepulciano's** medieval clock tower.
- Join the rhythm of daily life while sipping espresso near **Piazza della Repubblica**.
- Thrill to a soul-stirring **Tuscan sunset** from your hotel's terrace.
- Admire bygone relics at the **Museum of the Etruscan Academy**.

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Tufts,

Join us for an enriching discovery of Tuscany, a region cherished the world over for breathtaking natural beauty, magnificent Renaissance art, superb cuisine, delectable wines and rich cultural heritage. From the warmth of your hosts at your Tuscan hotel to carefully planned daily excursions, you'll experience Cortona like a local and be immersed in a true Tuscan experience.

Discover historic hilltop towns, living postcards, where ancient ramparts encircle colorful piazzas, elegant Etruscan fountains, stately palazzos and bustling cafés. Marvel at verdant countryside and the rolling knolls of the Val d'Orcia. Delight in the ancient streets of Montepulciano, and explore Siena's storied cobblestones and piazzas. Encounter the magic and romance of Florence, and taste the flavors of Tuscany from farm to table. This journey is sure to delight and captivate all of your senses!

Your itinerary has been carefully crafted by travel experts to include enriching cultural excursions, preferred access to popular attractions and an engaging educational component. These fascinating lectures by expert speakers provide meaningful context for what you will encounter during your travels.

On this remarkable trip, delight in the camaraderie of traveling with a group of like-minded travelers from our partner institutions, plus enjoy ample free time to make your own discoveries. Space is limited and will sell out quickly, so please be sure to contact AHI to make your reservation today!

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Cheers,



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Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Florence

Day 1 B | D

In Transit

Depart gateway city for Florence, Italy.✈

Day 2 D

Florence, Italy | Cortona

Upon arrival, transfer✈ to Cortona and check in to the Villa Marsili, a deluxe Tuscan hotel.

This evening, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at Villa Marsili.

Day 3 B

Cortona

Discovery: The Tuscan Countryside.

Travel through the Val d'Orcia, a patchwork of olive groves, bucolic farmsteads and swaying cypress trees. These Tuscan hills, undulating in hues of gold and emerald, are sure to be among your treasured memories of Italy. Tour the wine cellars of a family-owned winery in the Brunello di Montalcino region, and sample decadent local vintages and cheeses.

Enrichment: Cortona and its Environs.

Examine the history of this Tuscan town and its relationship to greater Tuscany and Italy.

Discovery: Walking Tour of Cortona.

Cortona is believed to be one of Italy's oldest towns and boasts exceptional Etruscan treasures. Stroll through charming piazzas, including the Piazza della Repubblica, and admire the 13th-century town hall and cathedral. Step inside the Diocesan Museum to gaze at Fra Angelico's beautiful panel painting, "The Annunciation."

Day 4 B | D

Siena

Discovery: Siena. Perched atop three hills, this ancient city hosts an abundance of museums, architecture and cathedrals. Admire the vast, shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the site of the bi-annual Palio horse race, and see the prominent 14th-century Torre del Mangia, the Piazza Chapel and the Civic Museum. The nearby Duomo, a true gem of Romanesque-Gothic architecture, is home to fascinating works of art and sculpture.

Free Time: Craft your own itinerary during leisure time. Savor coffee at a sidewalk café, wend Siena's cobblestones, or sample Siennese staples — panforte and ricciarelli.

Enrichment: Renaissance Art. Learn about influences that shaped this iconic and historically significant art movement.

Tonight, revel in your day's adventures during dinner at a local restaurant in Cortona.

Day 5 B | D

Florence

Discovery: Cradle of the Renaissance.

Florence is a dynamic testimony to humanity's creative genius — one that never fails to inspire awe. Explore the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover how the city's caché of creative genius left it laden with fine art and stunning architecture around every turn. Walk by the Old Palace, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Piazza della Signoria and other captivating highlights.



Top: Montepulciano | Above: Enjoying gelato

Right: Piazza della Repubblica, Cortona



Free Time: Explore the wonders and cuisine of Florence at your own pace. Uncover the hallowed halls of famous museums, including the Uffizi or the Galleria dell'Accademia, home to Michelangelo's David. You may wish to see the Basilica di San Lorenzo, Florence's oldest church and the resting place of all of the principal members of the Medici family.

Day 6

B | L

Montepulciano

Enrichment: A Contemporary View of Italy. Discuss Italy's place in the European Union and learn about its modern-day political, economic and social status.

Discovery: Explore Montepulciano.

Traverse the Val di Chiana to the stunning Etruscan city of Montepulciano. En route, visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which features large arches and bell towers. In Montepulciano, walk with your group up to Piazza Grande, a charming village square.

Free Time: Craft your own path in this quaint village. Lounge in Piazza Grande, chat with artisans in their workshops, or peek inside centuries-old wine cellars, cheese stores or copper shops along the Via Corso.

Delight in regional flavors during lunch in town.

Day 7

B

Cortona

Free Time: Join today's Elective Experience or explore Cortona's highlights at your leisure. You may wish to slip into a wine bar or sample sugary cakes at Pasticceria Banchelli.

ELECTIVE | Assisi. Encounter the magnificent walled city of Assisi. During a walking tour, visit the Basilica of San Francesco, dedicated to St. Francis, the town's most famous resident. Step inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, and enjoy a delicious Italian lunch before departing.

Day 8

B | L | D

Cortona

Discovery: Museum of the Etruscan

Academy. Discover the artistic legacy of the Etruscans while visiting the Praetorian Palace. Inside, the Museum of the Etruscan Academy will astound you with its treasures of Etruscan,



UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Florence
2. Historic Center of Siena
3. Val d'Orcia

Greek, Roman and Egyptian works of art, plus collections of mosaics and engraved gems. Among its possessions is an ornate, ancient bronze lamp that is decorated with male and female figures.

AHI Connects: Tuscan Cuisine.

The flavors of Tuscany are often created with fresh, simple ingredients. Explore the secrets of this sensational cuisine during a cooking demonstration with a local chef. Then, sit down with your fellow travelers for lunch.

Tonight, share your favorite Tuscan stories during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9

B


In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to Florence airport for the return flight to your gateway city. ✈

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

✈ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

BLD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Cortona, Italy, at the deluxe hotel Villa Marsili.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 4 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Opportunities to sample authentic cuisine and local flavors.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
 - Encounter Cortona, a beautiful village.
 - Tour a winery and taste the local flavors of the Val d'Orcia.
 - Uncover the Gothic splendors of Siena.
 - See Florence's romantic highlights.
 - Enjoy a walking tour of Montepulciano.
 - Delight in a Tuscan cooking experience.
 - Discover Cortona's Museum of the Etruscan Academy.
-  **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

Piazza del Campo, Siena



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Before you go:

- ▶ **Travel Consultants** | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
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- ▶ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **Travel Director** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ **Expert Guides** | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they're ready to share their passion for their country with you.
- ▶ **Lecturers** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Below: Villa Marsili room and terrace



VILLA MARSILI | CORTONA



Our travel experts have carefully selected this deluxe Tuscan hotel for its charming ambience and prime location. Located in the heart of Cortona, the Villa Marsili is beautifully restored with warmth and character. Antique furniture and frescoed walls add to the Tuscan flourishes and cozy, modern comforts. Guest rooms and the courtyard are peaceful and revitalizing retreats after a day of sightseeing, and Wi-Fi is complimentary.

Reserve your trip to Tuscany today!

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I/we authorize you to make my/our reservations as follows:

Land Program and AHI FlexAir

☐ I/we reserve the Land Program and request the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Florence, Italy, to depart from:

Departure City

Land Program

☐ I/we will make my/our own air arrangements and transfers.

Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional \$695 (limited availability).

☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

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PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: June 4-12, 2019
Land Program dates: June 5-12, 2019

LAND PROGRAM

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price*
\$3,545	\$250	\$3,295

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

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