Tuscany

featuring Lucca, Carrara & the Cinque Terre

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A World of Discovery

Classic history and timeless charisma radiate from the hills of Tuscany. With its trickling fountains and medieval architecture, Lucca’s indelible spirit will captivate you. Beyond Lucca, breathe in salty breezes along the Cinque Terre, sip celebrated wines in terraced vineyards and so much more!

What sets this travel adventure apart from others is AHI’s unwavering commitment to connecting you to the world’s people, places and cultures, especially at this important time in history. By weaving together discovery, education and authentic experiences, AHI invests in each destination, its people and local ways of life. Enriching and transformative, our journeys deliver new insights as we rediscover a global community more eager than ever to engage.

The value of the AHI journey is rooted in the personalized care you receive from AHI’s Travel Directors. These thoughtful professionals create a welcoming atmosphere while handling every last detail so you can focus on the wonder before you. We also partner with knowledgeable guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines.

Designed for you, the curious traveler, this AHI journey invites you to open a new chapter in Italy!

Above: Manarola, Cinque Terre | Cover photo: Piazza dell’Anfiteatro, Lucca

Inspiring Moments

► Marvel at the enchanting beauty of the Cinque Terre while cruising on the Ligurian Sea.
► Explore the magnificent walled city of Lucca, the birthplace of Puccini.
► Witness the Leaning Tower of Pisa and discover the city’s maritime relics.
► Savor an indulgent seafood lunch at a seaside restaurant.
► Walk in the footsteps of Michelangelo during a visit to a Carrara marble quarry.
► Taste rich, bold vintages at a winery in the coveted Tuscan wine region.
► Enjoy an Italian opera performance in Lucca.
► Explore two UNESCO World Heritage sites.
Dear UCLA Alumni and Friends,

Tuscany is quick to embrace you! During a seven-night stay in Lucca, fall under the spell of this timeless region. Each day, storybook images spring to life as you dig deeper into the remarkable heritage and traditions that have captivated writers, artists and travelers through the centuries.

Encounter the secluded towns of the Cinque Terre, a seductive landscape of pastel-colored homes and emerald vineyards. Traverse verdant hills to sip locally made wines and discover the soul of rural communities awash with charm. In Carrara, follow Michelangelo’s storied path and appreciate an evening filled with Puccini’s musical masterpieces. Plus, enjoy a visit to enigmatic Pisa! Whether you’re drinking in brilliant ocean vistas or basking in the aroma of buttery confections, we’ll connect you with the spirit and splendor of Tuscany. Settle in for this refreshing sojourn that will leave you yearning for more!

This trip combines the security, ease and value of group travel with opportunities for independent exploration. Space on this exclusive journey is limited, and the trip is sure to sell out quickly, so make your reservations today!

Regards from Westwood,

Christel Aragon
Director, Alumni Travel

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Day 1 | In Transit
Depart your gateway city for Pisa, Italy.

Day 2 | Pisa, Italy | Lucca
Upon arrival, transfer to Lucca’s Hotel Ilaria. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a festive Welcome Reception and Dinner.

Day 3 | Lucca
Enrichment: The History of Lucca. Delve into this region’s alluring history and culture, from its Roman origins to modern society.

Discovery: Lucca Walking Tour. The streets of Lucca hum with centuries of creativity and artistry. Within this charismatic walled city, find brilliant examples of Romanesque architecture, including the Duomo di San Martino with its carvings by Nicola Pisano. Follow the path of Caesar, Pompey, Crassus and Puccini while exploring the old town. Along your walk, see the Basilica of San Frediano and the enchanting Church of San Michele with its winged statue of St. Michael flanked by trumpeting angels.

Free Time: Carve your own path through Lucca for the remainder of the day.

Day 4 | Carrara | Lucca
Discovery: Carrara. The centuries-old marble quarries of Carrara have been sought after by world-famous sculptors, including Michelangelo. During a tour of Fantiscritti quarry, see local artisans using the tools of the trade in their studios and test your skills in the medium of stone carving. Continue to the city’s ornate Duomo. The building’s marble rose window and façade are breathtaking masterpieces.

After a tasty lunch, return to Lucca.

Enrichment: The Cinque Terre.
Prepare for tomorrow’s visit to this wondrous destination by learning about the area’s geography and economy.

Day 5 | Cinque Terre | Lucca
Discovery: Villages of the Cinque Terre. The Cinque Terre is an enchanting landscape of pastel-painted homes climbing rocky ridges, tree-covered bluffs and sparkling turquoise seas. From the ancient Roman seaport of Portovenere, travel to the fishing village of Manarola, the center of the region’s wine and olive oil production. Manarola slopes steeply down to a tiny harbor and a rocky shore, a truly picturesque setting. Continue on a cruise on the Ligurian Sea, taking in coastal views of the villages of Corniglia and Vernazza.

Discovery: Seaside Lunch. Sit down at a waterfront trattoria (traditional Italian eatery) in Vernazza and dig into a delectable lunch featuring fresh seafood.

Free Time: Stroll along Vernazza’s cobblestones as you set your own pace through the village, inhaling the delicious aromas of espresso, confections and fresh sea breezes.

Top: Piazza and Church of San Michele, Lucca
Neptune sculpture in Duomo Square, Carrara
Day 6 | Lucca

**Enrichment: A Contemporary View of Italy.** Explore the current events shaping contemporary Italy and its place within the European Union.

**Free Time:** Enjoy time at leisure as you discover Lucca’s tempting trattorias, local boutiques, celebrated museums and beautiful architecture.

**Enrichment: Puccini’s Life and Music.** Gather for a fascinating discussion about Giacomo Puccini’s life and compositions.

**Discovery: Evening of Music.** Your magical day continues with a soul-stirring opera performance.

After the production, sit down with your fellow travelers over a dinner of regional dishes.

Day 7 | Villa Reale di Marlia | Montecarlo | Tuscan Winery | Lucca

**Discovery: Villa Reale and Montecarlo.** Visit the sprawling grounds and landscaped gardens of the Villa Reale di Marlia. Once home to the sister of Napoleon Bonaparte, this history-steeped villa reveals centuries-old fountains, statues crafted from Carrara marble, tiny lakes and immaculately trimmed hedges. Continue to the medieval village of Montecarlo to see the Teatro dei Rassicurati, an intimate 18th-century theater that was frequented by Puccini. Step inside the sacred Collegiata of Sant’Andrea, filled with myriad chapels and paintings.

**AHI Connects: Tuscan Winery.** Journey through sun-drenched hills draped in vineyards to a countryside winery. Meet the friendly owners who are eager to welcome you and share their insight into their land’s viticulture. Enjoy an intimate tasting session!

Day 8 | Pisa | Lucca

**Discovery: The Miracles of Pisa and its Environs.** Delve into the maritime history of Pisa at the city’s Museum of Ancient Ships. This institution is home to archaeological finds and well-preserved Roman and medieval ships. In Pisa’s Miracle Square, visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and Baptistry, and admire the incredible Leaning Tower, an iconic symbol of Italy! The construction of the tower began in 1173 and it took approximately 200 years to build from start to finish.

**Free Time:** The rest of the afternoon is at leisure in Lucca. Visit local shops for unique souvenirs or gather fixings for lunch in town.
UNESCO World Heritage
1. Piazza del Duomo, Pisa
2. Portovenere, Cinque Terre, and the Islands

You may also choose to take a bike ride along the walls of the city and stop for a picnic on the ramparts.

Tonight, share stories of your adventures at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, transfer to the Pisa airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

A Note About Activity Levels

We want you to have a comfortable and enjoyable experience. That’s why we have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Depending on the excursion, more leisurely alternatives may be available. Please call or visit our website to review the itinerary for full details about our activity levels.

Excursions on this program require:
- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Accommodations (with baggage handling)
- 7 nights in Lucca, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Ilaria.

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
- AHI Travel Assurance plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - Encounter the walled city of Lucca.
  - Tour an acclaimed marble quarry and a church in Carrara.
  - Thrill to a journey through the villages of the enchanting Cinque Terre.
  - Revel in an Italian musical production.
  - Stroll through elegant villa grounds, followed by a visit to Montecarlo.
  - Sip locally produced vintages at a Tuscan winery.
  - Experience the highlights of Pisa.

AHI Sustainability Promise:
Striving for a positive, purposeful impact on the destinations we visit: preserving the environment, supporting local communities and giving back to the places we travel.

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.
AHI Travel Expertise
From your reservation to your return home, we’re here to ensure you have the adventure of a lifetime.

Before you go:
► Travel Consultants | These experts stand ready to answer your questions about activities, meals, accommodations and more as they guide you through the reservation process.
► Passenger Service Representative | After reserving your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who helps with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
► Travel Information | Before your journey, our team closely monitors travel conditions, shares pre-departure details and provides information and enrichment about your destination.

Once you arrive:
Our top-notch, dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level! Share a laugh, learn where to find the best café and enjoy their unique perspectives on the local scene.
► Travel Director | Our multilingual Travel Director manages all the details so that you can simply relax and soak up the ambience. In the care of this seasoned travel professional who is attuned to your personal safety, you’ll enjoy a seamless, unforgettable travel experience.
► Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We’ve specially selected informed, enthusiastic local guides who understand the needs of our educated and curious travelers. Warm and genuine, they’re ready to share their passion for their country with you.
► Lecturers | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history, culture and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

Hotel Ilaria | Lucca
Located in Lucca’s historic city center along a stone-paved street and narrow canal, Hotel Ilaria serves as your true Tuscan oasis. Once a stable, the charming property has been reimagined with all of the comforts you expect from an elegant home away from home. Stretch out in the sunny atrium, relax with an espresso or enjoy the free bicycles as you explore Lucca. Wi-Fi is complimentary.
To reserve your place on tour, please complete this Reservation Form and email it to travel@alumni.ucla.edu, or fax to 310-209-4271.

Once UCLA Alumni Travel receives this request, AHI Travel will contact you via email within three business days regarding your deposit payment. Your reservation is not confirmed until your deposit is paid and processed.

If paying by check, please make check payable to AHI Travel and include with the form.

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I/we would like to request ________ place(s).
Deposit amount is $600 per person.

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Street Address

City_________ State_________ ZIP_________

Home (_______)  Cell (_____)

Sharing with_________
Name (Reservation Request sent separately)

Single Accommodations

☐ I prefer single accommodations at an additional $650 (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.

Flights

☐ Yes, I/we are requesting the round-trip AHI FlexAir to Pisa, Italy, to depart from:

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Departure City

I/we are interested in upgrading my/our international flight to the following:

☐ First Class  ☐ Business Class  ☐ Premium Economy

☐ No thanks! I/we will book my/our own air travel and transfers.

Reservations are subject to availability and processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Your full balance must be paid by June 4, 2023 (90 days prior to departure). Reservations received before this date are eligible for a discount if full payment is made at the time of booking. Reservations received after this date must be accompanied by payment in full. Final payment may be made by eCheck, MasterCard, Visa, Discover or Amex.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at https://ucla.ahitravel.com/destinations/1731A?schoolid=170. You can also request a copy from our travel experts. Any payment to AHI Travel constitutes your acceptance of the terms and conditions set out therein, including but not limited to the cancellation terms.
PROGRAM DATES

Air Program dates: Sept. 2-10, 2023
Land Program dates: Sept. 3-10, 2023

LAND PROGRAM

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*Special Price valid if booked by the date found on the address panel.
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 $650 (limited availability).

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- PRICE GUARANTEE to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase.
- Arrival and departure transfers on group dates.
- Flexibility to change or cancel your reservations without penalty up to 60 days before departure on most flights.
- Assistance in the event of schedule changes or delays.

Travel stress-free with AHI FlexAir.

TRAVEL WITH CONFIDENCE

For more than half a century, our dedicated team has helped travelers explore the world safely and securely.

To offer you added peace of mind, we’ve fine-tuned all facets of your travel experience:

- Included AHI Travel Assurance covers travel- and health-related contingencies. Available for U.S. residents only.
- Increased booking flexibility and relaxed cancellation penalties.
- Home support staff and ground team communicating 24/7 to ensure a seamless and safe journey.
- Travel Directors specially trained to the highest standard in accordance with AHI’s health and safety protocols.
- A global network of partners rigorously following new procedures and protocols.
- Enhanced sanitation practices for river ships, hotels, trains and motor coaches.
- Tour operations modified for smaller groups and greater physical distancing.
- Hand sanitizer available for guest use.

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Uncover the distinct culture, history and charm of Tuscany!

AHI Travel's mission is to deliver inspirational educational and cultural travel programs that delight travelers.

With AHI you can rely on:
- Experienced Travel Directors who attend to every detail of your journey.
- An exceptional travel value.
- Unique access to local sites.
- Flexibility and customization.
- Safety and security.

Please call or refer to our website for the most current program information, discounts and pricing.