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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.

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Your next memorable chapter includes the Italy of Roman emperors, medieval maritime explorers, Renaissance artists and world-famous winemakers. This is a land where history, artistic tradition and scenic beauty are forever intertwined.

Inspiring Moments

- **Sip Chianti wine** during a visit to the cellars of Castello di Monsanto.
- Stroll through the landscaped English-style gardens of the **Borromean Islands**.
- Witness Leonardo da Vinci's **"The Last Supper."**
- Breeze through the picturesque **canals of Venice** aboard a water taxi.
- See the glittering mosaics of **St. Mark's Basilica and the golden interior of Doge's Palace**.
- View **San Gimignano's** soaring medieval towers.
- Visit the **Vatican Museums** and see Michelangelo's exquisite **Sistine Chapel frescoes**.



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Dear ASU Alumni and Friends,

Historic treasures, unrivaled artwork, scenic beauty: Italy's riches are vast, varied and yours to discover when you join fellow Sun Devil travelers for a 10-night journey. Enjoy stays in Stresa, Venice, Colle di Val d'Elsa and Rome, and surrender to the allure of this magnificent country.

Experience the floral-scented breezes and beguiling views of the mythic Italian Lakes District when you sail to sparkling Lake Maggiore's trio of islands. Stroll the piazzas of sophisticated Milan and experience Venice, a luminous city of water and stone. See the famous Ponte Vecchio in Renaissance Florence, and encounter the intoxicating appeal of Tuscan hill towns. Conclude your journey in Rome, a captivating city where 2,700 years of history are on display at every turn. In this land that has birthed empires and shaped destinies, adopt Italy's cultural tradition of embracing life to the fullest.

In addition to exciting excursions and stimulating lectures, you'll enjoy ample leisure time for individual exploration, ensuring you an unforgettable Italian adventure.

Space is limited, so book your reservations for this ASU Travel & Tours trip today!

Sincerely,

Christine K. Wilkinson

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Day One

In Transit

Depart gateway city for Milan, Italy.✈

Day Two

D

Milan, Italy | Stresa

Upon arrival in Milan, transfer✈ to Stresa and check in to the Hotel La Palma.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner tonight.

Day Three

B | L

Borromean Islands

Enrichment: Italy’s Lake District.

Discovery: Beauty of the Borromean Islands. Board a private motorboat and cruise turquoise Lake Maggiore to Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands. A guided visit of Isola Madre’s extensive botanical gardens reveals exotic flowers, rare plants and ancient trees, and you may also spy peacocks and parrots. Nearby, experience the rustic charm of Isola dei Pescatori where narrow streets are lined with local artisans and the quaint houses of local fishermen. Finally, visit Isola Bella, the Beautiful Island, extolled by writers over the centuries. Explore its 17th-century baroque palace and summerhouse, home to a mosaic grotto and a unique collection of art and antiques. A relaxing stroll through the property’s hanging gardens, rich with botanical treasures, offers a pleasant conclusion to your Borromean adventure!



Top: Duomo, Milan | Above: Stresa

Savor a delicious lunch on Isola dei Pescatori.

Free Time: Enjoy your evening at leisure, which may be a good time to acquaint yourself with the “aperitivo” tradition, similar to happy hour.

Day Four

B

Milan

Discovery: Milan. Encounter the capital of the Lombardy region beginning at the Santa Maria delle Grazie Church. Gaze in wonder at Leonardo da Vinci’s “The Last Supper,” a truly inspiring masterpiece. Visit La Scala, Italy’s opulent, premier opera house, and browse displays at the on-site museum. Then step into the Duomo, a cathedral built by artisans from across Europe.

Free Time: Craft your personal itinerary this afternoon. Enjoy lunch at your leisure and discover Milan at your own pace.



Grand Canal with Basilica of Santa Maria, Venice



Florence

Day Five

B

Stresa | Venice

Free Time: Enjoy a morning at leisure in Stresa. Perhaps savor a coffee and pastry near the lake. This afternoon, depart for Venice by high-speed train. Upon arrival, take a water taxi through the canals to the Hotel Saturnia & International.

Day Six

B

Venice

Discovery: Venice. Visit St. Mark's Square and gaze at the Italo-Byzantine exterior of St. Mark's Basilica before stepping inside to see the gilded interior. Continue to Doge's Palace, which is noted for its harmonious blend of different architectural styles. For more than 1,000 years, the palace was the political heart of the city, as well as the official residence of the doge, who was elected by the republic's elite citizens.

Free Time: Spend the afternoon exploring the mazelike neighborhoods of Venice. Follow bridges and footpaths, and see where the afternoon takes you! Glide through the canals on a gondola and marvel at this one-of-a-kind city.

Day Seven

B | D

Florence | Colle di Val d'Elsa

Sit back and enjoy the countryside while relaxing on your high-speed train to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance.

Discovery: Florence. Florence is a veritable open-air museum, an urban masterpiece spread over the banks of the River Arno. Enjoy a walking tour of the capital of Tuscany, and learn how the city's wealth of creative genius left it filled with fine art and stunning architecture around every turn. See the Palazzo Vecchio, the Ponte Vecchio, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the Piazza della Signoria and other highlights.

Free Time: Create your own adventures in Florence. You may wish to visit the Uffizi Gallery or one of the city's other world-class museums. Later this afternoon, continue to Colle di Val d'Elsa and check in to the Palazzo San Lorenzo.

Day Eight

B | D

Siena

Enrichment: Renaissance Art.

Discovery: Siena. Siena's narrow streets wind through a spectacle of resplendent cathedrals, rich museums and other finely preserved Gothic buildings. Witness these treasures and more on a walking tour. See the Fonte Gaia, a magnificent marble fountain, and the Torre del Mangia, Siena's skyscraper that towers almost 335 feet over the square. These two landmarks are on Piazza del Campo, "Il Campo," the piazza that was built over a Roman forum and is best known today as the racetrack for the Palio horse race.



Duomo, Siena



Wine cellar, Chianti

Admire the facade of the Duomo, built from black and white striped marble.

Free Time: Explore Siena on your own. You may wish to enjoy a lunch of Tuscan cuisine at one of the restaurants lining Il Campo before wandering the city's narrow lanes.

Discovery: Tuscan Cuisine. This afternoon, learn the secrets of Tuscan cooking during a demonstration by the hotel's chef, followed by a memorable dinner.

Day Nine

B | L

San Gimignano | Castellina

Discovery: The Villages of Tuscany. Spend the day exploring two beautiful towns in the Tuscan province of Siena. Begin at San Gimignano, an enchanting Tuscan town. As you walk through the village, imagine what medieval San Gimignano must have looked like with more than 70 towers! Continue to the walled town of Castellina in Chianti. Often caught in the tug of war between Florence and Siena, Castellina has been rebuilt many times over the centuries, but



still retains its medieval character. Enjoy lunch in Castellina, followed by a visit to Castello di Monsanto, an elegant winery in the beautiful Chianti countryside, for a wine tasting.

Enrichment: Italy Today.

Day Ten

B

Rome

Depart Colle di Val d'Elsa this morning for a scenic drive to Rome, the Eternal City.

Upon arrival, check in to the Rose Garden Palace.

Free Time: Discover a local eatery during lunch on your own. The Rose Garden Palace is ideally located just a block from the Via Veneto, one of Rome's most elegant boulevards. There are many restaurants and cafés in the area.

Discovery: The Vatican. Explore Vatican City, the world's smallest sovereign state. Visit the Vatican Museums, which have some of the most interesting collections in the world. See the Candelabra, Tapestry and Map galleries. In the



Piazza Navona, Rome

Sistine Chapel, admire the glorious frescoes, which Michelangelo spent four years creating. In the center, see the iconic image, “The Creation of Adam.” The room also features frescoes by Renaissance artists Botticelli, Perugino and Ghirlandaio. Stroll through St. Peter’s Square and step into St. Peter’s Basilica. Revel in the extensive art collection in the basilica, including Michelangelo’s Pietà.

Day Eleven B | D

Rome

Discovery: Ancient Rome in a Modern City. Join a walking tour and pass by the

remnants of ancient Rome’s greatest monuments, the Colosseum and the Forum, proud reminders of the power and the glory of the storied ancient city. At the Colosseum, imagine the scene centuries ago when thousands cheered the violent spectacle in front of them. At the Forum, marvel at the arches of Titus and Constantine, which continue to stand nearly 2,000 years after they were built. Continue to Piazza Navona, the elegant square built atop an ancient stadium. Today, the piazza is one of the most elegant in Rome and it is known for its three beautiful fountains: Fontana del Moro,

Fontana del Nettuno, and Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi. The latter, Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi, was created by Bernini, one of the great baroque sculptors, and an ancient Roman obelisk sits atop the fountain.

Free Time: Piazza Navona is a popular gathering spot and has many restaurants. You may wish to linger here and enjoy the ambience. Spend the rest of your afternoon seeing more of Rome. Perhaps you’ll visit the Pantheon, explore the Villa Borghese gardens, enjoy a gelato or toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to ensure your return to the city.

Tonight, celebrate the end of a special journey through Italy at a Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day Twelve B

In Transit

Transfer to the 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.

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Air Program dates: September 6-17, 2018

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Florence



Florence

UNESCO World Heritage

- 1.Church and Dominican Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie with “The Last Supper” by Leonardo da Vinci, Milan
- 2.Venice and its Lagoon
- 3.Historic Center of Florence
- 4.Historic Center of San Gimignano
- 5.Historic Center of Rome
- 6.Vatican City
- 7.Historic Center of Siena



Vatican City

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 - Stroll Siena’s narrow streets.
 - Learn the secrets of Tuscan cooking.
 - Visit two beautiful Tuscan villages.
 - Explore Vatican City, and admire the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Basilica.
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Colosseum, Rome



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