



VITERBO
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Alumni and Friends Italian Heritage Trip

May 18–25, 2019

*Join program leaders
Tom Thibodeau,
distinguished
professor of servant
leadership and Tom
Knothe '86, dean,
college of business and
leadership.*

Imagine... discovering the real Italy in Rome and Assisi.

Imagine... having once-in-a-lifetime experiences.

Imagine... seeing amazing sights.

Imagine... tasting true Italian cooking.

Imagine... experiencing a unique kind of travel.



SPACE IS LIMITED

- Special group rate \$2,395 per person—round trip airfare not included
- \$479 (20% deposit) due at booking
- Balance due Feb. 19, 2019

For more information and booking visit www.viterbo.edu/alumni/alumni-travel



culture  **discovery**
vacations

Two Days in Rome – the Vatican and the Colosseum

Day 1 – Arrivals: Orientation and welcome dinner in Rome

Day 2 – Mass at St. Peter’s Square: Guided Colosseum and Roman Forum tour

Our first full day in Rome features a visit to St Peter’s Square to attend either Mass or the Angelus with Pope Francis, depending on the liturgical calendar. The afternoon can be spent on your own to visit the first church of Rome—St John’s Lateran—or take a classic guided tour through the city center visiting sites such as the Colosseum, Roman Forum, Trevi Fountain, and the Pantheon among many others.

Day 3 – Private Tour: Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

On our next day in Rome, we will have a private guided tour of the Vatican Museum. This storied and historic city has collections of incredible art and other artifacts that are a sight to behold. The conclusion of the tour brings us into the Sistine Chapel to see one of Michelangelo’s masterpieces and truly one of the most incredible works of art in all the world.

Four Days in Assisi, Umbria, and Tuscany

Day 4 – The Papal City: Viterbo and lunch at the Culture Discovery Villa

In the 13th century, the papal palace in Viterbo was where the first pope was elected using the current Gregorian method of using black or white smoke to signify the status and election of the new pope. We’ll have a guided visit of this hidden gem among Italian cities before heading to nearby Soriano where we will be hosted to a wonderful lunch at the private villa of the founders of Culture Discovery Vacations.

Day 5 – Pizza Class and Tour: Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli

Today is a culinary treat! We’ll learn to make true Neapolitano pizza. We’ll have the opportunity to bake our own pizza in the wood-burning oven. After lunch, we’ll head back to Assisi with a stop at the Church of Santa Maria to visit the Porziuncola. This is the chapel where a young Francis used to meditate and pray during the early years of his brotherhood.

Day 6 – Tour: Churches of Assisi and meet the monks

Today we will have a guided tour of the main churches of Assisi. These include the Basilica of Santa Clara, Church of San Damiano, and the Basilica of St. Francis. After our guided tour and lunch, we’ll be treated to a special meeting with the monks that care for the Eremo delle Carceri in the hills above Assisi. This is one of the very special places where Francis would go for silent and secluded prayer and meditation.

Day 7 – A Day in Tuscany: Winery and lunch

Today we head to the Tuscan city of Cortona. While this town was made popular and famous by the book and movie, *Under the Tuscan Sun*, it is also near another monastery frequented by St. Francis. We will visit the monastery with the monks that run it amongst the trees and hills just on the outskirts of Cortona. Our lunch today is at a beautiful and serene villa and winery nearby. We’ll have some time for shopping in Cortona before heading back to Assisi for our farewell dinner.

Day 8 – Departure: Transfer to Rome airport for departures



Details

Space is limited to 30 guests.

Secure your spots—book now

Special group price: \$2,395* USD per person

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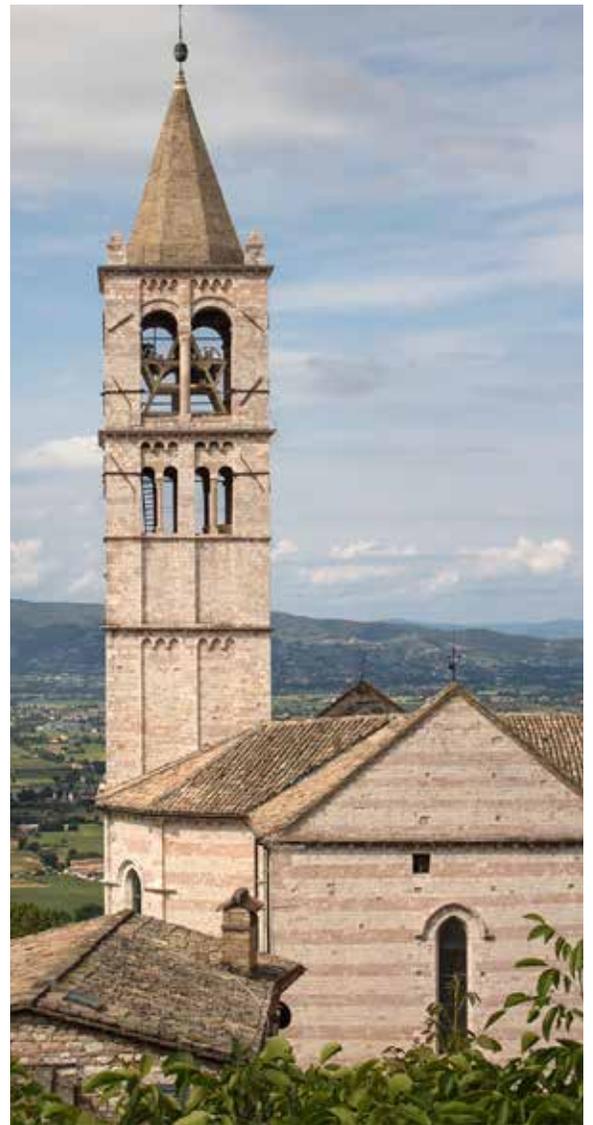
Deposits due by June 15, 2018

*Price based on double occupancy.

Add \$350 for single accommodations.

Included in your Alumni and Friends Italian Vacation:

- Seven nights, private accommodations in monastery hotels in Rome and Assisi.
- All rooms have air conditioning, Wi-Fi, and private baths.
- On-site chapel for private group prayer meetings or to enjoy in solitude.
- Travel by private luxury motor coach.
- All scheduled daily excursions, English-speaking guides, entrance fees, and tours.
- Hands-on pizza class instruction, includes your own Culture Discovery apron.
- All scheduled transfers from/to Rome airport. Luggage portage at our accommodations.
- Seventeen meals (seven breakfasts, five lunches, five dinners) Including: wine, beer and soda.
- Bi-lingual English/Italian speaking tour host/coordinator.



Not included:

- Airfare or other transportation before or after your Culture Discovery Vacation.
- Fees for passports, visas, or other documentation.
- Personal incidentals, including shopping and other expenses incurred on your own.
- Meals and snacks outside of the scheduled itinerary.
- Travel insurance (available as an option)
- International health insurance
- A local travel agent is available to book individual or group travel. Contact the alumni office at 608-796-3072.

Optional

Group travel insurance is available upon request. Minimum of 10 participants required.

- Land and air portions are included together or can be priced separately.
- Sample rates for \$4000 coverage (\$2,395 land/\$1,600 estimated R/T airfare)
Ages up to 44 @ \$150. Ages 45–64 \$180. Ages 65–74 \$210. Ages 75+ \$300
- Your personal coverage can be modified for your individual needs. Your policy and pricing may be adjusted if you are extending your vacation or need additional coverage.
- Rates are based on current pricing and are a close approximation of actual costs. Policies are based on the Gold Plan provided by TripAssure.



Cancellation and Refund Policy

Deposits

- If you booked more than six months in advance, your deposit is refundable within 60 days of the time you place your reservation.
- If at the time of cancellation, it is more than 180 days in advance of the vacation, and also more than 60 days after you made your deposit, your deposit is non-refundable, but we will be happy to apply 100 percent of it toward any Culture Discovery Vacation any time within the next 12 months.
- If at the time of cancellation, it is between 180 and 90 days in advance of the vacation, your deposit is non-refundable, but we will be happy to apply 40 percent of it toward any of our other vacations anytime within the next 12 months.

Once the full balance is paid (90 days or less before the start date)

- If, at the time of cancellation, it is between 90 and 14 days in advance of the vacation, your deposit is non-refundable, but we will be happy to apply 20 percent of it toward any Culture Discovery Vacation any time within the next 12 months.
- If, at the time of cancellation, it is between 14 and 0 days in advance of the vacation, your deposit is non-refundable, and we unfortunately cannot apply any portion to future Culture Discovery Vacations.

These cancellation terms reflect times that we must pay out expenses for your trip on your behalf. At times that we no longer offer refunds, we have already paid out the associated costs, and refunds are not available to us. Because of this, we are unable to bend these terms. Please obtain travel insurance as soon as you book your reservation. If you need, we are always happy to help with this.

For Booking and Reservations, visit: <https://reservations.culturediscovery.com/reservations>