



**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
24 Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

# Hill Towns of Italy

## Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness the **beautiful Val d'Orcia**, where golden fields touch the horizon.
- ▶ Be immersed in the rhythms of daily life in **Tuscany and Umbria**.
- ▶ Linger in **Orvieto**, a hill town in the Umbria region that will steal your heart.
- ▶ Savor the delicate, rich flavors of freshly pressed olive oil during a **visit to a fourth-generation olive farm**.
- ▶ Take in scenes of daily life in **Montepulciano's** Piazza Grande.
- ▶ Witness the fiery glow of a **Tuscan sunset** from the terrace of your hotel.
- ▶ Marvel at the incredible walled city of **Assisi**, where layers of history are revealed around every corner.
- ▶ Experience three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Cortona, Italy, at the deluxe Villa Marsili.

### 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

- **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 Florence and transfer↻ to hotel in Cortona
- Day 3** Val d'Orcia | Cortona
- Day 4** Siena
- Day 5** Orvieto
- Day 6** Montepulciano
- Day 7** Assisi
- Day 8** Cortona
- Day 9** Transfer↻ to Florence 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.



Siena



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**TEXAS**  **EXES**  
FLYING LONGHORNS

**Discovery**

**AHI Connects: Umbria's Olive Oil.** Tour a family-owned olive oil farm and visit the museum to learn about agricultural traditions in the Umbria region. Enjoy the smooth, sweet smells and buttery flavors of these regional specialties and relax over a delicious lunch at the olive mill.

**AHI Connects: Tuscan Cooking.** Enjoy a delightful opportunity to learn about Tuscan cuisine as you watch a cooking demonstration. Celebrate the cuisine of the land during a lunch of Italian fare.

**Tuscan Countryside.** Experience the Val d'Orcia, a landscape of red poppies, swaying cypresses and olive groves. Tour a family-owned winery and sample local vintages and cheeses made in the Brunello di Montalcino region.

**Cortona Walking Tour.** Admire the city's fascinating Etruscan history. Walk through the Piazza della Repubblica and step inside the Diocesan Museum to gaze at Fra Angelico's "Annunciation."

**Siena.** Witness a trove of Gothic architecture, cathedrals and museums. Visit the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, passing by the Torre del Mangia, Piazza Chapel and Civic Museum. At Siena's Duomo, gaze at remarkable works of art and inspiring sculpture.

**A Taste of Umbria in Orvieto.** Encounter this quaint hilltop town while exploring its charming piazzas and winding lanes. Visit the village's immense cathedral decorated with dazzling golden mosaics, and relish colorful panoramas highlighting Umbria's rolling hills and lush countryside.

**Montepulciano.** Travel to this ancient Etruscan city. En route, visit the Church of the Madonna di San Biagio, which was consecrated by Pope Clement VII in 1529. Walk with your group to Piazza Grande in Montepulciano and, at your leisure, stroll down the Via del Corso lined with wine and cheese shops.

**Assisi.** Encounter the magnificent walled city of Assisi. Stroll through the city and visit the Basilica of San Francesco, which is dedicated to the town's most famous resident, St. Francis. Step inside the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, and enjoy free time in Assisi for lunch and leisure.

**Museum of the Etruscan Academy.** Discover the artistic legacy of the Etruscans, who first settled in what now is Cortona. Immerse yourself in Etruscan history at the Praetorian Palace and the Museum of the Etruscan Academy. Admire relics and Etruscan, Greek, Roman and Egyptian art.

**Enrichment**

- ▶ **Cortona and its Environs**
- ▶ **Renaissance Art**
- ▶ **A Contemporary View of Italy**

**UNESCO World Heritage**

1. Historic Center of Siena
2. Val d'Orcia
3. Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites



St. Francis of Assisi



Orvieto

**Accommodations**

**Hotel Villa Marsili**



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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.

**2021 DATES & PRICES**

**September 28 – October 6**

From Price **\$3,605**

Special Savings **\$250**

**Special Price \$3,355**

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 \$750 (limited availability).