



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Tuscany ~ Cortona

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Treat your senses to the **glorious Val d'Orcia**, where cypresses crown hilltops, robust wines tickle your palate and golden fields touch the horizon.
- ▶ Relish the **Florentine magic**, a delightful menagerie of world-class art, ornate fountains and romantic squares.
- ▶ Observe Pulcinella count the hours atop **Montepulciano's** medieval clock tower.
- ▶ Sip an afternoon espresso by **Piazza della Repubblica**, and revel in the cadence of everyday Italian life.
- ▶ Witness the fiery glow of a **Tuscan sunset** from the terrace of your hotel.
- ▶ Admire bygone relics at the **Museum of the Etruscan Academy**.
- ▶ Share a dish of creamy gelato in **Siena's** sprawling Piazza del Campo.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

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 during meals at local restaurants.

YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

ITINERARY

- Day 1** Depart gateway city†
- Day 2** Arrive in Florence | Transfer† to Cortona
- Day 3** Val d'Orcia | Cortona
- Day 4** Siena
- Day 5** Florence
- Day 6** Montepulciano
- Day 7** Cortona
- Day 8** Cortona
- Day 9** Transfer to Florence airport and depart for gateway city†

†Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

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



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DISCOVERY

Tuscan Countryside. Experience the Val d'Orcia, a landscape of red poppies, swaying cypresses, olive groves and bucolic farmsteads. Tour a family-owned winery, and delight in sampling decadent local vintages and cheeses made in the Brunello di Montalcino region.

Cortona Walking Tour. Admire Cortona's fascinating Etruscan treasures. Enjoy a stroll through the Piazza della Repubblica, and step inside the Diocesan Museum to gaze at Fra Angelico's panel painting, Annunciation.

Siena. A trove of Gothic architecture, cathedrals and museums awaits in Siena. Visit the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, and stroll by the Torre del Mangia, Piazza Chapel and Civic Museum. Then gaze at fascinating works of art and sculpture in the city's remarkable Duomo, a treasure of Romanesque-Gothic architecture.

Taste of Florence. Explore the World Heritage site of Florence, and discover how the city's caché of creative genius left it laden with fine art and architecture. Walk by the Old Palace and Ponte Vecchio. Admire the intricate marble façade of the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and see the vast Piazza della Signoria, the center of the city's political life.

Montepulciano. Travel to the ancient Etruscan city of Montepulciano. En route, stop to visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio. Consecrated by Pope Clement VII in 1529, the church features large arches and bell towers. During free time in Montepulciano, stroll down the medieval Via del Corso past wine and cheese shops.

Etruscan Legacy. Immerse yourself in Etruscan history at the Praetorian Palace and the Museum of the Etruscan Academy. Inside the museum, admire archaeological relics and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian art.

Tuscan Cooking. The flavors of Tuscany are created with fresh, simple ingredients. Explore the secrets of this sensational cuisine during a cooking demonstration with a local chef. Then savor the culinary delights for lunch.

ENRICHMENT

Cortona and its Environs. Cortona is tucked into the hills of the Arezzo province. Examine the history of this typically Tuscan town and its relationship to greater Tuscany and Italy as a whole.

Renaissance Art. Learn how the increased awareness of nature, the revival of classical learning and the more individualistic view of humanity shaped the art of the Renaissance.

Contemporary Italy. Engage in a lecture about Italian society, life in Campania, the current political and economic situation in Italy and the country's future challenges.

AHI Travel Expertise

Passenger Service Representative | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

Travel Director | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

Travel information | Prepares you fully for your journey.

Expert local guides | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service.

Lecturers | Share their knowledge of and passion for their country.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Villa Marsili | Cortona 
<http://bit.ly/villamarsili>



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ELECTIVE EXPERIENCE

 We have designed an optional activity to allow you to craft your individual trip.

Assisi. Encounter the magnificent walled city of Assisi. Visit the Basilica of San Francesco, which is dedicated to the town's most famous resident, St. Francis. Step inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, and enjoy lunch in Assisi.

 Elective experiences available at an additional cost

UNESCO World Heritage

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

Let us arrange your flights!

✦ AHI FlexAir | Our personalized air program offers incredible advantages:

- **price guarantee**
- arrival and departure **transfers**
- **flexibility** to change or cancel
- **assistance** with changes or delays
- flight insurance

DATES & PRICES

October 1-9, 2019

From \$3,545

Special Savings \$250

Special Price \$3,295

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.
 All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$695 (limited availability).