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## An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience

**D**elight your senses with a combination of ancient grandeur, seaside splendor and traditional Italian life on this unforgettable journey to Tuscany. Charming Lucca, set in a valley and surrounded by hills, is imprinted with Ligurian, Etruscan and Roman history. As the birthplace of Puccini, it also is associated with opera. Walk atop Lucca's 16th-century walls which enclose the city and admire the view of its ancient buildings; look outside the walls to the magnificent plains, where olive groves and vineyards produce the region's famous oil and wine. See Pisa's famed Leaning Tower and the Piazza del Duomo. Journey to the Renaissance capital of Florence for a full day to explore its priceless art, stately palaces and gorgeous cathedrals. Discover the artistic heritage of Carrara and watch as art comes alive before your eyes. Journey to the sea and walk along beautiful beaches in the coastal town of Viareggio. Experience history as you stroll through ancient towns and admire the famous Tuscan landscapes while discovering for yourself the allure of this beautiful region.

### EXCLUSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend seven nights in the ancient city of **Lucca**, replete with impressive architecture and Roman legacy.
- Explore the UNESCO *World Heritage List* sites of **Pisa** and **Florence**.
- Visit the **excavation site** of ancient boats near Pisa's San Rossore train station and the city's ancient harbor.
- Explore **Florence**, birthplace of the world's greatest art and architectural treasures.
- Observe a sculptor at work in **Carrara** and marvel at the transformation of the famous snow-white marble into art.
- Discover **Viareggio**, nestled along the Tyrrhenian Sea.



### INCLUDED FEATURES

#### Transportation

- Round-trip, scheduled jet service to **Florence, Italy**.\*
- Round-trip motorcoach transfers between the airport and Lucca, including baggage handling at the hotel.\*

#### Accommodations

- **Seven nights** in Lucca at the First-Class **San Luca Palace Hotel**.

#### Meals

- **Enjoy an extensive meal program**, including seven breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners, in addition to in-flight dining service. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner. Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** at featured **local restaurants**.
- Attend a special **Welcome Reception**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception** and **Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner** at a local restaurant.

#### Your Exciting Travel Program

*(For full details please refer to the day-by-day itinerary.)*

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions**.

#### Many Included Extras

- Consultation services of a **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a professional **Campus Director** and expert **English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist you in your planning.
- Deluxe travel wallet.
- All domestic and foreign governmental airport/departure taxes and fees.\*
- Automatic \$250,000 Flight Insurance for all passengers ticketed by AHI Travel, subject to policy terms.\*

\* Provided for Air Program participants only.

## INCLUSIVE PROGRAM ITINERARY

### DAY ONE

Depart your gateway city for **Florence, Italy**, aboard scheduled jet service. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

### Day Two

Upon arrival, transfer to **Lucca** and the **San Luca Palace Hotel** (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

This evening, attend a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at a local restaurant.

### Day Three

**Educational Focus:** *The Magnificent Tuscan Landscape of Lucca.*

**Excursion:** *Highlights of Lucca.*

Explore Lucca, once a fortress with massive walls, its Roman legacy is still evident in its narrow streets. Visit Lucca's 11th-century Romanesque cathedral.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy lunch at a trattoria in Lucca.

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is at your leisure.

**Educational Focus:** *Lucca, Pisa and Florence as Enemies and Lovers.*

### Day Four

**Excursion:** *Florence.* Visit Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. Spend the morning on an educational exploration of the city's architecture and art, much of it inspired by and created under the patronage of the Medici family. See the Palazzo Vecchio and admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore.

**Independent Exploration:** Explore this UNESCO *World Heritage List* city before returning to the hotel this evening.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner at a restaurant in Lucca.

### Day Five

The morning is at leisure to explore Lucca.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy an early lunch at a restaurant in Lucca.

**Excursion:** *San Rossore and Pisa.*

On your way to Pisa, stop at San Rossore, where archaeologists have unearthed 39 ancient boats. Continue to the center of Pisa to see the Piazza del Duomo, a UNESCO *World Heritage List* site, with its iconic Leaning Tower, Duomo and Baptistery.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy a delicious wine tasting and lunch at a local winery.

**Independent Exploration:** The afternoon is at your leisure.

### Day Six

**Educational Focus:** *A Contemporary View of Italy.*

**Independent Exploration:** The rest of the morning is at leisure.

**Excursion:** *Villa Torrigiani and Montecarlo.*

This afternoon, visit the Villa Torrigiani, a magnificent manor house built in the 1500s, and its gardens. *Tyrrhenian.* Continue to the picturesque village of Montecarlo, home to the beautiful and intimate Teatro Rassicurati.

### Day Seven

**Educational Focus:** *When Marble Comes Alive.*

**Excursion:** *Carrara and Viareggio.*

Visit a local quarry with a museum that showcases the marble industry. Watch a demonstration by a local sculptor; then see the town's Duomo. Its rose window is considered to be a marble masterpiece. Then visit the beautiful coastal town of Viareggio. Stroll the soft, sandy beaches and listen to the palms swaying above as you admire this picturesque town.

**Local Flavor:** Enjoy dinner at a restaurant in Lucca.

**Educational Focus:** *Meet the People.*

### Day Eight

**Educational Focus:** *Puccini, His Life and Music.*

**Independent Exploration:** Today is at leisure to explore, shop or relax.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for a *Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony* at the hotel followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day Nine

Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city. (*Provided for Air Program participants only.*)

*NOTE: Itinerary schedule may change due to local conditions. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking as some of the finest attractions are located in areas not closely accessible by motorcoach.*

**Front page (top to bottom):**  
*Devils bridge, near Lucca*  
*Pisa*

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### SAN LUCA PALACE HOTEL

Ideally located in the heart of Lucca within its ancient walls, the elegant San Luca Palace Hotel offers close proximity to historic city attractions. Set in a medieval square on a central thoroughfare, you'll find the shopping district and train station just steps away. Begin each morning at a sumptuous breakfast buffet. In the afternoon, after sightseeing, relax to soft music in the lounge. At day's end, each tastefully appointed guestroom features individual climate controls, an LCD television with a satellite programming and pay-per-view movies, direct-dial telephone, minibar, safe, hair dryer and a radio.



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**Land and Air Program**

I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to and from Florence, Italy to depart from:

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Departure City

Please send me information on upgrading my flights.

*Please note: Air prices will be sent to you with your Reservation Confirmation and air schedule sent at 90 days before departure. International flight arrangements can be canceled with no obligation up to 75 days before departure.*

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