



VITERBO
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni and Friends Italian Heritage Trip

May 18–25, 2019

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From	To	Location	Activity
DAY 1 – ARRIVAL IN ROME			
	4 p.m.	Rome	Transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO) to our accommodation at Casa Per Ferie San Luigi.
4 p.m.	8 p.m.	Rome	Free time to relax, pray in the chapel of the “Casa” or discover Rome on your own. Information about Mass times, historical sites, or places of interest including shopping and restaurant recommendations can be furnished upon request.
8 p.m.	10 p.m.	Rome	Welcome dinner at a restaurant close to our accommodation.
Accommodation in Rome: www.santamariafornaci.com or www.casaperferiesanluigi.it/			
DAY 2 – ANGELUS OF PAPA FRANCESCO AND FREE TIME IN ROME – *OPTIONAL CLASSIC GUIDED TOUR			
	9:30 a.m.	Rome	Transfer from the accommodation to Saint Peter’s Square. TBD this day regarding the liturgical calendar of Papa Francesco. Mass at 10 a.m. or 10:30 a.m. or the Angelus at noon depending on the calendar.
2 p.m.		Rome	Lunch on your own and free time to visit Basilica in the afternoon, pray, or discover the center of Rome on your own.
*2 p.m.			*Included Option for all guests: Classic guided walking tour of Rome, Colosseum, and Roman Forum or other tour TBD. Included is your transfer from the Vatican area to Colosseum.
		Rome	Dinner in Rome on your own.
	10 p.m.	Rome	As needed, we will organize your transfer after dinner from the meeting point to our accommodation.
DAY 3 – VATICAN MUSEUM AND ARRIVAL IN ASSISI			
	8 a.m.	Rome	Transfer from our accommodation to the Vatican Museum.
8:30 a.m.	1:30 p.m.	Rome	Guided visit of the Vatican Museum.
12:30 p.m.	2:30 p.m.	Rome	Lunch at Trattoria close to the Vatican Museum.
2:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Assisi	After lunch we will move to Assisi where we can check in to our accommodations with some rest time before dinner.
7:30 p.m.	9:30 p.m.	Assisi	Dinner at our hotel.
Accommodations in Assisi: Domus Laetitia www.domuslaetitiaassisi.it/index.php/en/ or www.monasterystays.com/?d=Italy/Umbria/Assisi/UMA104-accommodation			
DAY 4 – CERAMICS FACTORY, VITERBO AND LUNCH AT A PRIVATE VILLA IN SORIANO			
	8:45 a.m.	Assisi	Departure for Deruta. Home to some of the world’s most famous Italian ceramics and pottery.
9:15 a.m.	11 a.m.	Deruta	We’ll visit the Ceramiche Bettini factory in Deruta. We will have a factory tour, and those willing, can try their hand at the potter’s wheel! There is also a showroom for those interested in purchasing any pottery or ceramics this week as this is a great place with quality products at extremely deep discounts compared to what you will find elsewhere.
12:30 p.m.	3 p.m.	Soriano nel Cimino	Transfer to Soriano nel Cimino where we will be guests at our private villa where a specially prepared authentic Italian home-style lunch will be prepared for us.

3:30 p.m.	5 p.m.	Viterbo	Guided visit of the historical center of Viterbo. In 1254 Pope Alessandro IV moved to the city of Viterbo that began the city of the popes. We can visit the Church of Santa Rosa and the "Palazzo dei Papi" as well as the beautiful medieval historical center of town. Some free time for shopping in Viterbo.
5 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	Assisi	Transfer to Assisi .
6:30 p.m.	8 p.m.	Assisi	Free time in Assisi or relax at our hotel.
8 p.m.	10 p.m.	Assisi	Dinner in a local trattoria in the historical center of Assisi.
DAY 5 - PIZZA CLASS IN THE COUNTRYSIDE AND CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGELI			
	10 a.m.	Assisi	After breakfast transfer to the country side to the Boccione Pizzeria.
10:30 a.m.	2 p.m.	Assisi	We will head to the famous Boccione pizzeria, right outside Assisi where we will meet pizza master Paolo or his son Luigi. They will be teaching us how to make pizza in their wood-fired oven, which we will enjoy for lunch.
2:30 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Lower Assisi	On the way back to Assisi we will stop outside the city center for a visit to the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli and the Porziuncola.
4:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Assisi	Transfer back to Assisi for some time to rest or enjoy Assisi.
8 p.m.	10 p.m.	Assisi	TBD. Dinner in a local trattoria in the historical center of Assisi or at our hotel.
DAY 6 – ASSISI GUIDED CHURCH VISITS – FREE TIME IN ASSISI			
	9:30 a.m.	Assisi	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	1 p.m.	Assisi	After breakfast we will start our private guided visit of some of the main churches of Assisi. Church visits to include: Basilica of Santa Chiara, San Damiano and the Basilica of Saint Francis.
1 p.m.	3 p.m.	Assisi	Lunch at a local trattoria in the city center of Assisi.
3 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Assisi	After lunch we will have a personal visit with the monks at the Eremo (Hermitage) delle Carceri in the hills above Assisi. This is where St. Francis would often retreat to during times of silent prayer and solitude.
4:30 p.m.	Open	Assisi	Late afternoon and dinner on your own.
DAY 7 – UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN IN CORTONA AND CELLE DI SAN FRANCESCO			
9:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	Cortona	Arrive at winery Tenimenti d'Alessandro, visit of the winery and property and lunch including wine tasting
2 p.m.	3 p.m.	Cortona	Visit "Eremo delle Celle" the first convent built by San Francesco in 1211 and where he lived for a period of his life. Here we will visit with the monks of the monastery.
3:15 p.m.	4:30 p.m.	Cortona	Free time for shopping and visiting Cortona.
4:30 p.m.	6 p.m.	Cortona	Transfer back to Assisi.
8 p.m.	10 p.m.	Assisi	Farewell Dinner in Assisi.
DAY 8 - DEPARTURES			
Departure to Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO)			

Times are a close approximation and may vary slightly from what is posted.

Price per person based on double occupancy:

Minimum of 18 guests: \$2,395 USD

Single supplement: \$350 USD

Not Included in the pricing:

- Airfare or unscheduled transfers, travel or transportation
- Personal expenses
- Meals or snacks during time on your own

Pricing Includes:

- Seven nights accommodations – private guest rooms with private baths, Wi-Fi, and air conditioning.
- 17 meals (seven breakfasts, five lunches, five dinners)
- Travel by private motor coach.
- All scheduled transfers from/to Rome FCO airport
- All scheduled daily excursions, English-speaking guides, entrance fees, tours, pizza class
- Culture Discovery apron
- Wine, beer, and soda with lunches and dinner
- Bi-lingual English/Italian speaking tour host/coordinator who will be with your group throughout the week.

