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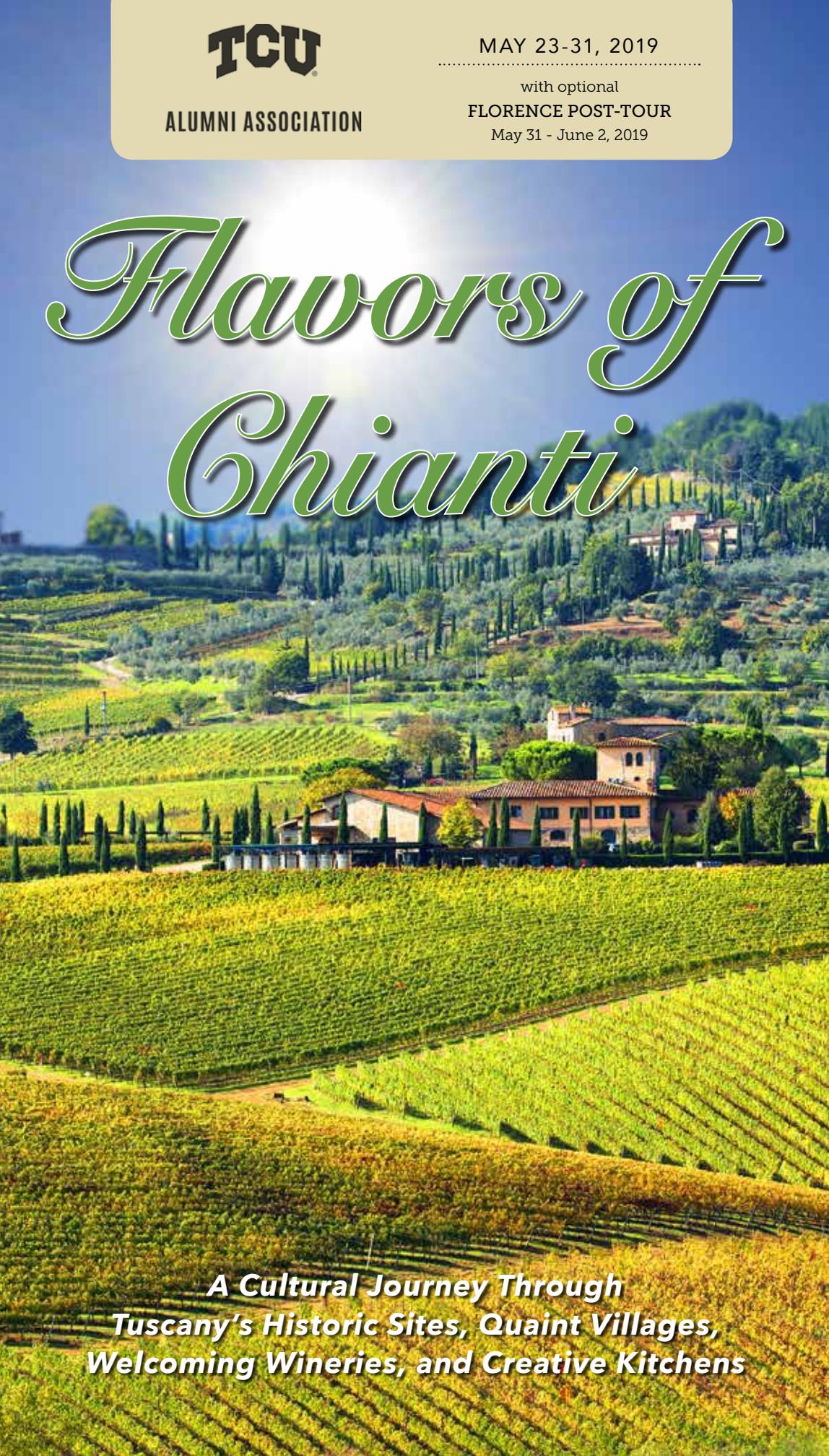
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

MAY 23-31, 2019

with optional
FLORENCE POST-TOUR

May 31 - June 2, 2019

Flavors of Chianti



***A Cultural Journey Through
Tuscany's Historic Sites, Quaint Villages,
Welcoming Wineries, and Creative Kitchens***



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join our small group for an intimate journey exploring Chianti's countryside—a region brimming with living history, extraordinary family traditions, and an endearing farm-to-table way of life.

Settle in for seven luxurious nights amidst the deluxe accommodations of Castello La Leccia in Castellina, featuring exceptional views of the lush, rolling Tuscan landscape.

Each invigorating day is enriched by historical site visits, cultural activities and interactions, memorable cuisine, and festive wine tastings.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$800 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at tcu.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Kristi McLain Hoban '75 '76
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Orbridge: (866) 639-0079

Free Wine Gift

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **October 5, 2018** to receive six bottles of Italian wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

*This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law or by retailer licensing obligations, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details.***



*Embrace the bewitching enchantment,
bucolic ambiance, and charismatic
culture of Chianti.*

Meander through Tuscany's colorful cities, cypress-studded hilltop towns, classic *cucinas*, and idyllic vineyards during this small-group journey. Explore this Italian countryside that provides overwhelming inspiration for artists, chefs, and vintners alike.





Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 1:** En route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Florence, Italy / Castellina (D)
Welcome dinner
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 3:** Volterra / San Gimignano (B,D)
Panoramic Volterra city tour, San Gimignano tower exploration, visit award-winning Gelateria Dondoli
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 4:** Pienza / Bagno Vignoni (B,L)
UNESCO site tour, organic farm visit, hot springs village visit
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 5:** Greve (B,L,D)
Villa Vignamaggio visit, cooking class and wine tasting, Greve city stroll
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 6:** Cortona (B,D)
Guided tour, Celle Monastery, leisure time
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 7:** Monteriggioni / Via Francigena / Gaiole (B,L,D)
Walled medieval village visit, Abbadia a Isola, vineyard excursion with cooking class and dinner
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 8:** Siena (B,D)
Guided sightseeing, Duomo, Sanctuary of Santa Caterina, Piazza del Campo, farewell dinner
Overnight: Castello La Leccia
- Day 9:** Florence / Depart for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Program Highlights

- With your small group, enjoy seven nights deluxe accommodations in the luxurious hilltop Castello La Leccia in Castellina featuring exceptional views of the lush, rolling Tuscan landscape.
- Admire the Etruscan ruins and Roman center at Volterra before visiting charming San Gimignano—the *Town of Fine Towers*—which is completely encircled by medieval walls.
- Stop into the Renaissance town of Pienza, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, which sits atop a hill overlooking the Tuscan countryside.
- At Podere Il Casale—an organic farm—learn about the owners' passion for the slow food movement, see a cheese-making demonstration, and enjoy a leisurely lunch.
- Learn the history of Bagno Vignoni, a small village surrounded by thermal waters.
- Visit Villa Vignamaggio—the childhood home of Lisa Gherardini, immortalized as the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci—and work side-by-side with Italian chefs during a cooking class and wine tasting.
- Take a guided tour of Cortona with free time to explore afterward.
- Wander within the walled medieval village of Monteriggioni—a city along the ancient pilgrim road of Via Francigena—before strolling down the road to visit the Abbadia a Isola abbey.
- Stroll Siena—another UNESCO World Heritage Site—with its well-preserved cityscape, celebrated Duomo, and bustling Piazza del Campo.
- **What's included:** 7 nights accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 6 dinners served with wine; all lessons and tastings as described in the 9-day itinerary; private motor coach transportation; luggage handling; gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, wait staff for included meals, drivers and porters; and group airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.

Activity Level: Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, this program requires individuals to have higher mobility due to many steep hills and stairs to climb in Chianti. Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Become part of *la famiglia* as you settle into this authentic Tuscan wine estate. Sip a glass of Chianti on a sun-dappled terrace, stroll the grounds, and admire vineyards draped with Sangiovese, Merlot, and Petit Verdot grapes.

Historical sources site La Leccia castle's ownership was divided among 16 owners for strategic purposes. Near the mid 1400s, the Ricasoli family dominated a large part of the Chianti Classico region as well as the castle.

News of incursions and devastation, but also of the ancient wine vocation, came via heartfelt letters sent by Andrea Ricasoli, in 1529, during the wars between Siena and Florence: "... maybe fifty Sienesi came to my place in Chianti Classic called la Leccia where... they burn what was in the house... and from two hundred barrels of wine it was in the cellar and in the barrels all poured ..."

After being modified to serve more as a villa in the 18th century, the entire property was purchased in 1920 by Giuliano Daddi, great-grandfather of the current proprietors, and subsequently was the site of heavy bombardments during WWII that destroyed part of the tower, the last medieval testimony, and devastated a wing of the villa.

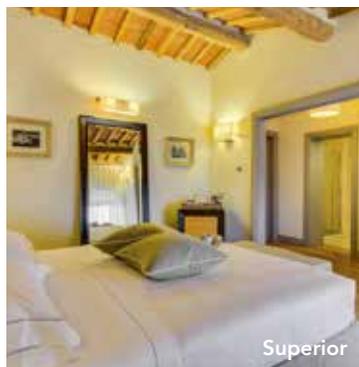
Recently undergoing more than four years of careful and rigorous restoration, the castle and the surrounding garden have returned to life.

With a focus on sustainability and the environment, the original spaces remain in tact but feature modern enhancements using eco-compatible materials and technologies. To warm the surroundings, wooden floors, beamed ceilings, pastel colors, and furniture were designed exclusively for the common spaces and made by Florentine craftsmen.

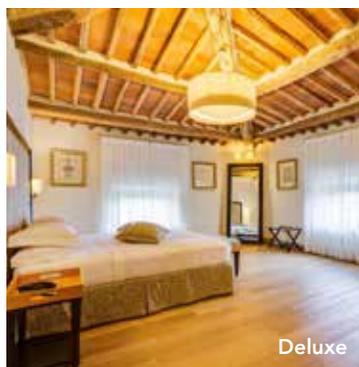
Each room offers climate control, desk, LCD TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, safe, minibar, and en suite bathroom with a shower or tub and shower, sundries, and hair dryer.

Superior: (approx. 172-247 sq.ft.) Enjoy elegant furnishings and a serene area to unwind after an enriching day of exploration.

Deluxe: (approx. 322-516 sq.ft.) Delight in absolute refinement with beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. Each room is different from the others, but all provide modern comforts and tasteful décor.



Superior



Deluxe



Pool

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Italy.





Optional Post-Tour
Florence

Florence is arguably the cultural capital of Europe and the showcase of Renaissance exuberance. Lovers of beauty, art, and history can extend their experience in Chianti to embrace the treasures of this magnificent city.

Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 9:** Depart Castellina / Arrive in Florence (L)
Guided walking culinary tasting tour to sample a delicious assortment of breads, cheeses, salumi, crostini, balsamic vinegars, olive oils, sweets, and seasonal specialties—each paired with notable Tuscan varietals including Chianti and Nobile
- Day 10:** Florence (B)
Historic walking tour: Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, Ponte Vecchio, Dante's house, San Lorenzo Market, Duomo, viewing of Michelangelo's David at Accademia Gallery
- Day 11:** Florence / Depart for U.S. (B)

What's Included

- Two nights accommodations at Hotel Santa Maria Novella—shown below—or similar, with breakfast each morning
- Guided walking culture, cuisine, and wine tour with tastings
- Guided panoramic walking tour of Florence's historical highlights
- Admission to Accademia Gallery for a viewing of Michelangelo's David
- Transfers to Aeroporto di Firenze-Peretola for guests departing during the suggested times





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Option 1: Reserve online now at tcu.orbridge.com or call (866) 639-0079.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge, LLC.

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Superior	\$5,399	\$4,995
Deluxe	\$6,399	\$5,995
Single (Superior)	\$7,399	\$6,995

Florence Post-Tour		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	\$1,399	\$1,195
Single	\$1,899	\$1,695

GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name: _____ TCU Grad Year: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ TCU Grad Year: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Category Preference: 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

DEPOSIT:

_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:

Check Enclosed Online Check/ACH MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Orbridge Wine Gift per room reserved will ship after receipt of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to AR, DE, KY, MS, OK, RI, UT) or by retailer licensing obligations (IL, MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, SD, TX, VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. All Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.



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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than \$800**
per couple

**Free Orbridge
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