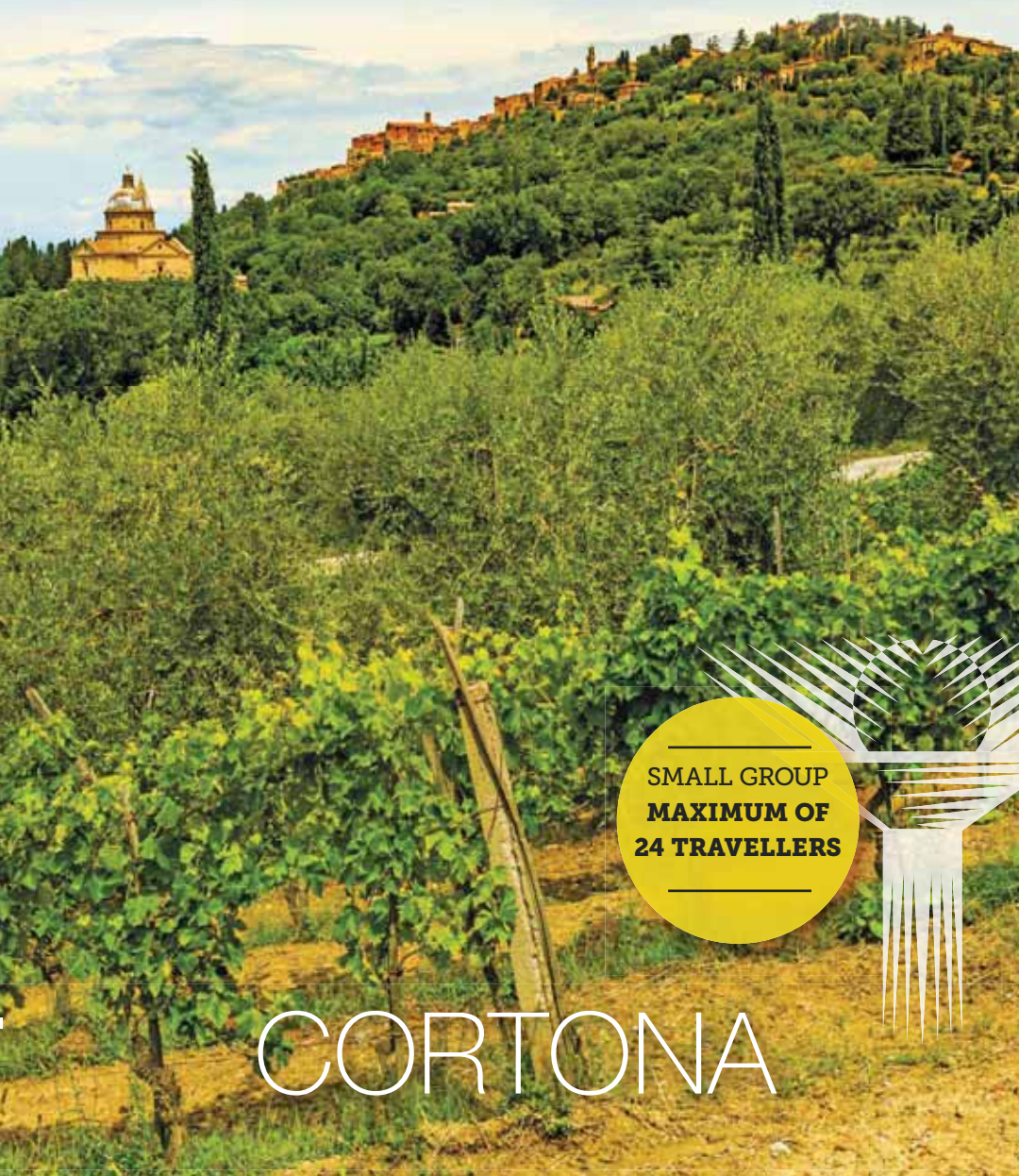


# Tuscany



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# A World Apart

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-calibre 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.

## Inspiring Moments

- Treat your senses to the **glorious Val d'Orcia**, a region with robust wines, nutty cheeses and vivid Tuscan vistas.
- Relish the unrivalled romantic ambience and history of **Florence**.
- Roam **Montepulciano's** Renaissance palazzi and ancient cobblestones.
- Savour creamy gelato in **Siena's** sprawling Piazza del Campo.
- Join **Cortona's** locals for passeggiata, an evening social tradition in Italy.
- Marvel at bygone relics at the **Museum of the Etruscan Academy**.
- Witness a fiery **Tuscan sunset** from the terrace of your hotel.





ALUMNI EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL

## Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends,

Join us for an enriching discovery of Tuscany, a region cherished the world over for its breathtaking natural beauty, magnificent Renaissance art, superb cuisine, delectable wines and rich cultural heritage. Tuscany's historic hilltop towns are living postcards, where ancient ramparts encircle colourful piazzas, elegant Etruscan fountains, stately palazzos and bustling cafés.

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. Marvel at verdant countryside and the rolling knolls of the Val d'Orcia. Discover Montepulciano's ancient streets, and explore Siena's storied cobblestones and piazzas. Encounter the secrets of Renaissance Florence, and taste the flavours of Tuscany from farm to table. This journey is sure to delight and captivate all of your senses!

Travel experts have also incorporated an exclusive educational component into this journey, the hallmark of our Alumni Campus Abroad® programs. You'll gain a deeper appreciation of the people and the culture from expert local speakers. At the same time, you'll appreciate the security, ease and value of group travel, as well as the opportunities for exploring independently.

This popular program fills quickly, so please be sure to make your reservation today!

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Duomo, Siena

Day One

In Transit

Depart your gateway city for Florence, Italy.✈

Day Two

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Florence, Italy | Cortona

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

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

Day Three

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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.

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, Annunciation.

Day Four

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Siena

Enrichment: Renaissance Art.

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. Savour coffee at a sidewalk café, wend Siena's cobblestones, or sample Siennese staples: panforte and ricciarelli. Revel in your day's adventures during dinner.

Day Five

B | D

Florence

Discovery: Cradle of the Renaissance.

Florence is a dynamic testimony to humanity's

YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveller. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an elective activity and elective extension to allow you to craft your individual travel experience. Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.



ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost.



Montepulciano



Cortona



Florence

creative genius—one that never fails to inspire awe. Explore the city centre, 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.

**Free Time:** Explore the wonders and gastronomic pleasures of Florence at your own pace. Perhaps visit one of Florence's world-famous museums: the Uffizi or the Galleria dell'Accademia, home of 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 Six

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## Montepulciano

**Discovery: Explore Montepulciano.**

Traverse the Val di Chiana to the ancient Etruscan city of Montepulciano. En route, visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which features large arches and bell towers.

**Free Time:** Explore Montepulciano at leisure. Perhaps lounge in Piazza Grande, chat with artisans in their workshops, or peek inside centuries-old wine cellars and shops as you wind down the Via Corso.

Delight in regional flavours during lunch in town.

**Enrichment: A Contemporary View of Italy.**

Day Seven

B

## Cortona

**Free Time:** Experience Cortona's highlights at your leisure. Duck into a wine bar, or sample sugary cakes at Pasticceria Banchelli.

**ELECTIVE | Assisi and Perugia.**

Encounter the walled cities of Assisi and Perugia. In Assisi, visit the Basilica of San Francesco and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. After lunch in Assisi, travel to the town of Perugia to see the 13th-century Fontana Maggiore and Prior's Palace.

Day Eight

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## Cortona

**Discovery: Museum of the Etruscan Academy.** Discover the artistic legacy of the Etruscans while visiting the Praetorian



## INCLUDED FEATURES

## ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

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

## EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM

- Seven breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.

## 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:
  - Stroll through Cortona, a beautiful hilltop town.
  - Tour a winery, and taste the local flavours of the Val d'Orcia.
  - Uncover the Gothic splendours of Siena.
  - See Florence's romantic highlights.
  - Experience the ancient charms of Montepulciano.
  - Delight in a Tuscan cooking experience.
  - Discover Cortona's Museum of the Etruscan Academy.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travellers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.



## UNESCO World Heritage

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

Palace. Inside, the Museum of the Etruscan Academy will astound you with its archaeological treasures and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian works of art.

**Discovery: Tastes of Tuscany.** The flavours of Tuscany are created with fresh, simple ingredients. Explore the secrets of this sensational cuisine during a cooking demonstration with a local chef, and savour these culinary creations for lunch.

Tonight, share stories and your favourite moments of your Tuscany adventure during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

## Day Nine

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## 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

B[L]D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost

Villa Marsili



Villa Marsili



## AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE

From your reservation to your return home, we are here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

### *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.
- ▶ **Passenger Service Representative** | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ▶ **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 travellers. 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.

### Cortona



### 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.

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Trip #:19-23930W

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Please make reservations for me/us on the Elective Post-Trip

Extension in Rome. Single supplement applies.

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

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

Departure City

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#### Land Program

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

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# PROGRAM DATES

**Air Program dates:**      **October 2-10, 2018**  
**Land Program dates:**    **October 3-10, 2018**

## LAND PROGRAM

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Includes two nights at Rome's Rose Garden Palace; ancient Rome walking tour; daily buffet breakfast; deluxe motor coach from Cortona to Rome; and the services of an expert guide and AHI Hospitality Desk.

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