October 2–11

CFANS Alumni Global Learning Adventures is an exciting program that will take CFANS Alumni around the world to get a taste of a student learning abroad experience. This trip will take you on an educational tour of Italy.

From Cinque Terre to Chianti, you will learn about organic winemaking, traditional farming methods, modern enology and land management practices along spectacular views of the Mediterranean coast. You learn from an expert in olive trees and visit a Pecorino cheese producer in Tuscany and a Chianina cattle farm.

Get a taste of the Italian experience with Global Learning Adventures, including the Italian Riviera, Tuscany and Siena.

Tour Costs
Tour cost is $3,295. Single room supplement is $250 per person on a limited basis. Tour space is limited to 22 and registration is on a first-come basis. A deposit of $500 is due to reserve a spot. A final payment of $2,795 is due by June 1, 2015.

Tour Costs Include
- Eight nights of accommodations (with double occupancy)
- All ground transportation (buses, trains, etc.)*
- One group dinner and four group lunches
- One welcoming and one farewell group aperitivo
- Breakfast daily
- One boat tour in Cinque Terre
- Entry fees for the Cinque Terre National Park
- Four wine tastings
- One olive oil tasting with visit to olive press
- One pecorino cheese tasting with visit to cheese producer
- One visit to a Chianina cattle farm
- One guided tour of Siena
- Entry fees to the Leaning Tower of Pisa and the Piazza dei Miracoli
- 24 hour a day assistance by Voyager Trips

* Any private transportation used for non-tour events (taxis, city shuttles, etc.) is not included.

Not Included
- Airfare to and from Pisa
- Seven dinners and four lunches
- Insurance and tips
- Entry fees to any museums and/or churches not specifically listed in the section above
- Personal purchases, souvenirs, etc.
- All items not specifically mentioned in the section above

Cancellation policy
Land-based tour costs will be refunded until June 1, 2015. After that date, the full cost of the tour will be forfeited.

CFANS reserves the right to cancel the tour if unforeseeable events prevent travel to Italy (specifically acts of God, acts of war, warnings of terrorism, travel restrictions or a U.S. Department of State travel warning). The tour requires a minimum of 15 participants and may be cancelled if that number is not reached by June 1. In the case of cancellation before departure, all fees will be refunded.
Mike White

Mike White is a Morse Alumni Distinguished Professor in CFANS and the head of the Department of Animal Science. He has a B.S. degree in wildlife management and a Ph.D. in animal science muscle biology. Since 2007 he has lead a global seminar entitled Sustainable Food Systems of Italy with approximately 25 students to various regions of Italy. One of his professional goals is to expose students to the concepts of food system sustainability, intercultural development and ethics. He hopes to share his fascination 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.

Day 1 • Depart for Italy.

Day 2 • Arrive in Pisa and travel to Levanto; check in and get settled. Late afternoon visit of Levanto and introduction to the Cinque Terre with a group aperitivo.

Day 3 • Start the day with a traditional fishing boat tour of the Cinque Terre coastline, followed by a lesson, lunch, and wine tasting in an organic vineyard above the Mediterranean. Visit Manarola, then return to Levanto for a late afternoon session with the instructors to discuss sustainability topics encountered during the trip.

Day 4 • Travel by train to Riomaggiore to visit the town and vineyard with Walter De Batté, nationally renowned winemaker. Enjoy lunch and a wine tasting at a traditional Italian osteria. Visit the Mediterranean jewel of Vernazza in the afternoon before the daily group discussion.

Day 5 • Learn about olive trees and enjoy an olive oil tasting with an Italian expert. Transfer to Lucca, with all afternoon free to explore the town. Later on we will transfer to San Gimignano and check-in at our hotel.

Day 6 • Visit historic Castello di Monsanto for an introduction to Tuscan wines and history that includes a viticulture lesson and wine tasting with lunch on the grounds of an award-winning Chianti producer. Your afternoon is free, and we will gather to discuss the day and have a group dinner in San Gimignano.

Day 7 • Day trip to Siena, home of Italy’s most beautiful piazza and one of its most remarkable cathedrals. Visit the town on your own or on our guided art historical tour.

Day 8 • Start your day with a trip to an organic Chianina cattle farm with lunch on the grounds, followed by a tour of a Pecorino cheese producer with cheese tasting. Visit the gorgeous hilltop town of Pienza.

Day 9 • Visit and taste wine at a family-run biodynamic winery in the Tuscan hills with lunch in their restaurant; travel to Pisa to visit the Piazza dei Miracoli, home of the Leaning Tower of Pisa. The day concludes with a farewell group aperitivo.

Day 10 • Depart for home.

Information, detailed itinerary and registration forms available from
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