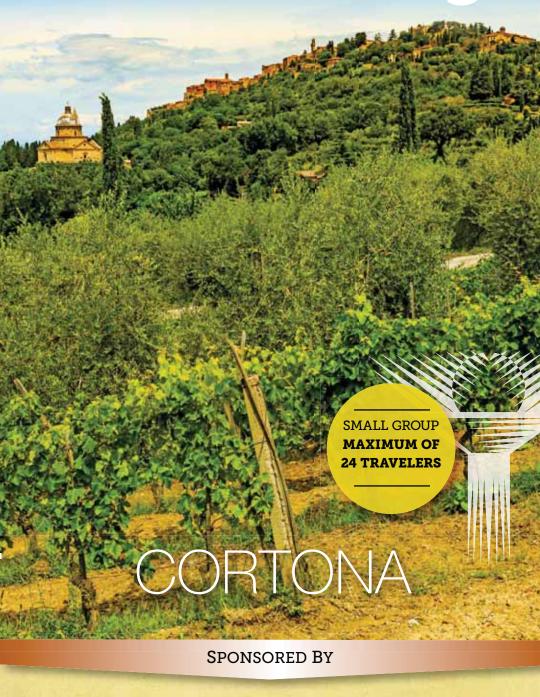
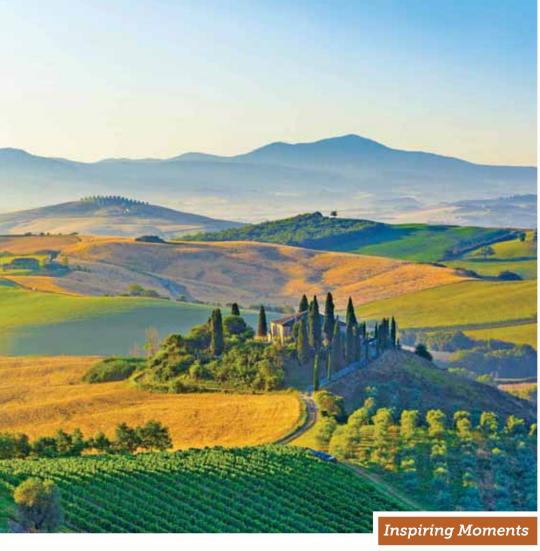
# Tuscany





Cornell Alumni Association Travel Program September 25 – October 3, 2018



# A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

With these specialists at your side, become intimately engaged in the rhythm and beauty of timeless Tuscany, adding another memorable chapter to the rich story of your life.

- ► Treat your senses to the glorious Val d'Orcia, a region with robust wines, nutty cheeses and vivid Tuscan vistas.
- ➤ Relish the unrivaled romantic ambience and history of **Florence.**
- ➤ Roam **Montepulciano's**Renaissance palazzi and
  ancient cobblestones.
- ➤ Savor creamy gelato in Siena's sprawling Piazza del Campo.
- ➤ Join **Cortona's** locals for passeggiata, an evening social tradition in Italy.
- ► Marvel bygone relics at the Museum of the Etruscan Academy.
- ➤ Witness a fiery **Tuscan sunset** from the terrace of your hotel.

Above: Val d'Orcia | Cover photo: Montepulciano

### Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends,

We invite you to be among the thousands of Cornell alumni, parents and friends who view the Cornell Alumni Association (CAA) Travel Program as their first choice for memorable travel adventures.

If you've travelled with CAA before, you know to expect excellent travel experiences in some of the world's most interesting places. If our travel offerings are new to you, you'll want to take a closer look at our upcoming tours.

Working closely with some of the world's most highly-respected travel companies, CAA trips are not only well organized, safe, and a great value, they are filled with remarkable people. This year, as we have for more than forty years, are offering itineraries in the United States and around the globe.

Whether you're ascending a sand dune by camel, strolling the cobbled streets of a 'medieval town', hiking a trail on a remote mountain pass, or lounging poolside on one of our luxury cruises, we guarantee an extraordinary journey in great company.

And that's the reason so many Cornellians return, year after year, to travel with the Cornell Alumni Association. If you, like me, simply can't wait for your next travel adventure, I encourage you to register today for this or another of our remarkable travel offerings.

Warmly,

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### Art | Architecture | Culture | Cuisine | History



Day One

### **In Transit**

Depart your gateway city for Florence, Italy.★

Day Two D

### Florence, Italy | Cortona

Upon arrival, transfer ★ to Cortona and check in to Villa Marsili, a deluxe Tuscan hotel.

This evening, gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at Villa Marsili.

Day Three B

### Cortona

### Discovery: The Tuscan Countryside.

Travel through the Val d'Orcia, a patchwork of olive groves, bucolic farmsteads and swaying cypress trees. These Tuscan hills, undulating in hues of gold and emerald, are sure to be among your treasured memories of Italy. Tour the wine cellars of a family-owned winery in the Brunello di Montalcino region, and sample decadent local vintages and cheeses.

### YOUR INDIVIDUAL EXPERIENCE

Free time means something different to every traveler. Some people like to linger in a cozy café, while others prefer to stay on the go. That's why we have designed an elective activity and elective extension to allow you to craft your individual travel experience. Check out our itinerary for more details. We've done the legwork. Now the choice is yours.

ELECTIVE Experiences | At an additional cost.

### **Enrichment:** Cortona and its Environs.

### Discovery: Walking Tour of Cortona.

Cortona is believed to be one of Italy's oldest towns and boasts exceptional Etruscan treasures. Stroll through charming piazzas, including the Piazza della Repubblica, and admire the 13th-century town hall and cathedral. Step inside the Diocesan Museum to gaze at Fra Angelico's beautiful panel painting, Annunciation.

Day Four B | D

### Siena

### Enrichment: Renaissance Art.

**Discovery:** *Siena.* Perched atop three hills, this ancient city hosts an abundance of museums, architecture and cathedrals. Admire the vast, shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, the site of the bi-annual Palio horse race, and see the prominent 14th-century Torre del Mangia, the Piazza Chapel and the Civic Museum. The nearby Duomo, a true gem of Romanesque-Gothic architecture, is home to fascinating works of art and sculpture.

Free Time: Craft your own itinerary during leisure time. Savor coffee at a sidewalk café, wend Siena's cobblestones, or sample Sienese staples: panforte and ricciarelli.

Revel in your day's adventures during dinner.

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# Day Five Florence

**Discovery:** Cradle of the Renaissance.

Florence is a dynamic testimony to humanity's





awe. Explore the city center, a UNESCO World Heritage site, and discover how the city's caché of creative genius left it laden with fine art and stunning architecture around every turn. Walk by the Old Palace, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Piazza della Signoria and other captivating highlights.

Free Time: Explore the wonders and gastronomic pleasures of Florence at your own pace. Perhaps visit one of Florence's worldfamous museums: the Uffizi or the Galleria dell'Accademia, home of Michelangelo's David. You may wish to see the Basilica di San Lorenzo, Florence's oldest church and the resting place of all of the principal members of the Medici family.

Day Six B|L

### Montepulciano

### Discovery: Explore Montepulciano.

Traverse the Val di Chiana to the ancient Etruscan city of Montepulciano. En route, visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which features large arches and bell towers.

Free Time: Explore Montepulciano at leisure. Perhaps lounge in Piazza Grande, chat with artisans in their workshops, or peek inside centuries-old wine cellars and shops as you wind down the Via Corso.

Delight in regional flavors during lunch in town.

Enrichment: A Contemporary View

## of Italy.

Day Seven

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### Cortona

Free Time: Experience Cortona's highlights at your leisure. Duck into a wine bar, or sample sugary cakes at Pasticceria Banchelli.

ELECTIVE | Assisi and Perugia.

Encounter the walled cities of Assisi and Perugia. In Assisi, visit the Basilica of San Francesco and the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. After lunch in Assisi, travel to the town of Perugia to see the 13th-century Fontana Maggiore and Prior's Palace.

Day Eight B|L|D

### Cortona

### Discovery: Museum of the Etruscan

Academy. Discover the artistic legacy of the Etruscans while visiting the Praetorian Palace. Inside, the Museum of the Etruscan Below: Street artist, Florence





### **UNESCO World Heritage**

- 1. Historic Center of Florence
- 2. Historic Center of Siena
- 3. Val d'Orcia

Academy will astound you with its archaeological treasures and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian works of art.

**Discovery:** *Tastes of Tuscany.* The flavors of Tuscany are created with fresh, simple ingredients. Explore the secrets of this sensational cuisine during a cooking demonstration with a local chef, and savor these culinary creations for lunch.

Tonight, share stories and your favorite moments of your Tuscany adventure during a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

### Day Nine

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### **In Transit**

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

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.

★ Transfers and flights included for AHI FlexAir participants

B|L|D denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

Elective experiences available at an additional cost

### **INCLUDED FEATURES**

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

(With baggage handling.)

 Seven nights in Cortona, Italy, at the deluxe hotel Villa Marsili.

### **EXTENSIVE MEAL PROGRAM**

- Seven breakfasts, two lunches and four dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.

### YOUR ONE-OF-A-KIND JOURNEY

- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region
- **Discovery excursions** highlight the local culture, heritage and history:
  - -Stroll through Cortona, a beautiful hilltop town.
  - -Tour a winery, and taste the local flavors of the Val d'Orcia.
  - -Uncover the Gothic splendors of Siena.
  - -See Florence's romantic highlights.
  - Experience the ancient charms of Montepulciano.
  - -Delight in a Tuscan cooking experience.
  - -Discover Cortona's Museum of the Etruscan Academy.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- Clearly hear your English-speaking guide with your own VOX headset.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.





### **AHI TRAVEL EXPERTISE**

From your reservation to your return home, we are 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 | Once you have reserved your spot, enjoy personalized assistance from this specialist, your one point of contact who will help you with everything from arranging flights to booking elective activities to fulfilling special requests.
- ➤ **Travel Information** | Receive extensive destination information and travel tips compiled by our travel-savvy team to prepare you fully for your journey.

### Once you arrive:

On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ➤ Travel Director | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
- ▶ Expert Guides | Who better to show you around than the people who live there? We've specially selected informed and enthusiastic local professional 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 and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.



### VILLA MARSILI | CORTONA



Our travel experts have carefully selected this deluxe Tuscan hotel for its charming ambience and prime location. Located in the heart of Cortona, the Villa Marsili is beautifully restored with warmth and character. Antique furniture and frescoed walls add to the Tuscan flourishes and cozy, modern comforts. Guest rooms and the courtyard are peaceful and revitalizing retreats after a day of sightseeing, and Wi-Fi is complimentary.



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September 25 - October 3, 2018 Air Program dates:

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### LAND PROGRAM

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