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SPRING ODYSSEY IN TUSCANY

April 15 - 27, 2016 (13 days)

An exclusive adventure for Dickinson alumni



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Office of Alumni Relations

Dear alumni, parents and friends of Dickinson College,

I am delighted to invite you to join Dickinson alumni in Tuscany, when the countryside is beautifully green with fruit trees and flowers in bloom—perhaps the best time to explore seaside and hilltop Tuscan towns, *without summer crowds*. Travel and learn with a variety of local experts, and admire medieval towns, cathedrals, villas and fortresses.

There are many highlights of this inclusive, 13-day alumni adventure.

- Visit **six UNESCO World Heritage sites**:
 - **Florence's** beautiful historic center, plus visits to some of the city's renowned and lesser-known art collections
 - One of the 15th- to 17th-century **Medici villas** in Seravezza
 - **Pisa's** Piazza del Duomo, which includes the Campo dei Miracoli with its "Leaning Tower"
 - **Portovenere**, where we will be guided through the village by a local chef and then treated to a **hands-on cooking class**
 - The historic centers of the medieval city of **Siena** and of **Pienza**, a perfect example of Renaissance town planning
- Step back in time amidst more **magnificent architecture and local culture**:
 - The charming medieval towns of **Lucca** and **San Quirico d'Orcia**
 - Medieval castles and walled hamlets along the scenic **Via Francigena**
 - The ancient Etruscan towns of **Volterra**, an evocative hilltop town and **Arezzo**, today one of Europe's leading producers of gold jewelry
 - **Bagno Vignoni**, an ancient Roman thermal resort town
- **Special activities include**:
 - A guided visit to Florence's most important **local market of Sant'Ambrogio**, where we will enjoy a lunch of local specialties
 - An exploration of the iconic **Vespa scooter factory** (now the Piaggio Museum)
 - A tasting and lunch at an excellent **Pecorino cheese farm**
 - A special tour and tasting at the **Castello di Fonterutoli** winery in the Chianti region



Travel by luxurious motor coach, and enjoy excellent food and wine as well as generously comfortable accommodations that are ideally located and reflect the local character. Plus, enjoy free time to relax and explore independently.

Book by October 23 and receive complimentary travel bonuses. I hope that you will take this opportunity to ignite, or reignite, your passion for the wonders of Florence and Tuscany in the company of fellow Dickinson alumni and friends.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Liz Glynn Toth '06". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Liz Glynn Toth '06
Director of Alumni Relations

P. S. In celebration of the 50th anniversary of our Bologna Global Studies Center, there is a **three-day extension in Bologna** prior to this *Spring Odyssey in Tuscany*. Extension details will be sent to confirmed participants and are available on request.

Book by October 23 to receive a free night at the Gallery Hotel Art in Florence on April 14 plus a free airport transfer, OR, for those arriving from the Bologna extension, receive a free transfer to our Florence hotel and lunch on April 15.

ITINERARY

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Friday, April 15, 2016: Arrive in Florence, Italy

At 5 p.m. we will meet at Florence's Gallery Hotel Art, and stroll to a nearby café for a cappuccino or aperitif. Take a one-hour, guided orientation walk leading up to our Tuscan welcome dinner in a typical *trattoria*. *Overnight at the four-star Gallery Hotel Art for three nights.* (D)

Saturday, April 16: Florence

Take a morning walk around the city's historic center and browse through the shops of old crafts, particularly leather and jewelry. Visit the local market of Sant' Ambrogio, the most important food market frequented by locals, and taste some local specialties on-site for lunch. The afternoon is at leisure, or choose from two optional excursions (additional cost): First-time visitors to Florence might choose a tour of the 16th-century Uffizi Gallery and Vasari Corridor, then visit the Baptistery of San Giovanni and the renowned Duomo, a 15th-century architectural masterpiece. Alternatively, you might choose a tour of the Boboli Gardens and Galleria Palatina, with its unique collection of paintings by Renaissance master Andrea del Sarto, as well as the Museo del Bargello, with masterpieces by Donatello, Michelangelo and Luca della Robbia. We will all gather this evening for dinner. (B,L,D)

Sunday, April 17: Florence

Today, we will be accompanied by an art critic to "hidden" art collections on the outskirts of Florence. Pending special permission, make a morning visit to Villa La Pietra, a magnificent example of Renaissance Tuscan architecture with an outstanding art collection. After a light lunch (and pending special permission), visit Villa I Tatti, famous for its amazing Italian gardens and impressive art collection. Then, enjoy a short walk to the medieval village of Corbignano and the Castle of Vincigliata. Return to our hotel in Florence for an evening at leisure. (B,L)

Monday, April 18: Florence | Lucca | Seravezza | Lerici

Take a morning drive to the charming town of Lucca. Guided by a professor of architecture, walk along the famous 2.5-mile-long ancient city walls that overlook the old city center. See the Cattedrale di San Martino, a grand Romanesque cathedral with ornately decorated marble sculptures and the legendary 13th-century Volto Santo ("Holy Face") crucifix. After an independent lunch, drive to Seravezza and visit one of the impressive 15th- to 17th-century Medici villas that comprise a UNESCO World Heritage site. Continue on to Lerici, a charming old village on the famous Gulf of Poets, and check into our hotel. Enjoy dinner alongside the scenic harbor lined with bobbing fishing boats. *Overnight at the three-star Europa Grand Hotel for two nights.* (B,D)

Tuesday, April 19: Lerici | Lunigiana | Lerici

Spend a morning at leisure, perhaps relaxing at the beach, walking to the nearby villages of Tellaro and San Terenzo or visiting Lerici Castle. After an independent lunch, we drive to the Lunigiana region where, along the Via Francigena (a famous pilgrim route in this beautiful mountain valley), we admire the medieval castles of Fosdinovo-Malaspina and dell'Aquila a Gagnola. Then visit the Caves of Equi, a vast subterranean karst complex with shafts, galleries, chambers and underground lakes. On our way back to Lerici, we will stop for dinner and experience the very special local gastronomy. (B,D)

Wednesday, April 20: Lerici | Portovenere | Carrara | Pisa

Take a 25-minute boat ride across the Gulf of Poets to Portovenere, where we meet a local chef who will guide us through the village, explaining the history of Ligurian gastronomy, before our hands-on cooking class and lunch at the chef's restaurant. Drive to the marble quarry at Carrara, where Michelangelo himself came to select marble for his most



Admire the splendid architecture of Florence (above) and Pisa (bottom). View Renaissance sculptures and paintings such as Botticelli's masterpiece *Primavera* (below).



important commissions. The owner of the quarry will tell us about the history and secrets of marble extraction. Then enjoy a quintessential Italian *aperitivo* accompanied by *lardo di Colonnata*, one of the most prized and unique Tuscan cured meats. Continue on to Pisa, where we check into our hotel and gather for dinner. *Overnight at the four-star Hotel Bologna for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Thursday, April 21: Pisa

This morning, a professor of geotechnics takes us on a tour of the Campo dei Miracoli ("Field of Miracles"), part of the Piazza del Duomo, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn about the famous campanile (Leaning Tower) why it leans and how it is being preserved. Also visit Campo Santo, also known as the Monumental Cemetery, to see one of the largest and most recent fresco restorations in Italy. After lunch, visit the Romanesque Church of San Piero a Grado, where it is said that Saint Peter preached. The balance of the day is at leisure. (B,L)

Friday, April 22: Pisa | Pontedera | Volterra | Siena

Drive to Pontedera to visit the Piaggio Museum, occupying the company's former factory that built the first Vespa motorcycle, an "iconic" scooter launched in 1946 that became synonymous with *la dolce vita*. After lunch we stop in the ancient Etruscan town of Volterra, one of Tuscany's most evocative hilltop towns, for a walking tour including the Roman theater, Piazza dei Priori, magnificent Duomo with its peculiar ceiling and the Guarnacci Museum, with its extensive collection of Etruscan artifacts. Then drive to a countryside resort near Siena where we check-in and enjoy dinner. *Overnight at the four-star Villa Curina Resort for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Saturday, April 23: Siena | Fonterutoli | Siena

Here in the heart of the Chianti region, we will have a guided visit of the highly rated Castello di Fonterutoli winery and its property. The vineyard owner will welcome us and explain the wine-making process from harvest to bottling. Then enjoy a wine tasting and light lunch. This afternoon, there will be free time to explore the historic center of Siena and enjoy an independent dinner before returning to our resort. (B,L)

Sunday, April 24: Siena | San Quirico d'Orcia | Bagno Vignoni | Pienza | San Quirico d'Orcia

Drive along back roads, admiring the panorama of the Tuscan countryside and stopping for a gentle walk. Then explore the medieval village of San Quirico d'Orcia, whose outstanding architecture includes the Collegiata of Saints Quirico and Giulitta, the Horti Leonini (an Italian Renaissance garden) and many medieval palaces. After a lunch that includes traditional, renowned, hand-rolled pasta, walk the short distance to Bagno Vignoni, an ancient Roman thermal resort town that is the only town in the world with a natural central pool instead of a central piazza. Drive to Pienza, a rare example of a "perfect city," completely built according to a homogeneous Renaissance city plan. After dinner, take a guided walk through the town and return to our hotel in San Quirico d'Orcia. *Overnight at the four-star Villa del Capitano Art & Relais.* (B,L,D)

Monday, April 25: San Quirico d'Orcia | Arezzo

Today Italians celebrate Liberation Day. The morning is yours to relax or take the short ride back to Pienza for independent exploration and shopping. Then we gather for a drive to Arezzo, stopping along the way at an excellent Pecorino cheese farm, where we meet the cheese maker and enjoy a tasting and light lunch. Continue to the ancient Etruscan town of Arezzo, where we check into our hotel in the town center. Enjoy a walking tour of the city center and experience the antique show that occurs today. *Overnight at the four-star Vogue Hotel Arezzo for two nights.* (B,L,D)

Tuesday, April 26: Arezzo

This morning, an art historian guides us through the San Francesco Basilica, where we will learn about the magnificent frescoes of Piero della Francesca, one of the greatest painters of the 15th century. Lunch and the afternoon are on your own to relax, explore and/or shop. We gather this evening for a special farewell dinner at a private mansion. (B,D)

Wednesday, April 27: Arezzo | Florence

After breakfast, there is a group transfer to Florence airport for flights homeward. (B)



Enjoy a short boat ride across the famous Gulf of Poets to the charming village of Portovenere (above). Admire medieval castles in the rugged Apennine Mountain region (below).



Stroll through delightful Tuscan town squares such as Pienza Piazza (above). Many Tuscan towns were founded by Romans and even earlier by Etruscans, such as the ancient town of Volterra (below).



WHAT TO EXPECT

Participants should be in good physical condition, able to walk, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps that may not have handrails, and be able to keep pace with an active group. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether this program is appropriate for you. All participants are expected to be physically active, to enjoy traveling as part of a group and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Although portage service will be provided at all times, you should be prepared and able to handle your baggage. Weather in Tuscany in April is mostly sunny, with a chance of some precipitation, and average temperatures range from 50 to 70 degrees F.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS & TRANSFERS

Round-trip airfare from/to home is not included. A group airport transfer is provided for departure on April 27. Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should contact your preferred travel agent or airline to book your flights. If you are considering booking your flights before this time, please contact our office first. We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.

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PRE-TRIP BOLOGNA EXTENSION APRIL 12-14, 2016

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of Dickinson's Bologna Global Studies Center, join Russell Bova, Walter E. Beach Professor of Political Science and director of the K. Robert Nilsson Center for European Studies; Clarissa Pagni, associate director of Dickinson's Italian Center for Global Study & Engagement; and fellow alumni for a few days of interactive programs featuring the culture-, architecture- and food-rich city of Bologna. Enjoy city tours featuring art, architecture and traditional Bolognese cuisine; hear lectures from current faculty; meet with today's students; and enjoy evenings with exciting dinners and programs around the city. Details will be sent to confirmed participants and are available on request.

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PER PERSON PRICES

DOUBLE Occupancy (20 or more participants).....\$5,345
DOUBLE Occupancy (15-19 participants)\$5,745
SINGLE Supplement (limited availability).....\$1,045

*Single-room supplement will be charged when requested or required.
A surcharge may be required if there are fewer than 15 participants.*

YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:

- Twelve nights' accommodations as outlined in the itinerary
- 29 meals: 12 breakfasts, 8 lunches and 9 dinners with bottled water, soft drinks, coffee or tea plus wine with dinners
- All entrance fees to sites included in the itinerary
- Surface transportation via air-conditioned motor coach, with bottled water provided
- Qualified English-speaking guides plus guest experts as per itinerary
- English-speaking tour manager throughout
- Local taxes and service charges
- All gratuities to drivers, waiters, porters, tour manager and guides
- Handling of two pieces of checked luggage per person
- Group departure transfer to Florence airport on April 27
- Practical and cultural information, suggested reading guide, name badge, passport wallet and luggage tags

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE: Round-trip airfare from/to home; passport and inoculation charges; all airport departure taxes; cost of personal, trip-cancellation and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic beverages other than indicated; taxi, telephone and fax charges; optional excursions as indicated or deviations from scheduled tour; and any items not specifically indicated as included.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All requests by passengers for cancellations must be received in writing. Cancellations received at least one hundred twenty (120) days prior to departure are fully refunded less an administrative fee of five hundred dollars (\$500) per person. Cancellations received between one hundred nineteen (119) and eighty-nine (89) days prior to departure are subject to a penalty of 50 percent of the tour cost per person. Cancellations received ninety (90) days or less before departure are subject to a penalty of 100 percent of the tour cost per person. *You are strongly encouraged to obtain trip-cancellation insurance (an application will be sent with confirmation of receipt of your deposit).*

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Prices, hotels, guest experts and itinerary are subject to change.

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(as it appears on passport) (Dickinson class year)Name 2: _____
(as it appears on passport) (Dickinson class year)

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (h): _____

Phone (w): _____

Phone (cell): _____

Email: _____

 I/We have read the "What to Expect" section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.ACCOMMODATIONS: Double (*one bed*) Twin (*two beds*) Single I will be sharing with: _____ Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)I am a Non-smoker SmokerRESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. **Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure.** You will receive an invoice for final payment. **Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment.** All prices and payments are in U.S. dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE): Check payable to: Eos Passenger Account-DC Tuscany 4/16 Visa Master Card American Express

CC# _____

Exp. Date _____ Security Code _____

Name on Card _____

Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit and mail or fax to:

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By signing this form, you are acknowledging that you have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions on the reverse.

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

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