

Italy Immersion

LIVING IN FLORENCE



Alumni Travel

June 30 – July 22, 2026

Featuring Michael Mastanduno, Professor of Government



Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Dartmouth,

Get a taste of living abroad during our special three-week immersion program in Florence, Italy. Gain insight into life in Italy by experiencing it yourself while living in your own apartment in the timeless city of Florence!

This unique itinerary exposes you to the history and cultural legacy of Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance, through excursions that feature the city's renowned architecture and museums filled with masterpieces created by legendary artists associated with the city. Two lectures provide a history of Renaissance art and contemporary Italy. You also have ample free time to explore independently and make discoveries on your own and at your own pace.

A special feature of this program are three Elective Enrichment Tracks, available at an additional cost, that give you a deeper look into Italian culture. Study Italian over the course of nine lessons, learn the secrets of Italian cuisine during three hands-on cooking lessons and admire more art and architecture of Tuscany during four excursions. Join one, two or all three of these elective activities. The itinerary has been designed to allow participation in all included and elective activities.

This exceptional program offers you the independence of living in Italy with the security, ease and value of group travel with plentiful opportunities for independent exploration.

This immersion experience is sure to be popular! Guarantee your spot by making your reservation today!

Warm Regards from Hanover,

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UNESCO World Heritage

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

Florence



Siena





Discovery begins here



Live like an Italian on our one-of-a-kind cultural immersion.

Discover the allure of Italian life during this unique, slow-travel opportunity to live in Florence on a three-week, customizable journey. Gain a fuller appreciation of Italian culture and even to enjoy Italy like a local. As a resident of a central Florence neighborhood, you can become a morning regular at your favorite coffee shop, enjoy leisurely walks as you explore the city and take part in many activities that are a part of Florence's cultural and daily life.

Top: San Gimignano | Above: Caffè Gilli, Piazza della Repubblica, Florence

Cover: Duomo, Florence | Mail panel: Michaelangelo's David | Piazza del Campo, Siena

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**, topped by Brunelleschi's magnificent dome.
- Appreciate **Michelangelo's David** and the centuries of priceless art in the **Uffizi**.
- Revel in the medieval brilliance of Tuscan towns **San Gimignano** and **Siena**.
- Sip Italy's iconic wine in the romantic **Chianti countryside**.
- Treat yourself to **irresistible Italian specialties**, from handmade pasta to heavenly gelato.
- Enjoy three **UNESCO World Heritage sites**.



Ponte Vecchio, Florence

Program Overview

Days 1 & 2 | In Transit | Florence, Italy

Depart for Florence, Italy. Upon arrival, transfer to the PopArment. Kick off your residency in Florence at a Welcome Reception.

Days 3-6 | Florence

Day 3 starts with a free morning, followed by a group lunch and a walking tour of Florence. If you have signed up for the Language Elective Enrichment Track, join your first class. Day 4 marks the start of the Art & Architecture Elective Enrichment Track with an in-depth look at the Duomo. The group gets a look at Italy's coffee culture, with half the group visiting the iconic Caffè Gilli on Day 4 and the other half visiting on Day 5. Enjoy free time on Day 5. On Day 6, join a local speaker in the evening to learn about Renaissance art, followed by dinner.

Day 7 | Chianti

Delight in a full-day excursion to Chianti region. Visit San Gimignano and Castellina en Chianti, where a delicious Tuscan lunch follows a cooking demonstration. Visit a winery for a tour and a tasting of Chianti's renowned wines.

Days 8-11 | Florence

Days 8, 9 and 10 begin with a Language Elective Enrichment Class. Day 8 also features the introductory session of the Cuisine Elective Enrichment Track. Enjoy a group lunch and a tour of the Accademia Gallery on Day 9. A local

speaker discusses contemporary Italy on Day 10. An Art & Architecture Elective Enrichment excursion starts Day 11. The afternoon includes a group visit to the Uffizi Gallery and dinner.

Day 12 | Cortona

Get to know Cortona, a beautiful Tuscan hill town known for its rich Etruscan history, on a guided walking tour. Visit the fascinating Etruscan Museum, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and explore on your own before returning to Florence.

Days 13-15 | Florence

On Day 13, the Art & Architecture Elective excursion is in Fiesole. Language Elective classes continue on Days 14 and 15, and the Day 15 Cuisine Elective activity features pasta making. Those who haven't registered for these add-on experience have leisure time to explore Florence and its environs on their own.

Day 16 | Colle di Val d'Elsa | Siena

Visit Colle di Val d'Elsa, the center of crystal production in Italy. On a factory tour, watch an artisan create a delicate work of art, followed by a stroll through the historic center and lunch. Continue to medieval Siena, home to the Piazza del Campo, the plaza that hosts the city's famous biannual horse races.

Days 17-19 | Florence

Enjoy free time to pursue your own interests in Florence. If you are participating in the Elective Enrichment Tracks, you can look forward to a



visit to the Pitti Palace on Day 17, language classes on Days 17 and 18, and a market visit and cooking lesson on Day 19.

Day 20 | **Lucca**

Tour the walled city of Lucca and visit to the 11th-century cathedral. Enjoy time on your own before rejoining the group for dinner.

Days 21 & 22 | **Florence**

Students in the Elective Enrichment language track have their final class on Day 21. Attend a special Farewell Dinner that evening. Spend your final day in Florence at leisure, revisiting your favorite spots and views of the city.

Day 23 | **In Transit**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to your gateway city.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

✈ Flights and 🔄 transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

🔑 Elective experiences available at an additional cost.

Crystal workshop, Colle di Val d'Elsa



Public Transportation

Each traveler on this program will receive a tram pass for Florence's GEST tramvia, or tramway. The pass can be used on both the trams and the city's buses, making all of Florence accessible to you.

Florence also has a train station that can whisk you away to explore nearby towns and other parts of Italy.

Exploring on Your Own

Immerse yourself fully in beautiful Tuscany as you get acquainted with Florence and the surrounding area. From bustling piazze and art-filled museums to medieval nooks and Renaissance crannies, explore Florence at your own pace. If time and your curiosity allow, you might even plan overnight trips to other Tuscan towns or even further afield.

There are many enticing Tuscan destinations a day trip away from Florence: Pisa, Greve in Chianti, Montepulciano, Radici in Chianti, Arezzo and Pietrasanta, among them. Outside of Tuscany, even a day getaway to Rome and Bologna are possible!

Activity Level

We have designated activity levels for all excursions on this program. For more details, please call or visit our website.

Excursions on this itinerary require:

- walking on cobblestones, unpaved paths and/or uneven surfaces
- getting on/off motor coaches and boats

Optional Enrichment Tracks



The **Italy Immersion — Living in Florence** program allows you to customize your adventure based on your interests. Curate your free time with one, two or three Elective Enrichment Tracks, designed to enhance your experience with an insider's perspective.

1 ITALIAN LANGUAGE

Language is one of the most powerful tools for cultural immersion. This track includes nine small-group Italian language classes. Sessions are typically three hours and tailored to your skill level, guaranteeing individual attention and a comfortable progression through the lessons. The school can accommodate beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

A professional teacher who uses an established curriculum and teaching methods will lead your language classes. Using the immersion method, your teacher will provide instruction in Italian only. This may seem daunting at first, but soon, you will find this is a natural learning method as your ears become attuned to listening to Italian. You will be surprised how much and how quickly you can learn this way!

\$795 per person



2 ITALIAN CUISINE

Food is a gateway into a country's culture and soul. This chef-led, hands-on track includes three delicious culinary encounters, focusing on typical Italian wines, ingredients and culinary history. Discover the flavors and traditions that define Italian cuisine and take home new cooking skills.

Traditional Four-Course Dinner. Make an appetizer, first course, second course and dessert at a local cooking school, and savor the delicious results in a dinner served in the school's wine cellar.

All About Pasta. Roll up your sleeves and learn the secrets of making fresh pasta and three types of sauce, followed by an unforgettable lunch.

Market Visit. Visit to San Lorenzo market to learn about and gather fresh ingredients for today's cooking lesson and lunch.

\$595 per person



3 ART & ARCHITECTURE

As the Cradle of the Renaissance, Florence and its bevy of artistic and architectural masterpieces are a feast for the eyes. This four-session track explores Florence's artistic legacy.

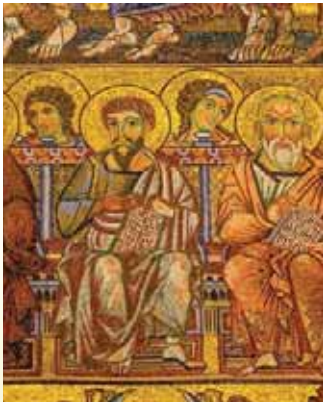
The Duomo & Bargello Museum. See the works of Renaissance masters at Santa Maria del Fiore, the Duomo; the Baptistery; and the Bargello Museum.

Santa Croce & Casa Buonarrotti. Discover the frescoes in the Basilica of Santa Croce and visit one of Michelangelo's homes.

Fiesole. Venture to Fiesole, just outside Florence, to see its collection of Etruscan and Roman ruins and visit its archaeological museum. Lunch is included.

Pitti Palace & Boboli Gardens. Marvel at the Renaissance and baroque paintings in the Pitti Palace's Palatine Gallery, tour the Royal Apartments and stroll through the formal Boboli Gardens.

\$695 per person





Included Features



Accommodations {with baggage handling}

- **21 nights** in Florence, Italy, at the PopArtment.

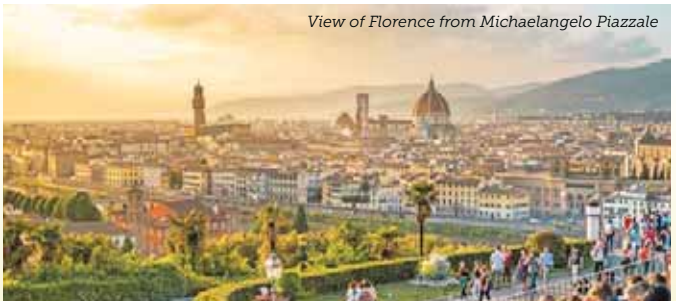
Extensive Meal Program

- 2 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 7 dinners, including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 36 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- A pass for Florence's GEST tramway for the freedom to explore the city at your leisure.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:**
We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

View of Florence from Michaelangelo Piazzale



2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates ✈ **June 30 – July 22, 2026**

✈ Travel dates include any overnights required for international travel. These dates may vary depending on air schedules.

Tour dates* **July 1-22, 2026**

* Tour dates begin on the scheduled arrival date at your destination and end on the scheduled departure date from your destination.

Land Program

Category-Deck	Full Price	Special Savings Price*
Studio	\$6,245	\$5,495
Deluxe Studio	\$7,045	\$6,295
One Bedroom	\$7,545	\$6,795
Two Bedroom	\$8,245	\$7,495
*This Special Savings Price includes our \$250 Early Booking and \$500 Pay-in-Full discounts and is valid if you book by the date on the address panel and pay in full at booking.		
Deposit amount is \$750 per person.		
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Price includes applicable program taxes (such as VAT and port charges).		
All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).		
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Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at https://dart.ahitravel.com/destinations/1984A?schoollid=45 .		

AHI FlexAir

Let us arrange your flights

Our experts are ready to assist you in booking flights. Our personalized air program offers the following advantages:

- **price guarantee** to protect you from fuel surcharge increases after ticket purchase
- arrival and departure **transfers** on group dates
- **flexibility** to change or cancel your reservation before departure on most flights (Fees may apply.)
- **assistance** in the event of schedule changes or delays

AHI Travel Expertise

Travel Consultants assist with the reservation process.

Travel & Air Coordinators offer their personalized assistance with flights, electives and special requests.

Travel Information provides pre-departure details and enrichment about your destination.

Your Travel Director, a seasoned, multilingual professional, manages daily logistics so you enjoy a seamless experience.

Handpicked Expert Guides and **Knowledgeable Lecturers** deepen your appreciation for the region and its history, culture and current events.

Accommodations



PopArtment | Florence



Discover life in Florence at the well-located PopArtment, ideal for an extended stay. The PopArtment's stylish, modern apartments have recently been renovated, ensuring a comfortable stay. The public areas include a comfortable lounge and a courtyard. PopArtment also offers complimentary bicycle rentals. All apartments have satellite TV, Wi-Fi and a kitchenette outfitted with all you need to make your own meals and feel at home.



Etruscan Museum, Cortona



Old Town, San Gimignano



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