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Visit the region considered by many to be the most beautiful in Italy. Travel in luxury along a historical itinerary with DePauw professor of ancient and Renaissance history, Michael Seaman, and other DePauw alumni and guests visiting the celebrated cities and sites of Tuscany, including six UNESCO World Heritage sites recognized for their outstanding value to humanity.



SPLENDORS OF TUSCANY

June 18-26, 2017

9 days, 8 nights • \$5,395 per person/double occupancy

Reserve a place by Dec. 15 and receive a \$400 discount, per person.

Cost per person, double occupancy with discount: \$4,995.

Single occupancy is severely limited – Please inquire for single occupancy reservations.

Long considered Italy's most beautiful region, Tuscany, with its history, art, and stunning landscapes, has captivated travelers for centuries. Many cities preserve perfectly their medieval character, with walls and towers, winding streets, and communal palazzi (palaces). On this tour, we will visit ten celebrated cities of Tuscany, traveling to well known cities, such as Florence, Pisa, and Siena, as well as to those smaller, less known but still historically significant and picturesque towns in the Tuscan countryside. Stay in first class accommodations, including a luxurious medieval castle in the Chianti wine region, and a five-star hotel in the historic center of Florence. Explore this fascinating region with an expert, Dr. Michael Seaman, professor of ancient and Renaissance history at DePauw.



Alumni Travel

For more information, call 800-738-9624.

Tour Highlights

- First class hotel accommodations, including a luxurious medieval castle in the Chianti wine region and a five-star hotel centrally located in downtown Florence
- Savor unforgettable, carefully planned group meals, such as dinners in castles, on historic piazzas, and in Michelin-starred restaurants
- Travel with a DePauw professor, an expert on the area's history and art
- Tour twelve cities and sites in eight days, including visits to six UNESCO World Heritage Sites celebrated for their outstanding cultural value to humanity
- Enjoy five exclusive culinary tastings typical of the area and three private tastings of award-winning wines, including Chianti, Vernaccia di San Gimignano, and Brunello di Montalcino

“We've only done two guided tours and loved both, but yours had more substance with its superb educational component and unforgettable meals.”

– DePauw Alumnus on 2015 Tour of NE Italy

FACULTY LEADER



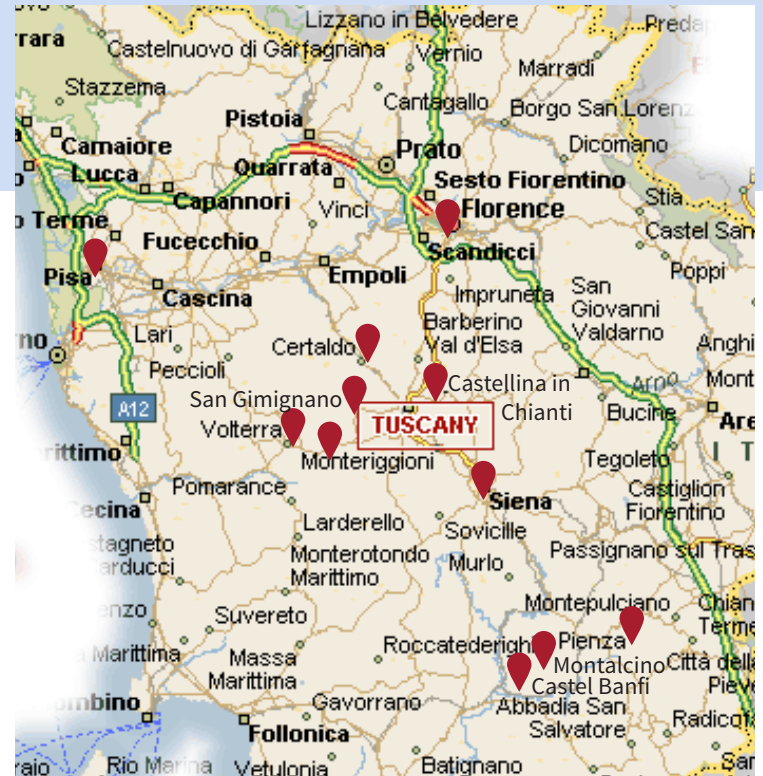
Dr. Michael Seaman has traveled through Italy for the past 30 years and knows the country intimately. He earned his M.A. and PhD degrees at UCLA and has taught Classics and history courses at DePauw for the past 13 years, including the popular History of the Italian Renaissance. He has served as a teaching fellow at both Yale and UCLA, where he received a prestigious teaching award. Mike has been leading tours of Italy, Greece, Turkey and other European countries for more than 20 years. Together with his wife, Francesca Mattiussi-Seaman, a professor of Italian at DePauw, he has organized and led numerous study abroad programs and academic tours, including the 2015 and 2016 DePauw alumni tours, Splendors of Northeastern Italy. His chief area of research is ancient Greek and Roman history, and he has published a number of articles on warfare and imperialism in the ancient world.



Native of Grado, Italy, Francesca Seaman graduated with Honors in the Humanities from Stanford, studied at the Ecole Normale in Paris, and earned her Ph.D. in Italian Literature from Yale University. She is the director of the Italian Program at DePauw. She and Michael have been at DePauw since 2004, and together have been directing summer language immersion and travel programs since 1992. Married in 1988, they have 6 children – 2 boys and 4 girls. Francesca serves as an expert travel consultant.

“The tour was very well organized with just the right balance of academic substance, cultural experiences, and social interaction. Michael, as leader of the group, was very warm, personable, and caring toward the group as well as so knowledgeable. I appreciate how much work went into the planning! Overall, the trip was a wonderful experience! ”

– Mercedes Condy, traveler in 2016 Tour of NE Italy



Cafés and medieval palaces, San Gimignano.

DAY ONE:

SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JUNE 17-18

ARRIVAL, TOUR, AND DINNER IN
CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI

Depart the USA for Tuscany, flying into Florence International Airport, transfer by private motor coach to our deluxe accommodations, the luxurious 11th century Castello La Leccia located in the beautiful Chianti region, set among rolling vineyards and olive groves. Situated on the edge of a hill, the castle commands stunning views south to Siena and west to the walls of Monteriggioni and towers of San Gimignano. Rooms in the castle have wooden floors, vaulted ceilings, precious fabrics, and views of the surrounding countryside. Enjoy the pool with a panoramic vista, the classic Italian garden, or the castle's library, where the academic lectures will take place.

In the early evening, gather with your fellow DePauw alumni travelers and their guests for a private reception on the castle's terrace overlooking the Tuscan hillside vineyards and towers of Siena in the distance. Then take a short walk through the quaint hilltop town of Castellina in Chianti, a town of Etruscan origins, medieval architecture, and known above all today for its spectacular red wine. After a brief tour, we sample several celebrated Chianti and "Super Tuscan" wines and dine on the outdoor terrace of a fine restaurant overlooking hillside vineyards.

- » MEALS: Dinner
- » LECTURE: Brief History of Pisa
- » TASTING: Chianti wines paired with Tuscan cheeses



“We keep looking at our pictures and reliving it all. We’re telling everybody our tour couldn’t have been better and we mean it in every way. We hope you develop another trip so we can do it again.”

– DePauw Alumnus on 2015 Tour of NE Italy

Top image: The elegant 11th century Castello La Leccia. Bottom left: The majestic rolling hills and vineyards of the Chianti wine zone at sunset. Bottom right: An evening walk in Castellina in Chianti.

DAY TWO:

MONDAY, JUNE 19

PISA AND CERTALDO

Founded in Antiquity at the mouth of the Arno River, Pisa flourished as a naval and commercial port after it became one of the four great maritime republics of Italy in the Middle Ages. The 12th century was the period of Pisa's greatest splendor as its galleys controlled the Western Mediterranean and it was one of the most important cities in Europe. It was around this time that its most famous buildings were erected, the Duomo, the most celebrated Romanesque building in Italy, its Baptistery, and Bell Tower.

Tour Pisa with Professor Seaman and a local expert guide beginning with the celebrated monuments of the Piazza dei Miracoli ("Square of Miracles"), proclaimed a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1987. We first visit the Duomo (Cathedral), the prototype of the highly influential Pisan Romanesque style of architecture. Next, see the magnificent and unique, circular Baptistery, still one of the world's largest, and walk through the elegant Camposanto ("Holy Field"), a cemetery for illustrious Pisans created from earth taken from Golgotha and surrounded by a cloister that houses important funerary monuments that served to inspire Pisan sculptors for centuries. Afterward, climb the steps of the famous leaning bell tower to enjoy a panoramic view of Pisa from the place where Galileo is believed to have performed experiments that disproved Aristotle's theory of gravity. Before breaking for lunch on our own, we take a short walk along the Arno River and through the Old Town. Returning from Pisa, we make a brief stop to see the wonderfully preserved medieval village of Certaldo, home



of the important Renaissance humanist, Giovanni Boccaccio, author of *The Decameron*, the first masterpiece in Italian prose. Return to Castello La Leccia for a memorable dinner.

» MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

Top image: Duomo and Tower of Pisa (11th-12th centuries). Bottom left: Interior of Pisa's Duomo with large mosaic of Christ the Redeemer (mostly 13th century). Bottom right: The beautifully preserved medieval town of Certaldo towering above its modern counterpart.

DAY THREE:

TUESDAY, JUNE 20

SAN GIMIGNANO AND MONTERIGGIONI

Often viewed as the ideal Tuscan hill town, San Gimignano somehow avoided urban renewal and has meticulously preserved its unique medieval character. Though its origins are Etruscan and Roman, San Gimignano grew in prosperity in the early Middle Ages with the development of the Via Francigena, the Christian pilgrimage route to Rome from northern and central Europe that passed through it. The town is best known today for its 14 towers, symbols of patrician wealth and power in the Middle Ages. They give the skyline a distinctly medieval appearance, the chief reason the town is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

We take a walking tour of San Gimignano with Professor Seaman and a local expert guide, visiting the 12th century Romanesque Collegiata (Cathedral) with frescoes by Ghirlandaio, teacher of Michelangelo. Next tour the 13th century Church of St. Augustine, also home to some very fine Renaissance art, most notably a fresco cycle by Gozzoli illustrating the life of St. Augustine. We finish our guided tour with a visit to the Palazzo del Popolo (Town Hall), which houses the Civic Museum, replete with important Renaissance art, and the Torre Grossa, the largest tower in town, which we climb for panoramic views of the city and surrounding countryside. After lunch on our own, we reconvene for ice cream at the gelateria voted multiple times as the best in the world. In the afternoon, we take a brief tour of the medieval village of Monteriggioni, including a walk on its town walls, as sentries did seven centuries ago.



- » MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner
- » TASTING: Gelato
- » LECTURE: Introduction to the Italian Renaissance

Top image: San Gimignano, famed for its medieval towers. Bottom left: The central Piazza della Cisterna, San Gimignano. Bottom right: Medieval walled village of Monteriggioni.

DAY FOUR:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

THE VAL D'ORCIA, PIENZA, MONTALCINO, CASTELLO BANFI

Today, we drive to southern Tuscany through the Val d'Orcia, famous for its stunning landscapes that have inspired artists for centuries. The beautiful valley moved UNESCO to proclaim it a World Heritage Site. The rolling hills are dotted with fortified towns, abbeys, farmhouses, and castles. We travel first to Pienza, the birthplace of Pope Pius II who in the 15th century redesigned the center of town by adding an exquisite group of buildings around a central square: the Cathedral, Papal Palace, and Palazzo Communale. The result was a remarkable example of Renaissance town planning and a model of an ideal city for the following century. For this reason, Pienza too was awarded UNESCO World Heritage status.

After a walking tour, we proceed to a light group lunch where we sample celebrated Tuscan cheeses and salumi, including pecorino and finocchiona, both local specialties. Departing Pienza, we travel to nearby Montalcino, famous for the luscious, full-bodied red wine, Brunello di Montalcino, considered by many to be the best in Italy. A walking tour leads us by the 13th century town hall to an enoteca where we sample award-winning Brunello wines, which are aged longer than any wine in Italy with a minimum of five years, two in oak casks. We conclude the day with a visit to the historic Castello Banfi, where we tour the cellars, the balsamic vinegar facilities, and the glass museum. Finally, we dine al fresco on the terrace of the castle's award-winning restaurant, taking in breathtaking views of the surrounding vineyards and countryside.



- » MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner
- » TASTING 1: Tuscan Cheeses and Salumi
- » TASTING 2: Award-winning Brunello Wines

Top image: Montalcino, the hill town known today for its full-bodied Brunello wine. Bottom left: A quiet side street in Pienza. Bottom right: The imposing Castello Banfi, surrounded by its vineyards.

DAY FIVE:

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

SIENA

Few cities in the world can rival the beauty of Siena. The picturesque city is situated on three hills that form the shape of a “Y” which has at its center its main square, the Campo, one of the most beautiful spaces ever built. Designed in the shape of a scallop shell, the square slopes gently down to the magnificent Palazzo Pubblico, the medieval town hall with its iconic tower, the Torre del Mangia. In the 13th century, the city entered its Golden Age during which the greatest works of art were produced by the famous Siennese school of painting. Since it has preserved its medieval character to such a high degree and because it was very influential in the development of painting, sculpture, architecture, and town planning in Italy and Europe in subsequent centuries, Siena has been awarded UNESCO World Heritage status.

We begin our tour of the city with a walk through the historic town, stopping at the austere Basilica of St. Domenic, where St. Catherine of Siena joined the Dominican order. Continuing through the various *contrade* (“wards”), we next visit the Cathedral and the adjacent Museo dell’Opera del Duomo (Cathedral Museum), both of which contain celebrated artistic masterpieces from the medieval and Renaissance periods. Afterward, we walk together to the Campo where we break for lunch on our own. In the early evening, we reconvene for a culinary tasting of Siennese *Vin Santo* and *cantucci*, followed by an elegant dinner at a restaurant on the Campo itself.



- » MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner
- » TASTING: Vin Santo and *cantucci*

Top image: Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Bottom left: The Cathedral of Siena towering above the city. Bottom right: Evening on the Campo, the main square of Siena.

DAY SIX:

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

VOLTERRA

Perched high atop a hill and dominating a large area, Volterra is the quintessential Etruscan hilltop town. The city has been inhabited continuously since the 8th century BC and, undoubtedly due to its commanding position, was one of the most powerful Etruscan cities before it succumbed to the Romans in the 3rd century BC. It sits among a peculiar landscape of rolling yellow and grey hills, many of which are stripped bare of all vegetation.

We tour the city with Professor Seaman and a local expert guide, enjoying first the spectacular views from the walls and proceeding next to most ancient sites in town, including the Roman theatre, widely considered to be the best preserved in Italy. We then walk to the center of town to appreciate the 12th century Cathedral as well as the Palazzo dei Priori and adjacent Palazzo del Podestà, both erected in the 13th century. , Before breaking for lunch on our own, we take a guided tour through the Museo Etrusco Guarnacci (Etruscan Museum), one of the best and most interesting Etruscan collections in all Italy. Volterra has been a leading center for alabaster craftsmanship since Etruscan times and skilled artisans still carve the rare stone, quarried locally, into high quality products. After lunch, we reconvene and conclude our tour with a private visit to an alabaster studio for a demonstration of traditional alabaster carving by a leading local artist. Back at the Castello La Leccia, we prepare for tomorrow's departure for Florence but make room for an olive oil tasting before dinner.



- » MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner
- » TASTING: Tuscan Olive Oils
- » LECTURE: Brief History of Florence

Top image: The hilltop Etruscan town of Volterra, founded in the 8th century BC. Bottom left: The 13th century Palazzo dei Priori, Volterra. Bottom right: Roman theatre of Volterra, erected 1st century BC.

DAY SEVEN:

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

FLORENCE

We fittingly end our tour of Tuscany with two days in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance and the city many call the most beautiful in the world. Florence's art and architecture, palaces and gardens are studied in art schools and universities around the world and its masterpieces can be seen not only in museums but on nearly every street corner so that the entire city itself is a work of art. Founded along the Arno River by Julius Caesar, Florence entered a Golden Age in the 15th century under the leadership and patronage of the Medici family.

On our first day in Florence we focus on medieval art and architecture, beginning with a guided tour of Gothic Basilica di Santa Croce, the largest Franciscan church in the world, known for its medieval and Renaissance masterpieces of painting and sculpture as well as the tombs of Michelangelo, Machiavelli, Galileo, and others. We next visit the massive and grandiose Cathedral ("Duomo"), skipping the line, and view its famous dome designed by Brunelleschi, a spectacular feat of engineering skill. Afterward, we proceed to the cathedral baptistery to study up close Ghiberti's celebrated "Gates of Paradise," a landmark achievement in art history. We end our morning tour with a walk to the Piazza della Signoria to view the square and the medieval Palazzo Vecchio (Town Hall). Enjoy lunch and some free time on your own before reconvening for a magnificent group dinner on a rooftop terrace where we take in stunning views of the city.



» MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

Top image: View of Florence from the Piazzale Michelangelo. Bottom left: The Cathedral (Duomo) of Florence designed by Arnolfo di Cambio in 1294, with dome by Filippo Brunelleschi, one of the masterpieces of the Renaissance. Bottom right: Interior of the dome of the Florentine Cathedral with frescoes by Giorgio Vasari.

DAY EIGHT:

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

FLORENCE

Today, we concentrate our attention on the Florentine achievements of the Renaissance. We begin with a guided tour of the Uffizi, the most important collection of paintings in Italy and one of the world's great art collections. Bypassing again the long entrance lines, we proceed to our study of artwork by Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Botticelli, Raphael, Michelangelo, and others. Afterward, walk to the 14th century Ponte Vecchio, the only bridge in the city not destroyed in WW II, and on to the 15th century Palazzo Medici-Riccardi, the residence of the Medici family that served as a model for future Florentine palaces. We tour the palace, viewing above all the Cappella dei Magi, the beautiful frescoes which are considered the masterpiece of Benozzo Gozzoli. Enjoy lunch and the afternoon on your own before we gather again for our final group dinner, which includes one of the most celebrated dishes of Tuscan cuisine, the *bistecca alla Fiorentina* (Florentine steak). After dinner, we cross the Arno and hike up to the Piazzale Michelangelo to appreciate breathtaking panoramic views of the city.

» MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

“The balance between academics and the social time with the group coupled with wonderful sightseeing made this a first-class trip of a life-time for me and my wife.”

– DePauw alumnus on 2016 tour of NE Italy with Prof. Seaman



Top image: The Ponte Vecchio, standing since 1345, is the oldest bridge in Florence. Bottom left: The Via dei Calzaiuoli, one of Florence's many pedestrian shopping streets. Bottom right: Sandro Botticelli's iconic Birth of Venus in the Uffizi Gallery.

DAY NINE:

MONDAY, JUNE 26

DEPART FLORENCE
INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Enjoy breakfast in the hotel before taking a private taxi to the Florence International Airport. Optional two-day extension in Florence available.

» MEALS: Breakfast

“Each day was so well chosen and the day-to-day schedule could not have been more well done. Mike is so knowledgeable and so skilled in his presentations. – R. Geraldson '62 and traveler on 2015 Tour of NE Italy with Prof. Seaman

“The quality (and quantity) of the meals is totally undersold. Every single meal was amazing and introduced to things we wouldn't have ordered on our own. ”
– DePauw alumnus on 2016 tour of NE Italy with Prof. Seaman



Image at top right: The medieval Palazzo Vecchio, the seat of Florence's republican council. Top image at left: The Mercato Nuovo, one of Florence's outdoor markets. Bottom image at left: The Fountain of Neptune in the Piazza della Signoria with some of Florence's many outdoor sculptures.



ACCOMMODATIONS

All our accommodations are carefully chosen for their luxury, service, charm, and central location. Though we make every effort to book the following accommodations, we may need to change them if the minimum number of required guests is not met. In the unusual event that a change must be made, we will choose comparable luxury accommodations.

“This was the best tour we have ever been on. Mike is a gem and the places we visited were wonderful. We highly recommend this tour. It was lots of fun and very educational.”

– Bill Blake '59 and traveler on 2015 Tour of NE Italy



CASTELLO LA LECCIA, CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI

We stay six nights in the luxurious Castello La Leccia, an 11th century castle located in the celebrated Chianti wine region amidst rolling hills of vineyards and olive groves. The historic estate, complete with garden, pool, and scenic terrace, sits on a hill with commanding views to the south and west. The rooms have wooden floors, beamed ceilings, and all the amenities you would expect in a first class hotel. Enjoy breakfast outdoors in the garden with breathtaking views of the surrounding valley and three exquisite dinners in the castle's dining room with beautiful Tuscan landscapes in view. The castle is ideally located in the center of Tuscany, allowing us to see diverse parts of the region without traveling long distances.



HOTEL ST. REGIS, FLORENCE

The five-star Hotel St. Regis is widely considered to be the best hotel in the city. The hotel has won countless awards, including most recently named the fourth most exclusive hotel worldwide and the second most chic city hotel. The St. Regis is a historic palace designed by Brunelleschi, the same Renaissance architect who designed Florence's cathedral dome. Savor the cuisine in the hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant. The palace-hotel is centrally located along the Arno River, a short walk to all the main sights.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

A \$1,000 deposit, per person, is required to hold a place.

DEPOSITS, PAYMENTS AND CANCELLATIONS

Please note that a deposit to hold a place is non-refundable. Cancellations, no show, or early departure from the tour will forfeit 100% of the regular tariffs, and no full or partial refund will be made after May 1, 2017.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Historia World Travel does not provide travelers with insurance. We recommend that each traveler purchase a travel insurance policy that provides comprehensive trip cancellation, accident, medical, baggage, medical evacuation, and emergency assistance. Normally, to receive full insurance coverage, travelers must enroll within 21 days from the initial deposit made for the trip.

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WHAT TO EXPECT

This tour is moderately strenuous. Though we use private motor coach, each day we will take walking tours that range from three to six hours. Breaks are provided and every effort is made to bypass or skip entrance lines, though participants must be physically fit and in good health. All breakfasts and dinners, with wine, are included. While touring cities, we mostly stay together as a group, though free time is provided on some afternoons and evenings. There are eight memorable group dinners in a variety of settings, including four dinners in two different medieval castles, dinner on an outdoor terrace with a view of Florence, and dinner on the historic Campo (main square) of Siena. Free time is provided for eating lunch independently in the cities we visit, for which we will provide you with a list of recommended restaurants and suggested dishes to try.

DATES

This tour begins in Florence, Italy on Sunday, June 18, 2017 and ends in Florence, Italy on Monday, June 26, 2017. Note: you must depart the U.S.A. no later than June 17 to arrive in Italy on June 18.

SIZE

This tour is limited to 24 participants

COST

- » \$5,395 cost per person, double occupancy
Note: Reserve a place by Dec. 15 and receive a \$400 discount per person. Cost per person, double occupancy with discount: \$4,995
- » \$1,000 single supplement
- » Single occupancy places are severely limited – please inquire for single reservations



The elegant Michelin-starred restaurant of the Hotel St. Regis, located in the courtyard of a 16th century palace designed by the Renaissance architect Brunelleschi.

RESERVATION FORM

You may pay by check, payable to Historia World Travel, or credit card using the form below. Please mail your reservation form and check (if paying by check) to Historia World Travel, P.O. Box 808, Greencastle, IN 46135. Alternatively, you may fax the form to us at 800-738-9624. For questions, you may reach us by phone or email (contact info is listed below).

PAYMENT

A \$1,000 per person deposit is required to hold a place in the tour Splendors of Tuscany (June 18-26, 2017).

I wish to reserve _____ place(s) on the tour.

I have enclosed a check for \$ _____
OR

I authorize a charge of \$ _____
to my VISA MasterCard

Cardholder's name: _____

Acct. #: _____

Exp. date: _____ CVV Code: _____

Signature: _____

Please note that final payment is due by May 1, 2017.



Market in Siena.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Guest 1 – Name as on passport _____

Guest 2 – Name as on passport _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

With payment of the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental or physical condition of disability that would cause a hazard for him/herself or other travelers. In addition, with the signature below each traveler certifies that he/she has read the Terms and Conditions contained in this brochure, that he/she understands them, and accepts them.

Signature Guest 1 _____ Date _____

Signature Guest 2 _____ Date _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/TRIP EXTENSIONS

In this space, you may provide any additional instructions you feel we should have. If you would like to arrive early or extend your stay in Florence at the conclusion of the program, please give us your preferred dates. If you have any dietary restrictions or a preference for one or two beds, please tell us here. Upgraded rooms at the Hotel St. Regis in Florence with views of the Arno River cost \$100 per night, per room.
