



ITALIAN ENCOUNTERS: ROME & TUSCANY

March 12-23, 2021 (12 days) with Carleton Professor of History William North



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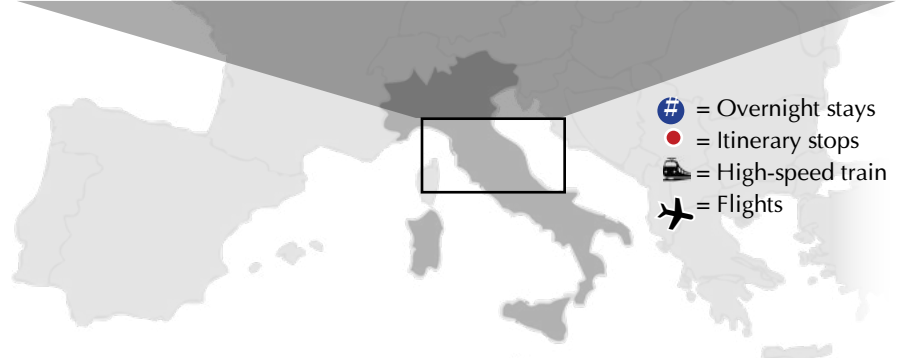


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William North joined the history faculty at Carleton in 1999, after receiving his PhD in medieval history from the University of California, Berkeley, and holding a postdoctoral fellowship in Byzantine Studies at Dumbarton Oaks in Washington, D.C. He has developed courses focused on the

late Roman world, religion and society in the early Middle Ages, and a range of courses focused on the religious and political history of Rome. Bill has spent more than four years living in Italy and regularly co-teaches an off-campus studies program that brings together history, art history, urban studies, and religious studies in Rome, Ravenna, Venice, and Sicily; the content of this program is particularly dear to his heart. In his scholarship and teaching, he is particularly interested in the dynamics of religious, political, and cultural encounter; the role of art and architecture in communicating political and religious ideas and identities; and the ways in which the legacies of the ancient world are preserved and re-appropriated for contemporary purposes, especially within the Mediterranean World. In 2014, Bill co-led an NEH Seminar in Rome on the theme Reform and Renewal in Medieval Rome. In addition to being Professor of History at Carleton, he has directed the European Studies Program and currently co-directs the Medieval and Renaissance Studies Program. Bill enjoys the experience of Alumni Adventures because of the rich and sustained conversations and the deep engagement in both learning and fun that participants seek.



“Bill North couldn’t have been better: compassionate, knowledgeable, attentive to details, relating history when appropriate, well prepared when he gave lectures and just an overall kind person.” – Mary, Illinois

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- Lin, South Dakota



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Photos (top to bottom): Hadrian's Villa, Tivoli; Michelangelo's *Pietà*, Vatican City; Tuscany landscape

Dear Carleton College Alumni and Friends,

You are invited to **travel with Carleton history professor William North and fellow Carls** and immerse yourself in Italian history, art, architecture, and cuisine on this custom-designed, Carleton-exclusive tour of Rome and Tuscany. Scheduled just before peak season, you will enjoy smaller crowds and lower prices.

Enjoy the comfort and convenience of spending **five nights in Rome and five nights in Florence at centrally-located, four-star hotels**. An **expert tour manager and local guides** assist Professor North throughout the program, allowing you to relax, learn, and savor each day.

Highlights along the way include:

- **Two full days in Rome**, including the ancient sites of the **Colosseum, palace of Emperor Nero, House of Augustus, and Forum**; and architectural treasures such as the **Basilica of San Clemente, Chiesa dei Santi Quattro Coronati, Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, and Santa Maria in Trastevere**.
- **Tivoli's magnificent Hadrian's Villa and Villa d'Este**, a superb Renaissance palace, both UNESCO World Heritage sites.
- Spectacular art collections in **Vatican City**, including **St. Peter's Basilica** and the **Sistine Chapel**; and at the **Borghese Gallery**, housed in a 17th-century villa.
- **Two full days in Florence**, where a walking tour of the historic center includes the stunning **Duomo** (cathedral) and Michelangelo's peerless marble sculpture of **David at the Accademia Gallery**. Also visit the famous **Medici's Chapels**, which are masterpieces of Renaissance architecture and sculpture, and the grandiose **Boboli Gardens**.
- A day trip to **Siena** that includes a walking tour of such highlights as the marble-clad Basilica di San Domenico; Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares; and the Duomo, with its Piccolomini Library and Museum.
- A day trip to **Pisa** featuring the Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles), part of the UNESCO World Heritage site **Piazza del Duomo, with the famous campanile (Leaning Tower)**; and **Campo Santo**, with one of the world's largest fresco restorations.
- Special culinary experiences, such as a typical **Roman kosher lunch** in the Jewish Ghetto, a **wine tasting dinner** in Rome's Trastevere neighborhood, **lunch at a winery** between Pisa and Florence, a **home-hosted dinner in Florence**, and a visit to **Siena's historic Caffè Nannini** for a cappuccino break.

Whether or not you have been to Rome and/or Tuscany before, this is a wonderful opportunity to soak in the art, history, and culture of these unmatched destinations with the added benefits of the company and knowledge of Professor North and your fellow travelers. I hope you will contact the Alumni Adventures office today to reserve your space.

Sincerely,

Derek Fried '93

President, Carleton College Alumni Association



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ITINERARY

B=breakfast, L=lunch, R=reception, D=dinner

Friday, March 12, 2021: Fly to Rome

Depart home today on flights to Rome, Italy.

Saturday, March 13: Arrive in Rome, Italy | Private transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner

Upon arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport (FCO), you are met for a private transfer to our hotel in the city center.

The balance of the day is free to relax and perhaps stroll around the neighborhood. This evening we gather for a welcome reception and traditional Roman dinner at our hotel. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel dei Mellini](#) for five nights.* (R,D)

Sunday, March 14: Ancient Rome | PM at leisure

This morning we discover the glories of ancient Rome, visiting Domus Aurea, the glorious former palace of Emperor Nero, now being excavated; and the House of Augustus, Rome's first Emperor, on the Palatine Hill. Continue on to the Arch of Constantine and the Colosseum, Rome's huge amphitheater that accommodated 50,000 spectators. After lunch at a traditional restaurant located a few steps from the Colosseum, you may either return to the hotel or choose to stroll the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, and Santa Maria Antiqua Church. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

Monday, March 15: Tivoli: Hadrian's Villa, Villa d'Este | Rome

Enjoy a full-day excursion to Tivoli, a town hosting some of Italy's top cultural treasures, less than one hour's drive from Rome. Begin at the UNESCO World Heritage site of Emperor Hadrian's Villa, a 2nd-century A.D. complex of buildings featuring marvelous pools, baths, fountains, gardens, theaters, and the Imperial Palace. After an included lunch in Tivoli's charming town center, continue on to another UNESCO World Heritage site, the magnificent Villa d'Este, a superb Renaissance palace whose elaborate garden boasts dozens of fountains. Return to Rome and gather for a lecture and discussion. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

Tuesday, March 16: Religious Rome

This morning we head to the Basilica of San Clemente and the nearby Chiesa dei Santi Quattro Coronati, including a visit (pending confirmation) of its glorious Aula Gotica (Gothic Hall). Cap off the morning paying a visit to the Papal Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore and its museum. Then we head to the Jewish Ghetto for a typical Roman kosher lunch and step into the Synagogue and its museum. After crossing the Tiber River, explore Santa Maria in Trastevere, said to be Rome's oldest church dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)



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Photos (from top): Sistine Chapel ceiling, Vatican City; St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City; the House of Augustus, Rome; (right) Michelangelo's *David* at the Accademia Gallery, Florence

Wednesday, March 17: Vatican City: Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, St. Peter's Basilica | Rome: PM at leisure, wine tasting dinner

Take in the sacred grandeur of Vatican City with a morning visit to its famed museums, housing one of the most important art collections in the world, with masterpieces by Botticelli, Caravaggio, and Raphael, as well as an exceptional collection of antiquities. Also marvel at the Sistine Chapel and the sumptuously decorated Basilica, where we will admire Michelangelo's *Pietà*, the gigantic bronze canopy by Gian Lorenzo Bernini, and the tombs of the Popes. Return to Rome, where lunch and the afternoon are at leisure. Gather this evening for a wine tasting dinner in the lively neighborhood of Trastevere. (B,D)



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Thursday, March 18: Rome: Borghese Gallery | High-speed train to Florence

Visit the Borghese Gallery, housed in a splendid, 17th-century villa with an exceptional art collection, including sculptures by Canova and Bernini plus paintings by Titian, Raphael, and Caravaggio. Enjoy a final Roman lunch before we board a Frecciarossa high-speed train (1.5 hours) to Florence (Firenze). Gather at our hotel for a lecture and discussion, and then dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel L'Orologio Firenze](#) for five nights.* (B,L)



Rape of Proserpina by Bernini at the Borghese Gallery, Rome

Friday, March 19: Florence: Walking tour, Accademia Gallery, dinner at a local home

Set out this morning on a walking tour of Florence's historic center. In Piazza della Repubblica, discover the city's beginnings as a Roman settlement.

Wander through narrow streets past the fortified houses and towers that marked the medieval town, and emerge onto the open Piazza della Signoria, the political center of the city since the Middle Ages. See the Duomo, the Baptistery, and Giotto's bell tower. Stop for lunch at a local *trattoria* and then encounter Michelangelo's peerless *David* and the evocative *Prisoners* (or *Slaves*) at the Accademia Gallery. Cap off the day at a Florentine family's home for dinner. (B,L,D)



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Saturday, March 20: Florence: AM at leisure | PM Medici's Chapels, Boboli Gardens

Relax this morning at our hotel, or pursue individual interests. Alternatively, you may choose to join an optional (included) excursion to the churches of Santa Maria Novella and Santa Croce. Both of these churches have some of the most significant artwork in Florence. After lunch we visit the Medici's Chapels, one of the Italian Renaissance's masterpieces of architecture and sculpture, and then continue on to the grandiose, Italian-style Boboli Gardens, which perfectly marry their natural elements with their architectural features, statues, and fountains. Return to our hotel, where we gather for a lecture and discussion. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)



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Sunday, March 21: Siena walking tour

This morning we drive to Siena and soak up its medieval flavor on a walking tour that includes the Palazzo Pubblico, which contains the famous frescoes of Good and Bad Government by Lorenzetti; Piazza Salimbeni; the Baptistery of San Giovanni; and the colorful, marble-clad Basilica di San Domenico. Savor a cappuccino and *ricciarelli*, a famous Siennese almond cookie, at the historic Caffè Nannini. Continue to the Piazza del Campo, one of Italy's most beautiful squares and host to the thrilling Palio bareback horse races. After lunch, step into the famed Duomo (Cathedral) with the



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FLIGHTS & PRIVATE TRANSFERS

Airfare from/to home is not included. Private transfers are provided upon arrival on March 13th at Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO) and for your departure on March 23rd to Florence Airport (FLR). Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to the tour.

Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

WHAT TO EXPECT

This extraordinary program features a second-to-none educational experience visiting classic sites, staying at 4-star accommodations, and savoring Italian cuisine. You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. In mid-March, the weather in Italy is usually mild. Average daytime temperatures can range from the mid 50s (F) to high 60s (F) and nighttime temperatures can dip to the low 40s (F). *Complete pre-departure details and what to pack will be sent to participants.*

Piccolomini Library, Pinturicchio's masterpiece, the museum, and the crypt. Return to our hotel in Florence, where we gather for a lecture and discussion. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

Monday, March 22: Pisa | Winery lunch | Florence: Farewell dinner

This morning we drive to Pisa and take a tour of the Campo dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles), part of the Piazza del Duomo, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Learn about the famous campanile (Leaning Tower), why it leans, and how it is being preserved. Visit Campo Santo, also known as the Monumental Cemetery, to see one of the world's largest fresco restorations. Lunch will be at a winery on the way back to Florence. The balance of the afternoon is at leisure in Florence before gathering for a festive farewell dinner. (B,L,D)

Tuesday, March 23: Fly home

You are met at the hotel for private transfers to Florence Airport, Peretola (FLR), for flights homeward. (B)

ACCOMMODATIONS

Enjoy the convenience of only unpacking twice on this 10-night tour. Spend five nights in Rome at the [Hotel dei Mellini](#), situated in the heart of Rome on the Tiber River, within walking distance of many attractions. The [Hotel L'Orologio Firenze](#) overlooks Piazza Santa Maria Novella, one of the most beautiful squares of Florence, in the center of town.



[Hotel dei Mellini](#)



[Hotel L'Orologio Firenze](#)



Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (15-19 participants).....	\$6,145
Double Occupancy (10-14 participants).....	\$6,945
Single Supplement	\$1,245

Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).

With fewer than 10 participants, a small group surcharge may be applied.

PRICES INCLUDE:

- **Leadership of Carleton history professor William North**, an expert English-speaking **tour manager**, and **local guides**
- **Ten nights** in two lovely, 4-star hotels
- **Delicious meals:** ten breakfasts; eight lunches, including water/soft drinks and coffee/tea; four dinners, including water/soft drinks, a choice of local beer/house wine, and coffee/tea
- **Special events** including a welcome reception and dinner in Rome, lunch at a winery in Tuscany, and a farewell dinner in Florence
- **Private arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **Ground transportation** in a comfortable private coach with water available at all times, and aboard a Frecciarossa high-speed train from Rome to Florence on March 18th (1.5 hours in business class)
- **All gratuities** for the tour manager, local guides, hotel staff, and servers for all included meals
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **Entrance fees as per program, and all VAT and local taxes**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading guide, travel guide, and packing list

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; all airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals other than those listed in the itinerary; personal tips; items of a personal nature, such as laundry; alcoholic or other beverages except as noted; taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; and other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to "EOS-Passenger Account-CAA Rome Tuscany3/21." Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure or elsewhere published.

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Note: Rates are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing and are subject to change prior to departure. Substantial changes in tariffs, exchange rates, the price of fuel, services, and labor may increase the cost of arrangements significantly, and we reserve the right to alter our prices.

Prices, itinerary, accommodations, and leader are subject to change. Prices quoted are based on group participation and no refunds will be made for any part of the program in which you choose not to participate. It is understood that refunds cannot be made to participants who do not complete the tour for whatever reason.

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“I enjoyed meeting and spending time with the other participants on the trip. Great to meet other Carls and their partners who have interesting perspectives and an enthusiasm for travel and learning.”

-Jay, Utah

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RESERVATION FORM

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To hold your reservation for seven days while this form and your deposit are in the mail, please contact us at 800-811-7244 or carleton@studytours.org.

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Address

City State Zip

Phone (home) Phone (cell)

Email(s)

I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes,

How did you hear about this tour? eNewsletter mailing website friends/family other

ACCOMMODATIONS:

(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

- Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single
I will be sharing with: Share-please assign a roommate (not guaranteed)
Please share my contact information with potential roommate(s).

RESERVATIONS & PAYMENT:

A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to confirm a reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Please note that credit cards are not accepted for final payment. You will receive an invoice for final payment. All prices and payments are in US dollars.

DEPOSIT TYPE (PLEASE CHECK ONE):

- Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-CAA-RomeTuscany3/21 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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Please complete this reservation form, sign the release statement below, enclose your deposit, and "submit" by email, mail, or fax to:

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