

ANNUAL ICS TRIP

TUSCANY & EMILIA ROMAGNA

Aug. 31st - Sept. 9th, 2023

September is the perfect month to travel to Italy!

We are thrilled to offer the ICS 2023 annual trip accompanied by one of our instructors and organized by Bethesda Travel Center LLC.

This year's trip will include Tuscany and Emilia Romagna from August 31-September 9th with Annelise Brody Morani. Emphasis will be the scenery, history, and food production of these two regions of Central Italy.

Minimum of 15, maximum of 22 participants: \$6,500 per person including flight. See itinerary and details to reserve your place.

Space is very limited. To register, visit www.BethesdaTravel.com/ICS

For questions, contact Bethesda Travel Center, tel: 301-656-1670 / email: ciao@bethesdatravel.com





ICS TOSCANA & EMILIA ROMAGNA TRIP: ITINERARY & SUMMARY

AUG/SEP

31 – Airport check in for projected flight from Dulles: AZ619 16:20 IAD-FCO 07:05 (next day)

01 – Arrival in Rome and hit the road to head north to Siena, stop in Orvieto for lunch and a visit. Check-in in NH Siena or similar (4n). Welcoming dinner. Benvenuti in Toscana! (L,D)

02 – Hotel breakfasts included. Morning Siena orientation guided city tour. Free time to rest and explore on your own this afternoon. Group dinner. (B,D)

03 – Full day in the Val d'Orcia today: visits to charming countryside Pienza and Montalcino, wine tasting lunch (B,L)

04 – Head to Chianti today: Radda, San Gimignano, a hands-on cooking class of Tuscan specialties, and a wine tasting lunch (B,L)

05 – Depart for Bologna with a full day in Florence en route. Guided visits to the Accademia and Uffizi Museums plus free time for shopping and exploring. Evening arrival in Bologna at the Royal Carlton or similar (4n) dinner. (B,D)

06 – Guided visit to Bologna's historic center including San Petronio and the Archiginnasio. Free time this afternoon for shopping and exploring. Independent meals (B)

07 – Early morning excursion today to Parma to see how Parmigiano Reggiano is made, learn about Parma Prosciutto production, and for a specialty lunch. Independent dinners back in Bologna. (B,L)

08 – Visit an acetaia today (Balsamic vinegar producer). Free time for lunch in Modena, followed by a visit to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello. Farewell dinner at the hotel (B,D)

09 – Early morning transfer to Bologna airport for flight home, projected AZ 1312 BLQ 06:30-07:30 FCO connecting to AZ618 FCO 10:20-14:20 IAD

This unique itinerary to discover Tuscany and Emilia Romagna has been designed for students and friends of the Italian Cultural Society at the cost of \$6,500 per person double occupancy (single supplement + \$1,850) inclusive of flights (reserved coach seating with checked bag), transfers at all points, nightly 4-star accommodations in carefully chosen and centrally located hotels with daily breakfasts, wine tasting, cooking class, and meals as listed in the itinerary, trip escort, guided touring with entry fees. Transit time on the bus will be dedicated to sharpening our Italian skills and knowledge of the Italian culture. Trip price is based on a minimum of 15 travelers. To ensure the quality of the program, the trip is limited to 22 travelers. Spaces filled on a first come, first served basis.

Flight upgrades and pre-/post-trip extensions available and priced upon request.

Trip insurance is strongly recommended and will be made available to all participants.

To register, a non-refundable deposit of \$2,500 per person is due by March 17, 2023, with balance due June 30, 2023 by check or bank transfer.

Please don't wait! Register at www.BethesdaTravel.com/ICS

