## March 6-April 4, 2015

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*Special Price valid if booked by 10/1/2014.

VAT is an additional $495 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air program costs (unless otherwise stated) and valid until October 1, 2014. Please contact us for current pricing and information. Single prices are available upon request (limited availability).
Have you always dreamed of moving or retiring abroad? Then this program is for you.

AHI’s pioneering International Lifestyles Explorations programs provide an authentic, extended introduction to living abroad. AHI is proud to offer an international living adventure in Italy. Engage in intensive language instruction combined with an immersion experience in Italian lifestyle, customs, art, history and cuisine, courtesy of our experienced Lifestyle Guides. Spend four weeks in a flat in Florence, the symbol of the Renaissance and the historic heart of Tuscany. Mingle with locals, embark on exciting excursions, visit three UNESCO World Heritage sites 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 four weeks’ furnished accommodations complete with modern amenities, including a kitchenette, cable television and Wi-Fi.
- Learn Italian and explore Italian culture, history and art with your Lifestyle Guide, an instructor from a local Italian-language school.
- Attend an Italian cooking demonstration, and tours and tastings of an Italian winery and an olive oil farm.
- Embark on included group excursions to San Gimignano, Siena, Colle di Val d’Elsa, Cortona, Lucca and Carrara as well as the Chianti region.
- Attend a lecture on Renaissance art, and visit the famed Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia.
- Meet locals in Florence to learn more about the Italian lifestyle.
- Try out life abroad as you equip yourself to live independently in Italy.

INCLUDED FEATURES

**Accommodations**
- Four 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.
- 16 three-hour Italian lessons. A Lifestyle Guide from a local language school, provides small-group instruction tailored to your needs.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Welcome Dinner.
- Gather for a Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- Enjoy 28 breakfasts, seven lunches and seven 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.
- Stay connected with friends, family and AHI Travel staff with a complimentary Italian cell phone.
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 at which you will be given an Italian cell phone© to use throughout your stay. Then attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ SUNDAY
At the start of each day, enjoy a delicious 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.

DAY 4 ~ MONDAY
Tour the language school, take your language placement test and attend your first Italian class. Visit a local market and hone your grocery-shopping skills with your Lifestyle Guide. Enjoy dinner at a restaurant.

DAYS 5-7 ~ TUESDAY-THURSDAY
Experience Florence through your language lessons and excursions with your Lifestyle Guide and on your own. After your Tuesday lesson, attend a lecture on Renaissance art. On Wednesday, visit the Accademia, home to Michelangelo’s “David.

DAY 8 ~ FRIDAY
Spend the entire day at leisure to explore Florence on your own.

DAYS 9-10 ~ SATURDAY-SUNDAY
On Saturday, discover Lucca’s incredible wealth of medieval relics and the small village of Carrara. Lunch is at a local restaurant. Join your fellow travelers for dinner, wine and camaraderie on Sunday.

DAYS 11-14 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY
Continue your immersion into the language and culture of Florence. Attend a discussion on Italy and life in Florence on Monday. On Wednesday, savor local specialties during lunch at a local restaurant. Then visit the Uffizi Gallery, Italy’s most visited art museum, to see works by da Vinci and Raffaello, among other artists. On Thursday, gather with your fellow travelers for dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 15 ~ FRIDAY
Journey to Castello di Monsanto in Chianti and enjoy a wine tasting. Learn about Italian cuisine during a cooking demonstration followed by lunch. Later, discover the medieval walled town of San Gimignano during a guided tour.

DAYS 16-17 ~ SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Admire the treasures of the hilltop Tuscan town of Cortona during a tour on Sunday. Visit the Etruscan Museum. Then, savor lunch at a local restaurant.

DAYS 18-21 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY
Continue your immersion into the language and culture of Italy. Relish dinner with wine at a Florence restaurant on Monday. Enjoy lunch with your new friends on Wednesday.

DAY 22-24 ~ FRIDAY-SUNDAY
Venture to Colle di Val d’Elsa for a guided walking tour on Friday. After lunch at a local restaurant, continue to Siena for a tour and leisure time. On Saturday, join your fellow travelers at a local café for dinner and drinks.

DAY 25-28 ~ MONDAY-THURSDAY
Continue your immersion into the language and culture. On Tuesday, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Attend a Graduation Ceremony on Thursday.

DAY 29 ~ FRIDAY
Spend your final day in Florence at leisure. This evening, gather for a Farewell Dinner.

DAY 30 ~ IN TRANSIT/SATURDAY
Transfer to the Florence 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.

© Each cell phone will have a EURO 10 credit that can be used for local or international calls. You may purchase additional time as needed.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL & RESIDENCE PALAZZO RICASOLI
After a day exploring Tuscany, retire to the tranquility of your apartment-style accommodations. The elegant 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.
**Reserve your Italian Lifestyles today!**

**Flyer: 1-22104**

**Send to:**
Lifestyles Exploration in Italy
MSU Alumni Association
c/o AHI Travel
International Tower-Suite 600
8550 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue
Chicago, IL 60631

Please contact AHI Travel at 800-323-7373 with questions regarding this trip or to make a reservation. You may also call the MSU Alumni Association at 888-697-2863.

**Full Legal Name (exactly as it appears on passport)**

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**Please contact me regarding air options.**

**Please send me information on upgrading my flights.**

**Land Program**

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

**Departure City:**

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

**Accommodations desired (please number in order of preference):**

- 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 December 21, 2014 (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 or Discover. Make checks payable to AHI International.
- Travelers, whether alumni or friends, must be current MSUAA members to participate in AHI Travel exchanges. For more information on membership rates, call the MSU Alumni Association at 877-678-2586. You may also join on-line at [www.alumni.msu.edu](http://www.alumni.msu.edu). Your reservations will be confirmed upon verification of Alumni Association membership. Membership dues are non-refundable.
- Enclosed is a deposit of __________ ($600 per person required) to reserve ________ place(s).
- Accept my check made payable to AHI International.
- Charge my: □ MasterCard □ Visa □ Discover
- Card #: ____________ □ Expires __________

**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.

If you are interested in making independent travel arrangements in conjunction with this program, please contact AHI Travel at 800-323-7373 no later than 60 days prior to departure. A nonrefundable service fee applies.

**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.**

**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 a hotel 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.

**RESPONSIBILITY:** AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association do not own or operate any entity which provides goods or services for this program, and act only as agents for the independent suppliers of travel conveyance, transport, accommodations or other services. All such persons or entities are independent contractors. As a result, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not liable for any negligence or willful act of any such person or entity or any third person. In addition and without limitation, AHI Travel and the Sponsoring Association are not responsible for any delays, delayed departure or arrival, missed carrier connections, loss, death, damage or injury to person or property or accident, mechanical defect, failure or negligence of any nature howsoever caused in connection with any accommodations, transport or other services or for any substitution of hotels or of common carrier equipment, with or without notice, for any additional expenses occasioned thereby. Dates, Program Details and Tour costs, although given in good faith and based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, are subject to change at or before the time of departure. No revisions of the printed itinerary or its included features are anticipated; however, the right is reserved to make any changes, with or without notice, that might become necessary, with the mutual understanding that any additional expenses will be paid by the individual passenger. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. If the entire program is canceled for any reason, participants shall have no claim other than for a full refund. By forwarding the deposit, the passenger certifies that he/she has no physical, mental or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for himself/herself or other passengers and accepts the terms of this contract set out herein and in more specific pre-departure passenger information. The airlines and other transportation companies concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event, during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The passenger contract in use, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the company(ies) and the passenger and/or purchaser of this trip.

**CANCELLATION:** In addition to airfare 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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