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ICAN presents:
Tour of Tuscany!
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Trip Highlights:

- Hands-on ceramic workshops at La Meridiana International Ceramic School
- Majolica painting demonstration and hands-on glazing in Certaldo Alto
- Guided tour of the Uffizi Museum
- Guided tour of Bargello Museum
- Guided walking tour of the Florence city center and Duomo area
- Visits to the Zauli house and the Guerrino Tramanti Collection in Faenza
- Guided tour and lecture at the International Museum of Ceramics (MIC) in Faenza
- Guided tour of Siena including the Duomo and Piazza del Campo
- Guided tour of the UNESCO World Heritage sites in Ravenna
- Ceramics demo and studio tour of Vignoli Bottega
- Studio tours and demonstrations at the Impruneta terra-cotta potteries
- Wine tasting in Certaldo Alto
- Ceramics demo and studio tour with Terry Davies
- Ceramics demo with Franco Balducci in San Gimignano
- Visits to Tuscan towns San Gimignano, Volterra, Faenza, and Greve

Included in the Registration:

- **Lodging:** 12 nights ((3) Florence; (3) Faenza; and (6) Certaldo Alto)

Hotel in Florence

Hotel de Lanzi

Via delle Oche, 11, 50122

Firenze FI, Italy

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www.hoteldelanziflorence.com

Hotel in Faenza

Hotel Vittoria

Corso Garibaldi n. 23 48018

Faenza (RA) Italia

Tel. +39 0546 21508

www.hotel-vittoria.com

Hotels in Certaldo alto

Albergo il Castello

Via della Rena 6

50052 Certaldo (Firenze), Italy

Tel. +39 0571668250

Albergo il Vicario

Via Rivellino, 3

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- **Ground Transportation:** Includes bus and train transportation while traveling in Italy during the tour dates, ground transportation while at La Meridiana, and drop off at the Florence airport or train station on the day of departure, October 20.
- **Meals:** 11 breakfasts, 3 lunches (without wine), 4 dinners (Italian meals with water and wine) and one wine tasting.
- **Workshop Facilities for potters:** La Meridiana will provide a large, well-organized studio, clay, use of equipment, and tools. All demos at La Meridiana will be hands-on participation with professional potters.
- **Museum entrance tickets:** Included entrance tickets to the Uffizi museum in Florence, the Bargello Museum in Florence, to Zauli house, Tramonti Foundation, and the International Ceramic Museum (MIC) in Faenza, the Duomo in Siena, Volterra museum, Certaldo museums. A professional guide will lead the visits to the Uffizi, the Bargello, the Zauli house, the MIC,, and a walking tour in Florence.
- **Hands-on workshops and demos for potters:** Two-hour studio visit and majolica demo of Mediterranean decoration patterns with Saura Vignoli (both potters and non-potters with visit Bottega Vignoli), hands-on majolica workshop in Certaldo alto with M. Lazzerini, hands-on workshop of soft raku and terra sigillata at La Meridiana with Italian instructor Rosana Antonelli, bone china demo with Pietro Maddalena.
- **Activities for non potters:** During the ceramic workshops the following will be provided: One cooking lesson at a local cooking school in Certaldo Alto and a train visit to Pisa with lunch.

Not Included in the Registration:

- Air flights to and from Italy (arrival and departure in Florence)
- Pick up at the Florence airport or train station and transfer to the first hotel on the day of arrival, October 8.
- 4 lunches, 5 dinners
- Travel and health insurance
- Personal expenses and personal purchases
- Shipping services and expenses [for any purchased items or ceramics you make]
- Pre- and post-tour accommodations
- Pre- and post-tour airport transfers

Daily Itinerary

Saturday, October 7

International flights depart for Italy.

Day 1 Sunday, October 8 - Florence

International flights arrive in Italy. Plan to arrive by morning, or early afternoon at the latest, in time to transfer from the airport to the hotel, check in, and freshen up before the welcome dinner.

6–7pm | Welcome and group Meet & Greet

7:30pm | Welcome dinner: A typical Italian dinner with first and second course, desert, and wine.

Meals: Dinner

Day 2 Monday, October 9 -Florence

8:30am | Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am | Meet guide at the hotel, tour the Bargello Museum and a walking tour of the Florence city center.

Lunch on your own

Afternoon: free time to explore Florence.

Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 3 Tuesday, October 10 - Florence

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

9:30am | Meet guide, tour the Uffizi Museum

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon: free time to explore Florence.

Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 4 Wednesday, October 11 - Transfer to Faenza

7:00am | Early breakfast at the hotel

9:40am | Transfer to Faenza by train, walk with luggage to the Hotel Vittoria and check in.

2pm–5:30pm | Meet local ceramic artists for studio tours.

7:30pm | Group dinner at Zingaro's

Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 5 Thursday, October 12 - Faenza

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

9:00–12:00pm | Tour and visit the International Ceramic Museum (MIC) with guide.

4:00pm | Tour Zauli House and the Guerrino Tramonti Collection.

Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Day 6 Friday, October 13 - Ravenna

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

8:45am | Transfer to Ravenna by bus. Tour Ravenna and Unesco sites with guide in the morning.

Lunch on your own.

Afternoon free time to explore Ravenna on your own

Return to Faenza by bus

6:30–7:30pm | Aperitif with local artists

Dinner on your own

Meals: Breakfast

Day 7 Saturday, October 14 - Transfer to Certaldo alto

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am | Transfer to Certaldo alto by bus.

10:30–11:30am | Stop at Vignoli Bottega studios along route to Certaldo alto for demos and studio tour

Lunch along the way (not included).

Arrive in Certaldo alto, check into hotels

6:00pm | Introduction to Certaldo alto with Fabio Cibecchini: legends, local history, and the works of the medieval writer Giovanni Boccaccio (The Decameron), followed by a wine tasting at Enoteca Boccaccio with local delicacies of cheese and salami. Welcome dinner in Certaldo.

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Day 8 Sunday, October 15 - Certaldo alto

Potter Schedule:

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

9:00am | Shuttle to La Meridiana
9:30am–12:30pm Hands-on workshop
12:30pm | Lunch at La Meridiana
2:00pm–5:30 pm | Continue workshop
6:00pm | Shuttle back to Certaldo alto
Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Non-Potter Schedule:

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel
10:30–2:00pm | Cooking lesson with lunch at Cucina Giuseppina in Certaldo alto
Free afternoon and dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Day 9 Monday, October 16 - Impruneta, Certaldo alto

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel
9:00pm | Potters and non-potters: Visit Impruneta to see traditional terra-cotta makers
2:30pm | Return to Certaldo alto.

Potter Schedule:

Majolica workshop with Artesia in Certaldo alto.
Dinner on your own

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Non-Potter Schedule:

Free afternoon
Dinner on your own.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Day 10 Tuesday, October 17 - Siena

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel
Potters and non-potters: Train to Siena. Guided walking tour of the Duomo and the Piazza del Campo
Lunch on your own.
Afternoon free time to explore Siena.
4:00pm | Return to Certaldo alto by train; those who want to stay longer and enjoy an evening in Siena may come back later on a different train.

Meals: Breakfast

Day 11 Wednesday, October 18 - Certaldo alto, Pisa (non potters)

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

Potter Schedule:

9:00am Shuttle to La Meridiana
9:30am–12:30pm | Hands-on workshop
12:30pm | Lunch at La Meridiana
2:00–4:00pm | Continue workshop
Visit studio potter Terry Davies' studio for a tour and demo
6:00pm | Return to Certaldo alto
Dinner on your own

Non-Potter Schedule:

Day trip to Pisa including lunch

Dinner on your own

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Day 12 Thursday, October 19 - San Gimignano and Volterra

8:00am | Breakfast at the hotel

Potters and non-potters: Leave for San Gimignano and Volterra by bus

Visit studio potter Franco Balducci in San Gimignano

Lunch on your own

5:30pm | Return to Certaldo alto and pick up your ceramic pieces

7:30pm | Final dinner and reception

Meals: Breakfast, dinner

Friday, October 20 - Departure

Two buses will be arranged to reach Florence airport and one bus for the Florence city center

4:30am | First bus will leave to accommodate all early flights

7:30am | Departure of second bus

9:30am | Departure for Florence city center

Additional Travel Information

- **PHYSICAL CONDITIONS AND EXPECTATIONS:** This trip will include a significant amount of walking including stairs, and is not recommended for those who have difficulty walking for long distances or at a swift pace. Pack comfortable shoes. Plan to be attentive and stay with the group at all times during walking tours. Each tour is timely and will need to keep moving. Tour leaders are responsible for the group as a whole and will not be able to assist individuals. For the most satisfying experience (and in fairness to your fellow travelers), please note that this tour requires the following:
 - Ability to walk without assistance at least one mile over uneven terrain.
 - Ability to climb or descend sets of stairs that do not have handrails, without assistance.
 - Ability to walk and stand for up to two hours in museums or other sites listening to a guide.
 - Ability to keep up with a group walking tour moving at a brisk pace.

If you have any doubts about your ability to participate in this tour, please discuss your concerns with the ICAN manager before registering.

- Additional accommodations and transportation required prior to or following the tour must be arranged and paid for on your own.
- Passports must be valid for 6 months after you have completed your travel.
- Daily/group participation: While on the tour if for any reason you are unable to participate in an activity, please speak directly with the ICAN manager in advance so I can make the necessary arrangements. Note that all tickets, tours, and transportation are paid for in advance of the start of the tour.
- We recommend that you do not book non-refundable flights or other services until the minimum number of spots have sold and the trip is confirmed. The trip will be confirmed to each guest as soon as possible.
- All tour inquiries should be directed to the ICAN manager, Holly Goring, at hgoring@ceramics.org or 614-895-4213.
- **Itinerary subject to change.**