Spoleto & Umbria

Private Villas, Homes and Studios in Central Italy • April 11–19, 2016

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Tour Highlights

Enter delightful private homes as the personal guests of the owners, including a charming young family on their picturesque organic farm nestled in the mountains outside Spoleto.

Meet the local artisans at Brunello Cucinelli’s world-famous cashmere workshop in the restored village of Solomeo.

Come face to face with ethereal masterpieces by Renaissance luminaries hidden away in unexpected corners in Perugia, Orvieto, Montefalco, Spoleto and Spello.

Discover the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi.

Meander through the streets of Spello, whose Etruscan monuments are fused seamlessly with Roman, medieval, Renaissance and modern motifs.
Dear Graduates, Parents and Friends of Brown,

Nestled in the verdant, picturesque hills of southern Umbria, at the very heart of Italy, Spoleto is unique among Italian hill towns, with one foot in a glorious past and another firmly planted in the contemporary. Spend a week soaking up the unique dolce vita of the Italian countryside while meandering through gorgeous old towns and graceful landscapes straight out of a Renaissance painting.

Discover the secrets of famous Umbrian cities like Perugia, Orvieto and Assisi while paying special attention to enchanting out-of-the-way villages like Montefalco, Spello and Città della Pieve. Visit artists’ studios and artisans in their workshops, including the remarkable village-turned-atelier of Italy’s most renowned cashmere producer. Two charming private family homes are specially opened for us, including a remote farmhouse with stunning panoramic views, with our hostesses personally preparing delicious meals using local produce. Fine food and wine (including a rustic lunch at Umbria’s best organic winery) are a constant staple of the program, and comfortable four-star lodgings at the lovely Hotel San Luca complete this masterpiece of a program.

We hope that you will join us on this Brown-exclusive journey as we uncover the splendors of central Italy.

Sincerely,

Beth Goldman Galer ’88
Director of the Alumni Travel Program

Brown Faculty Lecturer

On this program, as on all Brown Travelers trips, a distinguished member of Brown’s faculty will accompany our group, adding a unique and memorable perspective. The faculty lecturer will design and present an informative educational program, including lectures, discussions and suggested advance readings. As this brochure goes to press, the faculty member who will accompany the program has not yet been confirmed, but we wanted to mail the brochure in time for you to participate. Brown Travelers often cite the faculty member as the reason they continue to travel with Brown.

For more information on this trip, please contact
International Seminar Design, Inc. at 202-244-1448 or info@isditravel.com.
Monday, April 11, 2016 | Depart independently from the United States for Rome Fiumicino airport.

Tuesday, April 12, 2016 | Arrive at Rome Fiumicino and meet a group transfer by private motorcoach to beautiful Spoleto. Upon arrival in Spoleto, step back into medieval times at the Romanesque church of San Pietro, featuring marvelous 12th-century carvings on its facade, which faced the ancient road to Rome. Settle into the gracious four-star Hotel San Luca just inside Spoleto’s medieval walls. Later in the evening join fellow travelers for a lively dinner at a favorite local restaurant.

Hotel San Luca (D)

Wednesday, April 13, 2016 | Begin the day with the first of three talks by the Brown faculty lecturer. The rest of today is devoted to an in-depth discovery of the lovely hill town of Spoleto. Highlights include ancient Roman monuments such as a 2000-year-old triumphal arch, the city’s charming Neoclassical theater and a hidden Romanesque church. Explore Spoleto’s Duomo, one of the prettiest churches in central Italy, which features the final great frescoes of Renaissance master Filippo Lippi. For lunch, head out into the high hills outside Spoleto for an unforgettable afternoon with a local family on their rustic organic farm. Learn about native plants and crops from the owner while strolling the property, then enjoy a private pizza party with homemade pizzas prepared in our hosts’ own outdoor wood-fired oven, using fresh ingredients from their farm!

Hotel San Luca (B, L)

Thursday, April 14, 2016 | Enjoy the second of three talks by the Brown faculty lecturer. Ramble through the gorgeous countryside on the border between Umbria and Tuscany, stopping first at the beautiful hilltop home of a well-known Umbrian businessman who is also a major art collector. Our host will show us through his extraordinary collection and lovely panoramic garden. Next, visit the charming country home of a young family of Tuscan nobles, enjoying breathtaking views and a memorable luncheon featuring classic Tuscan cuisine and olive oil produced on their property. Finally, tour the magnificent medieval village of Orvieto, perched on its tufa-rock cliffs, with special focus on its stunning Cathedral.

Hotel San Luca (B, L)

Friday, April 15, 2016 | The day begins with a tour of Spoleto’s Palazzo Collicola, a one-of-a-kind combination of Baroque interior decoration and contemporary art. Later, tour the former house of Gian Carlo Menotti, the founder of Spoleto’s Festival of the
Two Worlds. Enjoy independent time in Spoleto for lunch. End the day at the remarkable Rocca Albornoziana, the 14th-century fortress that dominates the city and today houses a fascinating art museum.

Hotel San Luca (B)

Saturday, April 16, 2016 | Less than an hour away from Spoleto is Perugia, the capital of Umbria and our destination for the day. Walk through Perugia’s incredible “underground city” – the original medieval town buried by a 16th-century papal fort. Admire the brushstrokes of Raphael and Perugino in the Collegio del Cambio and the rich National Gallery of Art. See the beautiful Fontana Maggiore, one of Italy’s finest medieval fountains, before enjoying free time to shop or explore Perugia’s vibrant streets. Back in Spoleto, enjoy a gourmet dinner at the city’s most renowned restaurant.

Hotel San Luca (B, D)

Sunday, April 17, 2016 | After listening to the final lecture, meander through the idyllic countryside near Spoleto, hopping between hill towns and vineyards. Begin in delightful Montefalco, peeping into pretty churches and palace courtyards and discovering amazing hidden frescoes by Renaissance master Benozzo Gozzoli. For lunch, we are guests of an award-winning organic wine producer at his picturesque vineyard. Afterward, discover the ancient, peaceful hill town of Spello, dating back to Etruscan days, and see stunning life-sized frescoes by Pinturicchio in the Baglioni Chapel. We will also visit with a famous contemporary jewelry designer.

Hotel San Luca (B, L)

Monday, April 18, 2016 | Travel this morning to glorious Assisi, the pink-stone town famous as the home of St. Francis, namesake of the current pope. Learn about Francis’ amazing life by visiting the churches of Santa Chiara and San Ruffino and the Basilica of St. Francis, covered with priceless frescoes by Giotto. After an independent lunch, cross the valley to the tiny old hamlet of Solomeo, a shining example of how Italy’s peerless artisan traditions can revive a dying, dusty old town. In this case Brunello Cucinelli, Italy’s leading cashmere designer, purchased the village and trained its inhabitants in the fine skills needed to produce his wares. A special tour of the village is offered. Back in Spoleto this evening, celebrate the final evening of the trip with a festive farewell dinner at a charming local restaurant.

Hotel San Luca (B, D)

Tuesday, April 19, 2016 | Early in the morning, transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport to meet returning flights to the
Tour Cost:
- Land Package: $3,695
- Single Supplement: $595
- Deposit: $1,000

Tour price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 20 paying participants. Land prices are calculated as of August 2015 and are subject to change.

Dates: April 11-19, 2016
Activity Level: Moderate

Deposit & Final Payment:
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