



Tour Italy with Prof. Bill Cook '66 June 12 - June 25, 2010

Join alumni and friends of Wabash College for an extraordinary tour of Florence, Siena, Assisi, and the Italian countryside with world-renowned historian Professor Bill Cook '66.



Spend five nights in Florence, four in Siena, and three in Assisi touring the cities and the Tuscany region. While in Italy, visit some of the most famous art galleries, museums, and churches; shop Florence's finest jewelry and clothiers; picnic under the Tuscan sun; taste some of the best wines and cheeses in the world; and learn from one of the brightest historians in the field of Italian Renaissance art.



About Professor Cook

Bill is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Wabash, where he was a brother of Lambda Chi Alpha and a member of the Glee Club. With a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, Bill headed east to Cornell University, where he completed his Ph.D. in medieval history. Since 1970, he has taught at the State University of New York at Geneseo and currently holds the rank of Distinguished Teaching Professor. For the past two years, Bill has served Wabash as Visiting Professor of Religion and History.



The author of four books and numerous articles about medieval and Renaissance history, Bill is internationally known as a speaker. In recent years, he has presented programs for Friends of Florence, an organization devoted to restoring art in Tuscany, and YPO, an international organization of CEOs. In addition to Italy, Bill has also been an invited speaker in Mexico, England, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, France, Ireland, Greece, Turkey, Kenya, Japan, and China.



Professor Cook has won many teaching awards including three at the national level. In 2009, Bill took two groups of Wabash students to Italy for study—one group followed the life of St. Francis of Assisi and the other focused on Renaissance Art.

Tentative Itinerary

Day 1: Saturday, June 12—USA

Depart from USA (JFK) to Florence, Italy.

Day 2: Sunday, June 13—Florence

We will settle into our hotel and have an opportunity to walk around the city. We will also visit the Cathedral and see Brunelleschi's Dome.

Day 3: Monday, June 14—Florence

Thanks to Professor Cook's connections, on our first full day in Florence we will be treated to a private visit in the Uffizi Gallery. We will visit the Bargello to see statues by Michelangelo and Donatello. This day will also include some free time for shopping and relaxing.

Day 4: Tuesday, June 15—Florence

On Tuesday we will see Michelangelo's breathtaking David at the Accademia. We will also visit some little-known art treasures near the Accademia, and visit the Church of Santa Maria Novella where we will see paintings by Giotto, Masaccio, and Ghirlandaio.

Day 5: Wednesday, June 16—Florence

We will start the day by visiting Michelangelo's home. We will then travel to Santa Croce where we will see Giotto frescoes and the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. We will also stop at the tiny chapel of San Martino.

Day 6: Thursday, June 17—Florence

Enjoy a free morning to relax or sightsee on your own. In the afternoon, we will visit Brancacci Chapel to see Masaccio frescoes. We will also see Medici Palace and City Hall.

Day 7: Friday, June 18—Florence, San Gimignano, Siena

On the way out of Florence we will stop for a last view and visit the 11th-century church of San Miniato. We will also visit Machiavelli's villa, where he wrote *The Prince*. Lunch will be at Machiavelli's Inn before an afternoon at San Gimignano, a glorious hill town. Later in the day, we will arrive in Siena.

Day 8: Saturday, June 19—Siena

This day begins with a visit to the cathedral complex of Siena and a stroll through the streets of this medieval city. While touring Siena, we will visit a 1,000-year-old hospital.

Day 9: Sunday, June 20—Siena, Montalcino, Pienza

Our day will be spent in the country visiting a Benedictine abbey with monks founded in the 12th century. The day will also include a picnic in the hill town of Montalcino and a look around the Renaissance hill town of Pienza. We will then enjoy a regional dinner at one of Siena's finest restaurants.





Day 10: Monday, June 21—Siena

We will visit the city hall of Siena and peek into several interesting medieval churches. The day will also include some time for relaxation and sightseeing on your own.

Day 11: Tuesday, June 22—Siena, Cortona, Assisi

We will board the bus for Assisi with a stop in Cortona, the city from *Under the Tuscan Sun*. We will have lunch on Lake Trasimeno before our arrival in Assisi.

Day 12: Wednesday, June 23—Assisi, Montefalco, Spoleto

In the morning, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis. During the afternoon, we will take a bus to the beautiful hill town of Montefalco, then enjoy dinner in the country near Spoleto.

Day 13: Thursday, June 24—Assisi

We will return to the Basilica of St. Francis and visit other sights connected to the saint, including his hermitage, the Carceri. We will then feast at our final banquet at a fine restaurant in Assisi, La Fortezza.

Day 14: Friday, June 25—Assisi, Rome, USA

We will depart for Rome by bus for our flight to the USA. For those wishing to stay in Rome for a few additional days, Dr. Cook will travel with you by train from the airport to downtown Rome and assist you in finding your lodging.



Tour Cost

- \$3,850 per person based on double occupancy.
- Additional \$600 for optional single-room supplement.
- \$500 per person non-refundable deposit is due with registration. The balance is due by Wednesday, April 28, 2010.

Tour Includes

- Airfare in coach from JFK to Florence and from Rome back to JFK.
- Ground transportation in Italy.
- All airport taxes and fuel charges.
- Meeting, assistance, and transfers at airports.
- Admission to historic sites and museums.
- Headsets for tours.
- Deluxe accommodations in 3- and 4-star hotels.
- Breakfast daily at the hotels and approximately six additional meals.

Tour Does Not Include

- Tips for any extra services.
- Laundry.
- Meals (other than those listed above).
- Insurance.
- Alcoholic beverages (except wine at prepaid meals).

For additional information on possible extension trips please contact Jerry Bowie at (765)361-6438 or bowiej@wabash.edu.

Reservations and Cancellation Policies

Reservation and Payment

A deposit of \$500 is due to Wabash College at the time of booking. Final payment will be due by April 28, 2010. No booking will be considered final until full payment is received. No bookings will be accepted after April 28, 2010. Space is limited.

Cancellation and Refunds

Cancellations must be received by Wabash College in writing. Cancellations received before April 28, 2010 will have a penalty of \$500 per person. Cancellations received between April 29 and June 4, 2010 will have a penalty of 50 percent per person. Cancellations received after June 4, 2010 or “no shows” will receive no refund. No refund will be made for transfers, city tours, or any other services (including meals, accommodations, or transportation voluntarily not used or taken).

Insurance

We recommend that all participants obtain travel insurance. Travelex is one company that offers insurance for trip cost, trip cancellation and interruption, and pays for loss due to unforeseen circumstance, death, injury, or illness to you or a member of your family. It can include coverage for missed connections due to weather, pays for lost deposits due to the financial default of the airline, or Wabash College. It pays for baggage delays, travel delays, medical expenses, emergency assistance, and more. Visit www.travelex.com for details.

Responsibility

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Registration form:

Return this form with \$500 deposit per person (checks made out to *Wabash College*) to Jerry Bowie, Wabash College, PO Box 352, Crawfordsville, IN 47933 or call (765)361-6438. Each member of your travel party must complete this form.

Full name as it appears on passport _____

Passport # _____ Expiration date _____

Place of issue _____

Date of birth _____

E-mail address _____

Home address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Work phone _____

Mobile phone _____

Will you be returning with the group on June 25? Yes No

Payment

Check enclosed Credit card MC Visa Discover

Credit card # _____

Expiration date _____

Name as it appears on credit card _____

Signature _____

