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Do you dream of waking up each day in Italy? Of immersing yourself in another culture? Perhaps you've even considered moving or retiring abroad? Then this program is for you!

AHI's four-week International Lifestyles Explorations program is not for the average tourist. This incomparable introduction to living abroad is designed for curious explorers who want to broaden their horizons and experience truly immersive living in a foreign country.

Travel experts have meticulously planned this pioneering program, which includes intensive language instruction, an educational lecture series and excursions to the picturesque Tuscan towns of Siena, Colle di Val d'Elsa, Cortona, San Gimignano, Lucca, as well as the Castello di Monsanto winery in Chianti and two of Florence's prized museums, the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia. Enjoy ample free time to explore your treasured new home, the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Both first-time students of Italian and those who simply want to refresh their skills will appreciate the language instruction provided four days a week by an instructor we call your Lifestyle Guide. This guide will help you take the language out of the classroom and into the streets of the city, exposing you to the cultural nuances of the locals and allowing you to exercise your newly acquired or enhanced language skills.

Unlike other, more rigid travel programs, you can tailor this experience to your desires. Explore the buzzing piazzas and rolling countryside at your own pace. Dine in restaurants that no tourist could hope to stumble upon. Buy your own groceries at an outdoor market. Take in a music or theater performance. Develop an enduring camaraderie with the locals and your fellow travelers. Our AHI Travel team will be available to help you in any way, but this life-changing journey is yours to mold.

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Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore and the Baptistry



Ponte Vecchio



Above: Inspirational views of Florence | Below: Italian musician



Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends for a month in Florence, a city pulsing with culture, charm and an aura of life well lived.

Whether or not this is your first time living abroad, you will feel right at home in Florence, in the heart of Tuscany. Stroll the narrow cobble streets and stop for a cappuccino on the picturesque Piazza del Duomo before your morning language lesson. Step off the beaten tourist path to feast on inimitable Florentine steak, hearty soups, succulent local wines and mouth-watering gelato. Learn about the city's history and its incredible collection of cultural monuments, from the 11th-century Romanesque cathedral to the statues and paintings crafted by the fathers of the Renaissance. Enjoy the camaraderie of traveling with a group and, during your free time, feel the thrill of making your own discoveries!

We have arranged for exclusive private accommodations in a fully furnished residential hotel that was originally a 16th-century palace. Your home away from home is situated on quiet Via delle Mantellate, just blocks from Florence's historic Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Don't miss this groundbreaking program. AHI Travel has done all the legwork so all that's left is fun, learning and adventure.

Space is limited, so make your reservations today!

Yours at Carolina,

Douglas S. Dibbert '70
President

The University of North Carolina General Alumni Association

*Experience
daily life in
Tuscany
and
become adept
and comfortable
in a different
language and
culture.*



Tuscany

TUSCANY

The fifth largest of Italy's 20 regions, Tuscany is world-renowned for its gorgeous, hilly landscapes, centuries-old traditions and marked influence on European art and culture.

The region's heritage stretches over almost three millennia. Tuscany was settled sometime after 1000 B.C. by the Etruscans, whose origins are unknown, though historians have pieced together the ancient civilization through found artifacts, mostly in tombs. The Etruscans were the first in Italy to organize their society within a political framework, and the reverberations of these early settlers have been felt throughout Tuscany's political, cultural and religious history.

The Romans gained control over the region around 400 B.C., and except for the construction of public works like roads and aqueducts, Tuscany was little altered for centuries. The region awoke in the 12th century, when new towns and the rise of trade and industry brought fortune, political upheaval and a cultural Renaissance. After three tumultuous centuries of rule by the Medici family, Tuscany's politics were overtaken by the Lorraine dynasty, who ushered in a period of prosperity and peace. After a brief stint as part of the French empire, during which Lucca was ruled by Napoleon Bonaparte's sister, Tuscany adhered to the Kingdom of Italy. It has since become a favorite destination of worldly travelers seeking fine culture, hearty cuisine, world-renowned wine and friendly conversation.

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FLORENCE

The capital city of Tuscany, Florence is a veritable open-air museum, an urban masterpiece spread over the banks of the River Arno. It is often named Italy's most beautiful city thanks to an explosion of creative genius that spawned the Renaissance between the 14th and 16th centuries, leaving the city laden with a wealth of fine art and stunning architecture.

During your first full day in Florence, embark on a walking tour of your new home led by an expert guide. Learn the history of the emblematic Il Duomo, admire the cupola of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, visit the spectacular bronze doors of the Baptistry, stroll over the Arno on the fabled Ponte Vecchio and sip espresso at a café on the Piazza della Signoria. Florence's timeless beauty awaits!



Siena

UNESCO

The Historic Centre of Florence, the Historic Centre of San Gimignano and the Historic Centre of Siena are UNESCO World Heritage sites featured in this program.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Groups are limited to 36 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Enjoy four weeks' fully furnished accommodations in a historic palace that has been renovated to offer modern amenities, including a kitchenette, cable television and free Wi-Fi, situated near the heart of Florence.
- Learn Italian and explore Tuscan culture, history, art and cuisine with your Lifestyle Guide, an instructor from your language school in Florence.
- Attend an Italian cooking demonstration, as well as a tour and tasting at a Tuscan winery.
- Additional cooking classes are available.
- Embark on included group excursions to two Florence museums, the Castello di Monsanto winery in Chianti and the historic Tuscan towns of Siena, Colle di Val d'Elsa, Cortona, Carrara, Lucca and San Gimignano.
- Every week, gather with your fellow travelers for dinner and camaraderie.
- Meet local Florentines to learn more about the Italian lifestyle.
- Try life abroad as you equip yourself to live independently in Italy.

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Did you know?

Dante's "Divine Comedy," an epic poem composed between 1308 and his death in 1321, was written not in Latin, as was traditional for literature at the time, but in the language spoken by Florentines. This helped establish their dialect as the basis for modern Italian.

Extracurricular Activities

To complement your studies and expand your understanding of Tuscan culture and history, AHI is offering several exclusive lectures that are included in the price of your program. Feed your hunger for knowledge as you join cultural experts for the following educational discussions, followed by related excursions:

- Contemporary Italy and Life in Florence
- Renaissance Art
- The Art of Tuscan Cooking

STUDENT LIFE IN FLORENCE

Parli Italiano? This program includes 48 hours of Italian instruction at one of the city's distinguished language education institutions. Engage in intensive language instruction combined with an immersion experience in Italian lifestyle, customs, art, history and cuisine, courtesy of our experienced Lifestyle Guides. The program is designed to go beyond the textbook and the classroom to foster cultural understanding through authentic experiences that impact individuals as students and as world citizens.

Held Monday through Thursday mornings, your 16 three-hour language classes are small and tailored to your skill level, guaranteeing individual attention and a comfortable progression through the lessons. You will complete a skills assessment before you arrive in Florence in addition to a placement test on the first day of class. Everyone from beginners to Italian majors will develop their skills and put them to use in the city with the help of your highly qualified Lifestyle Guide, a native Italian speaker.



EXTRA CREDIT

Cooking class: Learn to create the sumptuous flavors of Tuscan cuisine, notable for its simple, wholesome ingredients and straightforward techniques, during a two-part series of optional cooking classes. Try your hand at a variety of dishes, meant to be drizzled with local oil and served alongside delectable Tuscan wines, as you create lasting memories and foster your passion for Italian cooking. What better souvenir from your time in Florence than a repertoire of authentic Tuscan recipes?

(Extra Credit option is available at an additional cost.)

ITALIAN MEALTIME

Italians typically begin their day with coffee, specifically espresso or cappuccino, and a cornetto or brioche — a jam-, custard- or chocolate-filled pastry.

Pranzo, lunch, may consist of a panini, a high-quality sandwich packed with fillings, or a tramezzini, the less expensive equivalent made with pre-made sliced white bread. Toste, toasted sandwiches, are also popular, especially filled with cheese or ham with tomato. Snacks include focacce, oven-baked pastries topped with cheese or tomato, or filled with spinach, fried offal or meat; arancini or suppli, deep-fried balls of rice with meat or butter and cheese; thin, flat pizza slices; and calzones, folded pizza with cheese, ham, tomato or other fillings. Gelato, Italian ice cream, is justifiably famous, and when it comes to finding the most delicious flavors and textures in town, your best bet is to step into the most crowded gelateria you can find.

Cena, dinner, is a multicourse affair, beginning with antipasti such as bruschetta, garlic bread topped with tomatoes and olive oil; caprese, tomato, basil and mozzarella salad; or antipasto misto, mixed cold meats and cheese. Il primo, the first course, consists of a soup, pasta, polenta or risotto dish. Il secondo, the second course, is carne, meat; pesce, fish; or crostacei, shellfish, usually served alone or with a wedge of lemon or tomato. Il contorni, vegetables, and insalata, salad, are ordered and served separately. The meal ends on a sweet note, with dolci, puddings, or frutta, fruit.



THE TUSCAN PANTRY

Italian cuisine was born in Tuscany, at the court of the Medici, and boasts a dizzying array of simple, hearty, peasant-inspired dishes, many consisting of five or fewer ingredients.

In addition to daily-bought meats and seasonal vegetables, a typical Tuscan pantry depends on olive oil, tomatoes and cheese — namely mozzarella, ricotta, provolone, pecorino Romano and Parmigiano-Reggiano, which must be produced in a limited area surrounding Parma to be labeled as such. Other basic items include balsamic vinegar, onions, garlic, legumes, cornmeal, rice, dried porcini mushrooms, olives, anchovies and capers. Essential herbs and seasonings include oregano, rosemary, thyme, sage, red pepper flakes, black pepper and sea salt. Flour is always on hand to make fresh pasta, bread, pizza dough and cakes.

Tuscans, and Florentines in particular, are enthusiastic meat-eaters, feasting on locally raised beef, pork and game. Traditionally they utilize the entire animal, so foods like tripe and lampredotto, made of animal stomachs, are sold from food carts throughout the cities.

A more universally appreciated dish is bistecca alla fiorentina, a thick T-bone steak grilled over charcoal and sprinkled with freshly ground black pepper and olive oil. The regional cuisine's peasant origins are evident in ribollita, meaning "reboiled," a vegetable soup that is reheated for several meals and thickened with bread. Panzanella, a bread and tomato salad, is another tasty but uncomplicated dish.

In addition to immersing you in four full weeks of authentic Italian food, this program includes a special cooking demonstration and tasting, and optional cooking classes are available at an additional cost.



Clockwise: Tuscan specialties | Special Italian cooking demonstration | Grilled chicken on a bed of bread salad



Below: Tuscan wine cellar

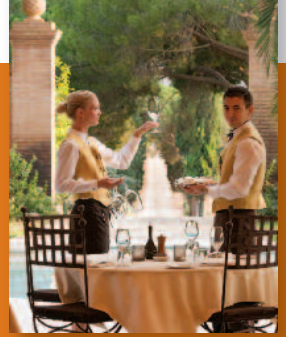
THE TUSCAN WINE CELLAR

Wine is central to Tuscany's economy and way of life. The region's hilly soil and hospitable weather conditions are perfect for growing grapes. In fact, Etruscan paintings and pottery suggest that these original settlers were the first to domesticate the grape vines growing wild across the sunny, rolling hills, and references to the high quality of Tuscan wines date from Greek writers of the third century B.C.

Tuscan wines are largely based on the red Sangiovese grape, which forms the foundation of the region's three most famous varieties: Chianti, Brunello di Montalcino and Vino Nobile di Montepulciano. Indeed, the majority of Tuscan wines are red, but white wines have been gaining ground thanks to the popularity of varieties like Vernaccia di San Gimignano. More than 30 Tuscan wines are labeled DOC, which certifies geographic origin, and six Tuscan wines are recognized as DOCG, the highest classification of Italian wines. Numerous others are labeled VTD, table wine, or IGT, table wine from a typical geographic area.

Chianti became the world's first officially defined wine-producing area in 1716, when Cosimo III de' Medici drew the boundaries defining which vineyards could use the Chianti name on their product. Today the area is divided into seven regions that produce reds ranging from light and swillable to deep-toned masterpieces. The best Chiantis mature in four to seven years, though the vintages produced from 1994 through 1997 are notably excellent.

Vin Santo is a Tuscan dessert wine that is popular throughout Italy. Unlike many dessert wines, Vin Santo's characteristics vary greatly depending on the grapes used, and it can be either sweet or dry, though it is most often made from Trebbiano grapes, which account for a third of all white wine in Italy and are also the base for traditional balsamic vinegar.



Did you know?

A ristorante is a traditional sit-down establishment, usually with aproned waiters and tablecloths. A trattoria is a cheaper, more basic purveyor of home-style cooking, where sometimes the menu only exists in the mind of the waiter. No matter where you eat, it's standard to choose the ordinary house wine to accompany your meal.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

DAY 1~FRIDAY/IN TRANSIT

Depart for Florence, Italy. †

† Provided for AHI FlexAir Program participants.

DAY 2 ~ SATURDAY

Upon arrival in Florence, transfer† and check in to the Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli. Attend a welcome briefing with your AHI Travel Director at which you will be given an Italian cell phone^② to use throughout your stay. Then join your fellow travelers for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ SUNDAY

At the start of each day, enjoy a delicious buffet breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast, get to know your new home. Explore the highlights of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on a guided walking tour. See Il Duomo and Ponte Vecchio, among other highlights. Enjoy lunch at a Florence restaurant.

DAY 4 ~ MONDAY

Tour the language school, take your language placement test and attend your first Italian class. Visit a local market and hone your grocery-shopping skills with your Lifestyle Guide. Dinner is served at a restaurant.

DAYS 5-7 ~ TUESDAY-THURSDAY

Experience Florence through your language lessons and excursions with your Lifestyle Guide and on your own.

After your Tuesday lesson, attend a lecture on Renaissance Art.

On Wednesday, visit the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's "David."

DAY 8 ~ FRIDAY

Enjoy an entire day at leisure to explore Florence on your own.

DAYS 9-10 ~ SATURDAY-SUNDAY

On Saturday, discover an incredible wealth of medieval relics in the lovely town of Lucca. Then visit Carrara, famous for its marble. Lunch is at a local restaurant.

Join your fellow travelers for dinner, wine and camaraderie on Sunday.

DAYS 11-14 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

On Monday, attend a lecture on Contemporary Italy.

On Wednesday, savor local specialties during lunch at a restaurant. Then visit the Uffizi Gallery, home to one of the most illuminating art collections in the world.

On Thursday, join your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 15 ~ FRIDAY

Travel to Castello di Monsanto in the heart of Chianti for a tasting of the region's distinctive wines and olive oils. Afterward, learn about Tuscan cuisine during a cooking demonstration followed by lunch. Then visit the historic hill town of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

DAYS 16-17 ~ SATURDAY-SUNDAY

On Sunday, admire the artistic and architectural treasures of the hilltop Tuscan town of Cortona. Enjoy a visit to the Etruscan Museum. Savor lunch at a restaurant in town.

DAYS 18-21 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

Through your lessons, continue your immersion into the language and culture of Florence.

Relish dinner on Monday and lunch on Wednesday at local restaurants with your new friends.

DAY 22-24 ~ FRIDAY-SATURDAY

On Friday, venture to the well-preserved medieval town of Colle di Val d'Elsa. Savor a delicious lunch at a restaurant in town. Continue to the UNESCO World Heritage town of Siena for a walking tour and some free time to explore on your own.

On Saturday, trade stories of your week with your fellow travelers during dinner at a restaurant.

DAY 25-28 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

Continue your immersion into the language and culture.

On Tuesday, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant.

On Thursday, celebrate your journey at a Graduation Ceremony.

DAY 29 ~ FRIDAY

Visit your favorite spots one last time during your final day in Florence. This evening join your fellow travelers for a festive Farewell Dinner.

DAY 30 ~ SATURDAY/IN TRANSIT/

After breakfast, transfer to the Florence airport for the return flights to your gateway city. †



Note: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

② Each cell phone will have a EURO 5 credit that can be used for local or international calls. You may purchase additional time as needed.

Top to bottom:
Piazza della Signoria, Florence
Capturing the beauty of the Tuscan countryside
Dining alfresco, Florence
Chianti wine shop
Tuscan vineyard

TREASURES OF TUSCANY ~ INCLUDED EXCURSIONS



CHIANTI AND SAN GIMIGNANO

Stretched between Florence and Siena and home to Italy's most famous red wine, Chianti is a dreamy panorama of quiet back roads, lovely

hillside towns, hundreds of acres of woodland and of course many a vineyard.

Travel to its heart to visit Castello di Monsanto, owned by the

Bianchi family and keeper of the largest reserve of Chianti Classico in Tuscany. Taste wines made from hand-picked Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other grapes, as well as olive oil from the estate's 37 acres of olive groves. Afterward, enjoy lunch before continuing on to the historic hilltop town of San Gimignano, which boasts 14 medieval tower-houses and a wealth of original squares, palaces and fountains.

Top to bottom:

San Gimignano

Cortona

Duomo di Siena

Piazza del Campo, Siena

Piazza dell'Anfiteatro,

Lucca

COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA AND SIENA

Travel to the lovely medieval commune of Colle di Val D'Elsa, known worldwide for its exquisite crystal glassware and art. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant before continuing to Siena. Like a crown atop three clay hills, Siena is a labyrinth of majestic Gothic architecture, remarkably unchanged since the Middle Ages. In the 13th and 14th centuries, Siena was a major European city center and controlled most of southern Tuscany. Anchoring the cityscape is the scallop-shaped Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares. See the masterful bas-reliefs on the Gaia fountain, visit the dramatic, black-and-gold-striped cathedral and wander through narrow streets to discover alluring museums and well-preserved buildings, all encircled by ramparts that date from the 14th to 16th centuries.

CORTONA

Clinging to a hill clad with olive groves, Cortona is well situated to enjoy sweeping views of the Val di Chiana. Ancient gates open out of the city's walls, some of which were built during the time of the Etruscans. Enjoy a walking tour of this Tuscan gem, whose layers of history are revealed through its

mixture of architectural periods and styles. Enter the stunning Romanesque cathedral, and visit the renowned Etruscan Academy Museum to view its impressive collection of artifacts from the ancient Etruscan civilization. Eat lunch at a popular restaurant in Cortona, which offers breathtaking views of Tuscany's rolling hills.

LUCCA AND CARRARA

Fronted by gardens and huge bastions, Lucca is a venerable time capsule of urban Tuscan architecture. Founded by the Etruscans, then colonized by the Romans in the second century B.C., the town retains the street plan of a Roman military camp, with two perpendicular streets forming the central axis. Walk along the tree-lined public promenade, built atop the town walls in 1830, and admire the city's complex web of densely packed houses, towers and churches, most of them erected during the city's heyday between the 11th and 14th centuries. Travel to the enchanting town of Carrara, famous for its white marble, which was favored by Michelangelo. Visit a local quarry and learn about the marble industry.



MASTERS OF THE RENAISSANCE

For Florentines, art is not mere decoration. The city's streets and piazzas, paintings and sculptures, churches and palaces reflect a singular civic identity, as the great masters of the Renaissance wove their realistic, linear perspective and classical influences into the very fabric of the city.

Florence's reputation as the birthplace of the Renaissance can be taken quite literally, as an astounding number of great men were born in Tuscany in the 13th and 14th centuries. Early luminaries like the painter Giotto di Bondone and the poet Dante Alighieri were followed by the prolific work of literary masters Francesco Petrarca and Giovanni Boccaccio and the architecture of Lorenzo Ghiberti, who designed the bronze doors of the Florence Baptistery, and Filippo Brunelleschi, who engineered the dome of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore.

At the time, money and art went hand in hand. Artists made a living through commissioned works, so the rise of Florence's mercantile and banking classes set

the stage for a uniquely large community of benefactors, particularly on the part of the Medici family. Florence reached a new level of artistic abundance in the 15th century under the patronage of Lorenzo the Magnificent, a Medici and an artist himself who helped foster the careers of Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo Buonarroti and Sandro Botticelli, among many others.

During your trip you will participate in an informative lecture on Renaissance Art followed by a visit to the Uffizi Gallery, which houses one of the most illuminating art collections in the world. Trace the development of Florentine art from the formal Gothic era of the 13th and 14th centuries, to the realism of the early Renaissance in the 15th century, to the High Renaissance and Mannerist periods of the 16th century. Florence is more than a setting for art — it is art itself.

Top to bottom:

Female head, Leonardo Da Vinci, Uffizi Gallery

Michelangelo Buonarroti tomb,

Basilica of Santa Croce

Last Judgement frescoes of the dome of Filippo Brunelleschi

Detail of "The Birth of Venus,"

Sandro Botticelli

Michelangelo's David, Accademia

Gallery

The dome of the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore



"It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things."

~ Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519), Italian Renaissance painter and inventor

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL & RESIDENCE PALAZZO RICASOLI

After a day exploring Tuscany, retire to the tranquility of your apartment-style accommodations. The elegant Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli is housed in the 16th-century palace of the Ricasoli family on quiet Via delle Mantellate, just a short walk from the historic center of Florence. The palace-turned-residence is also close to boutiques, restaurants, galleries, grocery stores and a laundromat. Each bright, spacious, sound-proofed flat features a kitchenette, a sitting area and a bathroom with shower/tub, as well as free Wi-Fi and air-conditioning. Relax and enjoy your international living experience in the hotel bar, café, the breakfast room or the charming courtyard. The hotel takes care of linen changes, and the friendly, engaging staff will ensure you are fully informed about local attractions, museums, theaters and transportation. The Residence Palazzo Ricasoli also offers an indoor garage, should you choose to rent a vehicle during your stay.



Hotel courtyard
Breakfast buffet
Apartment interior



“Where you are is who you are. The further inside you the place moves, the more your identity is intertwined with it. Never casual, the choice of place is the choice of something you crave.”

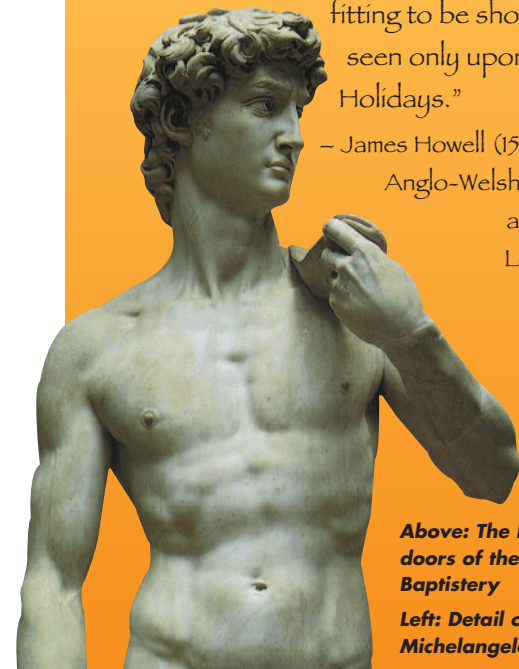
– Frances Mayes (b. 1940), American memoirist, “Under the Tuscan Sun,” 1996

“There is no such thing as justly describing the fine things that we have seen [in Florence] today... Art has here brought fiction so near upon the verge of reality, that the line between them is too nice to be drawn by words.”

– J.P. Cobbett (1803-1881), British writer, “Journal of a Tour in Italy,” 1830

“[Florence is a] City so beautiful that the great Emperor Charles V. said, That she was fitting to be shown and seen only upon Holidays.”

– James Howell (1594-1666), Anglo-Welsh historian and writer, Letter, 1621



Above: The bronze doors of the Florence Baptistery
Left: Detail of Michelangelo's David

LAND PROGRAM

May 2-30, 2015

Full Price	Special Savings	Special Price
Studio Apartment		
\$6,245	\$250	\$5,995*
Based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$1,395.		
One-Bedroom Apartment		
\$6,645	\$250	\$6,395*
Based on double occupancy. Single supplement is \$1,395.		

*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel. VAT is an additional \$495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air program costs (unless otherwise stated). Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).



INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations

- Four weeks in **Florence, Italy**, at the first-class **Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli**.

Meals

- Enjoy 28 breakfasts, seven lunches and seven dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, enhance your insight into the region.
- **Sixteen three-hour Italian lessons**. A Lifestyle Guide provides small-group instruction tailored to your needs.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and a Welcome Dinner.
- Gather for a Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in your planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.
- Stay connected with friends, family and AHI Travel staff with a complimentary Italian cell phone.^②

^② Each cell phone will have a EUR 5 credit that can be used for local or international calls. You may purchase additional time as needed.

AHI FLEXAIR

May 1-30, 2015

Our personalized air program allows you to select your flights, routing, class of service and dates of travel in consultation with one of our experienced Passenger Service Representatives. Airfares will vary, depending on airline, routing and class of service. In most cases, transfers between the airport and hotel/cruise ship will be included on arrival and departure days. Your Passenger Service Representative will provide you with all of the details you need to guarantee your transfer. Book your air with us to ensure assistance in the case of schedule changes or delays that may impact your air travel plans.

A word about your Tour Operator

AHI Travel is the premier operator of deluxe travel programs sponsored by alumni associations. Their experienced, professional staff has offered the highest level of service in **innovative travel programs since 1962.**

In AHI Travel's care, you can rely on:

- **An exceptional travel value.** It would be impossible for an independent traveler to arrange all these unique experiences, inclusions and services at a comparable price.
- **Unique access to local sites.** Take advantage of more than 50 years of travel experience to gain preferred entrance to popular sites and to uncover the region's hidden treasures.
- **Experienced Travel Directors** who attend to every detail of your journey.
- **Expertise of local guides** who possess authoritative knowledge of the region and offer personal insight into local culture.
- **Flexibility and customization.** Free time during the trip allows you to pursue your own interests. They will also help you tailor your dream trip with add-ons and extensions.
- **Safety and security.** In a country where you might not know the language or culture, their professional staff is on hand to ease your way and get you any help you need.



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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

NOT INCLUDED-Fees for passports, visas, entry/departure fees, personal gratuities, laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, meals and beverages not described in this brochure as included, travel insurance and all items of a strictly personal nature.

MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL-Participants should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances over varied terrain. Participants needing individual assistance for walking, dining or other personal needs must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded.

AIR TRANSPORTATION-The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

BAGGAGE-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANT-This program includes accommodations in an apartment in Florence, Italy. It is the responsibility of each participant to leave his/her apartment at the conclusion of the program in as good a condition as it was when the program began. Participants may be assessed charges for repairs or cleaning required due to damage beyond normal wear and tear caused or permitted by a participant.

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Land and AHI FlexAir Program

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Departure City

Please contact me regarding air flight options.

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

Land Program

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

I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (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.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by February 15, 2015 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa or Discover. Make checks payable to AHI International.

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