Travel

2016 Programs

*Portrait of Italy: May 14 - May 30*

In collaboration with Cal Discoveries.
A literary, historical, and cultural tour of Italy led by OLLI instructor Beverly Allen. From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this leisurely tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art, and beautiful natural scenery. You’ll appreciate the small size of your group as you stay in unique accommodations in the Tuscan countryside and a medieval village.

For more information, contact Cal Discoveries at 888-225-2586 or caldiscoveries@alumni.berkeley.edu

Itinerary in Brief and Tour Highlights

Days 1-4: May 14-17, 2016
Depart U.S./Amalfi, Italy
Tour the stunning seaside of Amalfi by cruise. Ascend to mountaintop Ravello to view spectacular gardens and coastal landscapes. Tour the ruins at Pompeii with a stop in Sorrento along the way.

Days 5-7: May 18-20, 2016
Rome
Visit Montecassino, whose Abbey is the mother church of the Benedictine order. Arrive in Rome and tour the Colosseum and the temples of the Forum. Visit the Vatican and tour St. Peter’s Square and Basilica and the Sistine Chapel. Enjoy leisure time in Rome to explore further highlights.

Days 8-10: May 21-23, 2016
Orvieto (Umbria)
Journey north to Orvieto, perched high on a plateau above a vineyard-clad plain. Attend a simple cooking demonstration followed by a dinner at Zeppelin Restaurant. Explore Assisi, where we enter St. Clare Church and the renowned Basilica di San Francesco, a sacred pilgrimage site.

Days 11-14: May 24-27, 2016
Siena (Tuscany)
Visit Siena with its fan-shaped Piazza del Campo, one of Europe’s greatest public squares. Arrive in Florence and go on a walking tour including a visit to view Michelangelo’s ?David?, the Church of Santa Croce, and the duomo with the dome by Brunelleschi. Visit San Gimignano, known for the 13 watch towers that have left its skyline virtually unchanged since medieval times.

Venice
Travel through the Veneto region to Venice where we take a guided walk through vast St. Mark’s Square and surroundings. Enjoy leisure time in enchanting Venice.

Day 17: May 30, 2016
Venice / Return to U.S.
Conclude your journey in Venice and fly home.

Tour Prices

$5,584 total price from San Francisco. Please call for prices from other cities. Prices are per person based on double occupancy and include airline taxes, surcharges, and fees of $689, which are subject to change until final payment is made. Land only price is $4,095; arrival and departure transfers not included with land only cost. Single travelers please add $895. A 3-day/2-night post-tour extension in Venice is available for $395 total price; single travelers please add $295. Business Class and Premium Economy upgrades on Trans-Atlantic flights are available on a request basis ? please call for details. Note: This trip involves considerable walking on uneven or cobblestone streets and at the sites of ancient ruins. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

Your Tour Price Includes

- Roundtrip air transportation from the U.S.
- 15 nights’ accommodations in Superior First Class and First Class hotels
- 24 meals: 15 breakfasts, 9 dinners
- Extensive sightseeing and entrance fees for all included features
- Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
- Private motorcoach transportation throughout the trip
- Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers
- Luggage handling for one bag per person
Past Programs

History and Culture of Spanish and French Catalonia

In collaboration with Cal Discoveries

Experience an 11-day journey through Spanish and French Catalonia accompanied by Professor Alex Saragoza. Enjoy the sights and sounds of this remarkable region with museum visits, wine tastings, city tours, and educational enrichment. Enrollment limited to 24.

Dates: June 1?12, 2015
Oregon Shakespeare Festival

In collaboration with A.C.T.

Join us for a thrilling trip to one of the most beloved theater destinations in the country! Meet actors, rub shoulders with A.C.T. artistic staff, and play a part in an extraordinary and unique insider's experience alongside fellow theater enthusiasts.

Dates: July 17-21, 2014
Registration deadline: May 1, 2014

Berlin: Two Pasts, One Present

In collaboration with Road Scholar

In the Golden Twenties, Berlin commanded center stage as Europe’s most prodigious capital of art, music and science. Following the rise and fall of the Berlin Wall, the city is once again at the cultural and architectural center of Europe. Experience the political life and mentality of modern Germany in expert-led lectures, field trips, and meetings with contemporary witnesses and German politicians.

Dates: May 16-24, 2014

The Cuban Art Revolution: Meeting the Artists and People of Cuba

In collaboration with Road Scholar

In the heart of Havana, join local artists, performers, dancers and students for an intimate and insightful look at the arts, dance, and music of Cuba. Discuss the local art scene with artists and learn about art education with students and instructors. Music and dance come to life as you attend rehearsals and private performances with well-known Cuban community dance companies and musicians.

Dates: March 12-20, 2013

Cuba Today: People and Society

A special offer from the Elderhostel Institute Network for members of OLLI @Berkeley

Delve into the rich history and heritage of Cuba. In the heart of Havana and Cienfuegos, meet members of the local communities to discuss their faith, lives and, cultural traditions. Meet face-to-face with community leaders, local residents, artists and intellectuals to discuss Cuba today, and explore local landmarks that are significant to Cuba's cultural heritage. This program will be joined by Professor Alex Saragoza of UC Berkeley.
Riviera Nayarit, Mexico

In the 2010-11 academic year, OLLI @Berkeley expanded its programming to include week-long travel programs to Mexico. A unique partnership with the Tahéima Wellness Resort and Spa in the Mexican Riviera near Puerto Vallarta offered participants both an opportunity to engage with Mexico through deepening understanding of the culture, politics, and environment, as well as world-class health and wellness resources. Scholars-in-residence included artists, writers, political scientists, historians, and medical doctors.


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