



SMALL GROUP
Maximum of
24 Travelers

**LAND
JOURNEY**

Florence in the Serene Season

Art, Culture & People

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Experience the true essence of enchanting Florence during a **quieter time of year**.
- ▶ Stroll through the city's intimate streets and beautiful piazzas, a veritable **outdoor museum** of Renaissance glories.
- ▶ Marvel at the breathtaking **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, clad in white, pink and green marble and topped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome.
- ▶ Take more time to enjoy **Michelangelo's David** and the centuries of priceless art in the **Uffizi** during this tranquil season.
- ▶ Relax with the locals and treat yourself to **irresistible Italian specialties**, from handmade pasta to heavenly gelato.
- ▶ Revel in the medieval brilliance of Tuscan towns **San Gimignano** and **Siena**.
- ▶ Sip Italy's iconic wine in the romantic **Chianti countryside**.
- ▶ Enjoy three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Florence, Italy, at the deluxe Sina Villa Medici.

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.

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 Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- 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 and transfer➡ to hotel
- Day 3** Florence
- Day 4** San Gimignano | Chianti
- Day 5** Florence
- Day 6** Florence
- Day 7** Colle di Val d'Elsa | Siena
- Day 8** Florence
- Day 9** Transfer➡ to Florence airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Flights and ➡transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Activity Level: We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Chianti vineyards



**SPARTAN
PATHWAYS TRAVEL**

MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Discovery

AHI Connects: Italian Coffee and Café Culture. At one of the city’s oldest cafés, delve into the social rituals behind Italy’s passion for coffee and learn how favorite choices are prepared and served.

Florence Walk. Explore the glorious Cradle of the Renaissance with your guide. Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and gaze up in awe at the intricate façade, distinctive dome and striking bell tower designed by Giotto. At the octagonal Baptistery, view the bronze doors that Michelangelo called the Gates of Paradise. Traverse the Arno River by way of the charming Ponte Vecchio, and linger in the Piazza della Signoria, the city’s political heart since the 14th century. The stately Palazzo Vecchio, the Fountain of Neptune and graceful statues within an open-air loggia add to the historic beauty of this picturesque square. Relax and survey the colorful scene at a café on the piazza.

San Gimignano and Chianti. Chianti is a dreamy vision of quiet back roads, lovely hillside towns, woodlands and, of course, vineyards. Travel today to the hill town of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage site that boasts 14 medieval tower-houses and a wealth of wonderfully preserved squares, palaces and fountains. Next, a local chef will show you how to cook like Tuscans do, then you get to enjoy the mouthwatering results for lunch! Afterward, visit Castello di Monsanto, built in 1750. Taste wines produced from handpicked Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other grapes.

Accademia Visit. With a private guide, tour this famed Florentine museum that houses Michelangelo’s incomparable statue of David, as well as paintings and sculptures by legendary artists and an exquisite group of rare, antique musical instruments.

Uffizi Gallery. Follow the evolution of Italian art from the 13th to the 16th centuries in the Uffizi’s grand halls, which contain some of the world’s most acclaimed masterpieces.

Colle di Val d’Elsa and Siena. In the Elsa River valley, meander on Colle’s small lanes and delight in its noble houses and medieval tower houses. After lunch in the area, journey to Siena, bathed in a rose-pink glow and remarkably unchanged since the Middle Ages, that shines with gorgeous Gothic gems like its dramatic, striped cathedral which you will visit. Step into one of Europe’s finest piazzas, the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, and learn about its importance to the city. Pause by the Gaia, or Joyful, fountain to see its pretty, bas-relief sculptures.

Enrichment

- ▶ Renaissance Art
- ▶ Contemporary Italy and Life in Florence

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Florence
2. Historic Center of San Gimignano
3. Historic Center of Siena



Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore



Fountain of Neptune, Piazza della Signoria



San Gimignano

Accommodations

Sina Villa Medici



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AHI Sustainability Promise

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

Environmental Impact | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

Social Impact | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

Economic Impact | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, “shoulder seasons.”

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 and lecturers | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

Let us arrange your flights!

AHI FlexAir | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

2021 DATES & PRICES

November 26 – December 4

From Price **\$3,245**

Special Savings **\$250**

Special Price \$2,995

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 \$995 (limited availability).