PROGRAM DETAILS

November 1-11, 2019 • Cost: $4,190

- 9 nights of accommodation in 4-star hotels (double occupancy)
- Single-occupancy accommodations available for an additional $550
- All ground transportation for trip events (buses, trains. Private taxis taken by participants are not included)
- One welcoming aperitivo
- Breakfast daily
- Two group lunches and three group dinners
- Wine tasting of Cinque Terre wines with wine history seminar
- Extra virgin olive oil tasting and olive press visit in Levanto
- Antique chocolatier visit in Genoa
- Seminar with Slow Food International representatives in Bra
- Wine tasting and cellar visit with a Barolo producer
- Visit to a Piedmontese beef butchery
- Guided tour of Turin
- Guided tour of Verona
- Entry to the Roman Arena in Verona
- Guided walking tour of Venice
- Gondola ride
- Boat ride to Burano Island and visit with the fishermen’s cooperative
- Wine tasting of Presecco wine and cellar visit in Valdobbiadene
- Entry fees for any tour activities or visits indicated on the program
- English-speaking tour leader/guide/interpreter 24 hours a day for the entire trip

Not included:
- Airfare to and from Italy
- Extended stays in Italy before or after our tour dates
- Use of taxis for private touring, or for anything not specifically on the schedule
- Entry into museums, churches, or other tourist destinations not specifically on the schedule
- Transportation from hotel to airport on final tour date
- All meals and snacks not listed on the program itinerary
- Anything not specifically listed in the Program Details section

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Global Learning ADVENTURES

Take an educational journey through Italy by visiting the iconic regions of Cinque Terre, Piedmont and Venice. These regions are known for delicious Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, wine, balsamic vinegar, olives and other culinary delights. Learn from local and U of M experts about organic winemaking, agricultural practices, art and architecture. Your classroom offers spectacular views of the Mediterranean coast with hands-on learning opportunities, but without the homework! Join CFANS and CEHD Alumni Global Learning Adventures on an enlightening and delicious journey through Italy.

Program Leaders

Mike White
Mike is a Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor and Associate Dean of Academic Programs and Faculty Affairs in CFANS. He has a Ph.D. in animal science. Since 2007, he has led students on a global seminar entitled Sustainable Food Systems of Italy. He hopes to share his fascination with and appreciation of other cultures with others to provide them with new ways of viewing the world, the food they eat and the systems they rely on for daily sustenance.

Laurie Koch
Laurie is a Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor of Mathematics in the department of Organizational Leadership and Policy Development in CEHD. She has a Ph.D. in mathematics education. Prior to her current position, she served as Associate Vice Provost and Associate Dean in the Office of Undergraduate Education. Since 2004, she has taken students on study abroad programs to Italy and Turkey. She hopes to share her passion for Italian culture, the renaissance, and learning.

Mary Buschette
Mary has served as Director of Alumni and Constituent Relations at CFANS since 1996. She is a proud University of Minnesota alumna earning her bachelor's degree in agricultural economics in 1987. Prior to working in alumni relations, she was a program coordinator for MAST International, an agricultural exchange program based at the U of M. She is an experienced traveler with 41 countries checked off the list. Mary is the creator of CFANS Alumni Global Learning Adventures, and is in her fourth year as a program leader.

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ITINERARY: Cinque Terre - Piedmont - Venice & the Veneto region. November 1-11, 2019

Day 1
Depart from the U.S.

Day 2
Arrive in Levanto, check in, get settled and enjoy a welcoming aperitivo.

Day 3
Begin the day with a train ride to the lovely coastal town of Vernazza. Spend the morning exploring on foot, then continue the day with a visit to Manarola. End the day with a visit to the village of Riomaggiore to enjoy wine tasting with renowned wine maker, Walter De Battè, and a group dinner of Ligurian food.

Day 4
Travel by private bus to Genoa, the largest medieval city center in Europe. Visit the oldest confectioner’s and chocolate shop in Italy, Pietro Romanengo, to sample products and learn traditional techniques of master chocolatiers.

Day 5
Start the day with an extra virgin olive oil tasting at the Levanto olive press. Then, travel by private bus to Bra in the Langhe region of Piedmont for a seminar at the Slow Food International Association. Visit a Slow Food Butchery, specializing in Piedmontese beef. Enjoy dinner at the original Slow Food osteria: the legendary Boccon Divino.

Day 6
Travel by private bus to a winemaker in the Barolo region. Learn about local wines, sample products, and enjoy lunch at the winery. After lunch, transfer to Alba, stroll through the town, and shop for famous truffles.

Day 7
Travel by private bus to Turin, the original capital of Italy. Enjoy a guided walking tour in the morning, followed by a free afternoon to get to know the city.

Day 8
Travel by bus to Venice, with a stop in Verona. Experience a guided walking tour of the Roman Arena, the great medieval piazzas, and other historical sites. End the day in Venice and check into the hotel.

Day 9
Embark on a walking tour of Venice, followed by a 30 minute Gondola ride. Enjoy an afternoon boat tour to Burano, an island with multicolored facades. Meet with the old fishermen’s cooperative which has been active since 1896. End the day with a farewell group dinner.

Day 10
Travel by private bus to Valdobbiadene, famous for Prosecco wines. Visit a producer and their villa for a winery visit followed by lunch and wine tasting. Enjoy a free afternoon in Venice.

Day 11
Return to the U.S.

Cancellation Policy
For information on cancellation policies, please contact ipglobal@umn.edu.