

## TUSCANY

**October 7-29, 2016**

| Full Price                   | Special Savings | Special Price   |
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| <b>Studio Apartment</b>      |                 |                 |
| \$4,445                      | \$250           | <b>\$4,195*</b> |
| <b>One Bedroom Apartment</b> |                 |                 |
| \$4,845                      | \$250           | <b>\$4,595*</b> |

\*Special Price valid if booked by 10/1/2015.

VAT is an additional \$495 per person.



All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated) and valid until October 1, 2015. Please contact us for current pricing and information. Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).



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If you ever dreamed of living abroad, immersing yourself in a new culture or simply embarking on a new adventure, then this program is for you. AHI's The Art of Living programs provide an authentic, extended introduction to living abroad with customizable experiences. Select a group of excursions and activities geared toward your individual interests. AHI is proud to offer an international living adventure in Italy. Immerse yourself in Italian lifestyle, customs, art, history and cuisine. Spend three weeks in a flat in Florence, the symbol of the Renaissance and the historic heart of Tuscany. Mingle with locals, embark on exciting excursions, and enhance your learning with educational lectures and workshops. AHI will show you what it's like to live la bella vita!



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- **Groups are limited to 36 travelers** to maximize your travel experience.
- Enjoy **three weeks' furnished accommodations** complete with modern amenities, including a kitchenette, cable TV and Wi-Fi.
- Embark on included group excursions to **Florence, Colle di Val d'Elsa, Siena, Cortona, San Gimignano** as well as the **Chianti region**.
- Attend a lecture on **Renaissance art**, and visit the famed **Uffizi Gallery** and **the Accademia**.
- Attend an **Italian cooking demonstration** and tour an **Italian winery** and sample its product.
- **Meet locals** in Florence to learn more about the Italian lifestyle.
- Try out life abroad as you equip yourself to **live independently** in Italy.
- Choose from **three Optional Enrichment Tracks** based on your individual interests: Language, Cuisine, or Art and Architecture (available at an additional cost).

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- **Three weeks** in **Florence, Italy**, at the first-class **Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli**.

### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs** presented by **local experts** will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception** and a **Welcome Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Dinner**.

### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy 21 breakfasts, six lunches and five dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of **leisure time** to try the **local cuisine** independently.

## MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced **Travel Director** throughout your stay.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT/FRIDAY

Depart for Florence, Italy.†

† Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

### DAY 2 ~ SATURDAY

Upon arrival, transfer† to the Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli. Attend a welcome briefing with your AHI Travel Director who will ensure you are fully informed about the program. Then attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

### DAY 3 ~ SUNDAY

At the start of each day, enjoy a buffet breakfast at your hotel. After breakfast, get to know your new home. Explore the highlights of Florence, a UNESCO World Heritage site, on a guided walking tour. See Il Duomo and Ponte Vecchio, among other highlights. Enjoy lunch at a Florence restaurant

### DAYS 4-7 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

On Tuesday, attend a lecture on Renaissance art. After the lecture, join your fellow travelers for dinner and camaraderie at a local restaurant. On Wednesday, visit the Accademia, home to Michelangelo's "David." On Thursday, savor local specialties during lunch at a local restaurant.

### DAYS 8-10 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY

On Saturday, journey to the Castello di Monsanto winery in Chianti and enjoy wine and olive oil tastings. Enjoy lunch at a restaurant. Later, discover the

medieval walled town of San Gimignano during a guided tour.

### DAYS 11-14 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY

Learn about Contemporary Italy and Life in Florence during an engaging discussion on Tuesday. On Wednesday visit the Uffizi Gallery, Italy's most visited art museum, to see works by da Vinci and Raffaello, among other artists. Afterward, enjoy dinner at a restaurant with your fellow travelers.

### DAYS 15-17 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY

On Friday, venture to Colle di Val d'Elsa for a guided walking tour. After lunch at a restaurant, continue to Siena for a tour and leisure time. On Sunday, admire the treasures of the hilltop Tuscan town of Cortona. Visit the Etruscan Museum. Then, learn about Italian cuisine during a cooking demonstration followed by lunch.

### DAYS 19-22 ~ MONDAY-FRIDAY

On Wednesday, join your new friends for lunch and conversation at a Florence restaurant. On Friday, enjoy a festive Farewell Dinner.

### DAY 23 ~ IN TRANSIT/SATURDAY

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.†

**NOTE:** The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

## OPTIONAL ENRICHMENT TRACKS

AHI's new The Art of Living programs have been designed to offer increased choice and personalized experiences. The main program features the included excursions detailed above, and you may choose to enhance your experience by purchasing one or more of the Optional Enrichment Tracks, which allow you to customize your adventure based on your interests. This program offers the following Optional Enrichment Tracks:

### LANGUAGE OPTION

This track includes 12 three-hour Italian language classes that are small and tailored to your skill level, guaranteeing individual attention and a comfortable progression through the lessons.

### CULINARY OPTION

In this track, the region's cuisine takes center stage. Enjoy shopping for fresh ingredients at a local market and learn how to make some of Italy's favorite dishes during four cooking lessons with an English-speaking chef.

### ART & ARCHITECTURE OPTION

Go beyond Florence's most visited sites to explore additional museums and architectural gems, including Pitti Palace and the Basilica of Santa Croce.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### HOTEL & RESIDENCE PALAZZO RICASOLI

After a day exploring Tuscany, retire to the tranquility of your apartment-style accommodations. The Hotel & Residence Palazzo Ricasoli is housed in the 16th-century palace of the Ricasoli family on quiet Via delle Mantellate, just a short walk from the historic center of Florence. The palace-turned-residence is also close to boutiques, restaurants, galleries, groceries and a laundromat. Each bright, spacious, sound-proofed flat features a sitting area, a bathroom with shower/tub and a kitchenette, as well as Wi-Fi and air-conditioning. Relax and enjoy your international living experience in the hotel bar, café, the breakfast room or the charming courtyard. The hotel takes care of linen changes, and the friendly, engaging staff will ensure you are fully informed about local attractions, museums, theaters and transportation. The Residence Palazzo Ricasoli also offers an indoor garage, should you choose to rent a vehicle during your stay.



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Please contact Sabra Helton at **713-348-4694** to make reservations or with questions regarding this tour. Or fax this form to **713-348-5210**.

Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)

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Sharing with \_\_\_\_\_. (Form sent separately.)

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

Accommodations desired (please number in order of preference):

\_\_\_\_\_ Studio Apartment \_\_\_\_\_ One-Bedroom Apartment

### Land Program and AHI FlexAir

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

Departure City

☐ Please contact me regarding air options.

☐ Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

### Land Program

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

### Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional cost (limited availability).

☐ I request assistance in securing a roommate but will accept a single, if one is available at this time, and pay the single supplement. Should a roommate be found, I understand the supplement will no longer apply.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first come, first served basis. Reservations to be paid in full by July 24, 2016 (75 days prior to departure). Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by personal check, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex. Make checks payable to AHI International.

Enclosed is a deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$600 per person required) to reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s).

☐ Accept my check made payable to **AHI International**.

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**Please note:** Any payment to AHI International constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out herein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.

**ULTIMATE FLEXIBILITY**-The AHI Travel Passenger Protection Plan offers an **Any Reason Cancellation** feature. Don't worry! Travel happy!

**NOT INCLUDED**-Fees for passports, visas, entry/departure fees, personal gratuities, laundry and dry cleaning; excursions, meals and beverages not described in this brochure as included, travel insurance and all items of a strictly personal nature.

**MOBILITY AND FITNESS TO TRAVEL**-Participants should be in good health and able to walk moderate distances over varied terrain. Participants needing individual assistance for walking, dining or other personal needs must be accompanied by an able companion who will assist them. The right is retained to decline to accept or to retain any person as a member of this trip who, in the opinion of AHI Travel is unfit for travel or whose physical or mental condition may constitute a danger to themselves or to others on the trip, subject only to the requirement that the portion of the total amount paid which corresponds to the unused services and accommodations be refunded.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION**-The price of air transportation offered by AHI Travel is based on Advance Purchase Excursion fares. After tickets are issued, penalties up to 100% of the ticket price may be levied. If connecting flights are requested, special promotional fares may be used, in which case penalties of as much as 100% may be assessed by the airlines if reservations are changed or canceled after ticketing. After departure, if the reservations are changed, you will be charged the higher, all year Economy class fare. **VARIATIONS TO THE GROUP ITINERARY MUST BE REQUESTED NO LATER THAN 60 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.** Passengers who choose to make their own airline reservations independently will be wholly responsible for any airline fees or penalties incurred as a result of program cancellation and/or change in travel dates, or airline schedule(s).

**BAGGAGE**-Baggage restrictions vary according to the airline policy and the class of service flown. Details will be provided with your pre-departure information. Baggage allowances are subject to change by the carrier without notice. Excess baggage charges for additional or oversized/overweight pieces are expensive and not included in your trip price; plan your wardrobe accordingly. Transport of baggage and personal effects is at the owner's risk throughout the travel program.

**RESPONSIBILITY OF PARTICIPANT**-This program includes accommodations in an apartment in Florence, Italy. It is the responsibility of each participant to leave his/her apartment at the conclusion of the program in as good a condition as it was when the program began. Participants may be assessed charges for repairs or cleaning required due to damage beyond normal wear and tear caused or permitted by a participant.

**AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES AND AUDIO RECORDINGS**-On occasion, AHI Travel obtains, from its staff, or from trip participants, photographic or video images of passengers and trip activities. By participating in this travel program, you authorize AHI Travel, without providing compensation to you, or obtaining additional approvals from you, to include photographic and video recordings of you, as well as voice recordings included with any videos, in AHI Travel's sales, marketing, advertising, publicity and/or training activities.

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**CANCELLATION**-In addition to airline cancellation penalties, all cancellations for any reason whatsoever will be subject to a \$250 per person administrative fee. [Please note that you may choose, at the time of cancellation, to apply the withheld administrative fee to a future AHI Travel program that will operate in the current calendar year or year following.] Cancellation from 120 days to 76 days prior to departure will result in forfeiture of 10% of the entire cost of the trip per person; 75-30 days, 50% of the trip cost per person; cancellation from 29 days up to the time of departure will result in 100% forfeiture of the entire cost of the trip. **TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE. AN APPLICATION WILL BE SENT AFTER YOU RESERVE.** All cancellations must be submitted in writing to AHI International Corporation.

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