



BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL PRESENTS

UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN

A WEEK IN THE HEART OF ITALY

MAY 30TH - JUNE 8TH 2019

Tuscany in the spring. We probably don't need to say any more than that and, if we tried, words could not really do justice to the sights, smells, tastes, and all the other sensations that combine to create the Tuscan experience.

The idea of the villa as the country residence of wealthy and powerful families came first with the Romans. While more uncivilized regions in later times required the ruling elite to fortify their residences (castles), the Pax Romana enabled the Romans to avoid having to do this. The concept was resurrected during the relative stability of Renaissance Italy.

In 14th and 15th century Italy, a villa once more connoted a country house, like the first Medici villas. In 1450, Giovanni de' Medici began construction of the Villa Medici in Fiesole, Tuscany, on a hillside overlooking Florence - probably the first villa created under the instructions of Leon Battista Alberti, who theorized the features of the new idea of villa in his *De Re Aedificatoria*. From Tuscany, the idea of villa was spread again throughout Renaissance Italy and Europe.

As homes of the aristocracy, these villas also became the treasure houses of fine art, surrounded by elegant gardens, that we will be exploring on this tour.

From our base in Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance," we will explore these treasure houses scattered all over the region from Fiesole, just north of Florence, to La Foce, south of Siena. There is also an optional extension available to the Cinque Terre, an area of outstanding natural beauty on the Ligurian coast.

This spring, join BCS Director, Sandi Tinyk, and Discover Europe's David Phillips, for a week in heaven — or Tuscany, as it is sometimes known!



FLORENCE



TUSCANY

THE COST OF THIS ITINERARY, PER PERSON, DOUBLE OCCUPANCY IS:

BOSTON DEPARTURE	\$4980
LAND ONLY (NO AIRFARE INCLUDED):	\$4050
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT:	\$ 860

Airfares are available from many U.S. cities. Please call for details.

THE FOLLOWING SERVICES ARE INCLUDED:

AIRFARE:	Roundtrip airfare from Boston on British Airways, including all taxes and customs fees
HOTELS:	8 nights' accommodation in a first class hotel, including all hotel taxes and service charges
COACHING:	All ground transportation as detailed in the itinerary, including transfers from Barrington to Boston and back
MEALS:	Breakfast daily, 2 lunches and 4 dinners
BAGGAGE:	Porterage of one large suitcase per person
ENTRANCES:	Entrance fees to all sites included in the itinerary
GUIDES:	Discover Europe tour guide and BCS Director, Sandi Tinyk throughout. Local guides as needed

OPTIONAL CINQUE TERRE EXTENSION:

The cost is \$1380 per person, double occupancy (Single supplement \$620). Your extension includes 3 nights' accommodation in a first class hotel, breakfast daily, 2 dinners, and your Discover Europe tour guide throughout.

Please note that travel insurance is not included on this tour.

Insurance information will be mailed to each registration on receipt of deposit.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION & REGISTRATION INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT:

SANDI TINYK AT THE BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL

(401) 245-0432



THURSDAY, MAY 30th - This afternoon our private coach takes us from Barrington to Boston Logan Airport where we board British Airways' overnight service to London. **OVERNIGHT: PLANE**

FRIDAY, MAY 31st - We land at Heathrow Airport this morning and connect with our onward flight to Pisa. On arrival, we are met for the transfer to our hotel in Florence. There will be time to unpack, relax and begin exploring the neighborhood before we gather this evening for a welcome dinner at the hotel. **(D) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 1st - We'll meet our local guide this morning and begin our explorations of this fabulous city with a tour of the Uffizi Gallery. We then enter the Piazza della Signoria where we'll admire the graceful Loggia dei Lanzi, the Neptune Fountain, and the copy of Michelangelo's *David*, standing where the artist intended it to be. We'll continue on foot to the Duomo, contrasting its extravagant exterior to its rather austere interior, and concluding with a climb (for those who want to) up to Brunelleschi's magnificent dome to admire the unforgettable views over Florence. We continue to the Baptistery; Ghiberti's famous east doors of the Baptistery depict Old Testament scenes and Michelangelo dubbed them the "Gates of Paradise." These are copies; the original doors are in the Museo dell'Opera del Duomo and this inconspicuous building contains some of the finest works of art in Florence. After free time for lunch, we'll visit the church of Santa Maria Novella and its perfumery. The Officina Profumo Farmaceutica, as it is properly called, was established in 1221 – and is still operating! The rest of the afternoon is free before returning to the hotel for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 2nd - This morning, a leisurely stroll takes us from San Miniato al Monte, a wonderful Romanesque Basilica set upon the highest point in Florence, down to the Piazzale Michelangelo for spectacular views over the city. From here we continue on foot to the Pitti Palace. Originally, the home of the wealthy Florentine banker, Luca Pitti, this huge Renaissance palace was purchased by the Medici in 1549 as a home for some of their fabulous collection of art and other treasures. After lunch (included), the rest of the day is free to wander in the nearby Boboli Gardens, or head into the city to explore on your own (most of the museums in Florence are free to enter this afternoon). Free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**



MONDAY, JUNE 3rd - An excursion today takes us first to the walled city of Lucca, just to the west of Florence. We'll take a walking tour with a local guide and then have free time for lunch. This afternoon we visit the nearby Villa Reale di Marlia, a late-Renaissance villa once owned by Napoleon's sister, Elisa. The villa is now privately owned, but the gardens, which were replanted with the original plant selections in 1923, are open to the public. We return to Florence for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 4th - This morning we head back into the center of Florence to visit the Medici Chapels. The two chapels are attached to the Basilica of San Lorenzo; the smaller, Sagrestia Nuova, was designed by Michelangelo, while the larger, Cappella dei Principi (Chapel of the Princes), was begun in the 17th century. It is a short walk from here to the Museo di San Marco, housed in a former religious complex. During the 15th century, both Fra Angelico and Savonarola were residents here. After free time for lunch, we will visit the Accademia, home of Michelangelo's *David*, and then continue to the Opificio Della Pietre Dure, home of the famous artistic workshop before we return to the hotel for dinner. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5th - A panorama of the Tuscan countryside unfolds before us today as we head south through the region to the beautiful city of Siena. We'll tour the lovely Piazza del Campo and visit Siena's Duomo - one of the most dramatic in Italy with its striking black and white marble pillars and façade. The inlaid marble floor, featuring Biblical scenes, is an architectural and artistic treasure. Leaving the city, we'll have lunch in a nearby "agriturismo" – local wine, produce and assorted delicacies will be on offer. This afternoon we continue south to the fabulous gardens of La Foce. The estate was made famous as the setting for Iris Origo's compelling memoir, *War in Val d'Orcia: An Italian War Diary, 1943-1944*. We return to Florence for a free evening. **(B, L) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

THURSDAY, JUNE 6th - Our first visit today will be to the Villa I Tatti (subject to confirmation), once the home of the critic and historian, Bernard Berenson. On his death, Berenson left the villa, gardens and his library and art collection to Harvard University, who now use the facilities for events and conferences. We then head up to Fiesole, overlooking Florence, where we will have free time for lunch before we visit the Villa La Balze, the Villa Medicea al Fiesole, and perhaps (time permitting) the Roman Theatre. The evening is free. **(B) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**



FRIDAY, JUNE 7th - Our final villa visit this morning will be to the Villa Gamberaia. Gamberaia, is so named because of the gamberi (shrimp) pond that the owner created in the 1600s. It is privately owned, so only the ground floor of the villa is possible to visit, but the gardens are magnificent and afford wonderful views over Florence and the surrounding countryside. A short drive then brings us to the Castello Gardens, surrounding the country residence of Cosimo de Medici. We then head back into Florence where the rest of the afternoon will be free. Tonight, we will gather again for a farewell dinner at the hotel. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: FLORENCE**

SATURDAY, JUNE 8th - Morning transport to Pisa Airport for returning flights to Boston, where our coach will be waiting to take us back to Barrington. Alternatively, you may like to stay on for the Cinque Terre extension. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

Key to included meals: **B** - breakfast, **L** - lunch, **D** - dinner

CINQUE TERRE EXTENSION

SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH - This morning you bid a fond farewell to some of your recent traveling companions as they leave from Pisa airport. Your trip will continue with a short drive up the coast to the Cinque Terre and your seafront hotel in the neighboring town of Portovenere. On arrival, there will be free time to unpack, relax and begin exploring the town. Dinner is included this evening. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PORTOVENERE**

SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH - The Cinque Terre (literally the Five Lands) is a stretch of coastland that is wild and isolated, but at the same time spectacularly beautiful and hospitable. Old traditions and customs live on here side by side with the modern tourism that the region's status as a UNESCO World Heritage Site has attracted. The five towns that make up the region (Riomaggiore, Manarola, Corniglia, Vernazza and

Monterosso) are connected by walking paths and by train or boat – but not by road. Today we take the train and explore, returning to Portovenere for a free evening. **(B) OVERNIGHT: PORTOVENERE**

MONDAY, JUNE 10TH - A completely free day – go back on the train to see what you missed yesterday, take one of the hiking trails, or just sit in that café by the water and watch the world go by. You choose. This evening we'll gather for a farewell dinner at our hotel restaurant overlooking the Mediterranean. **(B, D) OVERNIGHT: PORTOVENERE**

TUESDAY, JUNE 11TH - We transfer by coach this morning to Pisa, where we'll board our British Airways' flights back to Boston, via London. **(B) OVERNIGHT: HOME**

REGISTRATION FORM

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1) Please type or print.
- 2) Make checks payable to BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL.
- 3) Be sure to read the Terms & Conditions and the Refund Policy contained on the reverse before signing.
- 4) Complete both sides of this form.
- 5) Detach the bottom section and mail it to:
Barrington Community School
P.O. Box 256, Barrington, RI 02806
with your deposit of \$500 per person. Keep the top section.

DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS:

Name(s). Please make sure that your name appears on this form exactly as it does on your passport. Include your "Known As" or preferred name, if applicable.

Passport Details. Having your passport details ahead of time enables Discover Europe to speed up the check-in process at hotels and helps in the event of lost or stolen documents.

Address. If you have a different address, please provide us with the details, including dates that you are there, on a separate sheet.

Special Dietary Requirements. Please let us know if you have any special dietary requirements.

Health Information. A certain amount of walking is involved in this trip. Check the itinerary with your physician to ensure a safe and comfortable journey. Travelers requiring special assistance must be accompanied by a companion.

EMERGENCY CONTACT

This information is essential.

INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

If you are arranging your own flights, please provide your complete flight information, giving the following: dates of travel, airline(s), flight numbers, departure and arrival airports and departure and arrival times for all flight segments that you have booked. (Please note that extra charges for transportation to and from the destination airport may be incurred). If you need help arranging connecting flights from your local airport to an international departure city, we will be happy to arrange those for you. There is a nominal charge of \$40 per ticket for this service.

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS

- Please tick the appropriate boxes. We will book non-smoking rooms (where available) unless otherwise requested.
- i). If you are sharing a room, please let us know with whom. If you would like to share a room but do not have a roommate, we will be happy to try and match you up but unfortunately cannot guarantee that this will be possible. If no match is available, the single supplement will apply.
 - ii). A twin room has two separate single beds in it. A double room has one large bed. Please let us know your preference.



PASSENGER DETAILS FOR UNDER THE TUSCAN SUN (0530/BTS)

PASSPORT NAME:

1. _____
TITLE FIRST MIDDLE LAST

2. _____
TITLE FIRST MIDDLE LAST

KNOWN AS: 1. _____ 2. _____

PASSPORT 1#: _____ EXP.DATE: _____ DOB: _____

PASSPORT 2#: _____ EXP.DATE: _____ DOB: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PREFERRED TELEPHONE: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

SECONDARY TELEPHONE: (____) _____ work/cell/home
circle one

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION: _____

OTHER COMMENTS OR NOTES: _____

TRIP DETAILS

DEPARTURE DATE: _____ RETURN DATE: _____

DEPARTURE AIRPORT OR CITY: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND MY TRIP TO: _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

BARRINGTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
BOX 256, BARRINGTON, RI 02806

TERMS & CONDITIONS

GENERAL

1. Please be sure to complete both sides of this form.
2. Instructions to aid you can be found on overleaf.
3. Space on this journey is limited and registrations are accepted strictly on a first come, first served basis.
4. Registration and payment imply acceptance of the terms and conditions described herein. This information, as well as your itinerary description regarding dates, inclusions and prices, form the basis of your individual contract with Discover Europe, Ltd.
5. Registration and payment waive and release Discover Europe, Ltd., Barrington Community School, their affiliates, directors, officers, employees, including any person or entity employed or utilized by them, from all claims arising from any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense resulting from events beyond their control, including, without limitation: natural disasters, war, strikes, incidents of politically-motivated violence, sickness or quarantine, government restrictions or regulations, and in the absence of its own gross negligence, arising from the use of any vehicle or from any act of omission by any bus or car rental agency, airline, taxi or tour service, hotel, restaurant, or other firm, agency, company or individual.
6. Discover Europe, Ltd. reserves the right to substitute hotels, airlines, activities or excursions in response to changes in availability, local events or weather conditions, provided such substitutions do not adversely affect the overall quality of the tour. Such substitutions do not constitute grounds for withdrawal with full refund.
7. Conduct During the Tour: You are responsible for respecting the authority and following the directions of the tour guide and the laws of the countries in your itinerary. We may exclude you from participating in all or any part of the tour if, at our sole discretion, your condition or behavior renders you unfit for the tour or unfit for continuation once the tour has begun. Unfitness may include, without limitation, any behavior that, regardless of its cause, is inappropriate or offensive or interferes with the delivery of tour services, or may constitute a hazard or embarrassment. In such case, our liability shall be strictly limited to refund of the recoverable cost of any unused portion of the tour. Should you decide not to participate in certain parts of the tour or use certain goods included in the tour, no refunds will be made for those unused parts of the tour or goods.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

1. A deposit of \$500 must accompany this completed form.
2. The remaining balance will be billed and payable 90 days prior to departure.

TOUR COST ADJUSTMENTS

Discover Europe makes every effort to guarantee that the published cost of your chosen tour will not change. However we do reserve the right to make adjustments in the following circumstances:

1. Exchange rates. Should the value of the dollar fall against the Euro by more than 10% in the 6 months prior to trip departure.
2. Group size. This tour has been based on a group size of 15 participants. Should we end up with less than 15 people, Discover Europe will work with Barrington Community School to determine a course of action which will involve either paying a surcharge to keep the tour as is, or making adjustments to the tour in order to keep the cost the same.
3. Airfares. If your tour includes airfare, Discover Europe reserves the right to pass along increases in costs (taxes, airport fees, fuel surcharges, etc.) that are charged by the airline involved.

REFUND POLICY

1. Participants who withdraw more than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less a \$200 cancellation penalty.
2. Participants who withdraw fewer than 90 days prior to tour departure will receive a refund of all monies received by Discover Europe, Ltd., less the following cancellation penalties:
90-61 days prior to departure: \$1000 per person
60 days - trip departure: no refund (unless traveler has insurance)
3. Please note that the final payment becomes due upon receipt of the final invoice and will remain payable, as per the above schedule, if your cancellation is received after this.
4. These cancellation penalty amounts do not include any airfares purchased on your behalf by Discover Europe Ltd. Note that the least expensive airfares are usually non-refundable. Refunds for airline tickets will be handled separately from the refund of the land tour package.
5. All cancellation penalties and deadlines regarding the cruise extension to this tour are governed by the cruise line. Please see your cruise confirmation for details.
6. Comprehensive travel insurance is not included in your tour package. Discover Europe, Ltd., strongly advises that you purchase travel insurance for your upcoming trip. Barrington Community School will be providing you with details of a recommended insurance company.
7. All cancellation requests must be received in writing.
8. There is no provision for refund for any activities missed due to the participant's absence once the tour has started.
9. Your place on this tour is not transferable.

INCLUSIONS & EXCLUSIONS

1. All inclusions on *Under the Tuscan Sun* are listed on the day-by-day itinerary and registration form.
2. The following are not included (unless specifically mentioned in the itinerary): travel insurance, transportation to and from the participant's chosen departure airport, passport fees, excess baggage charges, tips to couriers and tour bus drivers and items of a personal nature.



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Email: _____

Primary Telephone: (_____) _____

FLIGHT INFORMATION

(Please check one)

Do you want Discover Europe to book your flight from Boston?

Yes No

Flight details (if self-arranged), to be provided at least 90 days prior to departure: _____

ROOMING REQUIREMENTS (Please check one)

I would like a single room (see itinerary for supplement)

I will be sharing with: _____

We would like a double twin-bedded room

PERMISSIONS

Discover Europe may include my e-mail address on the tour passenger list. Yes No

SIGNATURES

The undersigned has read the tour itinerary and recognizes and accepts any risk inherent therein. The undersigned also understands and hereby agrees for and on behalf of his/her dependents, heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to abide by the conditions set forth in the terms and conditions listed in this brochure and to release and hold harmless Barrington Community School and any of their officers, trustees, agents, licensees, or representatives, from any and all liability for delays, injuries, or death or for the loss of or damage to his/her property however occurring during any portion of, or in relation to, the tour.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____