



**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
24 Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

# Hill Towns of Italy

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the **beautiful Val d'Orcia**, where golden fields touch the horizon.
- ▶ Encounter **Orvieto**, a hill town in the Umbria region that will steal your heart.
- ▶ Savor the delicate, rich flavors of freshly pressed olive oil during a **visit to a fourth-generation olive farm**.
- ▶ Observe Pulcinella count the hours atop **Montepulciano's** clock tower.
- ▶ Witness the fiery glow of a **Tuscan sunset** from the terrace of your hotel.
- ▶ Marvel at the incredible walled city of **Assisi**, the birthplace of Italy's patron saint, St. Francis.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

(with baggage handling)

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

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 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

- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **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.

### 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** Orvieto
- Day 6** Montepulciano
- Day 7** Assisi
- Day 8** Cortona
- Day 9** Transfer to Florence airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on all excursions.



Hills of Val d'Orcia



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## Discovery

### **AHI Connects: Umbria's Olive Oil.**

Tour a family-owned olive oil farm, and visit the museum to learn about agricultural traditions in the Umbria region. Then enjoy a delicious lunch and savor a tasting of extra virgin olive oil.

### **AHI Connects: Tuscan Cooking.**

Explore sensational Italian cuisine during a cooking demonstration with a local chef and enjoy a traditional lunch.

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

**Cortona Walking Tour.** Admire the city's fascinating Etruscan history. Walk through the Piazza della Repubblica, and step inside the Diocesan Museum to gaze at Fra Angelico's "Annunciation."

**Siena.** Witness a trove of Gothic architecture, cathedrals and museums. Visit the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, passing by the Torre del Mangia, Piazza Chapel and Civic Museum. At Siena's Duomo, gaze at remarkable works of art and inspiring sculpture.

### **A Taste of Umbria in Orvieto.**

Encounter this quaint hilltop town while exploring its charming piazzas and winding lanes. Visit the village's immense cathedral decorated with dazzling golden mosaics, and relish colorful panoramas highlighting Umbria's rolling hills and lush countryside.

**Montepulciano.** Travel to this ancient Etruscan city. En route, visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which was consecrated by Pope Clement VII in 1529. Walk with your group to Piazza Grande in Montepulciano and, at your leisure, stroll down the Via del Corso lined with wine and cheese shops.

**Assisi.** Encounter welcoming Assisi, visiting the Basilica of San Francesco and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Step inside and witness the building's three naves and chapels.

**Etruscan Legacy.** Immerse yourself in Etruscan history at the Praetorian Palace and the Museum of the Etruscan Academy. Admire relics and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian art.

## Enrichment

**Cortona and 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.

### **A Contemporary View of 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.



Montepulciano

## 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

**Hotel Villa Marsili |** Cortona

<http://bit.ly/villamarsili>



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Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi

## UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Siena
2. Val d'Orcia
3. Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites



Historic city of Siena

## Let us arrange your flights!

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

## DATES & PRICES

**April–June | Sept.–Oct. 2020**

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 \$750 (limited availability).