VILLAGE LIFE

ASSISI AND THE UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS

OCTOBER 8 TO OCTOBER 16, 2006

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Dear Columbian,

We are pleased to sponsor Village Life in Assisi and the Umbrian Hill Towns, a unique travel opportunity that captures the essence of life in Umbria, a beautiful and historic region in the heart of the Italian countryside. This program, one of the highly successful and innovative travel programs in the Village Life series, is ideal for exploring Umbria’s long history, rich architectural heritage and the deep-rooted traditions of its people.

The medieval Umbrian town of Assisi is one of Italy’s great ecclesiastical centers — the birthplace of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan Monastic Order in the early 13th century. Here he is honored by one of the most magnificent churches in the world, the Romanesque Basilica of St. Francis. The basilica is decorated floor to ceiling by Italy’s greatest medieval artists, including the Florentine master, Giotto di Bondone, whose frescoes in the church became a reference point for Italian artists throughout the Renaissance. Across this walled town and in villages throughout the region, captivating churches, alleyways and campaniles reflect the Italian heartland as it was before the advent of modernity. You will experience Assisi’s enchanting atmosphere while staying at the delightful Hotel Giotto. Perched above a Romanesque abbey church and just steps away from the Basilica of St. Francis, the Hotel Giotto is a perfect blend of convenience and charm.

Among the many included features of this program is the unique Village Forum, where local residents share their perspectives and insights into life in Umbria. In addition, our resident cultural expert will share extensive knowledge of Assisi and Umbria through informative and entertaining lectures, and our group will meet with a local Franciscan friar. While exploring the historic towns and villages of the Umbrian countryside, including Orvieto, Spoleto, Gubbio, and Perugia, you will discover some of the finest Renaissance art and architecture in all of Europe, and experience first-hand the deep-rooted culture of Umbria while attending a live performance of traditional music and savoring Umbrian and Italian specialties at local trattorie.

This exceptional value and knowing you only have to unpack once combine with a great destination to make a truly enticing and popular program. We encourage you to join fellow alumni and friends and make your reservation today.

With best wishes from Morningside Heights,

Eric J. Furda
Vice President for Alumni Relations

Guest Lecturer
We make it a priority to provide an outstanding Columbia University affiliated guest lecturer who will accompany each program. Education is central to the mission of the Alumni Travel Study Program, and we intend that you will be joined by a guest lecturer. Our lecturers are chosen for the depth of their knowledge as well as their approachability. We trust that their enthusiasm and insight, experienced through formal lectures and informal conversations, will greatly enhance the educational value of the trip. As this brochure goes to press, however, we are unable to guarantee a lecturer. Please feel free to contact our office for an update on the guest lecturer status.

Cover: The basilicas of Assisi have been one of Europe’s most important pilgrimage sites for nearly 800 years.

The Canticle of the Birds depicts a scene from the life of St. Francis.
DISCOVER UMBRIA

Join us for a journey to the ancient region of Umbria deep in the heart of Italy, where amid rolling hills of olive groves, wheat fields and charming medieval villages, the rhythms of daily life have barely changed for centuries. Renowned since the days of Saint Francis for its tranquillity and rugged natural beauty, this small province has always drawn the spiritually inclined and has inspired some of the finest artistic endeavors in the history of Italian art.

On this unique itinerary, explore the heritage of this magical region including its vibrant culture and ancient traditions. In addition to expert-led excursions, interaction with local residents and specially arranged meals, gain the insight and knowledge of Anne Robichaud, our cultural expert. Something of a local legend in Assisi, Anne has lived in Umbria for 30 years, developing a passion and wealth of knowledge that she shares with you through an exclusive series of lectures.
VILLAGE LIFE: A WAY OF LIFE IN ASSISI AND THE UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS

VILLAGE LIFE IN ASSISI AND THE UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS is one in a unique series of VILLAGE LIFE programs designed for inveterate travelers who know the true character of a country is best found in the provinces, on the backroads and around the local market squares. It offers you a cultural and educational experience like no other. An exceptional value, VILLAGE LIFE IN ASSISI AND THE UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS features a comprehensive program of guided excursions, enriching lectures and cultural enhancements with a unique focus on Umbria. Here, for one full week, immerse yourself in everyday life in Assisi and the medieval villages and towns of this ancient region, where charming village squares, Romanesque churches and rolling hills of olive groves and vineyards define a way of life little changed since the Middle Ages.

Attend our exclusive VILLAGE FORUM and become acquainted with local residents who will provide fascinating insights and a candid look at the culture, history and contemporary issues facing Assisi and neighboring Umbrian villages.

The charming Hotel Giotto has been specially selected for this program as it is ideally located near the Basilica of St. Francis and features splendid views overlooking the 11th-century Abbey Church of St. Peter.

Unpack once! This is an exceptional travel opportunity inclusive of all meals, accommodations and exclusively arranged excursions for an incredibly attractive price. Come experience a special way of life: VILLAGE LIFE IN ASSISI AND THE UMBRIAN HILL TOWNS.

Built on a dramatic hilltop more than two thousand years ago, the ancient town of Orvieto embodies the timeless beauty of Umbria.

The saint loved this place [Assisi] more than all the other places of the world. This place knew the humble beginnings; here Francis grew in virtue..."

— St. Bonaventure,
The Life of St. Francis
ASSISI
Spread out against the slopes of Mount Subasio, the ancient walled town of Assisi possesses a breathtaking medieval skyline. Dozens of Romanesque domes and campaniles testify to its fame as the birthplace (in 1181) of St. Francis, founder of the Franciscan monastic order, the largest Catholic order in existence. Two years after St. Francis’ death in 1226, Pope Gregory XI erected a church to hold his remains, the Basilica of St. Francis, one of the world’s truly great medieval churches. The foremost artists of medieval Italy were commissioned to decorate this massive structure — exquisite frescoes by Giovanni Cimabue, Giotto di Bondone, Simone Martini and Pietro Lorenzetti adorn the walls and double-barreled vaults from floor to ceiling in a profusion of color. Their work in this cathedral was part of the revolution in Italian art and inspired artists throughout the Renaissance.

Assisi’s marvels don’t end with this one church, however. St. Clare, St. Francis’s first disciple, was granted her own basilica, a 13th-century masterpiece with extraordinarily detailed frescoes, a majestic crypt and a crucifix which is said to have spoken to St. Francis.

Home to only 5,000 residents, Assisi’s old town still exudes a decisively medieval atmosphere along its steep, narrow lanes and medieval houses built of the soft, pinkish limestone quarried from the slopes of Mount Subasio, which overlooks the village.

SPELLO
Spello, a small medieval hill town, reflects its Roman heritage more than any other Umbrian town. The poplar-lined fields below still correspond to clearly marked divisions of land engineered in the first century B.C., when the area was founded as a legionnaires’ colony. Within its city gates, built during the reign of Augustus Caesar, the towers of 26 Romanesque and Renaissance churches and a forest of old medieval chimneys dominate the town’s ancient skyline. The 13th-century Church of Santa Maria Maggiore, renowned for its fresco cycle by Pinturicchio and fine majolica tile work, is Spello’s principal highlight. Commissioned in 1500, these frescoes depict the Annunciation and other scenes from the New Testament in finely rendered Renaissance perspective.

SPOLETO
A favorite retreat of St. Francis, and perhaps the loveliest of Umbria’s hill towns, Spoleto is gracefully set on a wooded hillside. To get there, one crosses the magnificent 14th-century Ponte delle Torri, or Bridge of the Towers, built over a Roman aqueduct, offering splendid views of the Rocca di Albornoz, a 14th-century papal fortress. Spoleto’s focal point is its elegant Romanesque Duomo, featuring an apse filled with splendid 15th-century frescoes, the final work of the legendary master, Fra Lippo Lippi. The great artist is...
buried here, within a tomb commissioned by Lorenzo de' Medici, one of the principal patrons of art in Renaissance Florence.

**Gubbio**

Gubbio, the medieval City of Silence, sits among rugged mountains in a corner of Umbria, seemingly oblivious to the modern era. Its white 14th-century stone buildings comprise a setting grounded in the Middle Ages, where legends have attached themselves to fountains and piazzas, and crossbows are still constructed for archery tournaments. Gubbio's most prominent building is the Palazzo dei Consoli, the meeting place of Gubbio's consuls, and one of the finest examples of medieval civic architecture in Italy. Today, it is a museum housing the Tavole Eugubine. Discovered in 1444, these extraordinary bronze tablets provide records of ceremonial rituals and legal proceedings from the 2nd century B.C., inscribed in both Etruscan and Latin characters.

**Perugia**

Home to a prominent university and host to numerous music and cultural festivals, Perugia is Umbria’s largest city and a preeminent center of music and culture. The Old Town, almost completely encircled by Etruscan walls, is dominated by the lively Piazza IV Novembre, where an impressive collection of medieval and Renaissance buildings frames the 16th-century Duomo. The duomo’s steps are a perfect place to catch your breath while watching the play of water in the Fontana Maggiore, a 13th-century masterpiece adorned with sculptures by Pisano. Nearby, the magnificent Gothic Palazzo dei Priori houses the Galleria Nazionale dell’Umbria and its fantastic collection of works from the Middle Ages, including an altarpiece by Fra Angelico.

**Deruta**

The charming village of Deruta has been a center for the production of beautiful majolica ceramics since the 13th century, and family-owned factories still employ the same time-honored production techniques that their forefathers used centuries ago.

**Orvieto**

Perched upon a huge 984-foot-high plateau, Orvieto provides exceptional views over its namesake vineyards, which produce highly acclaimed white wines. Founded by the Etruscans, Orvieto has, by virtue of geography, always been closely linked economically, politically and culturally with Rome. Indeed, throughout the Middle Ages, numerous popes made the town their summer retreat and brought with them many of Italy’s most skilled architects, craftsmen and artists who bequeathed to Orvieto a magnificent collection of public buildings and an artistic legacy second to none for a town of its size. Perhaps the finest example is the towering 14th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria, one of the most dazzling churches in Italy. Highlighted by magnificently vibrant frescoes crafted by Fra Angelico in the Chapel of San Brizio, it is also home to a miraculous altar cloth that is said to have dripped blood to repudiate a priest’s doubts about transubstantiation.

**Todi**

From shady gardens, a quiet path leads past a castle and down through trees to Todi’s grand Santa Maria della Consolazione, one of Italy’s finest Renaissance churches, built in the 16th century according to the famed architect Bramante’s plans. The town, a sleepy medieval hamlet perched on a hilltop, is centered by the gracious Piazza del Popolo and, a few steps away, the impressive Gothic San Fortunato Church, home to the fine Madonna and Child by Masolino and the tomb of Jacopone di Todi, a 13th-century poet and mystic.
Assisi’s Hotel Giotto offers one of the finest locations — a quiet setting overlooking the 11th-century Abbey Church of St. Peter and the red-roofed houses of lower Assisi, with green fields and the misty blue Umbrian hills beyond. The lovely public panoramic terrace takes full advantage of this view, and the Abbey Church is visible from many of the 87 guest rooms. Your comfortable accommodations feature a private bathroom, direct-dial telephone and television.

Public spaces include a garden, bar and lounge area with leather sofas and furnishings in the classic 19th-century Italian style. The hotel’s restaurant is set amid brick and stone arches reminiscent of Umbria’s traditional architectural style. Hotel Giotto is conveniently located within walking distance of Assisi’s architectural and artistic masterpiece, the great Basilica of St. Francis.

Village Life Day by Day....

Day 1
Depart for Rome, Italy.

Day 2
Arrive in Rome. Enjoy a scenic motorcoach transfer to Assisi and the Hotel Giotto. Attend a welcome reception featuring regional wines and cheeses before dinner.

Day 3
Excursion
Half-day walking tour of Assisi, including the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare. The afternoon is at leisure.

Exclusive Enrichment
“Umbria: Inside-Out” — An introduction to Umbria presented by our local expert. Enjoy an authentic Italian lunch at a local restaurant on the Piazza del Comune.

Day 4
Excursion
Visit Spoleto and its remarkable Duomo. Tour Spello including the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore. A specially arranged “tasting lunch” of Umbrian food and wines is served in a local eatery. There is time to explore Spello’s market on your own.

Day 5
Excursion
Scenic drive through the Umbrian countryside and the walking tour of Gubbio, with lunch at a local restaurant.

Exclusive Enrichment
Exclusive commentary about culture and architecture in rural Umbria. Enjoy authentic regional cuisine in a local trattoria.

Day 6
Excursion
Walk through Perugia and visit the Duomo, Palazzo dei Priori and the Galleria Nazionale dell’Umbria. Lunch at La Rosetta. On your return to Assisi, visit the village of Deruta where you will stop at a family-owned pottery factory.

Day 7
Excursion
Walking tour of Orvieto, including the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria. After lunch in a local trattoria, continue to Todi to visit the Church of Santa Maria della Consolazione.

Day 8
The day is at leisure in Assisi, with meals served in the hotel.

Exclusive Enrichment
Attend a private recital of Umbrian folk music by a musical troupe, followed by a farewell dinner.

Day 9
Transfer to Rome and board your return flight to the U.S.
THIS VILLAGE LIFE
TRAVEL PROGRAM FEATURES:

In Assisi
♦ Seven nights in the charming Hotel Giotto.
♦ Private welcome reception in the hotel, featuring regional wines and cheeses.
♦ Three meals each day—continental buffet breakfast, two-course lunch and fine three-course Umbrian dinner; tea and coffee included with each meal. Local wines are included with dinner.

All tours and excursions led by accredited local guides, with lunches at small trattorie.
♦ Guided walking tour of Assisi featuring the basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare, and the 1st-century B.C. Temple of Minerva.
♦ Tour of Spello, another jewel of a hilltop village, where cobblestone streets lead to flower-laden windowsills overlooking charming courtyards.
♦ Tour of Spoleto to view Fra Lippo Lippi’s tomb in the town’s 13th-century Cathedral with a local Franciscan friar.
♦ Walking tour of medieval Gubbio, including the 14th-century Palazzo dei Consoli.
♦ A demonstration of traditional Umbrian ceramics production at a pottery shop in Deruta.
♦ Full-day tour of the 13th-century towns of Orvieto and Todi.
♦ Guided tour of Perugia, including the 13th-century Fontana Maggiore, a national treasure, and the fantastic collection of paintings in the Galleria Nazionale dell’Umbria.

A full program of educational and cultural enrichment including:
♦ A Village Forum featuring an informal discussion on life in provincial Umbria with specially selected local townspeople.
♦ A series of lectures about Umbrian history and culture presented by expert, Anne Robichaud.
♦ The opportunity to see the works of master Italian artists from Giotto and Fra Lippo Lippi to Pisano and Bramante and learn how they influenced the development of art and architecture throughout the Renaissance and beyond.
♦ A live performance of Umbrian folk music.
♦ Opportunities to see the Etruscan, Roman and medieval influences on 21st-century living and learn about the preservation of the region’s rich architectural heritage.
♦ Authentic Italian and Umbrian meals at local restaurants and trattorie.

And to enhance your travel experience, we will also provide:
♦ All transfers and luggage handling abroad for all participants who have purchased their air tickets through Gohagan & Company and whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
♦ A hospitality desk at the hotel.
♦ The services of an experienced Program Director throughout the program.
♦ All gratuities for local guides and drivers on included excursions.
♦ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information for each participant.
♦ Automatic $250,000 flight insurance for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The turreted tower of the Palazzo del Consoli overlooks Gubbio, one of the oldest towns in Italy.

**Contract: Terms & Conditions**

**Not Included:** Land taxes; passport fees; visas and fees for obtaining visas; personal expenses such as laundry and telephone calls; accidents/sickness, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; optional sightseeing excursions; excess baggage charges on aircraft; local departure air taxes; airfare and associated local taxes; airport facility taxes and federal inspection fees not listed in the “Included Features” section; transfers and baggage handling to/from airport/hotel on day(s) of arrival and/or departure 1) if you have not purchased your air arrangements through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company, or 2) if you are arriving earlier or later than and/or departing earlier or later than the scheduled group transfer(s); meals and alcoholic beverages not listed in the “Included Features” section; and all other services not specifically mentioned in the “Included Features” section.

**Airfare:** Approximate airfare is based on rates as of November 2005, and is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable. Your airline ticket constitutes a contract between you and the airline (not Thomas P. Gohagan & Company), even if purchased through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.

**Luggage:** Luggage allowance policies are at the sole discretion of the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

**Health:** Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation.

**Discounted Reservations:** Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by March 17, 2006. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is, in effect, a new reservation and can be substituted only after the full-fare tariff. Change and/or cancellation fees apply as outlined in this “Contract: Terms and Conditions” for the “replacement” reservation and the cancelled reservation.

**Cancellation and Refunds:** Cancellations for all or any part of the trip will not be effective until they are received in writing in the offices of Columbia Alumni Travel Study Program. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellations are subject to a $100 per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure. Later cancellations will be subject to the following charges: from 95 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, $500 per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariff; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 75% of the published full regular tariff; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariff. In addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees and administrative fees will be assessed.

We strongly recommend for your protection that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. Further information on insurance options will be sent upon receipt of your reservation.

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In addition and without limitation, Gohagan is not responsible for any injury, loss, death, inconvenience, delay, or damage to person or property in connection with the provision of any goods or services whether resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God or force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, animals, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, sickness, illness, the lack of availability of appropriate medical attention, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation, or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart on time.

If due to weather, flight schedules or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), you will be responsible for your own hotel, transfers and meal costs. Baggage is entirely at owner’s risk. The right is reserved to decline to accept or retain any person as a participant of these trips at any time. Specific room/cabin assignments are within the sole discretion of the hotel/cruise line.

Gohagan reserves the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice. Gohagan shall not be liable for any such changes. Gohagan may cancel a trip for any reason whatsoever; if so, its sole responsibility is to refund monies paid by the participant to it. It is not required to cancel any trip for any reason including without limitation, United States Department of State, World Health Organization or other Warnings or Advisories of any kind. All fares, as well as ship schedules, port calls, hours of arrival and departure, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change without prior notice. Gohagan shall not be required to refund any portion of the fare or make any other compensation under these circumstances. Gohagan is not responsible for any flights or ferries. Group numbers, dates, and features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice.

**Arbitration Agreement:** Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating in any way to these Terms and Conditions, to the Responsibility Clause, to the brochure, or any other information relating in any way to the trip, or to the trip itself, shall be settled solely and exclusively by binding arbitration in Chicago, Illinois, in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association then in effect.

**Acceptance of Contract:** By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.
Rising above Assisi on the slopes of Mount Subasio, the 13th-century Basilica of St. Francis was built in honor of St. Francis and remains one of the most important pilgrimage destinations in all of Europe.

### Tariff

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*Land only, per person, based on double occupancy†

†Plus additional taxes of $195 per person.

Please reserve:

- [ ] Double occupancy (1 bed).
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Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $________ as deposit ($500 per person). Make check(s) payable to 2006 Village Life Assisi and the Umbrian Hill Towns.

Deposits can also be made by credit card; however, all FINAL payments are required to be made in cash, by check or wire transfer by July 5, 2006.

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Signature as it appears on credit card.

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