General Information:
Everyone is welcome to join us. Please understand that there will be the usual amount of walking to cover the sites we are going to visit. The ground is uneven, ancient streets are cobbled, and the hill towns in Tuscany are called hill towns for a reason. Private transportation is provided for all transfers and, as you can see by checking the websites below, you will be staying in very comfortable hotels throughout this journey; nevertheless, we will also spend a great deal of time on our feet. Thank you.

Lodging
Sorrento—Hilton Sorrento Palace
www.sorrentopalacehotel.com

Florence—Ambasciatori
www.hotelambasciatori.net/en/index.html

Siena—Grand Continental
www.grandhotelcontinentalisiena.com

Rome—Diana
www.hoteldianaroma.com/en

Cost
The price of this trip is $5999 based upon double occupancy. This includes roundtrip airfare between Chicago and Italy, and all transportation, lodging, entrance fees, guides and university staff services. Also included in this price are daily breakfasts, two lunches, and 10 dinners. Single supplement is $890. Travel insurance is required for all participants. Information will be provided upon receipt of your registration. Thank you.

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Your journey begins in Sorrento, gateway to the beautiful Amalfi coast, to visit the majestic Greek ruins at Paestum, and the unparalleled Roman ruins of Pompeii and Herculaneum.

From Sorrento you will travel north for a three-night stay in the cradle of the Renaissance: Florence. One of the world’s true cultural centers, Florence is at the top of the bucket list for art-lovers everywhere, and guided visits to the Uffizi, Accademia, Medici Chapels, the Duomo, and more, will put you in the presence of some of the greatest art and architecture ever produced.

Leaving Florence you will travel south through the beautiful wine country of Chianti, via San Gimignano, to lovely and proud Siena for three nights in this beautiful city. In addition to visiting one of Italy’s most magnificent Gothic cathedrals, our time spent in this medieval stronghold will also include museums, wine tastings, and plenty of time to wander the atmospheric streets and shops that make this walled city such a unique and rewarding destination.

Rome. What more needs to be said? On your way to the eternal city you stop in Orvieto to see her stunning Gothic cathedral, then you spend four nights in Rome; enough time to experience it on a personal and intimate level. You’ll enjoy guided visits to The Vatican Museum, St Peter’s, The Colosseum, The Forum, the catacombs, and San Clemente, but you will also have unscheduled time that you can use to craft your own unique experience in one of history’s most fabled cities.

Despite its age, Italy never gets old. Come with us, and learn why.

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**Itinerary**

**March 16**—Depart U.S.

**March 17**—Arrive in Rome and transfer to your hotel in Sorrento.

**March 18**—Paestum  Today you travel south along the beautiful Amalfi coast to Paestum to learn about some of the best-preserved Greek ruins in the Mediterranean.

**March 19**—Pompeii and Herculaneum  Europe’s most compelling archaeological site can be found at Pompeii, where the eruption of Vesuvius in AD 79 buried the city in ash and burning pumice, preserving this remarkable site for you to see today. Herculaneum, closer to Vesuvius, was preserved under 50 feet of burning mud, essentially fossilizing this ancient fishing port.

**March 20**—Florence  Transfer to Florence with free time upon arrival.

**March 21**—Florence  Enjoy a morning art tour with guided visits to the Uffizi Gallery and the Accademia, and free time afterwards.

**March 22**—Florence  This morning begins with a walking tour of the city center, visiting the Medici Chapel and the Duomo, with a free afternoon to explore on your own.

**March 23**—Siena  Passing through the lovely Tuscan landscape of Chianti, you’ll stop for lunch and a wine tasting in San Gimignano, with time to explore this beautiful hill town before arriving at your hotel in medieval Siena.

**March 24**—Siena  A walking tour gives you access to the heart and soul of Siena by way of Il Campo, through the Palazzo Civico, and on to the gorgeous Duomo, again with free time to study this beautiful city on your own.

**March 25**—Siena  A morning trip south through the vineyards of Chianti will find you at the Abby of Sant’ Antimo for the Gregorian chants of the resident monks, followed by another wine tasting in Montalcino.

**March 26**—Rome  Departing Siena you will visit the Umbrian town of Orvieto and her spectacular Gothic cathedral before arriving in the eternal city of Rome.

**March 27**—Rome  Today you will visit the Pantheon, the Colosseum, the Forum, San Clemente and the catacombs.

**March 28**—Rome  The Vatican Museum and St Peter’s are enough to completely fill your mind for one day, so after our tours you will have the rest of the afternoon to do as you wish.

**March 29**—Rome  Today is a completely unscheduled day for you in Rome, concluding with a farewell dinner this evening.

**March 30**—After breakfast you transfer to the airport for your flight home.