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UMBRIA, ITALY

Food & History in the Green Heart of Italy

SEPTEMBER 16 TO 24, 2018

The Cal Aggie Alumni Association is pleased to announce our trip host, Dr. Joe DiTomaso, UC Davis alum and retired chair of the Department of Plant Sciences at UC Davis. In addition to his science career, Joe grew up in an Italian family and has traveled to Italy on numerous occasions, taking cooking classes and studying wines.

Italy has long been lauded as a place of cultural significance. The great empire of Rome made its mark on the Western world for over a millennium, influencing art and music from the days of ancient emperors through to the Renaissance. Experience Italy's legacy with a journey to the scenic region of Umbria, which is dotted with ancient ruins, medieval villages, and natural wonders. Spend your days exploring the cultural treasures of Umbria and your nights sipping local wines over exquisite Italian cuisine. September brings harvest season, when wine and olive oil flow in abundance, making it an ideal time to visit. Let Italy sweep you away on this enchanted tour of Umbria.



YOUR ITINERARY

DAYS 1/2 ~ SAN FRANCISCO/ROME GRAND HOTEL PALATINO. (Meals Aloft; D)

Your journey begins as you board your overnight flight to Rome. Upon landing, you will be transferred to the hotel. The rest of the morning is yours to enjoy at leisure. This afternoon, enjoy a tour of the city with stops at some of the most spectacular sights in Rome, including the Fontana di Trevi and the Piazza Colonna. In the evening, sit down to an intimate welcome dinner with your fellow travelers.

DAY 3 ~ ROME/ORVIETO/PERUGIA PERUGIA PLAZA HOTEL. (B,L,D)

Travel to the scenic town of Orvieto, which sits midway between Rome and Florence on a bed of turfo volcanic stone. Tour the beautiful Orvieto Cathedral, replete with artistic sculpture and frescos. Enjoy some local specialties for lunch and continue your journey with a stop at a local olive oil mill to learn about cold crushing, the ancient technique of processing olives. Orvieto is also famous for its wine, mostly white.

DAY 4 ~ PERUGIA ~ SPOLETO/ASSISI PERUGIA PLAZA HOTEL. (B,L,D)

Today's drive takes you to Localita il Piano, a working farm in the remote hills of Spoleto. The farm is owned and operated by an alumnus of UC Davis, Darcy Gordon, and her husband, Spoleto native Adolfo. You'll enjoy a walking tour of the farm followed by a cheese-making demonstration and lunch made from the farm's harvest. Continue to the medieval hill town of Assisi, home of St. Francis of Assisi. Visit the magnificent basilica, guided by a local historian. Descend into the underground crypt at Saint Chiara and explore the seventh largest Christian church in the world, the Basilica of Santa Maria d'egli Angeli, which is considered a significant place of pilgrimage for Franciscan monks.

DAY 5 ~ PERUGIA~SAN GALGANO/ MONTALCINO/MONTEPULCIANO PERUGIA PLAZA HOTEL. (B,L,D)

Visit San Galgano Abbey in Chiusdino, one of the first buildings in Central Italy. Walk up the path to the Pieve di Montesiepi, one of Tuscany's beautiful, countryside churches. Visit a scientific and artistic marvel, the Paradiso of Frassina. This "musical vineyard" is an ongoing scientific research project called Musica & Vigne (Music and Vines) where the impact of waves of sound on the vines and fruit growing here are closely monitored and recorded. You will tour the Mozart Vineyard and the cellars while learning about the project and the process of wine making. Of course, after your tour you will be treated to a tasting of the musical wine with a classical musical accompaniment. In the afternoon, visit Montepulciano, a medieval town full of elegant Renaissance palaces, ancient churches, charming squares, and hidden corners. Enjoy the vast panoramas visible throughout the Val d'Orcia and Val di Chiana valleys that surround it.

DAY 6 ~ PERUGIA~DUNAROBBA/CASCATA DELLE MARMORE

PERUGIA PLAZA HOTEL. (B, Packed L)

Discover one of the best kept secrets in Italy: the Dunarobba fossil forest. This area is dotted with trees belonging to a fossilized species of giant sequoia, which haven't grown in Italy for over a million years. Continue on to the Marmore Falls in Valneria, a spectacular visual treat and home to many outdoor activities and verdant nature trails.

DAY 7 ~ SPOLETO/MONTEFALCO/SPELLO PERUGIA PLAZA HOTEL. (B,L)

Drive to the ancient Roman city of Spoleto, a charming rustic township and home to a ruined theatre. Spoleto's archeological museum houses two well preserved Roman arches. Later, visit Montefalco, known as the "Balcony of Umbria" for its panoramic vantage point of the region. After lunch, you will have the opportunity to stop in Spello and explore the hundreds of medieval streets, stairways, arches, and angles tucked between the vineyards and olive groves.

DAY 8 ~ PERUGIA ~ TIVOLI/ROME HOTEL PALATINO. (B,L,D)

Bid farewell to Perugia this morning as you depart for Tivoli, the riverside town known for its two UNESCO World Heritage Sites, Hadrian's Villa and the Villa d'Este. Hadrian's villa is a spectacular example of the aesthetic of ancient Rome, home to hundreds of fountains, several intact buildings, and a sprawling array of overflowing gardens. The Villa d'Este is one of the best examples in the world of Renaissance architecture and horticultural design. Tonight, enjoy a farewell dinner.

DAY 9 ~ ROME/SAN FRANCISCO (B; Meals Aloft)

Board your flight home, carrying with you the incredible impression of Umbria and all of the treasures of Italy that you've discovered on this journey.



Rows of grapes at sunset at a vineyard in Umbria

Did you know ...

The oldest olive tree in Italy resides in Umbria. It is believed to be an impressive 1700 years old!



San Galgano Abbey – one of the first buildings in Central Italy



A colorful spread of authentic Italian cuisine

OPTIONAL POST-EXTENSION TO FLORENCE



Travel first class by fast train to Florence, a city that played an integral role in modern history. Once home to the de Medici family, Dante Alighieri, and Giorgio Vasari, this city now stands as a monument to history, proudly displaying

the works of Michelangelo, Botticelli, Giotto, and Ghiberti. You will spend time exploring the historical, cultural, and artistic cornerstones of Western civilization as you traverse the streets of Florence.

YOUR JOURNEY COSTS

**SEPTEMBER 16 TO 24, 2018
PRICE PER PERSON**

- \$3,995 land only, double occupancy.
- \$795 single supplement.
- \$1,690 estimated airfare from San Francisco, economy, and estimated departure taxes. (Subject to change).

YOUR EXTENSION COSTS

**RETURNS SEPTEMBER 27, 2018
PRICE PER PERSON**

- \$1,795 land only, double occupancy.
- \$495 single supplement.
- \$1,790 estimated airfare from San Francisco, if taking the extension.



The oval fountain in Villa d'Este in Tivoli

YOUR JOURNEY INCLUDES

- All ground transfers and excursions in private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach.
- Continental breakfast daily, a welcome dinner and a farewell dinner and other meals as per itinerary. (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)
- Superior accommodations throughout as indicated or similar.
- All museum and attraction entry fees indicated on itinerary.
- Portage for baggage handling.
- Complimentary baggage tags and passport wallet.
- Complimentary emergency evacuation insurance.



Windows, Balcony And Flower Alleys In Spello

“The Creator made Italy by designs from Michelangelo.”

— Mark Twain



View from a hill of the verdant countryside in Assisi

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR RESERVATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT

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CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL

HOW TO BOOK: Fill out the reservation form below and send it to: Classic Escapes Inc. 58-25 Queens Blvd., Woodside NY, 11377, together with a deposit of \$750 per person for the main program and \$250 per person for the extension. On receipt of your signed reservation form and deposit, we will, subject to availability, reserve your place on your trip. When we send off your confirmation invoice, your booking is confirmed and accepted by us.

RATES: Rates are based on the minimum number of guests outlined in this document, plus airfare costs, currency exchange rates and other factors and are subject to change. Though it is rare for Classic Escapes to make a price adjustment after promotion of an itinerary, we do reserve the right to assess a surcharge if the minimum is not met, or if increases are forced upon us by airlines or other partners or because of changes in currency exchange rates.

INSURANCE: It is a condition of booking, that guests carry comprehensive travel and medical insurance to cover themselves, as well as any dependents/traveling companions for the duration of their trip to Italy. This insurance should include cover in respect of, but not limited to, the following eventualities: cancellation or curtailment of the trip, emergency evacuation expenses, medical expenses, repatriation expenses, damage/theft/loss of personal baggage, money and goods. Classic Escapes, including their representatives, employees and agents will take no responsibility for any costs, losses incurred or suffered by the guest, or guest's dependents or traveling companions, with regards to, but not limited to, any of the above mentioned eventualities. Guests will be charged directly by the relevant service providers for any emergency services they may require, and may find themselves in a position unable to access such services should they not be carrying the relevant insurance cover. Information will be forwarded by the Alumni Association upon receipt of reservation form.

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CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations are only effective on receipt of written notification. The following per person fees are applicable on this tour:

- Up to June 13, 2018, \$300 per person handling fee.
 - June 14 to July 3, 2018, deposit is forfeited.
 - July 4 to July 13, 2018 days prior to departure, less 75% of tour cost.
 - After July 13, 2018, 100% of tour cost.
- These cancellation fees are also in addition to any imposed by airlines.



Ornate ceiling details inside the church of St. Francis in Assisi



Travelers enjoy local wine and cheese at Localita il Piano

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RESERVATION FORM: (Please Print)

TOUR CODE: 18EUL0916/CALAGGIE

Enclosed is my deposit for \$ _____ (\$750 per person for the main trip and \$250 for the extension) to hold _____ place(s) on the Journey to Umbria departing on **September 16, 2018**. Cost is \$3,995 per person, double occupancy, land only. Additional international air from San Francisco is \$1,690 including departure taxes and fuel surcharges. (Subject to change).

Final payment due date is June 13, 2018. All final payments are required to be made by check or money order only.

Please charge my deposit to my credit card: MasterCard Visa Discover American Express

Name on Card _____ Card Number _____ EXP _____ CVN _____

NAME (as it appears on passport): Mr. Mrs. Ms. _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y) ____/____/____

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- The two of us above are sharing a room and, where possible, would like a room with:
 - One Bed
 - Two Beds
- I am sharing with _____ (form sent separately)
- I need assistance in securing a roommate. I understand if Cal Aggie Alumni Association or the tour operator cannot locate one for me by final payment date, I agree to pay the additional single. I prefer to share with: Smoker Nonsmoker
- I desire single accommodations, if available, and will pay the single supplement additional cost of:
 - \$795 for the main program
 - \$495 for post-extension
- I/We desire to participate in the optional extension:
 - \$1,795 for the post extension to Florence plus a supplement cost of \$100 for international air (if taking the Classic Escapes group flights)
- Please make my/our round-trip air reservations on the group flights from San Francisco via Alitalia. (Other departure cities available upon request; prices quoted at time of request.)
- Please make domestic round-trip air reservations for me from my home city: _____ to connect with the group flights and let me know the additional cost.
- Membership: One participant of each travel party must be a member of the Cal Aggie Alumni Association. After trip reservation is processed, CAAA will follow up with traveler to confirm membership status and coordinate payment if a \$60 annual membership needs to be purchased. Membership is open to alumni and friends of UC Davis.
- I certify that I have not recently been treated for, nor am I aware of any physical or other condition or liability that would create a hazard to myself or the other members of this tour.

WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU OBTAIN TRAVEL INSURANCE. RESERVATIONS ARE ACCEPTED SUBJECT TO TOUR CONDITIONS AND WILL BE CONFIRMED ONLY IF ACCOMPANIED BY COMPLETED FORM SIGNED BY THE TOUR PARTICIPANT(S).

I/WE HAVE READ THE CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL ON THIS BROCHURE AND UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED HEREIN:

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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