Independent Small Group Tour

Join us under the Tuscan – and Umbrian – sun, on a leisurely idyll through two of Italy’s most storied regions. Ancient Etruscan hill towns, timeless landscapes, awe-inspiring art, and especially, openhearted people, render the essence of Italy. And a stay in the Eternal City of Rome adds the grace note to this very special small group tour.

Day 1: Depart U.S. for Florence, Italy

Day 2: Arrive Florence  We arrive in Florence and transfer to our hotel, a historic country estate just 4 ½ miles from the city center. Late afternoon we meet our Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and fellow travelers at a briefing about the journey ahead, followed by a welcome dinner at our hotel.  

Day 3: Florence  Today we explore Florence, “cradle of the Renaissance” and still renowned as a city of art and culture. Our walking tour includes the historic city center, a UNESCO site comprising the Baptistery, Campanile, and Santa Maria del Fiore – also known as the Duomo – whose 14th-century red-brick dome by Brunelleschi remains the largest of its type ever built. At the Galleria dell’Accademia we see Michelangelo’s “David,” as well as the sculptor’s pieces for the papal tombs. This afternoon we visit another of Florence’s, and indeed Europe’s, treasured museums: the Uffizi Gallery. Here hang works by the likes of Michelangelo, da Vinci, Titian, Raphael, Giotto, Caravaggio, and Botticelli, whose “Primavera” (“Allegory of Spring”) ranks as one of the most popular paintings in the Western world. We return to our hotel late afternoon; for dinner on our own tonight we may opt to take our hotel’s complimentary shuttle service into Florence.  

Day 4: Florence  On a morning tour we visit Pitti Palace, the 15th-century Renaissance stronghold later owned by the Medici to house treasures they amassed as one of Tuscany’s ruling families. Now a museum, the Pitti Palace holds important collections of porcelain, silver, and costumes, as well as paintings and sculpture. It also boasts the 111-acre Boboli Gardens, a formal Italian garden with fountains, grottoes, and sculpture from the 16th to 18th centuries. After our tour of the palace and gardens, the remainder of the day is at leisure; we may wish to remain in Florence for independent exploration.  

Day 5: Florence/Siena/Cortona  Leaving Florence today, we stop in the Tuscan hill town of Siena, whose ochre-colored buildings and ancient ramparts evoke the city’s medieval past and whose historic city center is a UNESCO site. Fan-shaped Piazza del Campo is one of Europe’s greatest public squares (and where the annual Palio horse race takes place); its Duomo, with works by Bernini, Donatello, and Michelangelo, one of Italy’s finest. We set out on a guided walking tour here then have time for lunch on our own in this city known for its authentic Tuscan dishes. We continue on to Cortona, arriving mid-afternoon.  

Day 6: Cortona  Sitting atop a hill rising 2,000 feet from the surrounding plain, Cortona dates to pre-
Roman times and today remains a classic example of Etruscan city planning and architecture. We explore this medieval gem today, including the 5th-century BCE city walls from where we can see the vast Valdichiana plain stretching 62 miles across central Italy. We tour the historic city center, and walk the steep, narrow streets that characterize Etruscan design. This is the town that Frances Mayes depicted in *Under the Tuscan Sun* – so we visit Casa Bramasole, the 200-year-old farmhouse the author lovingly restored. B,L

Day 7: Cortona/Pienza Today we travel through perhaps one of Tuscany’s most beautiful – and recognized – regions, the Val d’Orcia, an expanse of gently rolling cultivated hills dotted with cypress trees and picturesque villages. A UNESCO site, Val d’Orcia is home to Pienza, conceived in 1459 as an ideal Renaissance town whose design influence eventually spread throughout Europe. Our tour here begins in Pienza’s historic center, with its lovely square surrounded by two palaces and the Renaissance Duomo. We walk cobblestone streets to a lookout point for breathtaking views of Val d’Orcia below. Then we enjoy lunch together and a special tasting of Montepulciano wines. B,L

Day 9: Bettona An ancient Etruscan town, Bettona is well known for the medieval city walls that encircle it and incorporate large parts of its original Etruscan walls. We explore this quiet Umbrian hill town on today’s walking tour, stopping to see artworks by Della Robbia and others in the Pinacoteca Communale; the region’s main church of Santa Maria Maggiore, whose Gothic chapel dates to Roman times; and the Oratorio of Saint Andrea, whose simple façade belies its richly decorated interior. B,D

Day 10: Bettona/Orvieto Today we visit the popular Umbrian town of Orvieto, with its dramatic setting atop the steep walls of a flat volcanic rock (tufa). We discover this once impregnable Etruscan settlement on a walking tour. Highlights include Orvieto Cathedral, the medieval Duomo featuring a chapel with a fresco by Fra Angelico, as well as Luca Signorelli’s masterpiece, “The Last Judgment”. Then we enjoy a small group highlight: a cooking demonstration followed by lunch at Ristorante Zeppelin, a Culinary Art Institute in the heart of Orvieto’s historic district. B,D

Day 11: Bettona/Rome We leave the Italian countryside today for Rome, the Eternal City on the Tiber whose history spans some 2,500 years. Mid-day we reach our hotel, set outside the city proper and perched on 15 acres of private parkland. B

Day 12: Rome This morning we encounter ancient Rome, beginning at the Colosseum, built in 72 ce to stage gladiator spectacles; and the temples of the Forum, ancient Rome’s political and legal center. This afternoon is at leisure to explore independently; tonight we bid “arrivederci” to Italy at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 13: Depart for U.S. We depart early this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes

- Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
- 11 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe and First Class hotels
- 21 meals: 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 7 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

Post-Tour Extension

May 10-12, 2016
ROME – ON YOUR OWN
3 days/2 nights for $345 total price
Single Supplement: $295
Enjoy more time in the Eternal City, as you wish and at your own pace.

Your Tour Price Includes

- 2 nights’ accommodations at Rome Cavalieri, Waldorf Astoria (Deluxe)
- 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
- Transfer to airport

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Tour Departs: April 28, 2016
Prices include international airfare and all taxes, surcharges, and fees

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Land Only (transfers not included) $2,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees of $692, which are subject to change until final payment has been made.

Single travelers please add $795. All 2016 tour prices above (excluding airline taxes, fuel surcharges, and departure fees) are guaranteed.

Airline upgrades on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight:
Business Class – $3,795 per person; Premium Economy – $995 per person in addition to the above costs (upgrade is subject to availability and pricing is subject to change).

For questions, call the GAA’s Tar Heel Travel office at 1-877-962-3980
Tour Prices
Tour prices quoted are guaranteed through December 31, 2016, and include accommodations based on double occupancy; airfare from select departure cities; airline taxes, fuel surcharges, departure fees, and port charges and cruise line fees (where applicable), which are subject to change until final payment has been made; internal air, rail, and motorcoach transportation, meals, sightseeing, and transfers as described; hotel taxes; entrance fees for included sightseeing; the services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director; luggage handling for one bag per person; and all gratuities as described below. Please note that the cost of air upgrades is subject to change.

Gratuities
Tour prices include all gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers on base tours and on optional extensions when accompanied by an Odysseys Unlimited representative. Please note that gratuities for the Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour) are not included, unless otherwise noted. These tips are optional and should be extended on a voluntary basis. Gratuities are not included on “On Your Own” optional extensions or any items not included in the tour.

Not Included in Your Tour Price
Airfare from your hometown to your departure city; costs of passports and visas; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; communications charges; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director (unless otherwise noted) and shipboard personnel (if a cruise is included in your tour), which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per guest, per day); and a Travel Protection Plan. Additional baggage fees levied directly by the airline(s) may apply and are subject to change at any time. You should confirm directly with your airline(s) prior to departure.

Registration and Payment
A deposit of $500 per person confirms your reservation. Full payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure and may be made by personal check or credit card. Odysseys Unlimited reserves the right to cancel any reservations that are not paid in full at any time after final payment is due. If you make your reservation after the final payment date, payment in full will be required upon reservation.

Important Information About Your Tour
General Terms and Conditions
Please read this information carefully, as payment of a deposit represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.
Cancellations and Refunds
If you must cancel your tour, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges:

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For Africa’s Wildlife, Machu Picchu to the Galapagos, Patagonian Frontiers
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Please note that we will not refund the cost of any unused portion of your tour package. If due to unforeseen circumstances Odysseys Unlimited cancels your tour, you will receive a complete refund of all payments you have made to us.

Pre-Departure
After reserving your tour, you will receive pre-departure mailings that include a detailed itinerary, visa requirements, and reading list. We will send your final tour documents, including airline itineraries (with e-ticket numbers) two to three weeks before departure.

Single Travelers
We welcome single travelers, and offer a limited number of single accommodations on each tour. Because hotel and cruise rates are priced by the room or cabin, the per person cost for accommodations occupied by one person is higher than that shared by two people. We endeavor to keep single supplements at a reasonable cost. Please note that single rooms in many foreign hotels may be smaller than those to which you are accustomed.

Changes to Your Reservation
We will not charge a fee for any changes made to your reservation outside of 95 days before departure. From 94 to 30 days before departure, if you make any changes to your reservation, a $100 per person administrative fee will apply, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by airlines, hotels, or other third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes to your reservation can be made within 30 days of departure.

Required Information
Upon reservation, we will need to obtain from you passport information including the following, in accordance with the Transportation Security Administration’s (TSA) Secure Flight program, as well as by our international travel partners: your full name as it appears on your passport, date of birth, and gender (for further information, please visit tsa.gov). In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, or if you use a different passport than originally cited, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Travel Documents
A passport valid for at least six months after the completion of your tour, and with at least six blank visa pages, is required for U.S. citizens on all tours in this catalog. If your tour requires a visa or other entry documents, we will send you the appropriate information after you make a reservation. You are responsible for obtaining these documents. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please contact your embassy or consulate to ensure you obtain the proper documentation.
Smoking
For the convenience of the majority of our travelers, Odysseys Unlimited has a No Smoking policy on all tour buses. We will arrange sufficient rest stops so those who wish to smoke may do so.

Health and Medical Issues
We welcome all travelers, but request that you be in good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. All of our tours involve a reasonable amount of walking (typically two to three miles per day), often uphill or on uneven or cobblestone streets. You must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. We regret that we cannot provide individual assistance; in such cases you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. Please note that our itineraries cannot accommodate wheelchairs. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical condition or behavior, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other tour members. In that event, the UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.

Air Transportation
Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. includes in its tour price round trip economy air from designated gateway cities as shown and contracts with those airlines they feel provide the level of service, routings, and value necessary for your entire trip. While another airline may offer a more direct connection, it may be at a price unavailable at the lower group rates. You will receive your preliminary air schedule approximately 2 1/2 months prior to departure. Please note that seat assignments on your international flight are usually done at airport check-in. Odysseys Unlimited is unable to guarantee any seat assignments. Due to the nature of tour operator tickets, other restrictions apply, including but not limited to, frequent flyer mileage accrual, stopovers, alternate travel dates, upgrades, and airline taxes and departure fees. If you prefer to make your own travel arrangements, booking the tour “Land Only” is available on most tours. Since international and domestic air schedules are subject to change at any time, we recommend that if you choose to make your own airline reservations, you do not purchase non-refundable tickets or those with high penalties for changes. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Responsibility
The liability of the UNC General Alumni Association (UNC GAA), as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. The UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchase transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. The UNC GAA and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. Cruise itineraries may change due to factors such as government regulations, water levels, or weather conditions.
THE UNC RESERVATION FORM

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______($500 per person) for ____ person/people on the tour listed below. I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and mail deposit check to: General Alumni Association, University of North Carolina, PO Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660. For more information, please call UNC GAA toll-free at 1-877-962-3980, or call Odysseys Unlimited toll-free at 1-888-370-6765.

Tour Name _______________________________ Departure Date _______________________________

Pre- or Post-Tour Extension (as described on tour page): Please sign me/us up

Full Passport Name________________________________________________ Date of Birth ___________ Gender ______

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Address ____________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ________ ZIP __________

Home Ph. (______)__________________________ Alternate Ph. (______)__________________________

E-mail __________________________________________________ Badge name(s) ________________________________

Please book my/our air from __________________ I/we request an air upgrade to ____________________________

I will share a room with ____________________________ I request a single room (limited availability) □

I/we request an upgrade to cabin category __________________ (for Patagonian Frontiers only)

I/we request a tent upgrade at Royal Zambezi Lodge to ________________ (for Africa’s Wildlife only)

Please Note: The undersigned has read the schedule of activities for the above-referenced tour, and agrees that their signature below represents their acceptance of the General Terms and Conditions.

Signature(s) ___________________________________________________________ Date________________

Method of Payment

☐ Check ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐ MasterCard ☐ VISA

Account # __________________________________________ Security Code ___________ Exp. Date ________

Name of Cardholder ____________________________________________________________

Signature _________________________________________________________________

Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment is due 95 days prior to departure and can be paid by check or credit card.

UNC GAA Membership Requirement

Tour participants who are not members of the General Alumni Association must join the Association ($45 for singles; $55 for couples) or pay a $45 surcharge to participate. Please pay by separate check made payable to the General Alumni Association and mail with this reservation form.