

LIVORNO, ITALY

Arrive: 0800 Thursday September 29
Onboard: 1800 Friday September 30



Brief Overview: Designed to be an “ideal town” during the Renaissance by the Grand Duke of the Medici family, Livorno looks quite different now than it did during its rise in the 16th Century. It was bombed during **World War II**, leaving many of its chief sites in ruin. Many of its historic buildings, including its cathedral and synagogue, were **rebuilt in the 20th century** in a more **modern architectural style**. The **Venice district** in Livorno, not to be confused with the city of the same name, is filled with canals and waterways connecting the city’s factories with the port and still holds much of its original architecture and charm. It’s also a great location to explore the rest of **Tuscany**.

Nearby: The capital of the Tuscan region, **Florence**, is known as the **birthplace of the Renaissance** and has a historic city center designated a **UNESCO World Heritage Site**. There are a few trips to this beautiful city - **LIV 108 101 Florence & Accademia** and **LIV 114-101 A Taste of Florence & Pisa**. **Pisa** is known for its **famed leaning tower**, which serves as the bell tower of the city’s cathedral. However there are also plenty of **museums and other cultural sites** to visit as well. **Lucca** is one of Italy’s **last “walled” cities**; the walls around this town originally served as a military defense. They now act a **pedestrian promenade** that encircles the historic part of town where you can explore on foot or by bike (**LIV 110-101 Exploring Lucca by Bike**). **Siena** is another city denoted as a **World Heritage Site** and is often compared to Florence by locals and tourists alike. Siena’s **gothic atmosphere and majestic buildings** provides a counterpoint to many of the other cities in the Tuscan region (**LIV 103-201 Central Tuscany, Siena & San Gimignano**).

Worth the drive: The coastline of **Cinque Terre** is one of the most beautiful in Italy and home to the fishing village of **Porto Verene**, another **World Heritage Site**. Explore these small villages along the coast and hike on the **Palmaria Island** on the **LIV 204-101 Cinque Terre –Land of the Poets** program.

Highlights

Cultural:

Day 1: LIV 114-101 A Taste of Florence & Pisa
Day 2: LIV 102 201 Lucca & its Country Villas
Day 2: LIV 103-201 Central Tuscany, Siena & San Gimignano

IMPACT:

Day 2: LIV 118-201 University of Pisa & Researcher’s Night

Active:

Day 1: LIV 204-101 Cinque Terre –Land of the Poets
Day 1: LIV 110-101 Exploring Lucca by Bike

Art and Architecture:

Day 1: LIV 108 101 Florence & Accademia
Day 1: LIV 115-101 Pistoia & Medici Villa In Poggio A Caiano

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Day 1: Thursday, September 29

LIV 204-101

CINQUE TERRE –LAND OF THE POETS

2 DAYS/1 NIGHT



Olive groves and vineyards clinging to hillsides, proud villages perched above the sea, hidden coves nestled at the foot of dramatic cliffs—the **Cinque Terre** is about as beautiful a coastline as you're likely to find in Europe. Upon arrival in the town of **Porto Verene**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, drop your luggage at the hostel and relax

on the local boat cruise to the small villages of Cinque Terre (weather permitting). Porto Verene is a picturesque harbor lined with brightly colored houses while narrow medieval streets lined with shops lead up the hill from the ancient city gate to a castle. At the end of the tour of the Cinque Terre villages, you will have some free time in the evening and spend the night in Porto Verene.

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$252 | \$242 |
| Child | \$126 | \$121 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 29 | 0900 |
| Return | September 30 | 1730 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Cinque Terre• Porto Verene fishing village• Hiking tour on Palmaria Island | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 25 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 48 | | |

The following day, enjoy a moderate hike on **Palmaria Island**, a short boat ride away from Porto Verene. On this jaunt through the wilds of the island, you will encounter the ruins of prisons, quarries, and fortresses hidden amongst the Mediterranean vegetation.

“Loved this – the first stop, Porto Verene, is the perfect place to stay overnight, scenic, relaxed, beautiful town – great food” – Karen, Summer 2014 Staff/Faculty Voyager

“Amazing field program...This was extremely enjoyable and a great deal for the money.” – Betsy, Summer 2014 Staff/Faculty Voyager



Check out this video, [Found in Porto Verene](#), from the Fall 2015 Voyage!

Day 1: (Box Lunch from Ship)

- Drive to Porto Verene (2hrs)
- Check in at hostel and walk to the pier
- Boxed lunch from ship
- Cinque Terre tour by public boat
- Free time (Dinner on your own)

Day 2: (B, L)

- Breakfast at hostel and check out
- Meet local guide and walk to the pier
- Boat transfer to Palmaria Island
- Hiking tour
- Free time for lunch (packed) and relaxing on the island
- Boat transfer back to Porto Verene
- Check out of hostel
- Drive back to Livorno





Lucca, often known as the “Tuscan open air museum”, has managed to remain a typical Italian city. It gives the impression of a peaceful and happy town. Cars have been almost completely banned inside the town walls, making it a

real pleasure to ride a bicycle following your knowledgeable guide.

From the top of the walls you can contemplate the city while biking around the roof, tower-houses, alleys, buildings, and several stunning and timeless churches.

You will stop at the main highlights of the town (Piazza San Michele, Amphitheatre Square, Via Fillungo, Napoleon square, Cathedral square).

After the tour, there will be some free time for shopping in the many nice stores or to enjoy a coffee in one of the open air cafés.

“Biking on the 800 year old walls of Lucca was so pleasant...Beautiful way to see Lucca.” – Eileen, Summer 2013 Staff Voyager

“I really enjoyed the casualness of biking and seeing the city as a native.” – Cassandra, Summer 2013 Voyager

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$84 | \$79 |
| Child | \$42 | \$40 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 29 | 0900 |
| Return | September 29 | 1330 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucca city walls • Biking • The beautiful squares in San Michele's, Napoleon's, and the Amphitheatre square | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 19 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 25 | | |



Pretty Pistoia sits snugly at the foot of the Apennines. An easy day trip from Livorno, it deserves more attention than it gets. A town that has grown well beyond its medieval ramparts, its **centro storico** is tranquil, well preserved, and guardian to some striking contemporary art.

The influences of both of Pistoia's neighboring cities - Florence and Pisa - are evident in the architecture and decoration of its medieval churches. It is these artistic delights that are the main attraction for tourists. You may be surprised to see so many fine buildings in a relatively small town, but this is a good example of the vigorous spirit of enterprise and artistry throughout northern Tuscany during the medieval period, when Pistoia was the home of several noted artists.

After some free time, you will then drive to **Poggio a Caiano, Sister City of Charlottesville, VA!** The Medici villa, certainly one of the most interesting building projects of the early Renaissance, was begun in 1485 by the express wishes of Lorenzo the Magnificent who chose Giuliano da Sangallo (1445-1516) to carry out the plan.

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|---|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$81 | \$78 |
| Child | \$41 | \$39 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 29 | 0900 |
| Return | September 29 | 1700 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Historic center of Pistoia • Medici Villa in Poggio a Caiano | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50 | | |





Undoubtedly the world's most famous sculpture, Michelangelo's *David*, arrived in the Academy of Fine Arts in 1873. It was moved here from the **Piazza della Signoria**. Previously other artists had rejected the piece of marble because of a flaw in the stone. One artist had started on a statue of David but found a flaw near where his chest would be. Michelangelo however created the sculpture anyway, and successfully.

Explore the town with the guide in the morning: you will start with the visit of the Academy of the Fine Arts, where the David by Michelangelo is housed, and then proceed with your exploration of the

highlights of Florence: the Brunelleschi dome crowning the town Cathedral, Signoria square – the political centre of Florence, the Old Bridge and the Holy Cross square with Giotto's fresco, and the many masterpieces of the Franciscan basilica houses.

In the afternoon, you will enjoy some free time to stroll around and have a nice "panino", or a delicious lunch at your leisure, before your drive back to Livorno.

Please note: Entries are prereserved. **Cut-off date for registration is Sept. 15th.**

"The Academy of Fine Arts was a fine start to the day. Learned much about sculpture in general, Michelangelo in specific, as well as info about Florence...it was a delightful day!" – Sal, Summer 2013 Voyager Faculty

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$124 | \$119 |
| Child | \$62 | \$59 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 29 | 0900 |
| Return | September 29 | 1830 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michelangelo's David • The historic center of Florence • Holy Cross Basilica – the pantheon of Italy's greatest people | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 24 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 80 | | |



The best-known highlights of Tuscany in one day: **Florence and Pisa!**

Enjoy an introduction tour in Florence where you will see: the Cathedral square, Signoria square, the Old bridge, and the Holy Cross Church square. The guide will also give you tips on

what to do and where to eat and shop during your free time to explore Florence's many masterpieces, shops, and pizza places at your leisure.

In Pisa you will be given the chance to snap a picture of the legendary **Leaning Tower**, which is not only known for its stunning architecture, but more so for its heavy tilt. It is one of the heaviest leaning towers in the world - and for sure the most famous.

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
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| Adult | \$106 | \$99 |
| Child | \$53 | \$50 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 29 | 0900 |
| Return | September 29 | 1900 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit the two most important towns in Tuscany in one day • Historic center of Florence • Leaning Tower of Pisa | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: Unlimited | | |

Day 2: Friday, September 30

IMPORTANT: If you registered in one of the following courses, you have a Field Class on this day. Do not make any other travel plans as this is a designated class day in port for your course:

| COURSE # | FACULTY | DAY 1 - Friday, 30 September |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------------|
| JTC 412 | Professor Donna Rouner | International Mass Communication |
| JCT 335 | Professor Faye Serio | Digital Photography (Section 1) |
| E 240 | Professor John Serio | Introduction to Poetry |
| CHEM 103 | Professor Marc Zimmer | Chemistry in Context (Section 1) |

LIV 117-201

FLORENCE ON YOUR OWN

FULL DAY



Florence is a smaller city: no two sights are more than a 20 or 25 minute walk apart. All the main highlights are in the relatively small **centro storico** (historic center), a compact tangle of medieval streets and piazzas.

It was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1982. Due to Florence's **artistic and architectural heritage**, it has been ranked by Forbes as one of the most beautiful cities in the world. It is noted for its history, culture, Renaissance art and architecture, and monuments.

During the one and a half hour drive to Florence, your tour guide will give you hints and tips to make the most of your visit as you venture out into the city on your own.

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$63 | \$61 |
| Child | \$32 | \$30 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 30 | 0900 |
| Return | September 30 | 1800 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk through the streets of Florence Panoramic view over Florence from Piazzale Michelangelo Shopping! | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 14 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: Unlimited | | |

LIV 102-201

LUCCA & IT'S COUNTRY VILLAS

FULL DAY



Lucca, a top city to visit in Tuscany, holds many attractions for the tourist. Lucca's historic center, with medieval towers and nearly 100 churches, is completely enclosed by its walls. It is a good city for walking, biking, and shopping. **Ramparts** circling the city center are the perfect place to take a stroll, ride a bicycle, kick a ball, or just stand and look down upon Lucca. Your guide will take you around the city's main sights, including **Piazza San Michele**, **Piazza dell'Anfiteatro**, the **Cathedral of San Martino** (outside visit), and a section of the city walls. After your tour, visit a farmhouse in the countryside for a **delicious lunch** including pasta and a selection of salami. Then proceed to the **Lucchese Villa**, a real work of art with extensive gardens, archways, large halls, frescos and statues, and parks with ponds and small lakes.

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$109 | \$104 |
| Child | \$54 | \$52 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 30 | 0915 |
| Return | September 30 | 1715 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The city walls of Lucca The farmhouse, with its wine production & tasty lunch! The elegant country villa | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 24 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 50 | | |



Sienna is beautiful, a medieval ensemble of palaces and towers cast in warm, brown, Siena-colored bricks. Its skyline - dominated by the gothic Cathedral (Duomo) and the taut needle of the **Torre del Mangia** - is its pride. Yet the shell shaped **Piazza del Campo** probably captures the most attention and fame as it has been seen in films,

photographs, and advertising campaigns.

Together with your guide, you will have a pleasant walk through the medieval streets of Siena, starting from San Domenico, then visiting the Cathedral (outside visit) and the famous Piazza del Campo, where the palio race takes place twice a year.

You will have some time to stroll and have lunch at your leisure before boarding your coach for **San Gimignano**.

San Gimignano, the town of beautiful towers, lies in a picturesque position on a hill dominating the Val d'Elsa, inhabited since the times of the Etruscans. Its squares are guarded by ancient buildings and its narrow and shady alleys and soaring slender towers all create the character of this stunning town.

Once in San Gimignano, you will enjoy some **free time** before returning to port.

“Very enjoyable experience that included engaging stories, delicious food and drink, and beautiful sights.” – Kenrick, Summer 2013 Voyager

| STANDARD PRICE | | Early Booking |
|--|--------------|---------------|
| Adult | \$72 | \$69 |
| Child | \$36 | \$35 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 30 | 0745 |
| Return | September 30 | 1800 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shell-shaped Piazza del Campo in Siena 15 medieval towers in San Gimignano Picturesque shops | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 29 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 36 | | |



Depart for Pisa with Professor **Margarita Lenk** who will help facilitate meaningful exchange and interaction with your University of Pisa counterparts. En route, your tour guide will provide you with a general introduction to Tuscany, Pisa, and provide insights into Italian culture. Upon arrival in Pisa,

visit the prestigious University of Pisa, one of the most historical Italian and European universities. The **Università di Pisa** was founded in 1343 and is the only European university to be part of the [Universities Research Association](#), a very prestigious association whose members are mainly American universities.

After this visit and presentation by a representative of UniPi, enjoy some time at leisure in the city center for lunch. Take the opportunity to book your **optional guided tour of Miracles square** and its monuments or enjoy some free time to explore. The **leaning bell tower** is just one of the many monuments you can find in this charming city. The Cathedral square contains the main religious monuments, therefore it's called "Miracles square". Besides the

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| Adult | \$69 | \$69 |
| Child | \$69 | \$69 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 30 | 0845 |
| Return | September 30 | 1845 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prestigious Pisa University (UniPi) Optional entrance to the Leaning Tower (€20 per person - book in advance!) CNR Institute Researcher's Night | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 15 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: Unlimited | | |

leaning tower, here you can see the Cathedral, the Baptistery, and the graveyard that all showcase the artistic richness of Pisa.

Before leaving Pisa, you will visit the **CNR institute** to attend the [European Researchers' night](#) opening. After the inauguration, have a look at the many projects being presented before returning to Livorno.



Professor Margarita Lenk is originally from Argentina, and of Italian and Austrian parents. She is a business professor at Colorado State University specializing in secure and efficient business processes and information systems that optimize global organizational objectives. She is fluent in Spanish, and loves to garden, cook, knit, and ride her bicycle around the world!



Note: comfortable, semi-professional attire should be worn.



Although the aquarium officially closes for the season on September 25, as a 'school group' you will enjoy private entry and a special behind the scenes tour with professor Vic Kennedy.



| STANDARD PRICE | | <i>Early Booking</i> |
|---|--------------|----------------------|
| Adult | \$32 | \$28 |
| Child | \$16 | \$14 |
| TIME | | |
| | Date | Time |
| Depart | September 30 | 0930 |
| Return | September 30 | 1300 |
| HIGHLIGHTS | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Private entry to Livorno Aquarium • Tour with Professor Vic Kennedy! | | |
| MINIMUM REGISTRATION: 8 | | |
| MAXIMUM CAPACITY: 20 | | |