Italian Immersion 2019
Mantua and the Hidden Gems of Northern Italy

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Dear Yale Traveler

Live authentically in historic Mantua, a UNESCO World Heritage Site filled with sublime art and architecture, largely untouched by the modern world. The birthplace of Virgil and the seat of the Gonzaga family for 400 years, the ancient city of Mantua is the ideal setting to inspire creative, intellectual and personal development. Part of Mantua’s charm is that it is off the normal tourist track and thus can be experienced as a living, vibrant social culture with continuous ties to its past. Refined Mantua became the Italian Capital of Culture in 2016, and was awarded the European Capital of Gastronomy.

Our program will be based in Palazzo Castiglione, where you can feel first hand how the Renaissance was born, an age which continues to intrigue and maintain its hold on our imaginations.

During our program and the optional weekend excursions, attend the renowned Mantua Chamber Music Festival, the Verona Opera Festival and the Venice Biennale including a tour of the Palladian residences along the Brenta River. Cruise Lake Garda & Iseo, and enjoy guided tours of UNESCO towns such as Verona, Modena, Bergamo and Vicenza. Experience how the past and the present intersect in Italy’s unrivaled culture of design and engineering as we visit the Ferrari factory and museum. Partake in multi-session courses on Italian language, history and film. Relish the delicious regional cuisine and learn cooking from a local chef — all washed down with wines from Franciacorta, Lombardy and the Veneto.

Space is limited and this delightful program is sure to sell fast. Call (860) 531-8220 to hold your space or visit: www.conleyandsilvers.com/mantua to register today.

I look forward to meeting you on what promises to be both an exciting and relaxing trip.

Sincerely,

John Paoletti

Palazzo Castiglione

The Palazzo has been family owned for centuries, and your charming host, Guido Castiglione, is a direct descendant of Baldassare Castiglione, a prominent Renaissance courtier, diplomat and author. Guest rooms are furnished with a blend of refined antiques and modern amenities. The common areas are beautifully embellished with original frescos, paintings and tasteful furniture.
Our educational center will be housed in the elegant 13th-century Palazzo Castiglione, centrally located in the heart of Mantua across from the Palazzo Ducale. There we will also enjoy convivial group meals in its enchanting private garden.

Engage in Italian language instruction with classes tailored to individual levels.

Discover Mantua's past while touring the town's treasures in a multi-session course, entitled "Historic Sites & Museums of Mantua," complete with lectures, walking tours, museum visits and a river cruise.

Go for a hike, join the book club or try your hand at travel writing with Tim Jepson, author of over a dozen books on Italy and the former travel editor of the London Daily Telegraph.

Indulge in regional food & wine classes that will range from Italian cooking lessons to visiting vineyards, rice farms and ateliers producing Parmesan cheese and balsamic vinegar.

Take day trips to Lake Garda, Modena and Vicenza. Visit lesser known villages such as Maranello to visit the Ferrari museum and factory and the riverside village of Valeggio to enjoy unique tortellini making.

During optional weekend excursions, attend world-renowned festivals such as Mantua Chamber Music Festival, the Arena of Verona Opera Festival and the Venice Biennale. Cruise Lake Iseo and along the Brenta to see Palladio’s Villas. Explore the sparkling wine region of Franciacorta and the UNESCO village of Bergamo.

John Paoletti taught the history of Italian Renaissance art and of the art of the twentieth century at Wesleyan University from 1972 to 2009. He received a teaching award at Wesleyan in 1997 and the Distinguished Teaching of Art History Award from the College Art Association in 2003. He has been a Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study at Princeton and Visiting Professor at the Villa I Tatti, Harvard's Center for Renaissance Studies in Florence. He has been a frequent lecturer at the Metropolitan Museum and for Smithsonian and Yale tours.

His co-authored publications include a standard textbook, Art in Renaissance Italy and Renaissance Florence: a Social History, (New York, 2006). In 2015 he published a monograph on Michelangelo’s David.
## Welcome Phone Call
Monday, May 20, 2019 (Tentative)
Join the group at 4pm EST for a pre-trip welcome call with Professor Paoletti in order to learn more about what to expect and to ask questions.

## SCHEDULE
**MAY 30 - JUNE 25, 2019**

### Classes/Lessons
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Book Club
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

### Local Events/Activities
- Day trip to Vicenza
- Day trip Modena & Maranello
- Fitness Walk
- Yoga Class
- Day trip to Lake Garda
- Day trip to Lake Iseo

### Food
- Welcome reception
- Private Dinner at Palazzo Castiglione
- Lombardy Wine Tasting
- Local day trip
- Italian film viewing

### Excursions
- Italian History & Politics
- Sites & Museums
- Lombardy Wine Tasting
- Travel Writing Workshop
- Book Club

### Optional Excursions
- Bergamo, Franciacorta, Lake Iseo (Optional Excursion)

### Other
- Yoga Class
- Italian film viewing
- Time for packing
- Reception & farewell dinner at the Palazzo

### Area of Detail
- Map of Italy

### Special Events
- Mantua Chamber Music Festival (Pre-Trip Extension)
- Overnight flight to Verona or Milan, Italy

### Itinerary:

**MAY 30**
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**JUNE 1**
- Mantua Chamber Music Festival (Pre-Trip Extension)
- Overnight flight to Verona or Milan, Italy

**JUNE 2**
- Mantua Chamber Music Festival (Pre-Trip Extension)
- Overnight flight to Verona or Milan, Italy

**JUNE 3**
- Arrive Verona or Milan/Transfer to Mantua
- Orientation walking tour of Mantua
- Welcome reception
- Private Dinner at Palazzo Castiglione

**JUNE 4**
- Italian Language
- History of Mantua & the Castiglione family
- Sites & Museums: Palazzo Castiglione
- Italian film viewing

**JUNE 5**
- Local day trip

**JUNE 6**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian Hist. & Politics
- Sites & Museums: site-seeing cruise along the shoreline of Mantua

**JUNE 7**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 8**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 9**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 10**
- Fitness Walk
- Italian Language
- Book Club
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 11**
- Day trip to Vicenza

**JUNE 12**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Sites & Museums
- Travel Writing Workshop
- Italian History & Politics

**JUNE 13**
- Bergamo, Franciacorta, Lake Iseo (Optional Excursion), or enjoy a few free days!

**JUNE 14**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 15**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 16**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 17**
- Day trip Modena & Maranello

**JUNE 18**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Sites & Museums
- Italian History & Politics
- Italian film viewing

**JUNE 19**
- Day trip to Lake Garda

**JUNE 20**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Book Club
- Cooking class: regional Lombardy cuisine

**JUNE 21**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 22**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 23**
- Yoga Class
- Italian Language
- Italian History & Politics
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

**JUNE 24**
- Fitness Walk
- Italian Language
- Travel Writing Workshop
- Time for packing
- Reception & farewell dinner at the Palazzo

**JUNE 25**
- Say good-bye to Mantua
- Check-out & transfer to Verona or Milan airport
- Fly Home

**JUNE 26**
- Fitness Walk
- Italian Language
- Lombardy Wine Tasting

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<td>- We recommend arriving into Mantova a few days early to enjoy the renowned Chamber Music Festival happening May 29-June 2. Whether you would like to experience the entire festival or simply arrive a day early to recover from the flight, we can tailor make a bespoke Pre-trip Extension for you.</td>
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<td>- Venice (Optional Excursion), or enjoy a free weekend!</td>
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<td>- Spend Friday morning visiting Padua and Giotto's ground-breaking frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel before continuing to Venice, where our weekend will include guided walks around the city's main sights and more hidden corners, as well the chance to explore the art, pavilions and gardens of the celebrated Biennale. On Sunday take a scenic boat along the Brenta Canal to visit some of the region's most impressive Renaissance villas and gardens before our return to Mantua.</td>
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<td>- Visit the vineyards of Franciacorta, a region known for its sparkling wine, and indulge in our sumptuous hotel. Spend a day exploring Bergamo (UNESCO) characterized by cobblestone streets and Venetian walls. Lastly take a scenic drive and boat ride to explore the outstanding natural beauty of Lake Iseo.</td>
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<td>- Explore the magnificent city of Verona (UNESCO), celebrated by Shakespeare and visited today for its splendid architecture built along the meandering Adige River. From our boutique hotel, enjoy guided walks of the city's cultural treasures and museums. Attend a performance at the renowned Verona Opera Festival held in the impressive 1st -century Roman arena. Enjoy a grand soiree at stately Villa Tommasi, a family owned estate opened exclusively for our gala dinner.</td>
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**Food Experiences**
In addition to food experiences such as educational cooking classes, wine tastings and factory tours, the trip includes fifteen gorgeous meals prepared by our private palazzo chef.
Program Cost

Accommodations Option 1:
Independent one-bedroom apartment in central Mantua

Per person, double occupancy
$11,995

Per person, single occupancy
$12,995

Accommodations Option 2:
Room at Palazzo Castiglione, private ensuite WC, breakfast included

Per person, double occupancy
$13,995

Per person, single occupancy
$16,995

Optional Excursions
Descriptions of the four optional extensions & pricing will be sent automatically upon deposit or upon request.

Note: Itinerary subject to change. Some excursions in this program involve a significant amount of walking.

Accommodations

Guests will have the option to live independently in centrally located furnished apartments or communally at Palazzo Castiglione. Each accommodation is unique and the size and amenities will vary. Please contact Yale Educational Travel for more specific information about the accommodations.

Suite at Palazzo Castiglione

Palazzo Castiglione offers a wonderful opportunity for elegant living. All suites have private bathrooms and share access to a piano, communal kitchen with a refrigerator, stove and coffee and tea-making facilities. The Palazzo staff will provide a generous buffet breakfast each morning. The Palazzo comes equipped with an elevator, air conditioning and WiFi – all of which can seem slower in Italy. Daily maid service will be provided in the rooms, and affordable laundry services will also be available. Suites will vary in size, and all guests of our program will have access to the garden with terrace as well as the grand public spaces.

Independent Apartments

Independent apartments offer guests an opportunity for independent living and will be centrally located within an easy walk of the educational center. Each apartment is furnished and equipped like a typical Mantua home with a kitchen, TV, WiFi etc. Two hours of weekly maid service is included and affordable laundry services will also be available. Most apartments are accessible by stairs. Apartments are priced with one bedroom, however this category is flexible, so upgrades are available for more bedrooms or even a villa! The apartments are family friendly and the flexibility of size makes them perfect for families or groups of friends traveling together. Guaranteed air-conditioning, cable TV and a clothes washer can be made available with a supplemental fee.

Reserve Your Trip To Italy Today
www.conleyandsilvers.com/mantua
For Single Reservations:

Accommodations
- Independent Apartment
- Suite at Palazzo Castiglione

For Double Reservations:
- We prefer one double bed
- We prefer two twin beds

For Single Reservations:
- I wish to have single accommodations
- I plan to share with: _______________________

Payment Options
- pay by check made out to "Conley & Silvers LLC"
- amex ❑ visa ❑ mastercard ❑ discover card

To register, return this form with your deposit of $1,500 per person to Conley & Silvers. Final payment is due Feb 15th, 2019.

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Terms and Conditions

PROGRAM COST INCLUDES
- Accommodations, meals and excursions as specified in the itinerary
- Full program of briefings, lectures and presentations
- Tailored language classes
- Group arrival and departure transfers
- Gratuities to porters, wait staff, guides and drivers
- Entrance fees as noted in the itinerary
- Welcome and farewell receptions
- 5 group dinners, 10 group lunches
- Local wine included during lunch and dinner as well as during Book Club
- 12 coffee/tea/cookie receptions
- Bottled water for town walks and on coaches

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE
- U.S. domestic and international airfare
- Passport/visa expenses
- Medical expenses and immunizations
- Private airport transfers
- Travel insurance
- Optional excursions or deviations from the scheduled tour
- Excess baggage charges
- Meals not specified in the itinerary; dishes and beverages not part of the included meals; liquor or soft drinks
- Laundry or dry cleaning
- Telephone, fax, Internet and email charges outside of program
- Room service
- Other items of a personal nature

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS, FINAL PAYMENT, CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All cancellations must be made in writing to Conley & Silvers. To reserve a space on this tour, please mail a deposit of $1,500 per person payable to "Conley & Silvers LLC" along with the completed reservation form to: Conley & Silvers, 2700 Broadway, Apt. 7C, New York, NY 10025. Deposits may be charged to a credit card. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt.

The initial $1500 deposit becomes non-refundable after 7 days of receipt by YET. Refunds on the initial deposit, less a cancellation fee of $300 per person, are made if YET is notified in writing within 7 days of receipt of the initial deposit.

The remaining final payments will be collected by Conley & Silvers LLC via check or credit card. The deadline for final payment will be February 15, 2019. Registration on or after February 15, 2019 will require full payment. All final payments non-refundable. There are no refunds for unused meals, accommodations, or other trip features.

AIR ARRANGEMENTS

U.S. domestic and international airfare is not included in the program rates. Air travel arrangements can be made through your travel agent or directly with your choice of airlines, as this will give you the maximum flexibility with the variety of available air travel options.

GROUP DETAILS

This program is exclusive to Yale travelers. Minimum 16 participants; Maximum 35 participants. Age minimum: 18 years old

WHAT TO EXPECT

All of the mentioned classes and activities in the main program are included in the price. A complete schedule has been planned, but you can choose to participate in as many or as few of the activities as you wish. Local activities will be spread out over Mantua, and guests will need to be able to walk for 15 minutes mostly on flat pavement, but sometimes on uneven surfaces such as cobblestones. Mantua is an ancient town, and some facilities are not accessible for people with limited mobility. To experience our weekly excursions, guests should be comfortable with standing in museums or walking up to two hours during moderately paced tours. The weather in the summer can reach into the upper 80’s but the nights are often cool. The rooms where we will hold lectures, classes, movies and meals have air conditioning (A/C), but not all buildings in Italy have A/C, including some museums and independent apartments. If you have any questions about your ability to participate fully in this itinerary, please call Conley & Silvers at (860) 531-8220.

INSURANCE

Conley & Silvers and Yale Educational Travel highly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. If participants purchase trip insurance, and we hope that they do, participants are free to purchase the insurance of their choice. Most travel insurance must be purchased within 7-10 days of paying a deposit in order to include certain provisions including pre-existing conditions. Neither the Association of Yale Alumni nor Conley & Silvers accepts liability for any airline cancellation penalty incurred by the purchase of nonrefundable tickets. California Seller of Travel Program CST #2107694-40
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