Florence in the Serene Season
Art, Culture & People

**Inspiring Moments**

- Experience the true essence of enchanting Florence during a quieter time of year.
- Stroll through the city’s intimate streets and beautiful piazzas, a veritable outdoor museum of Renaissance glories.
- Marvel at the breathtaking Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, clad in white, pink and green marble and topped by Brunelleschi’s magnificent dome.
- Take more time to enjoy Michelangelo’s David and the centuries of priceless art in the Uffizi during this tranquil season.
- Relax with the locals and treat yourself to irresistible Italian specialties, from handmade pasta to heavenly gelato.
- Revel in the medieval brilliance of Tuscan towns San Gimignano and Siena.
- Sip Italy’s iconic wine in the romantic Chianti countryside.
- Enjoy three UNESCO World Heritage sites.

**INCLUDED FEATURES**

**Accommodations** (with baggage handling)
- 7 nights in Florence, Italy, at the deluxe Sina Villa Medici.

**Extensive Meal Program**
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 3 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

**Your One-of-a-Kind Journey**
- Discovery excursions highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led Enrichment programs enhance your insight into the region.
- 🌿 AHI Sustainability Promise: We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- 🌍 AHI Connects: Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

**Itinerary**

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**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program’s physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.

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- Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.
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**Activities**
- San Gimignano
- Chianti
- Siena

**Chianti vineyards:**

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Diamonds are a girl’s best friend, but for the traveler, they’re not the only brilliant find. Imagine discovering the wonders of Italy, where ancient history meets modern-day allure. The city of Florence, nestled in the heart of Tuscany, is a treasure trove of Renaissance art and architecture. The historic center, with its famous Duomo, is a must-see. Our special price for this journey starts at $3,545 per person, based on double occupancy.

† AHI Connects: Italian Coffee and Café Culture. At one of the city’s oldest cafes, delve into the social rituals behind Italy’s passion for coffee and learn how favorite choices are prepared and served.

‡ Florence Walk. Explore the glorious Cradle of the Renaissance with your guide. Visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and gaze up at the octagonal Baptistery, view the bronze doors that Michelangelo called the Gates of Paradise. Traverse the Arno River by way of the charming Ponte Vecchio, and linger in the Piazza della Signoria, the city’s political heart since the 14th century. The stately Palazzo Vecchio, the Fountain of Neptune and graceful statues within an open-air loggia add to the historic beauty of this picturesque square. Relax and survey the colorful scene at a cafe on the piazza.

§ San Gimignano and Chianti. Chianti is a dreamy vision of quiet back roads, lovely hillside towns, woodlands and, of course, vineyards. Travel today to the hill town of San Gimignano, a UNESCO World Heritage site that boasts 14 medieval tower-houses and a wealth of wonderfully preserved squares, palaces and fountains. Next, a local chef will show you how to cook like Tuscan do; then you get to enjoy the mouthwatering results for lunch! Afterward, visit Castello di Monsanto, built in 1750. Taste wines produced from handpicked Sangiovese, Canaiolo and other grapes.

¶ Accademia Visit. With a private guide, tour this famed Florentine museum that houses Michelangelo’s incomparable statue of David, as well as paintings and sculptures by legendary artists and an exquisite group of rare, antique musical instruments.

‖ Uffizi Gallery. Follow the evolution of Italian art from the 13th to the 16th centuries in the Uffizi’s grand halls, which contain some of the world’s most acclaimed masterpieces.

∥ Colle di Val d’Elsa and Siena. In the Elsa River valley, meander on Colle’s small lanes and delight in its noble houses and medieval tower houses. After lunch in the area, journey to Siena, bathed in a rose-pink glow and remarkably unchanged since the Middle Ages, that shines with gorgeous Gothic gems like its dramatic, striped cathedral which you will visit. Step into one of Europe’s finest piazzas, the shell-shaped Piazza del Campo, and learn about its importance to the city. Pause by the Gaia, or Joyful, fountain to see its pretty, bas-relief sculptures.

¶¶ UNESCO World Heritage

1. Historic Center of Florence
2. Historic Center of San Gimignano
3. Historic Center of Siena

Accommodations

Sina Villa Medici