We invite you to join Johns Hopkins alumni, parents and friends for a visit to Florence, Italy’s Renaissance jewel and home to masterpieces of painting, sculpture, and architecture. For centuries a principal center of learning and art, Florence can truly be considered an open-air museum, replete with striking buildings, magnificent galleries and treasure-crammed churches. Its strong architectural character, with many elegant monuments and a skyline of russet rooftops and lofty domes, was the setting for important developments in the arts. Join us on this tour to enchanting Florence, Italy and discover all the charms this classic city has to offer! You’ll also have some time for independent explorations and ample opportunities to sample Italian cuisine.

**Professor Elizabeth Rodini** is an Art Historian who specializes in the Italian Renaissance and directs the University’s Program in Museums and Society. She has spent many years in Italy, including Florence, and knows the city, its language, and its customs well. During the course of this tour she will offer special lectures on local art and history, and will share with tour participants some of her favorite hidden corners of the city including monuments, museums, and markets.

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INCLUDED FEATURES:

- Round-trip air transportation from New York (JFK), Boston or Washington Dulles on the services of Delta Airlines or similar.
- Luggage handling on arrival and departure. (Based on one bag per person).
- An experienced professional tour manager will assist you throughout the program.
- First class hotel accommodations for five nights at the centrally located Baglioni Hotel (or similar) including hotel tax and service charges.
- Eight meals including daily breakfasts, one lunch plus welcome and farewell dinners.
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach and experienced drivers for all transfers, tours and guided excursions.
- Two half-day city tours of Florence with entrance to the Uffizi Gallery.
- Full-day excursion to the Chianti region including a light lunch and a wine tasting.
- Optional tours are available at an additional cost.
- Gratuities for driver and guides

PRICE:
The tour price is $2,499 per person, double occupancy air from New York (JFK), Boston or Washington Dulles. For single occupancy add $299. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are included at $600 per person. Fuel surcharges and air taxes are valid at the time of printing and are subject to change. Pricing does not include baggage charges by the airline, travel insurance, passports, visas and items of a personal nature.

THE HOTEL:
The Baglioni Hotel in Florence offers the opulence of a bygone era with all the comforts of the modern age. In the historic centre of Florence, an eighteenth century residence hosts the exclusive Baglioni Hotel. Surrounded by its sumptuous furnishings and frescoed ceilings, you will be assisted by highly professional staff and delighted by the evocative nature of this truly extraordinary location in which luxury and refinement are the predominant features. It is the ideal destination for those seeking the intimacy of a private residence in Florence. The hotel restaurant, Guelfi e Ghibellini, offers innovative, seasonal regional menus. Furthermore, situated within the same building, is the Enoteca Pinchiorri, a three-star Michelin restaurant. All rooms feature private bath with shower, television, internet, mini-bar, hair dryer, telephone and in-room safe.
Day 1 - Depart the USA:
Depart New York (JFK), Boston or Washington Dulles for Italy.

Day 2 - Florence:
Upon arrival in Italy, proceed to the baggage claim area, where after clearing customs, you will be met by your guide. Enjoy a city orientation bus tour to see firsthand Florence’s breathtaking views and architecture. After checking into your hotel, the remainder of the day is at leisure to relax or explore the city. Tonight includes a welcome cocktail party at the hotel.

Day 3 - Florence/City walking tour:
After breakfast, enjoy a lecture by Professor Rodini, “Walking through Florence: An Introductory History”, followed by a guided half-day walking tour of Florence. See the Duomo, the city’s geographical and focus point, Giotto’s Bell Tower and the Baptistry. Florence’s Duomo has the third longest nave in the world, just after St. Peter’s in Rome and St. Paul’s in London. Together, the baptistery, the bell tower and the Duomo make up Florence’s Piazza del Duomo, the city’s religious center. Our next stop is the Piazza della Signoria, a 13th-century square home to the Palazzo Vecchio on the east side and the Uffizi Gallery just to the south. Piazza della Signoria, Florence’s civic and political center today, is adorned with many famous sculptures, such as Ammannati’s Fountain of Neptune; a copy of Michelangelo’s David; and, within the 14th-century Loggia dei Lanzi, Cellini’s bronze Perseus and Giambologna’s Rape of the Sabine. Afterwards enjoy the rest of the afternoon at leisure to explore the city on your own or to stop at one of the many beautiful shops atop the oldest bridge, Ponte Vecchio. This evening we will have a welcome to Florence dinner at the hotel. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4 - Florence/Chianti/Florence:
During the morning you will depart for a Tuscan landscape excursion of the Chianti region. The beauty of this territory, known for its wineries, lies in the perfect equilibrium between the soft forms of slopes and the thousand nuances of color and the crowded woods populated by ancient castles, secular parishes and beautiful villas. The Chianti Classico region covers an area of approximate 100 square miles. Within the collective Chianti region more than 8 million cases of wines classified as DOC level or above are produced each year. After sightsing in Chianti, you will enjoy a visit to the town of Greve. Sitting in the Val di Greve, the town is named for the small, fast-flowing river that runs through it. Greve is the principal town in the Chianti Wine District which stretches south of Florence to just north of Siena. The site of Greve and the surrounding territory has been long settled, probably well before the Etruscans and then the Romans dominated the area. The Franciscans established their monastery here in the 15th century, where an earlier monastery dedicated to Santo Savi had already been built. You will have an opportunity to explore Greve and all her charms, wandering through the quaint village famous for its wealth of gastronomic delights and picturesque beauty. While in Greve, we will stop at a working farm and vineyard for a wine tasting followed by a light lunch. (Breakfast, Light Lunch)

Day 5 - Florence/tour of the Uffizi Gallery:
We begin the day with a lecture by Professor Rodini, “Getting to Know the Arts of Renaissance Florence”. Then our local licensed guide continues the walking tour of Florence ending with a guided visit to the Uffizi Gallery, one of the oldest and most famous art museums of the western world. Its permanent collection houses timeless masterpieces by DaVinci, Botticelli, Giotto, Titian and Michelangelo. Immerse yourself in a world of paintings dating back to the early 1200’s. After the guided visit you may continue on your own at the Uffizi Gallery or enjoy the rest of the day exploring Florence. (Breakfast)

Day 6 - Florence/Siena & San Gimignano (Optional Tour)/Florence:
Today join Professor Rodini for an informal walking tour or you may wish to devote your free time to discovering the true heart of Florence. Explore Florence’s art and architecture, its numerous museums and interesting neighborhoods, it’s time to experience traditional Florentine cuisine, which rivals any of Italy’s famous regional cuisines. Visit the Academy or the Bargello museums on your own. Or, if you wish to travel outside Florence we offer you an optional tour to Siena and San Gimignano with lunch. Siena is a cultivated, proud Gothic town which welcomes visitors from all over the world with the charm of its past and the wonders of its nature. The territory around Siena is actually the best example of Tuscan regional identity, rich in natural resources and productivity, beginning with the famous “Chianti-shire,” which extends north from Siena with its precious vineyards. Terraced hills and valleys rich rivers, castles, churches and wonderful buildings dot the countryside. One of the most picturesque of all the Tuscan hill towns, San Gimignano is famed for its medieval towers. The towers dominate the town in the way that skyscrapers dominate modern cities. Originally there were more than 70 towers built as symbols of wealth and as a security precaution by the town’s prosperous merchants. Today only 14 remain today but they give you a feel of the wealth and grandeur of the town’s history. In recent times, the citizens of San Gimignano have realized they owned an authentic, valuable, open-air, artistic heritage. With all of its medieval structure still intact, the council has been recently added to the list of UNESCO-protected heritages sites. Afterward, meet for a farewell dinner at a local Tuscan restaurant. Florence. (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7 - Florence/USA:
Depart to Pisa or Florence airport for your return flight home. (Breakfast)

Please note: Though rare, it may be necessary to substitute hotels and adjust itineraries due to local conditions.
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