Tuscany ~ Cortona

INCLUDED FEATURES

ACCOMMODATIONS
(With baggage handling.)

- Seven nights in Cortona, Italy, at the deluxe 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    Cortona | Val d’Orcia
Day 4    Siena
Day 5    Florence
Day 6    Montepulciano
Day 7    Cortona
Day 8    Cortona
Day 9    Transfer to Florence and depart for gateway city†

†Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Excursions often require walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or other uneven surfaces.

Inspiring Moments

- Embark on a sensory journey through the Val d’Orcia with robust wines, nutty cheeses and Tuscan vistas.
- Relish the unrivaled romantic ambiance and history of Florence.
- Roam Montepulciano’s Renaissance palazzi and ancient cobblestones.
- Stroll the Piazza della Repubblica to join Cortona’s locals for passeggiata, an evening social tradition in Italy.
- Witness a fiery Tuscan sunset from the terrace of your charming villa.
- Admire bygone relics at the Museum of the Etruscan Academy.
- Experience three UNESCO World Heritage sites.

Siena

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DISCOVERY

**Cortona Walking Tour.** Admire Cortona’s Etruscan treasures. Stroll through the Piazza della Repubblica and see the 13th-century town hall, Diocesan Museum and The Annunciation by Beato Angelico.

**Tuscan Countryside.** Experience the Val d’Orcia, a landscape bursting with red poppies and vineyards. Tour a winery and sample local vintages and cheeses in the Brunello di Montalcino region.

**Siena.** A treasure chest of Gothic architecture, cathedrals and museums awaits in Siena. Visit the Piazza del Campo, and see the Torre del Mangia, Piazza Chapel and Civic Museum. Gaze at fascinating works of art and sculpture in the city’s remarkable Duomo.

**Cradle of the Renaissance.** Be immersed in Florence’s Renaissance history. Explore the city center, and walk by the Old Palace, Ponte Vecchio, Piazza della Signoria and other renowned sites.

**Montepulciano.** Travel through the Val di Chiana to Montepulciano. Visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which features large arches and towers.

**Etruscan Legacy.** Visit the 14th-century Praetorian Palace and, at the Museum of the Etruscan Academy, admire archaeological relics and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian works of art.

**Tuscan Cooking.** Enjoy a Tuscan cuisine cooking demonstration, and savor the culinary treats 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.

**Contemporary Italy.** Attend an engaging discussion of Italy’s place in the European Union and an assessment of its modern-day political, economic and social status.

**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.

ELECTIVE EXPERIENCES

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

**Rome.** Extend your journey after the main program with a two-night stay in Rome. Experience Ancient Rome during an included walking tour, and make your own discoveries during leisure time.

**Encounter Assisi and Perugia.** Stroll through Assisi and visit the Basilica of San Francesco. Enjoy lunch in Assisi before discovering Perugia’s highlights.

**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. |

UNESCO World Heritage

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

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

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