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FACULTY LEADER: JOSEPH M. WARDWELL



A World Apart

The story of travel involves more than a ticket and a passport. It should weave together discovery, education and humanity, the best elements of any compelling tale. Your personal travel story begins with our commitment to delivering authentic experiences with local people.

The incomparable value of your journey lies in the personalized care you receive from your Travel Director and the knowledge you gain from expert guides and lecturers, who call this area home.

By eliminating logistical worries, your multilingual Travel Director allows you to immerse yourself comfortably in your surroundings. This high-caliber professional makes you feel safe and important by creating a convivial, welcoming atmosphere.

The other important characters in this story are the guides and lecturers, whose regional expertise shines in their insider perspective and commentary.

From the Riviera's seaside towns to the hilltop hamlets of medieval Chianti, your story continues, incorporating the history, culture and la dolce vita in these sundrenched Italian regions.

Above: Portofino

Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Witness vistas of the **Cinque Terre** as you cruise the lapis waters of the Ligurian Sea.
- ▶ Watch the **Italian Riviera sunset** melt into the sea.
- ▶ Savor an **Italian-style barbecue dinner** at a restored 15th-century water mill in the countryside.
- ▶ Discover **Carrara marble**, Michelangelo's favored medium, while touring Fantiscritti Quarry.
- ▶ Take in the breathtaking sight of **San Gimignano's medieval towers**.
- ▶ Admire the view of Florence and the Arno from the **Ponte Vecchio**.
- ▶ Taste the famous **wine of Chianti** at Castello di Monsanto, a winery in an exquisite setting.



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us as we travel across Italy, from the enchanting Riviera to the Chianti countryside. History permeates these beguiling regions, which offer breathtaking vistas at every turn. Savor the region’s culinary specialties, while you relax in medieval piazzas and soak up scenic views that have inspired artists and writers for centuries.

Our exclusive tour will be led by Joseph M. Wardwell, associate professor of painting in the department of Fine Arts at Brandeis University. Wardwell has lived in Siena and directed the Brandeis in Siena program. His insider’s knowledge of the area’s artists, traditions and culture will enhance the experience.

While in the seaside Sestri Levante, travel by land and sea to villages along the Ligurian coastline. Discover brightly colored towns that cascade down the sides of the steep hills and breathtaking panoramas in Cinque Terre National Park. Continue to beautiful Radda in Chianti. Amid hills crowned with sprawling vineyards, explore the region’s medieval towns, boasting a rich architectural and artistic heritage in Chianti’s medieval villages.

Travel across the southern Chianti countryside to Siena, one of Italy’s best preserved medieval cities. Walk twisting stone alleys lined with palaces, Gothic churches and red-brick homes. Witness the exquisite cathedral and 17 historic neighborhoods known as the contrada. Stroll through 12th-century Piazza del Campo to view the Palazzo Pubblico. Conclude your trip by retracing Michelangelo’s and Dante’s footsteps in Florence, the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Please consider joining us on this once-in-a-lifetime trip. Space is limited, please make your reservations today!

Sincerely,



F. Patricia Fisher
Vice President, Alumni Relations Brandeis University

Faculty Leader



Joseph M. Wardwell is associate professor of painting in the department of Fine Arts at Brandeis University. In 2015, Wardwell launched Brandeis in Siena in partnership with the Siena Art Institute, an intensive arts-focused, study-abroad program.

Wardwell received a BA in Art History and a BFA in painting in 1996 from the University of Washington in Seattle, and a MFA in painting from Boston University in 1999. He has exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, and the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum, Lincoln, MA, and has work in each permanent collection. In 2012, Wardwell was a recipient of the Massachusetts Cultural Council Grant. In addition to numerous group exhibitions, he has held solo exhibitions in New York, New Haven, Boston and Seattle. His work is represented by LaMontagne Gallery in Boston, MA, and Fred Giampietro Gallery in New Haven, CT.

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| UNESCO |

Four of Italy’s UNESCO World Heritage sites are featured in this comprehensive program:

1. **Historic Center of Florence**
2. **Historic Center of San Gimignano**
3. **Historic Center of Siena**
4. **Portovenere and the Cinque Terre**



Portovenere



Cathedral, Siena

Set off on an adventure to two of Italy's most evocative regions: the spectacular rocky coast of Liguria and the verdant Tuscan countryside. Start with the irresistible allure of the Italian Riviera. Witness jewel box hamlets of the Cinque Terre tumbling down terraced cliff faces splashed by the Ligurian Sea. Traverse sinuous paths in a landscape whose challenging terrain has shaped nearly every facet of daily life. Then journey on to the lyrical Chianti countryside with its sun-dappled hills laced with grapevines and silvery olive groves. View the rich architectural and artistic heritage in Chianti's medieval villages. Retrace Michelangelo and Dante's footsteps in Florence, birthplace of the Renaissance. And as you explore these ageless regions, feel your pace slow, easing you into the rhythm of a simpler life.

DAY ONE

IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for Genoa, Italy. †

DAY TWO

GENOA, ITALY | SESTRI LEVANTE

Upon arrival, transfer † to Sestri Levante and check in to Hotel Vis à Vis.

Gather for a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY THREE

PORTOFINO | CAMOGLI

Educational Focus: *The Italian Riviera, a Painter's Palette.*

Excursion: *The Riviera.* Visit gorgeous towns along the Ligurian coastline, beginning with Rapallo. Sail over sapphire waters to glamorous Portofino, one of the prettiest towns

on the Italian Riviera. Stroll along its yacht-filled harbor, and climb to the Church of San Giorgio. Sail to ancient Santa Margherita, followed by a scenic drive to Camogli, its buildings boasting beautiful trompe-l'oeil frescoes.

Independent Exploration: Enjoy lunch on your own and take time to explore Camogli.

Educational Focus: *Flavors of the Cinque Terre.*

DAY FOUR

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CINQUE TERRE

Excursion: *The Cinque Terre.* Journey to the dramatic terraced landscapes and colorful villages of Cinque Terre National Park. Visit the ancient Roman seaport of Portovenere. Travel to Manarola, center of the region's wine and olive oil production. Soak up Mediterranean views while sailing north to Vernazza. Roam its atmospheric town square, and witness Cinque Terre's only natural harbor.

Local Flavor: In Vernazza, enjoy lunch at a restaurant known for its delicious cucina tipica, traditional cuisine.

DAY FIVE

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SESTRI LEVANTE

Independent Exploration: Embrace la dolce vita during a day at leisure.

Educational Focus: *Contemporary Italy.*

Educational Focus: *Meet the People.* Learn about daily Italian life and the local lifestyle during an engaging discussion with residents.



Ponte Vecchio, Florence

DAY SIX

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CARRARA | RADDA IN CHIANTI

Excursion: Carrara Marble. Travel to Carrara, home of legendary marble quarries used for more than 2,000 years. This is where Michelangelo chose the gleaming white blocks he transformed into masterpieces. Enjoy an informative tour of Fantiscritti Quarry.

Local Flavor: Dine in Carrara for lunch. Continue to Radda in Chianti. Upon arrival, check in to the Palazzo Leopoldo.

Excursion: Radda in Chianti. Explore medieval Radda, one of the three founding towns in the League of Chianti. Roam a covered walkway beside ancient city walls. Traverse cobblestone streets past the Church of San Nicolò and the 15th-century town hall, Palazzo del Podestà. View the mayoral coats of arms, including that of the Medicis, embedded in its façade.

Local Flavor: Savor authentic Tuscan fare at a Radda restaurant for dinner tonight.

DAY SEVEN

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SIENA | CASTELLINA IN CHIANTI

Educational Focus: Chianti History.

Excursion: Siena. Travel across the southern Chianti countryside to Siena, one of Italy's best preserved medieval cities. Walk twisting stone alleys lined with palaces, Gothic churches and red-brick homes. Witness the exquisite cathedral and 17 historic neighborhoods known as the contrada. Stroll through 12th-century Piazza del Campo to view the Palazzo Pubblico.



Independent Exploration: Spend leisure time exploring Siena. Find an osteria or enoteca for lunch on your own. If you decide to climb the 400 narrow steps of Mangia Tower for its unrivaled views, you'll have earned a well-deserved gelato.

Excursion: Castellina in Chianti. Venture to the hilltop town of Castellina in Chianti, which was once a Florentine stronghold and, like Radda in Chianti, another founding member of the League of Chianti. Well-preserved pedestrian streets are lined with medieval stone buildings, their beautiful architecture commissioned by the Medici dynasty founder, Cosimo il Vecchio.

Local Flavor: Venture into the countryside for a barbecue dinner at a restaurant in a restored 15th-century water mill.

DAY EIGHT

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FLORENCE

Educational Focus: Renaissance Art.

Excursion: Cradle of the Renaissance. Explore the Renaissance legacy of Florence,

capital of Tuscany. Stroll past the majestic Palazzo Vecchio, and view exceptional sculptures in the Piazza della Signoria. See the 13th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore and witness its magnificent Renaissance dome designed by Brunelleschi. Stand upon the stone bridge of Ponte Vecchio, famous for the tiny shops that have operated atop it since the 13th century.

Independent Exploration: Spend free time exploring Florence. You may wish to visit the Uffizi Gallery to see one of the greatest collections of Italian Renaissance art, or step into the Accademia Gallery to admire Michelangelo's David.

DAY NINE

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SAN GIMIGNANO | COLLE DI VAL D'ELSA

Excursion: *Life in Chianti.* Journey through a Tuscan landscape of cypress-dotted hills to San Gimignano, where 14 of 72 soaring medieval towers that once graced the town remain an impressive site. Continue to Colle di Val d'Elsa. See the city's contemporary lower town and historic upper section overlooking the beautiful valley.

Local Flavor: Enjoy local specialties for lunch. Visit Castello di Monsanto. Sample the famous wines of Chianti at this family-owned winery and admire the views of the vineyards from the estate's hilltop castle.

Tonight, celebrate your journey with fellow travelers at a Farewell Reception followed by Graduation Ceremony and Dinner.

DAY TEN

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IN TRANSIT

Transfer✈ to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.

Note: *Itinerary may change due to local conditions. Walking is required on many excursions, and surfaces may be uneven or unpaved.*

✈ *Provided for AHI FlexAir participants*

BLWD denotes included breakfasts, lunches and dinners.

ACCOMMODATIONS

(With baggage handling.)

- Four nights in Sestri Levante, Italy, at the Hotel Vis à Vis.
- Four nights in Radda in Chianti at the Palazzo Leopoldo.

TRANSFER

- The deluxe motor coach transfer in the Land Program and baggage handling.

MEALS

- Enjoy an **extensive meal program**, including eight breakfasts, three lunches and five dinners. Tea or coffee is included with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties at local restaurants.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and a Graduation Ceremony, followed by a Farewell Dinner.

YOUR EXCITING TRAVEL PROGRAM

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by local experts, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **Personal VOX listening devices** allow you to hear every word from your expert, English-speaking guides.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- **All excursions:**
 - Explore the Italian Riviera.
 - Witness the dramatic Cinque Terre.
 - Tour a Carrara marble quarry.
 - Discover the charming medieval town of Radda in Chianti.
 - Explore the Tuscan city of Siena.
 - Tour Castellina in Chianti.
 - View Renaissance treasures in Florence.
 - Admire San Gimignano's skyline of medieval towers.
 - Visit Colle di Val d'Elsa.
 - Sip Chianti wines at a vineyard.



View from Hotel Vis à Vis



Palazzo Leopoldo



Castello di Monsanto



Quarry tour, Carrara

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On the ground, three layers of top-quality professionals offer their insiders' perspective. From suggesting the best café or pub to sharing a laugh over the stories of the day, our dedicated team takes your adventure to the next level.

- ▶ **TRAVEL DIRECTOR** | Throughout your journey, you will be in the care of a seasoned AHI travel professional who will manage all the logistics, allowing you to relax and simply soak up the ambience. Resourceful, knowledgeable and attentive, your Travel Director helps to ensure you enjoy an unforgettable travel experience.
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- ▶ **LECTURERS** | Coming from all walks of life, our entertaining local lecturers open your eyes to history and current events. The breadth of their knowledge deepens your appreciation for the region and its heritage.

HOTEL VIS À VIS | SESTRI LEVANTE



PALAZZO LEOPOLDO | RADDA IN CHIANTI



Our travel experts have carefully selected these first-class properties for their prime locations. They are ideally located for exploring the region's renowned landmarks, while providing opportunities to immerse yourself in local life. Of utmost importance is the quality of the services, amenities and accommodations, allowing you to fully enjoy your stay.

Reserve your trip to Italy today!

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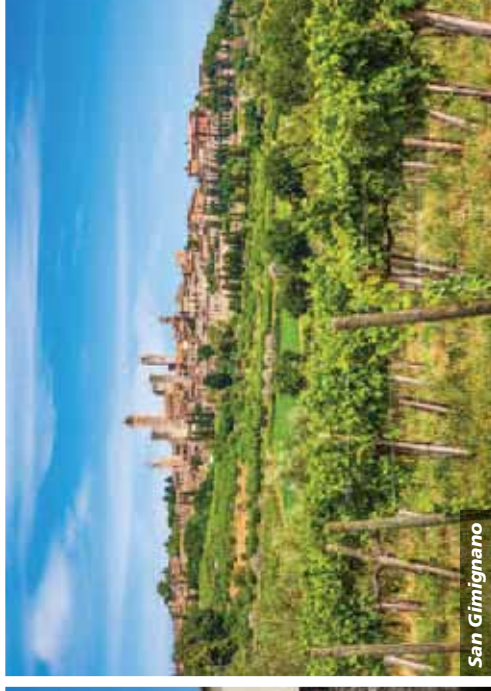
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