

Venice, Florence & Rome with OLLI CSU

Sept 27th – October 8th 2028

Optional Sorrento extension October 8th – 11th 2028



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TOURS

What Our Meeting Will Cover



**Our Travel
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**Tour Highlights
Itinerary, Extension, &
Excursion Options**



**Tour Pricing &
Discounts**



Questions?

Guided tours, expertly crafted



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Authentic local cuisine



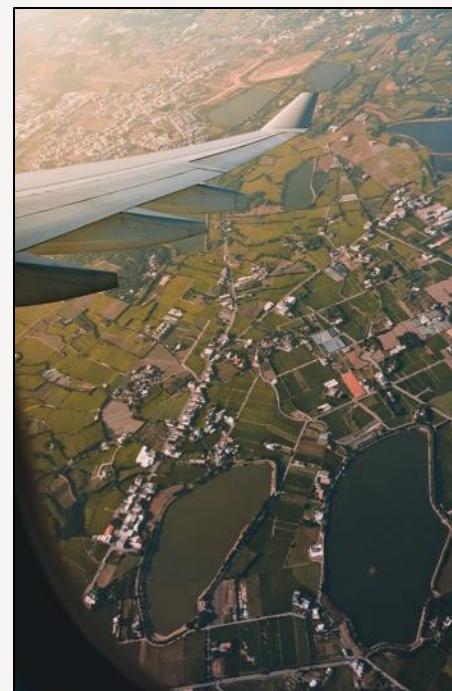
**Expert
Tour
Directors**



**Guided sightseeing
tours**



**Personalized flight
options**



Handpicked hotels



Main Tour: September 27th – October 8th 2028

Sorrento Extension October 8th – 11th 2028

Private Tour for OLLI CSU
Members only

Tour Activity Level

○ Very High

○ High

○ Moderate

○ Low

High

You're on the move on a regular basis and feel confident being out and about making new discoveries. You want to see all the highlights when you travel.

On these tours, you'll

- Walk about 2–3 miles a day (more if you add excursions)
- Be on varying terrain—think city streets, cobblestones, stairs, and hills
- Climb stairs of varying heights often, sometimes without a handrail
- Stand for long periods of time during guided walking tours
- Manage your own luggage
- Climb on and off a motor coach unassisted

Example activities

- Walk alongside ancient ruins
- Explore a royal palace

Inclusions

**10 nights in
handpicked hotels**

Breakfast daily

**3 Dinners with beer or
wine**

**4 sightseeing tours
with local guides**

Expert Tour Director

**Private Deluxe Motor
Coach**

Highlights

- St. Marks Basilica
- Florence Duomo
- Ponte Vecchio
- World-famous Italian Cuisine
- Orvieto
- Roman Forum



Venice → 3 nights

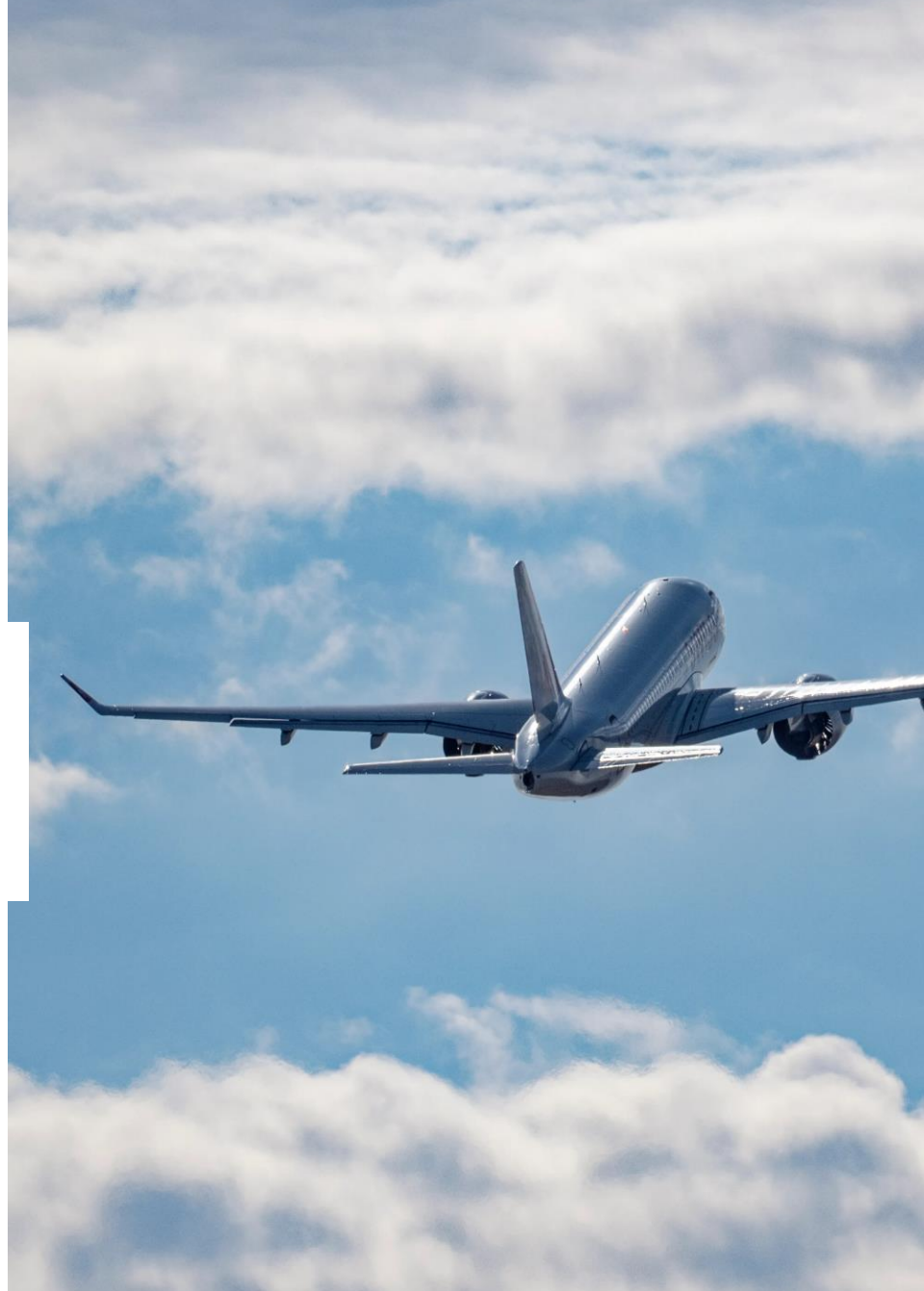
Day 1: Travel day

Board your overnight flight to Venice today.

Day 2: Arrival in Venice

Ψ Included meal: Welcome dinner

Welcome to Italy! Transfer to your hotel and get settled in. Later, meet your group at a welcome dinner, served with beer or wine.



Venice → 3 nights cont.

Day 3: Sightseeing tour of Venice

Ψ Included meal: Breakfast

Sitting atop more than 100 islands, storied Venice is a lattice of historic churches and piazzas, all connected by hundreds of winding canals. Today, meet up with a local guide to get to know the Queen of the Adriatic and discover why the entire city was named a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

- Step onto iconic St. Mark's Square and view St. Mark's Basilica—an opulent, domed church built in the 11th century to house the body of St. Mark the Apostle.
- View the stately Doge's Palace. Now a museum, this masterpiece of Venetian Gothic architecture once served as both the residence of the Doge (or Duke, the supreme authority of the Republic of Venice) and the seat of the Venetian government.
- Marvel at the attached Bridge of Sighs. Built in 1600 to link the New Prison to the Doge's Palace, the Ponte dei Sospiri (as it's known in Italian) drew its name from the legend that prisoners would sigh at their last view of Venice before descending to their cells.
- See a traditional glassblowing demonstration and learn about Venice's most celebrated art form, whose roots in the city date back to the 10th century.

Then, laze a free afternoon away at a canalside cafe, watching gondolas float by—or add an optional excursion to board one yourself.

+ Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise



Venice → 3 nights cont.

Day 4: Free day in Venice

Ψ Included meal: Breakfast

Spend today at your leisure. If you're interested, sail off on an optional outing to the islands of Torcello—where Venice was first settled—and Burano.



Islands of the Venetian Lagoon: Burano & Torcello

From \$99 per person

[See details](#)

🕒 FREE TIME SUGGESTIONS

If you'd prefer to stay on dry land, sample cicchetti (small bites typical of the region) and wash it all down with a Venetian spritz: a local riff on the famous summer drink made using Select instead of Aperol.

+ Islands of the Venetian Lagoon: Burano & Torcello



Florence → 3 nights

Day 5: Transfer to Florence & sightseeing tour

Ψ Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner

Today, travel through the scenic Apennine Mountains to Florence—Tuscany’s capital and the world’s greatest treasure trove of Renaissance art and architecture. Get to know the city with a local guide.

- Head to Florence’s UNESCO-listed historic center and view its exquisite, 15th-century cathedral—the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore, or Duomo, which is the world’s third-largest church.
- Pass Giotto’s Campanile, or bell tower, a masterpiece of Gothic architecture that rises nearly 280 feet above the city and features the same red, white, and green marble found on the Duomo’s facade.
- Walk past the Piazza della Repubblica, one of Florence’s main squares, to the medieval Ponte Vecchio, an iconic bridge that spans the Arno River and has been lined with shops since the 13th century.
- Stroll along the Arno River and through the Uffizi Gallery’s courtyard to the Piazza della Signoria—a beautiful square that’s situated just outside Palazzo Vecchio and is home to several notable statues, including a replica of Michelangelo’s David and the Fountain of Neptune.

This evening, join your fellow travelers at a local restaurant for an included dinner, served with beer or wine.



Florence → 3 nights cont.

Day 6: Free day in Florence

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast

To strike out into the famous hills of the Tuscan countryside, add today's excursion to the medieval settlements of Siena and San Gimignano. Otherwise, hang back in Florence and revel in the remnants of the Renaissance that surround you.

+ Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hill Towns

Day 7: Free day in Florence

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast

From Pisa's leaning campanile to one of Michaelangelo's many masterpieces, you'll come face-to-face with even more of Tuscany's wonders on today's excursions.

+ The Leaning Tower of Pisa
+ Accademia Gallery



Rome → 4 nights

Day 8: Rome via Orvieto

Ψφ Included meal: Breakfast

You'll end the day in Rome—but you'll make one stop en route. Dominated by a monumental cathedral, the town of Orvieto stands on the summit of a flat, rocky hill, towering over its surroundings in stunning fashion. Ascend via funicular; tour its Gothic cathedral, the Duomo di Orvieto; and enjoy some free time to explore before continuing to your final destination.

Day 9: Sightseeing tour of Rome

Ψφ Included meal: Breakfast

Follow in the footsteps of the ancient Romans—and soak up more than 2,000 years of imperial history—on a guided, immersive tour of the city. Transfer by bus to the archeological site of Ancient Rome, where a local guide will bring the ruins to life.

- Stop outside the iconic Colosseum, a nearly 2,000-year-old amphitheater that's both a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the Seven New Wonders of the World.
- Follow the Via Sacra, the ancient Sacred Way that runs along the foot of Palatine Hill, leading you directly into the heart of the Roman Forum.
- Pass through the Arch of Titus as you enter the Forum, a first-century honorific arch that marked triumphal processions into the city center.
- Marvel at the grand Basilica of Maxentius, once one of the largest buildings in the ancient city, and pass the Temple of Vesta, where the sacred flame of Rome was tended by Vestal Virgins.
- View the Curia Iulia, the ancient Senate House where Rome's political elite debated the fate of an empire, and the Temple of Divus Julius, dedicated to Julius Caesar himself.
- Enjoy free time to wander through the Forum on your own, surrounded by ancient ruins and the echoes of a civilization that shaped the world.

Please note: Travelers should have their passport information confirmed at least 30 days prior to departure to ensure we can secure tickets for entrance to the Roman Forum.

After your sightseeing tour, track down dinner in a trattoria (specializing in simple dishes), osteria (focusing on light bites and great wines), or traditional ristorante. Want to get your hands dirty? Add our optional excursion to make your own pasta—and eat it, too!



+ Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

Rome → 4 nights cont.

Day 10: Free day in Rome

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast

Some of the holiest places in the Catholic faith can be found in Rome—specifically in the sovereign Vatican City. Add today's excursion to visit the blessed landmarks of the world's smallest country (think: St. Peter's Basilica and the Sistine Chapel) or stay in Rome and explore on your own.

+ Iconic Sights: Vatican City

Day 11: Free day in Rome

Ψϣ Included meals: Breakfast, Farewell dinner

Spend your last full day on tour basking in the Italian sun, or descend into the depths of Rome's ancient catacombs on our optional excursion to encounter a different side of the city's history. Whatever you choose, you'll reunite with your group in the evening for a multi-course farewell dinner, served with beer or wine and accompanied by live music.

+ Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs



Rome → 4 nights cont.

Day 12: Departure

Ψ Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home, or head south and extend your stay by a few more days. Island resorts, sun-soaked shores, and the sparkling waters of the Tyrrhenian Sea? It could only be the Sorrento Peninsula.

Optional Sorrento Peninsula Extension → 3 nights

Day 12: Sorrento Peninsula via Pompeii

Ψ Included meal: Breakfast

Drive through the countryside of the Lazio region and into Campania, home of the Sorrento Peninsula. But before arriving at your ultimate destination, you'll stop in Pompeii—an ancient city, frozen in time, where excavated ruins unveil the daily routines and defining tragedy of a bygone civilization.

Tour Pompeii's well-preserved streets, houses, and public buildings to glimpse life in first-century Rome and learn how the settlement was buried by a cataclysmic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Afterward, complete the last leg of your journey to the Sorrento Peninsula and settle into your hotel for the night.



Optional Sorrento Peninsula Extension → 3 nights cont.

Day 13: Free day on the Sorrento Peninsula

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast

Looking to fill your day with some group outings? Add our optional morning excursion to the resort island of Capri, then follow it up with a sommelier-led, four-course dinner at an agriturismo, or farm stay.

+ Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

+ Rustic Italy: Dinner & Wine Tasting

Day 14: Free day on the Sorrento Peninsula

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast

To cap your tour with one of Italy's finest highlights, join our optional excursion to Amalfi and explore the town that lends its name to one of the world's most famous coastlines.

+ A Day on the Amalfi Coast

Day 15: Departure

Ψϣ Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.

Optional Sorrento Peninsula Extension → 3 nights cont.

Day 15: Departure

Ψ Included meal: Breakfast (excluding early morning departures)

Transfer to the airport for your flight home.



Excursions (Optional Extra Adventures)



Gondola Ride: Venice Canal Cruise

- 📍 Day 3
- 🕒 25 minutes, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$95 per person

More than 100 canals crisscross Venice, and boarding a sleek, black gondola to explore them has become a time-honored tradition. On this memorable excursion, join your fellow travelers for a tour through the canals of Venice, with a gondolier deftly guiding your boat along.

Please note: This excursion runs as weather permits, and travelers should feel comfortable getting into and out of the gondolas. A private, two-person gondola ride is available for an additional cost.



Siena & San Gimignano: Tuscan Hill Towns

- 📍 Day 6
- 🕒 10 hours, departs in the morning
- 💰 From \$145 per person

Discover the essence of Tuscany on a full-day excursion. In Siena, a local guide introduces you to the town and its black-and-white marble duomo, where you'll find brilliantly colored 16th-century frescoes in the Piccolomini Library. You'll have some free time to explore the Campo, the square that serves as the center of civic life in Siena. Then, journey through the countryside to the town of San Gimignano, where you'll have some free time to explore the city's medieval towers or simply admire the Tuscan hills. Later, you'll head to a nearby vineyard, where an included wine tasting awaits. Please note: This excursion involves a moderate amount of walking across hilly terrain with some steep inclines.



Islands of the Venetian Lagoon: Burano & Torcello

- 📍 Day 4
- 🕒 5 hours, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$99 per person

Visit the islands of the Venetian lagoon, a favorite day trip for locals and travelers alike. First travel by water taxi to Torcello, where the story of Venice began. It was here that mainlanders sought a safe haven from invading barbarians. Step inside the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta, whose famous mosaics depict The Last Judgement. The next stop is the tiny fishing village of Burano, where brightly colored homes greet visitors. Wander as you please throughout Burano, and be sure to stop in at the island's bakeries.



The Leaning Tower of Pisa

- 📍 Day 7
- 🕒 6.5 hours, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$115 per person

Travel through the Tuscan countryside for a visit to Pisa's Piazza dei Miracoli, or Field of Miracles, to see the famed Leaning Tower. Admire the Pisan Romanesque marble facade of the adjacent UNESCO-listed 11th-century cathedral before stepping inside. Then, gaze at Giovanni Pisano's Gothic pulpit inside the Baptistery of St. John. End your time with a gelato tasting. Please note, entrance into the tower is not included.

Excursions (Optional Extra Adventures)



Accademia Gallery

- 📍 Day 7
- 🕒 2 hours, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$75 per person

Home to Michelangelo's masterpiece David, the Accademia Gallery is one of the most famous museums in Florence. Skip the ticket lines, and join a local guide on a tour of the museum as you learn about Renaissance art history and view a variety of pieces, including the marble statue of David.



Pasta-Making Class & Dinner

- 📍 Day 9
- 🕒 4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included
- 💰 From \$125 per person

In this hands-on cooking class led by an experienced Italian chef, you'll learn to make pasta—perhaps pillowy ravioli, or castellane, a ridged shell pasta that's rolled into a long, oval shape—using traditional techniques you can keep on practicing when you get back home. Then, sit down for dinner and enjoy the dishes you've prepared, along with wine.



Iconic Sights: Vatican City

- 📍 Day 10
- 🕒 3.5 hours, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$139 per person

This guided tour takes you inside Vatican City—a UNESCO World Heritage Site and one of the most sacred places in Christendom. This independent city-state within Rome serves as the headquarters of the Roman Catholic Church and is home to the Pope. Upon arrival, turn on your pre-distributed headset and dive into the Vatican's rich history with your local guide. First, visit the Vatican Museums, which are more than 500 years old and house many of the world's most important Classical- and Renaissance-era sculptures. Next, step inside the Sistine Chapel, whose frescoed ceiling is arguably Michelangelo's greatest masterpiece. Finally, pay a visit to the enormous St. Peter's Basilica, the epicenter of the Roman Catholic faith. The artists who have contributed to its glory are some of the best Italy has ever known—Bramante, Peruzzi, Raphael, and Michelangelo. Masterpieces await at every turn, from Bernini's magnificent bronze canopy to Michelangelo's Madonna della Pietà.



Ancient Rome: St. Paul's Basilica & the Catacombs

- 📍 Day 11
- 🕒 4 hours, departure time varies
- 💰 From \$99 per person

Descend into Rome's ancient catacombs, where early Christians buried saints and popes alongside commoners. A local guide will lead you through the burial chambers before your visit to St. Paul's Basilica, one of the four most important basilicas of Rome. Originally founded by Constantine the Great, the Basilica also houses the tomb of St. Paul.

Please note: Shorts and sleeveless shirts are not permitted within the Basilica. Also, this excursion involves extensive walking and may be challenging for claustrophobic travelers.

Excursions on the Extension



Capri: A Day on the Iconic Island

📍 Day 13 | with extension

🕒 8 hours, departs in the morning

💰 From \$145 per person

Travel by ferry to the fabled isle of Capri, a beloved resort since the days of the Roman Republic. Weather permitting, you'll enjoy a boat ride around the island. Later, you'll enjoy free time to discover why everyone from Roman emperors to Sophia Loren has spent their vacations in Capri. If the weather prohibits a boat ride, you'll travel to the village of Anacapri, which offers stunning views of the surrounding scenery.

Please note: This excursion is weather-dependent. Travelers prone to seasickness should take the proper precautions.

Rustic Italy: Dinner & Wine Tasting

📍 Day 13 | with extension

🕒 4 hours, departs in the evening, dinner included

💰 From \$135 per person

Take a short trip outside of Sorrento for a cultural experience at a rustic countryside estate. Here you'll have a chance to explore the lush gardens, cultivated fields, and vegetation typical of many Mediterranean regions—breathing in the scents of citrus and herbs that thrive in this sun-drenched landscape. After touring the grounds, savor an aperitif of prosecco, meant to stimulate the appetite. A four-course dinner will follow, complete with a wine tasting led by an experienced sommelier. After an evening experiencing the Italian art of eating in this idyllic natural setting, return to Sorrento. Please note: This excursion is seasonal and runs from March through October and inclusions may vary based on season. In addition, climbing stairs and walking is required in order to tour the grounds.



A Day on the Amalfi Coast

📍 Day 14 | with extension

🕒 8 hours, departs in the morning

💰 From \$139 per person

Head to the Sorrento port this morning and board a ferry to sail on a mini-cruise along the stunning Amalfi Coast. During your cruise, pass the famous Fiordo di Furore and take in the picturesque views of the famous coast. Upon arrival in Amalfi, admire its meandering streets and historic sites, including the architecturally stunning Cathedral of St. Andrew. Enjoy an included entrance to the unique, 13th-century cathedral, which houses relics of St. Andrew the Apostle. Then, spend free time shopping or relaxing over a leisurely lunch. End your time on the Amalfi Coast with a taste of delizia al limone, a local lemon dessert, before you travel back to your hotel on the ferry.

Please note, this excursion is weather-dependent and runs from April through the end of October.



Your Travel Coverage Options



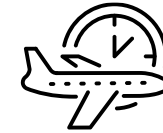
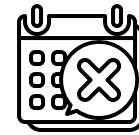
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1. BASIC TRIP PROTECTION \$349

2. TOTAL TRIP PROTECTION \$449*

*WHEN YOU ADD OUR TRIP PROTECTION PLAN WITHIN THREE DAYS OF ENROLLING ON TOUR, YOU'LL RECEIVE:

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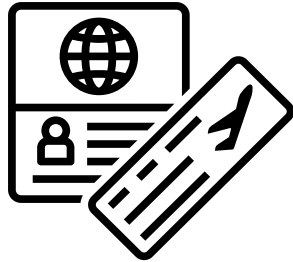
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****Adjustments to standard flights package will come at an additional cost**

Travel Documents



What You'll Need to Travel:

Passport

If you're a U.S. or Canadian citizen, you'll need a valid passport that doesn't expire for at least six months after you return home.

Check those dates now- future you will thank you!

Country Entry Requirements

Each country has its own rules, and we'll help make sure you're ready. This could include:

-  Visas
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per person
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\$4,859 per person without flights (or)

\$6,775 per person - flights from DEN (\$1,916)

(Other Gateways are also available for departure if you prefer to depart from a different airport!)

Single Occupancy: (\$1,050)

\$5,909 per person without flights (or)

\$7,825 per person with flights out of DEN (\$1,916)

**** limited amount of single rooms** (5)**

Highly Recommended:

☐ Insurance \$449/\$349 per person

Sorrento Extension - \$959

Excursions – *always optional*

Additional discounts for repeat travelers and those that add the flight package until the end of the month

Up to \$350 per person!

**\$282 per month for
23 Months w
flights**

**\$203 per month for
23 months w/o
flights**

**30
Spots!**

What You're Responsible For:



Tips

Plan for \$12–\$15 USD per day in tips. It's a meaningful way to recognize the amazing crew who help make your trip seamless.

Non-Included Meals

Some meals aren't included- your perfect excuse to try that cozy local restaurant or a quick street food stop. Your Tour Director will be your insider foodie guide!

Daily Spending Money

Whether it's an artisan scarf, a scoop of gelato, or a unique keepsake, having a little extra budget lets you enjoy the unexpected.

Overweight or Extra Luggage

Bringing home more than you packed? We get it! Just keep in mind that any airline fees for overweight or additional bags are your responsibility.

Passport Reminder

Make sure your passport is valid for at least 6 months after your return date- future you will thank you at airport security!

Reserve Your Spot Today !



Enrollment is open!

✓ Spots are limited and available on a first come first serve basis.

✓ Secure your spot today for as little as \$99 down

✓ Spots open to all OLLI CSU Members

 \$150 off when you reserve by October 27th + additional \$100 off if you add flights before EOM



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Hours:

Mon-Fri 9:00am–7:30pm Est

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