

# Your ticket to Tuscany

The Alumni Association is offering an exclusive educational and travel experience to Tuscany, Italy. Alumni and friends will spend seven nights in the ancient Etruscan city of Cortona. In partnership with AHI Travel, the adventure begins May 7 and concludes on the 15th (tentative dates). Highlights include learning the essence of Tuscan cooking,



tasting wines, seeing architectural wonders and getting to know Italy through programs presented by local experts.

From the innovations of the Etruscans to the enlightenment of the Renaissance, Tuscany is a region steeped in history and human achievement. Let the charming village of Cortona be your base as you travel through the surrounding Tuscan hill country, admiring the beauty of the land. In Siena, navigate narrow cobblestone streets lined with Gothic buildings, visit the city's magnificent duomo, and stroll the

Piazza del Campo, one of the loveliest squares in Italy. Then, journey to tiny Montepulciano, set in the heart of Chianti Country. In Umbria, explore two walled cities: medieval Assisi, home to the exquisite basilica of St. Francis; and Perugia, an ancient Etruscan city-state. Finally, experience the brilliant artistic and architectural heritage of Florence, the cradle of the Renaissance.

Here's a daily itinerary:

*Day 1:* Depart your gateway city for Florence, Italy.

*Day 2:* Upon arrival, transfer to Hotel San Luca in Cortona. In the evening, gather with fellow travelers for a welcome reception and dinner.

*Day 3:* Take a walking tour of Cortona, its historic palazzi and charming piazzas. Visit the Romanesque cathedral and Diocesan Museum. Then tour the breathtaking hill country surrounding Cortona. Tour a winery and sample

its superb vintages and fine local cheeses.

*Day 4:* Visit the magnificent walled city of Assisi, including the basilica of Santa Maria dei Angeli and the basilica of St. Francis. Then head on to Perugia and its fontana Maggiore and the Prior's Palace, which houses the National Gallery of Umbria.

*Day 5:* Travel to Montepulciano, a town of Renaissance-style palazzi and churches. Stroll along the main street, chat with artisans and peek into wine cellars filled with famous vino nobile. Then visit the Museum of the Etruscan Academy, filled with archaeological finds and ancient works of art.

*Day 6:* See Siena's Piazza del Campo, one of the loveliest squares in Italy, the 14th-century Torre del Mangia, the Gaia fountain and the dramatic gothic duomo.

*Day 7:* A full day in Florence. A guided tour highlights the city's art and architecture. Then spend some time pursuing your own interests.

*Day 8:* Attend a presentation of Tuscan cooking and cuisine given by the skilled staff of Restaurant Tonino. A graduation ceremony will be held in the evening, followed by a festive farewell reception and dinner.

*Day 9:* Fly out of the Florence airport to your gateway city.

The approximate cost is \$2,295 (without airfare). Call the Alumni Association for more information or to sign up!

## INTRODUCING BRAD HAMEL



Brad Hamel '99 BS has been hired as assistant director of Alumni Operations at NMU. Brad is responsible for managing memberships and other revenue-generating programs such as the NMU license plate, the affinity credit card, alumni travel and merchandising. Prior to joining the Alumni team, Brad spent the last seven years with the Intercollegiate Athletics and Recreational Sports Department at NMU, ending his time there as ticket manager. "I am a lifelong resident of the

Upper Peninsula and look forward to hearing the great experiences that the alumni of NMU have to share," said Hamel.

## NORTHERN NETWORK GOING STRONG

As reported in the last *Horizons*, the new Northern Network is a social and professional networking opportunity exclusively for NMU alumni. You can connect with old friends, find a job with the help of other alums or recruit talented NMU candidates to your company. More than 3,000 alumni are already registered. "I really like the InCircle community," writes Becky Weber '05. "It is nice in the fact that it is just for NMU people and not open to other schools. I have already connected with one friend from college who I hadn't talked to in a long time."

The Northern Network is now even easier to use. It has been redesigned to help you connect with the people you care most about. Log in and see for yourself: <https://nmu.affinitycircles.com>.

## SAVE ON OFFICE SUPPLIES

NMU's office supply vendor, Office Depot, now offers the same discounts received by the university to its alumni membership. The discounts you receive were competitively bid and won by Office Depot.

To take advantage of the program, contact the NMU Alumni Office, [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu), 906-227-1026; 1-877-GRAD-NMU). Provide your contact information and an Office Depot account manager will contact you within 48 hours with your own personal login and password. Then you can order online and start saving. Orders over \$50 are delivered free and guaranteed within two business days, but are usually received the next day. Discounts are also offered in-store.

## Missing/Lost Alumni

We know they're out there. Can you help us locate these people?

**Thomas Aartila '82**  
**John P. Abbott '71**  
**Ellen Mae Arnell-Marcell '63**  
**Jessica R. Baublitz '92**  
**Ellen M. Baxter '85**  
**Denise C. Brauner '94**  
**Lorraine C. Chigi '66**  
**Rodney A. Chimner '90**  
**Lawrence E. Easley '72**  
**James T. Eckhout '76**  
**Thomas K. Halcro '73**  
**Frank T. Halford '77**  
**Candy A. (Elore) Lala '94**  
**Emily L. Lamppa '79**  
**Betsy D. Oja '95**

If you can help, please drop us a note at [alumni@nmu.edu](mailto:alumni@nmu.edu) or call toll free 1-877-GRAD NMU.

## Lifetime Members

We'd like to thank the following people who have recently joined as lifetime members of the NMU Alumni Association.

**Peggy S. (Borch) Barber '89**  
**Sarah N. Bottrell '29**  
**Yvonne M. (Smith) Cameron '84**  
**John B. DeKeyser '77**  
**Robert D. '62, '92 and Ethel J. (Saari) '62, '69 Dobson**  
**Dolores T. (Adamavich) Doepke '87**  
**David J. '80 and Roseanne (Burns) '82 Eichenhofer**  
**Karl F. Elles '75**  
**Robert J. Howe '88**  
**David M. Kelly '88**  
**Joseph E. Kelly '77**  
**Gregory J. Feamster '93**  
**Nancy Harris-Glassner '62**  
**Jon "Jack" '71 and Jeanne (Weinert) LaSalle '71**

**Kelsey S. '98 and Julie K. (Reinacher) '97 Mann**  
**Katherine L. (Davis) Miller '79**  
**Warner M. Palmer '80**  
**Susan K. (La Combe) Parker '73**  
**Carson L. Rizor '03**  
**Robert A. '84 and Tanya M. (Rajala) '83 Selden**  
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**James E. '82 and Christine A. (Goodman) '82 Speaker**  
**Don W. Stacks '71**  
**Scott W. Thum '97**  
**Joy D. (Gorsalitz) Vertinden '94**  
**William and Wilma (Erickson) Verrette Scott '81 and Jill '78 White**

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