

Umbria

THE GREEN HEART OF ITALY



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Dear Texas Ex,

Join the Flying Longhorns in Italy—the Green Heart of Italy! Venture into the heart of Italy for an unforgettable small-group journey through enchanting Umbria. Known as “the Green Heart of Italy,” this region is rich with medieval charm, breathtaking views, and timeless traditions. You’ll unpack once and settle in for seven nights at a deluxe hotel housed in a beautifully restored castle, offering the perfect blend of comfort and history.

Each day brings a new adventure. Explore the artistic capital of Perugia, still surrounded by its ancient Etruscan and Roman walls. Marvel at the magnificent Italian-Gothic cathedral in Orvieto, and admire the dramatic setting of Gubbio, home to the imposing 14th-century Palazzo dei Consoli. In Todi, enjoy one of Italy’s most beautiful town squares, the stunning Piazza del Popolo. You’ll also spend a day in Tuscany, discovering Cortona’s Etruscan roots and the Renaissance elegance of Montepulciano. A visit to Assisi, birthplace and burial site of St. Francis, adds a deeply spiritual and historical layer to this journey.

Along the way, indulge in the flavors of the region with a Baci chocolate tasting, a tour and tasting at a traditional olive oil mill, and a delicious Umbrian cooking demonstration lunch—complete with local wine. Authentic cuisine and regional wines will be enjoyed throughout the trip.

This thoughtfully crafted itinerary balances guided discovery with plentiful time for independent exploration. You’ll enjoy enriching commentary from local guides and lecturers, along with the ease and camaraderie that come from traveling with a close-knit group of fellow Flying Longhorns.

This incredible journey is offered by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns Travel Program, supporting the University of Texas at Austin and its alumni worldwide. While you don’t need to be a UT graduate to join, an active Texas Exes membership is required (starting at just \$50).

Space is limited, and this popular program is expected to fill quickly. Don’t miss your chance to explore the beauty, history, and flavors of Umbria in the company of fellow Longhorns.

To reserve your spot or ask any questions, please contact the Flying Longhorns Travel Office at 800-594-3900 or travel@texasexes.org. Cheers to this extraordinary Italian adventure!

Hook ‘em,

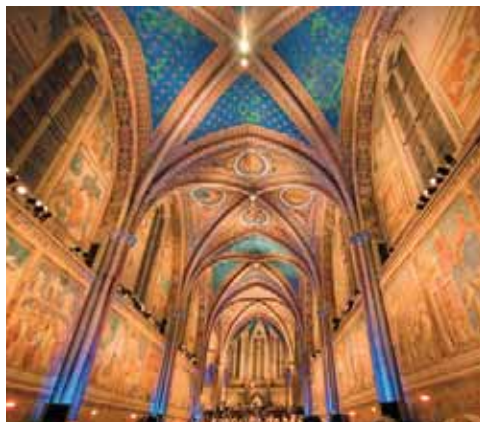
Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team
Margaret, Janice & Catherine

UNESCO World Heritage

1. Assisi, the Basilica of San Francesco and Other Franciscan Sites, ASSISI



Basilica of San Francesco, Assisi





Discovery begins here



Uncover the hidden gem of Umbria, a region of breathtaking beauty where nature weaves its tranquil magic in a tapestry of lush rolling hills, ancient forests and endless vineyards. Explore the charming towns of Perugia, Orvieto and Gubbio and make a pilgrimage to the spiritual Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi and the patron saint's sacred tomb. Delve into Montepulciano's classical Renaissance antiquity and Cortona's ancient Etruscan civilization. Plus, indulge in outstanding wine, cuisine and chocolate!

Top: Perugia | Above: Underground wine cellar, Montepulciano
Cover: Orvieto | Mail panel: Perugia | Cortona

Inspiring Moments



- Discover **Umbria's timeless wonder**, artistic treasures and emerald-carpeted hills and valleys.
- Experience Perugia's seamless blend of **medieval charm and dynamic culture**.
- Witness **stunning views from Orvieto**, perched atop a dramatic rock plateau.
- Explore **hilltop towns** where history, nature and tradition harmoniously exist.
- Spend a day in **Tuscany** to uncover Montepulciano's Renaissance architecture and Cortona's ancient Etruscan origins.
- Savor **Umbria's distinctive olive oil** during a tour and tasting with lunch at a family-owned olive mill.
- Join an interactive cooking class to relish **authentic Umbrian dishes**.
- Visit the spiritual Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi, a **UNESCO World Heritage site**.



Day 1 | In Transit | Rome, Italy

Depart for Rome, Italy. 🌐

Day 2 | Rome, Italy | Perugia

Transfer 🚗 to the Sina Brufani Perugia hotel.

Meet and mingle with your fellow travelers at this evening's Welcome Reception.

Day 3 | Perugia

Enrichment: History of Perugia and Umbria.

Perugia City Tour. Take a guided walking tour of Umbria's capital city, brimming with medieval pageantry. Begin at the 14th-century Piazza IV Novembre, the city's historic and cultural heart. Marvel at the 13th-century Fontana Maggiore, a magnificent, two-tiered fountain adorned with intricate bas-reliefs and mythological statues depicting zodiac signs, biblical scenes and civic virtues. Pass by massive, ancient Etruscan and Roman walls and witness the Palazzo dei Priori, a palace with a striking Gothic façade, ornate portal, sweeping staircase and magnificent bronze Griffin and Lion statues.

Relish an Umbrian lunch at a local osteria.

Perugian Chocolate Tasting. Visit a local chocolate shop to learn about and sample Perugia's renowned Italian Baci chocolate.

Free Time: Enjoy time at leisure to explore Perugia and have dinner on your own.

Day 4 | Orvieto

The Hill Town of Orvieto. Venture to this picturesque town and Umbrian jewel perched atop a dramatic volcanic tuff cliff. Take a guided walk along the hilly, cobblestone streets to the Piazza del Duomo, the lively town square lined with cafés, wine bars and artisan shops. Peek into the town's charming alleys as you stroll

while admiring the breathtaking vistas over the Umbrian countryside's rolling hills. Stroll around the Piazza del Duomo, the town's square in the heart of Orvieto. See the medieval Palazzo del Capitano del Popolo, with its striking tower, and the Duomo di Orvieto, a masterpiece of Italian Gothic architecture. Admire its stunning façade, with intricate golden mosaics, bronze doors, a large rose window and detailed bas-reliefs.

Free Time: Relish some free time in Orvieto.

🌐 **AHI Connects | Oleoteca Bartolomei Olive Oil Mill and Museum.** Just outside Orvieto, visit the Oleoteca Bartolomei Olive Oil Mill and Museum, where the Bartolomei family has produced olive oil for generations. Learn from family members about their olive oil-making process, which blends traditional and modern methods, see historical artifacts such as ancient presses and storage jars, and savor a delicious lunch and olive oil tasting on the property!

Day 5 | Cortona | Montepulciano

A Day in Tuscany. Begin in the Etruscan city of Cortona, taking a guided walk past historic palazzos and charming piazzas. Step inside the 11th-century Cortona Cathedral, stop for

Oleoteca Bartolomei Olive Mill





Todi

a coffee break and continue to the Museum of the Etruscan Academy for a tour. Admire the collection of ancient Etruscan, Roman and Egyptian artifacts while learning about Cortona's history and cultural heritage.

Continue to the charming, medieval town of Montepulciano to be awed by Renaissance Italy's classical antiquity. From the Piazza Grande central square, surrounded by historic palaces and churches, the Town Hall and the Duomo, take a leisurely walk down the hilltop town's winding streets. As you stroll, peek inside the town's mysterious underground wine cellars, dating back to Etruscan times.

Day 6 | Perugia

Winery Cooking Demonstration. Visit a local Perugian winery to delight in a cooking demonstration. Learn the secrets of traditional Umbrian recipes as the chef prepares authentic dishes, such as homemade pasta and cakes. Then, indulge in the rustic, seasonal and flavorful cuisine with paired wines for lunch.

Free Time: The remainder of the day is at your leisure. Perhaps browse local boutiques or relax in one of Perugia's scenic public squares.

Homemade Umbrian pasta



Day 7 | Assisi | Gubbio

The City of St. Francis. Make a pilgrimage to Assisi, the birth and burial place of St. Francis, to visit the Basilica of San Francesco d'Assisi, a revered masterpiece of medieval architecture. Inside, discover luminous frescoes illustrating the life of St. Francis and, in a crypt beneath the basilica's heart, view the sacred, holy tomb of St. Francis, a divine spiritual space.

Continue to the baroque, Renaissance-style Basilica di Santa Maria degli Angeli to admire its harmonious proportions, with a light-filled central dome, elegant artwork, sculptures and frescoes. View the Chapel of Transit, where St. Francis died in 1226. At the basilica's center, discover the ancient stone Porziuncola chapel, where St. Francis experienced his divine calling and founded the Franciscan order in 1209. Outside, stroll the tranquil Rose Garden, also referred to as the "Thornless Rose Garden," a sacred place where St. Francis is said to have witnessed the Miracle of the Roses.

Perugian winery



Included Features



Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- 7 nights in Perugia, Italy, at the deluxe Sina Brufani, Perugia hotel.

Transfers (with baggage handling)

- Deluxe motor coach transfers in the Land Program.

Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches and 3 dinners, including a Farewell Dinner; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **Small group:** Sized just right at 28 guests.
- **Enrichment by expert speakers** enhances your insight into the region.
- **Engaging excursions** showcase the local culture, heritage and history.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions to mingle with fellow travelers.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive impact wherever we travel.

Medieval streets of Gubbio



Medieval Gubbio. Set out to explore this picturesque city at the foot of Mount Ingino. Stroll to the Piazza Grande square and admire the Gothic 14th-century Palazzo del Popolo's grand arches and bell tower. Stop for lunch and then continue to see the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Mariano and St. James.

Day 8 | Todi

Enrichment: Contemporary Italy.

Historic Todi. Discover this charming town perched on a hill in the Tiber River Valley. Stroll to the medieval Piazza del Popolo square, the Prior's Palace grand façade and the Gothic and Romanesque Todi Cathedral, towering over the piazza. Admire the symmetry of the Renaissance Cathedral of Saint Mary, with its centralized Greek-cross layout and massive central dome. Visit the San Fortunato Church to admire the contrast between the simple, elegant façade and the vast, majestic interior. Raise a toast to your Umbrian adventure at this evening's Farewell Reception and Dinner.

Day 9 | In Transit

After breakfast, check out and depart for your gateway city. AHI FlexAir passengers are transferred to Leonardo da Vinci International Airport for their flight home.

Note: Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

Flights and transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

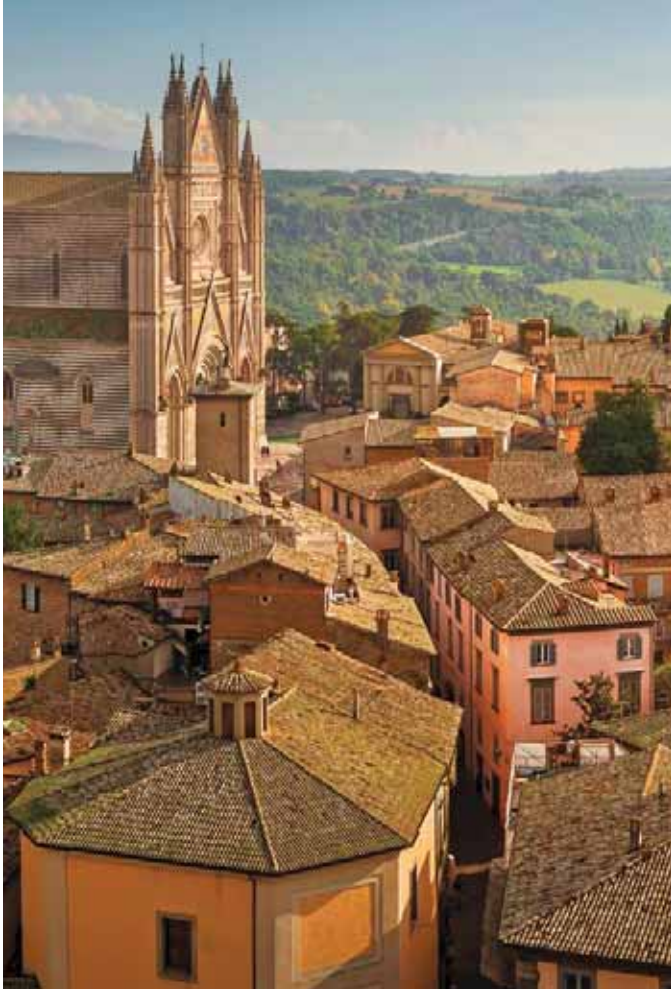
Activity Level

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





Orvieto Cathedral, perched atop a volcanic tuff cliff in the Umbrian countryside



Tuscan landscape near Montepulciano

2026 | Departure Details

Program Dates

Travel dates † **Sept. 29 – Oct. 7, 2026**

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

Tour dates* **Sept. 30 – Oct. 7, 2026**

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

Land Program

Full Price **\$4,745**

Special Savings **\$750**

Special Savings Price* **\$3,995**

***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.

Final Payment is due at least 120 days prior to departure.

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).

Special offers, promotions and discounts cannot be combined.

Single supplement waived for solo travelers! This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.

Please note: Program-specific terms and conditions are available at <https://texas.ahitravel.com/destinations/1933A?schoold=167>.

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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



Sina Brufani | Perugia



Frequented by royalty, heads of state and celebrities, the luxurious Sina Brufani offers a refined atmosphere, impeccable service and sweeping views of Umbria's green valleys. The aristocratic interiors feature a classical decor with antique furnishings. Savor a cocktail at the Collins' Bar overlooking the Piazza Italia square and unwind in the Sina Wellness Club, a hidden gem beneath medieval vaults with a fitness area, sauna, Turkish bath and swimming pool.



Artisan ceramics of Gubbio

Etruscan sculpture



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