

SIENA AND TUSCANY

October 14 – 21, 2007

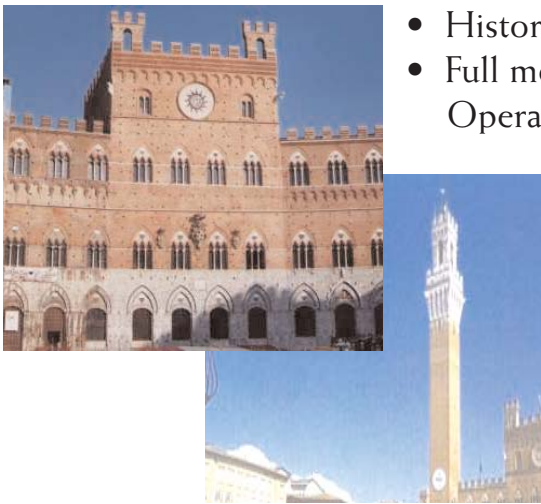
With Post-Trip Extension to Florence
October 21 – 24, 2007



John Brewer is the Eli and Edye Broad Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences. His wide array of interests includes European cultural history, early modern European history, early modern British history and literature, the history of cultural patrimony, the history of consumerism, and the history of collecting. Well-versed in the rich history, culture, art, and literature of Europe, he will add insight to all aspects of the travel program. His recent work focuses on the issues of value in the world of visual arts. Dr. Brewer explores the art world by examining the shared struggle of value, ownership and meaning of art, as well as its conflicts surrounding who decides the worth and proprietary ownership of it.



Just a Few Trip Highlights



- Historic orientation tour of Siena.
- Full morning visit of the Cathedral, with a private visit of the Opera del Duomo Cathedral Archives.
 - Full afternoon guided tour of the Museo dell'Opera dell' Duomo with private visit of the new excavations underneath the cathedral.
 - Morning visit to Palazzo Pubblico including a talk on the controversial Guidoriccio fresco with Gordon Moran.
 - Visit to the Pinacoteca and the Baptistery.
 - Morning tour of Volterra with lunch at Palazzo Viti followed by a visit to San Gimignano.
 - Private after-hours visit to the Civetta Contrada museum followed by dinner in the Castellare degli Ugurgeri of the Contrada.
- Full day excursion to the Chianti hilltop village of Volpaia. Cooking demonstration, wine and olive oil tasting followed by lunch with the owner and winemaker, Giovannella Stianti-Mascheroni.
- Morning visit to Monte Oliveto Maggiore and Montalcino with a private lunch at the winery of Gianni Brunelli.
- Curator-guided visit of Santa Maria della Scala and the Chigiana private art collection.

FLORENCE

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- Private visit to the Corsini Palace Collection with Princess Giorgiana Corsini, including paintings by Botticelli, Signorelli, Bellini, Ghirlandaio and others.



- Private dinner at Palazzo Corsini with Prince and Princess Corsini.
- Morning visit to the Church of San Lorenzo with Brunelleschi's architecture, Michelangelo's Laurentian Library, and the Medici Chapel.
- Lunch and private visit to Palazzo Ginori with Barone and Baronessa Ginori.



- Visit and aperitivo in the Strozzi-Guicciardini Palace with Irina Storzzi Guicciardini.
- Private visit to the Uffizi gallery with special entry to the Vasari Corridor.
- Afternoon visit to the Pitti Palace Collections and Boboli Gardens.
- Private visit in the 18th century ballroom of the Sibbert Museum.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Grand Hotel Continental, Siena

This aristocratic mansion was built in the 17th century by the great Baroque architect Giovanni Fontana for the Gori family. It has been painstakingly renovated to a beautiful 5-star hotel while preserving its history. Located on the Banchi di Sopra in the heart of Siena, the hotel is just a stroll away from the wonderful Piazza del Campo. The rooms are beautifully decorated and each have marble bathrooms with luxurious amenities. Service is befitting this 5-star property.



Post-trip extension - Westin Excelsior, Florence

A century-old palace on the banks of the Arno, this is the kind of place where the Presidential Suite is used by actual presidents. The Ponte Vecchio and the Uffizi Gallery are a stone's throw away, and the views are breathtaking. The interiors are decorated in a variety of local styles spanning the 17th and 18th centuries with Oriental rugs and antiques. Named on the 2005 and 2006 Condé Nast Traveler Gold Lists, the hotel was also recognized in 2005 as one of the "Top 75 Hotels in Europe."

TRIP COSTS:

Siena and Tuscany	\$ 5,480.00 per person based on double occupancy
	\$ 685.00 single supplement
Florence	\$ 2,795.00 per person based on double occupancy
	\$ 625.00 single supplement

For the full itinerary, inclusions, terms and conditions, please consult the trip website at

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