



PURDUE ALUMNI



# Florence

Art, Culture & People | Serene Season

## 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**, topped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome.
- Appreciate **Michelangelo's David** and the centuries of priceless art in the **Uffizi**.
- Revel in the medieval brilliance of Tuscan towns **San Gimignano** and **Siena**.
- Sip Italy's iconic wine in the romantic **Chianti countryside**.
- Treat yourself to **irresistible Italian specialties**, from handmade pasta to heavenly gelato.
- Enjoy three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



## 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 airport and depart for gateway city 🌐

Flights 🌐 and transfers 🚗 provided for AHI FlexAir participants.  
**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

## 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**
  - **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
  - **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
  - **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
  - **AHI Connects | Local immersion.**
  - **Free time** to pursue your individual interests.
  - Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
  - A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
  - Tipping of guides and drivers.
  - Complimentary travel mementos.
  - **AHI Sustainability Promise** | Striving to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Top: Ponte Vecchio, Florence



**A World of Discovery**

**AHI Connects | Italian Coffee & Café Culture.** At one of the city's oldest cafés, delve into the social rituals behind Italy's passion for coffee. Learn how favorites are prepared, then savor your own choice!

**Florence Walk.** Get acquainted with the glorious Cradle of the Renaissance with your guide. Admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and take in the intricate façade, the distinctive dome designed by Brunelleschi and the striking bell tower by Giotto. View the bronze doors of the octagonal Baptistery 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 scenic square.

**San Gimignano & Chianti.** Travel to San Gimignano, a Tuscan hill town that boasts 14 medieval tower-houses and wonderfully preserved squares, palaces and fountains. After a guided walk there, head into the picturesque Chianti region. In Castellina, a local chef will demonstrate how to cook like Tuscans do, then you get to enjoy the tasty results for lunch! Next, visit the Castello di Monsanto winery built in 1750, and sample wines made from Sangiovese and Canaiolo grapes, among others.

**Accademia Visit.** With a private guide, tour this internationally renowned museum that houses Michelangelo's incomparable statue of David, paintings and sculptures by legendary artists and an exquisite collection of rare, antique musical instruments including pieces crafted by Antonio Stradivari and Bartolomeo Cristofori.

**Uffizi Gallery.** Follow the evolution of Italian art from the 13th century through the 16th century in the Uffizi's grand halls, which contain some of the world's most acclaimed masterpieces.

**Colle di Val d'Elsa & Siena.** Set in the Elsa River valley, the lovely town of Colle di Val d'Elsa is renowned for its centuries-old, crystal-making tradition. Visit a crystal factory for a demonstration before taking a guided walk in the old town. After lunch there, journey to splendid Siena, remarkably unchanged since the Middle Ages and filled with Gothic gems like its stunning Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, which you will visit. Step into one of Europe's finest piazzas, the Piazza del Campo, and learn about its importance to the city. During your guided walk, pause by the Fonte Gaia to see its pretty, bas-relief sculptures. *(Active)*



Piazza del Campo, Siena

**Enrichment**

- Renaissance Art
- Contemporary Italy & Life in Florence

**UNESCO World Heritage**

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

**Accommodations**

Sina Villa Medici | Florence



**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.



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**AHI Travel Expertise**

Our dedicated team helps travelers explore the world safely and securely.

**Travel Consultants |** Assist with the reservation process.

**Travel & Air Coordinators |** Help with everything from flights to special requests.

**Travel Director |** Manages all details to ensure a safe and memorable trip.

**Travel information |** Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers |** Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for the destination.

**Let us arrange your flights!**

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

**2027 Departures & Pricing**

**March 19-27, 2027**

Full Price	\$5,145
Special Savings	\$750
<b>Special Savings Price*</b>	<b>\$4,395</b>

The Special Savings consist of \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full Savings.

\*Special Savings Price is valid if booked by the expiration date on the website and paid in full at booking.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy, includes applicable program taxes and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

Single accommodations are an additional \$1,695 (limited availability).