



**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
24 Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

# Tuscany

featuring Lucca, Carrara & the Cinque Terre

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Marvel at the enchanting beauty of the **Cinque Terre** while cruising on the lapis **Ligurian Sea**.
- ▶ Explore the magnificent walled city of **Lucca**, birthplace of Puccini.
- ▶ Stand before the soaring Leaning Tower of **Pisa** and discover the city's fascinating maritime relics.
- ▶ Savor an **indulgent seafood lunch** at a seaside restaurant in the Cinque Terre.
- ▶ Walk in the footsteps of Michelangelo during a visit to a **Carrara** marble quarry.
- ▶ Taste rich, bold vintages at a small winery in the coveted **Tuscan wine region**.
- ▶ Enjoy an **Italian operetta** performance in Lucca.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Lucca, Italy, at the first-class Hotel Ilaria.

### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 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 Pisa and transfer↻ to hotel in Lucca
- Day 3** Lucca
- Day 4** Carrara
- Day 5** Villa Reale di Marlia | Montecarlo
- Day 6** Lucca
- Day 7** Cinque Terre National Park
- Day 8** Pisa
- Day 9** Transfer↻ to Pisa 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.



Cinque Terre



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**Discovery**

**AHI Connects: Tuscan Winery.** Revel in stirring panoramas of Tuscany's rolling hills and vineyards from a hilltop perch! Your visit to a local winery includes a tasting of the property's vintages, a delicious lunch of regional foods and a meet-and-greet with the owners.

**Lucca.** Uncover marvelous engineering and architecture throughout the streets of Lucca. See the Romanesque Duomo di San Martino, with carvings by Nicola Pisano, and admire the Church of San Frediano and the Church of San Michele. Then walk in the footsteps of nobility in a typical Tuscan noble residence.

**Carrara.** Travel to Carrara, where Michelangelo chose the gleaming white blocks he transformed into masterpieces. View precious relics at the marble museum, tour a privately owned working quarry and watch a demonstration by a local artist. Step into the city's Romanesque and Gothic Duomo, boasting a remarkable marble rose window and equally stunning façade.

**Villa Reale and Montecatino.** The sprawling grounds of the Villa Reale di Marlia are steeped in history and flaunt over 40 acres of neatly landscaped gardens. Once home to the sister of Napoleon Bonaparte, the villa reveals centuries-old fountains, statues crafted from Carrara marble, tiny lakes and immaculately trimmed hedges. Continue to the hilltop village of Montecatino and visit the Collegiate of Sant'Andrea and the enchanting Teatro dei Rassicurati.

**Cinque Terre National Park.** Begin in pretty Portovenere; then travel to Manarola, where homes cling to the cliffs. Board a boat for a cruise to Vernazza, perched above the azure water. Along the way, witness the dramatic cliffs and pastel-hued villages that create this special slice of Italian paradise.

**Pisa.** Delve into the fascinating maritime history of Pisa, one of the most important harbors of the ancient Mediterranean and a Roman naval asset. Visit the Museum of Ancient Ships, home to archaeological finds and well-preserved Roman and medieval ships. In Miracle Square, visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta and Baptistery, and admire the iconic Leaning Tower.

**Enrichment**

- ▶ **The History of Lucca**
- ▶ **The Life and Music of Puccini**
- ▶ **The Cinque Terre: A Tasteful Encounter of Land and Sea**
- ▶ **A Contemporary View of Italy**

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Portovenere and the Cinque Terre
2. Piazza del Duomo, Pisa



*Leaning Tower of Pisa*



*Tuscan Countryside*



*Carrara*

**Accommodations**

**Hotel Ilaria**



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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.

**DATES & PRICES**

**October 16-24, 2021**

From Price **\$3,445**

Special Savings **\$250**

**Special Price \$3,195**

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).