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The Legacy of the **Etruscans:** Latium, Umbria & Tuscany



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Lisa C. Pieraccini received her Ph.D. from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she worked with Professor Mario Del Chiaro, one of the pioneers of Etruscan art in the U.S. She works on the art and archaeology of the first millennium

BCE in Italy, with special emphasis on the Etruscans and early Romans. Professor Pieraccini has taught at Stanford University and has been teaching at the University of California at Berkeley since 2008. She lived for many years in Italy, where she taught and conducted research in Rome and southern Etruria. Her interests include a wide variety of subjects spanning the ancient Mediterranean, from cultural heritage and digital humanities, to international trade, funerary art, food and ritual, issues of identity, and decolonizing the past.

Professor Pieraccini has published a variety of articles and chapters on aspects of funerary ritual; tomb painting; the Etruscan contextualization of Greek myth; the use, decor, and agency of cylinder stamps; as well as the reception of Italy's ancient past. She is co-editor of a book series dedicated to *Etruscan Cities* published by Texas University Press, and *Material Connections, Artistic Exchange: Etruria and Anatolia* (forthcoming, Cambridge University Press), and is an elected member of the *Istituto di Studi Etruschi ed Italici* in Florence, Italy. Professor Pieraccini has led many tours throughout her career, including this Etruscan tour for the AIA in 2021 for which she received excellent traveler reviews.

Front cover: (top) Necropolis of Cerveteri, (bottom from left) Achelous in bronze (Gregorian Etruscan Museum, Vatican City), fresco from the Tomb of Hunting and Fishing (Tarquinia), clay decoration from the Temple of Portonaccio (Villa Giulia, Rome).

Back cover: (top) Bronze acrobat candelabrum (Villa Giulia, Rome), (bottom from left) Etruscan alabaster cinerary urn (Gregorian Etruscan Museum, Vatican City), Necropolis of Cerveteri



- ✈ = Flights
- = Overnight stays
- ③ = Itinerary stops

"[What I enjoyed most was] Lisa's lectures and commentary on excursions. She is an exceptional study leader."

- Laura, New York



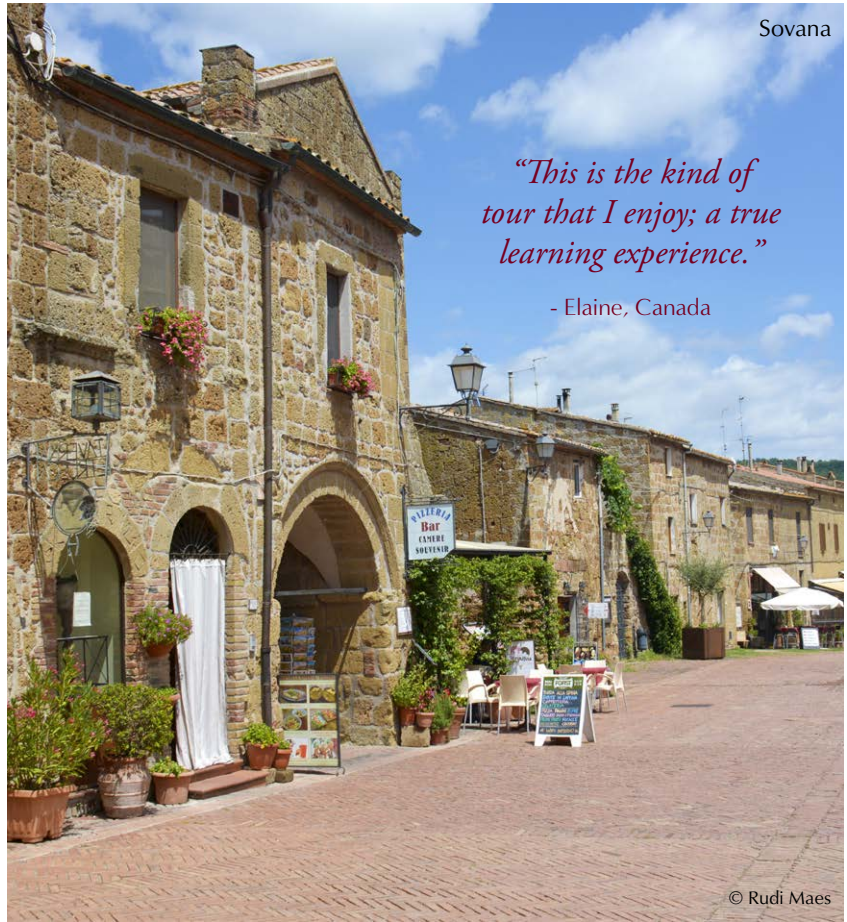
Tomba Ildebranda (Sovana)

Etruscan bridge (Vulci)



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Sovana



“This is the kind of tour that I enjoy; a true learning experience.”

- Elaine, Canada

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Discover the world of the ancient Etruscans, a pre-Roman civilization that flourished in the area between Rome and Florence from at least the 7th century B.C. until they were conquered by the Romans in the 3rd century B.C. The extent of the impact that the Etruscans’ legacy had on the Greeks and Romans, through to our contemporary world, is still coming to light. Join Dr. Pieraccini and a small group of like-minded fellow travelers to explore and further understand the realm of the Etruscans.

Highlights include:

- The marvelous cities of **Rome** and **Florence**, plus journeys through spectacular countryside to **lesser-visited medieval and Renaissance towns**.
- Outstanding **Etruscan necropolises** with brightly-painted scenes of feasting and dancing covering the walls of rock-cut chamber tombs, monumental tumuli, and house tombs. These include the UNESCO World Heritage Sites of **Cerveteri** and **Tarquinia**, as well as **Sovana** with its Tomba Ildebranda.
- Important Etruscan towns, including **Veii** with its impressive, 6th-century B.C. “Portonaccio Temple”; **Volterra**, which also boasts a charming historical center; **Orvieto**, with its striking Etruscan acropolis; and **Vulci**, whose tombs contain original Etruscan inscriptions.
- Many **splendid museums with unparalleled collections of Etruscan artifacts**, such as Etruscan bronze sculptures, plus Phoenician gold and Greek vases obtained through extensive trade networks. These include the **National Etruscan Museum of Villa Giulia** and Vatican City’s **Gregorian Etruscan Museum**.
- Lectures, discussions, and the company of our expert **AIA lecturer/host, Lisa Pieraccini**.
- **Generous comfort** at well-located, 4-star hotels, plus **fine cuisine and wine**. A couple of special events are a **home-hosted dinner** in Florence, and **lunch at a winery** in Orvieto.



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Antefix with palmette and a large winged Gorgon found in Vulci (Gregorian Etruscan Museum, Vatican City)

“Simply getting to grips, up close and personal, with the Etruscan culture was the joy of the experience, as well as the purpose of the trip. The material grew and coalesced day by day very successfully.”

- Keith & Margaret, Greece

ITINERARY

B= Breakfast • L= Lunch • R= Reception • D= Dinner

Wednesday, October 11, 2023: Fly to Rome, Italy

Depart home today on flights to Rome.

Thursday, October 12: Arrive in Rome | Private transfer to hotel | Welcome dinner

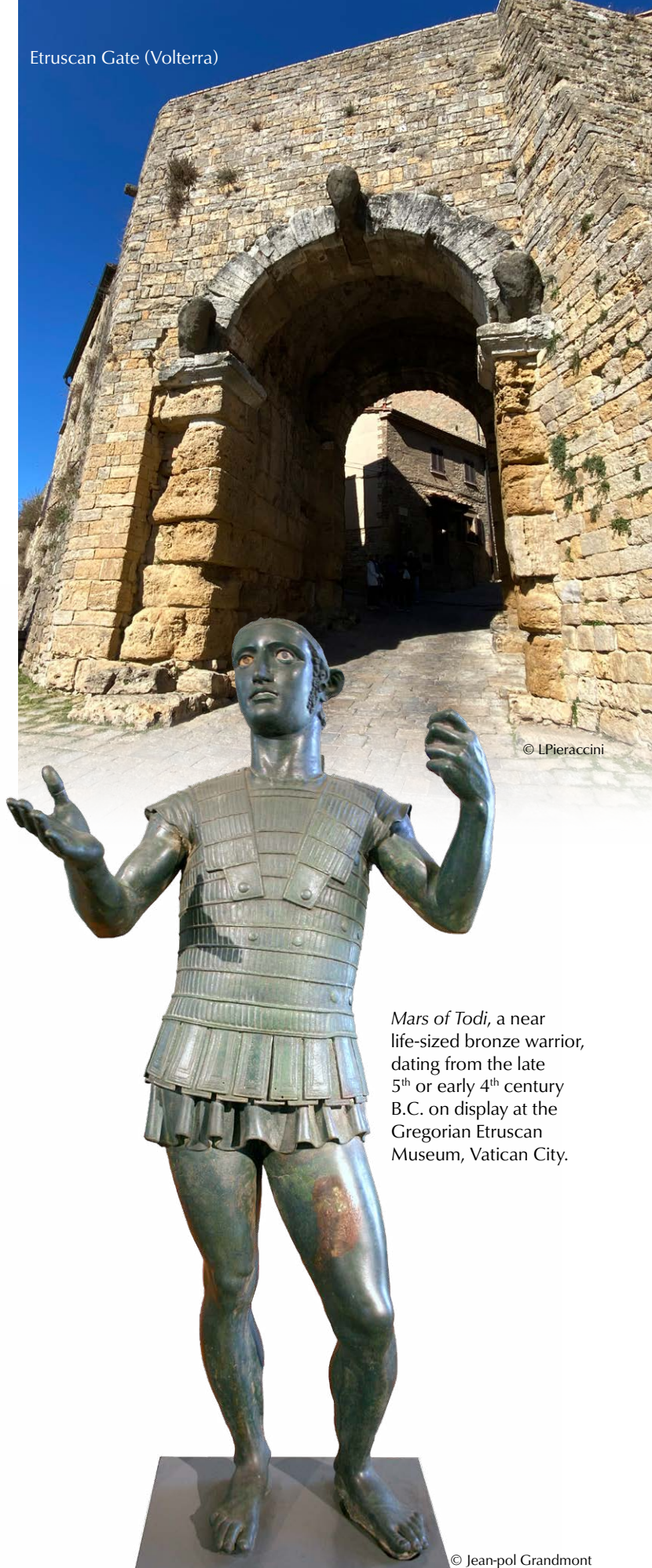
Upon arrival at Rome’s Fiumicino International Airport (FCO), you are met for a private transfer to our hotel. Take some time to relax after the flight and before an introductory meeting. Enjoy a welcome reception and dinner at a local restaurant. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel dei Mellini](#) for two nights.* (R,D)

Friday, October 13: Rome: AM at leisure, PM National Etruscan Museum of Villa Giulia

Gather for a lecture and then have time at leisure to relax or explore the city on your own. After an independent lunch we gather to visit the National Etruscan Museum, which has housed works from pre-Roman Italian antiquity—especially from the Etruscan civilization—since 1899, within the gorgeous setting of Villa Giulia. Return to our hotel, and enjoy dinner and the evening at leisure. (B)

Saturday, October 14: Vatican City: Gregorian Etruscan Museum | Veii | Florence

This morning we visit the Gregorian Etruscan Museum within Vatican City. The museum, founded by Pope Gregory XVI and inaugurated in 1837, was one of the first expressly dedicated to Etruscan antiquities. The museum focuses on artifacts unearthed at some of the most important cities of ancient Etruria, which was originally part of the territory of the Papal State. After lunch at a nearby restaurant we drive to the site of Veii, on a natural peak overlooking the valley. Veii was an important Etruscan town with a number of Etruscan tombs, and we will see the impressive, 6th-century B.C. “Portonaccio Temple” just outside the town. Continue on to Florence, where we check-in to our hotel. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel NH Collection Firenze Palazzo Gaddi](#) for two nights.* (B,L)



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Mars of Todi, a near life-sized bronze warrior, dating from the late 5th or early 4th century B.C. on display at the Gregorian Etruscan Museum, Vatican City.

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Sunday, October 15: Florence: Walking tour, Florence National Archaeological Museum, Home-hosted dinner

We begin the day with a walking tour of Florence. In Piazza della Repubblica, discover the city's beginnings as a Roman settlement. Wander through narrow streets, past the fortified houses and towers that marked the medieval town, and emerge onto the open Piazza della Signoria, the political center of the city since the Middle Ages. See the Duomo and the Ponte Vecchio, and enjoy lunch at leisure in one of the many Tuscan trattorias. In the afternoon we visit the Florence National Archaeological Museum, whose collections include some important and iconic Etruscan works, especially in bronze. Take some time to freshen up before gathering for a dinner at the home of a Florentine family. (B,D)

Monday, October 16: Volterra: Walking tour, Guarnacci Etruscan Museum, Etruscan acropolis, Roman amphitheater | Cortona

This morning we set out on a walking tour of Volterra, viewing the remarkable city walls that date back to Etruscan times as well as the historical and charming town center, including the Palazzo dei Priori and the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta. After lunch, explore the Guarnacci Etruscan Museum, Etruscan acropolis, and Roman amphitheater. We continue on to Cortona, where we check-in to our hotel. Dinner and the evening are at leisure. *Overnight at the 4-star [Hotel Villa Marsili](#) for three nights.* (B,L)

Tuesday, October 17: Cortona: Walking tour, Museum of the Etruscan Academy & the Town of Cortona | Sodo | Cortona

Among the many villages of the Val di Chiana, Cortona is particularly fascinating due to its preserved sites, including various *palazzi*, the cathedral, the Diocesan Museum, and the Church of Saint Francis. Enjoy a walking tour of its city center and discover the Museum of the Etruscan Academy and the Town of Cortona (MAEC) with its unique exhibits, including the renowned Etruscan bronze lamp. After an independent lunch and time to explore on your own, we drive a short way to explore the noble Etruscan tomb complex at Sodo. Return to Cortona and gather this evening for a group dinner featuring the local *pici* pasta dish. (B,D)



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Photos: (from top) Cortona, the Duomo of Orvieto, (right) Urn of the spouses (Guarnacci Etruscan Museum, Volterra)



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Wednesday, October 18: Perugia: Walking tour | Chiusi | Cortona

Over the centuries Perugia has been dominated by numerous populations. Evidence of this can be found in the area's many archaeological remains, starting with those of the Etruscans who likely founded Perugia in the 6th century B.C. Enjoy a walking orientation tour of the city, which includes the Etruscan Arch, the cathedral undergrounds, and the Etruscan water well. Break for a lunch featuring Umbrian specialties. On our return to Cortona we stop in Chiusi, famous for its splendid Etruscan remains. Numerous excavations have brought to light unique pieces and precious glimpses back in time that

we will see in Chiusi's National Archaeological Museum. Back in Cortona, dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

Thursday, October 19: Orvieto | Winery lunch | Vulci | Tarquinia

This morning drive south toward Orvieto to visit its striking Etruscan acropolis. In the city center we step into the iconic Duomo, with its unparalleled façade and wondrous frescoes by Luca Signorelli. After lunch at a winery in the heart of town, we return to the Latium region to visit the important Etruscan city of Vulci. It features a remarkable National Archaeological Museum, housed in a former castle, as well as tombs containing original Etruscan inscriptions. Continue on to Tarquinia, where we check-in to our hotel and then gather for dinner. *Overnight at the 4-star Hotel Valle del Marta for three nights.* (B,L,D)

Friday, October 20: Necropolises of Tarquinia & Monterozzi | Pitignano | Sovana | Tarquinia

The necropolises of Cerveteri (which we visit tomorrow) and Tarquinia, UNESCO World Heritage Sites since 2004, constitute a unique and exceptional testimony of the ancient Etruscan civilization, the only urban civilization of the pre-Roman Age. The frescoes found inside the tombs—true-to-life reproductions of Etruscan homes—faithfully depict this disappeared culture's daily life. These *tumuli*, or burial mounds, are the only examples remaining anywhere. Today we enjoy an extensive exploration of the necropolises of Tarquinia and Monterozzi as well as the Tarquinia National Archaeological Museum, and then delve into the magical fairy-tale village of Pitignano for lunch and a guided stroll in its center. We end the day at the necropolis of Sovana to visit the Tomba Ildebranda, one of the most important remaining monuments of the Etruscan civilization. Back in Tarquinia, dinner and the evening are at leisure. (B,L)

Saturday, October 21: Cerveteri | Tarquinia | Farewell dinner

This morning we explore the vast archaeological site of Cerveteri and the Cerveteri National Archaeological Museum. The necropolis' tombs are laid out following an urban plan with streets, piazzas, and quarters (or neighborhoods) and reflect both the historical period in which they were



Photos (from top): The Baptistery Duomo in Florence, fresco in the Tomb of the Leopards (Tarquinia), terracotta cinerary urn (National Archaeological Museum, Chiusi)



Cerveteri

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built and the status of the family to whom they belonged. The most significant is the Tomb of Reliefs, completed in the 4th century B.C. and accessed through a long stairway dug into the rock. It showcases a tomb typical of a well-off Etruscan family of the 4th and 3rd centuries B.C. We return to Tarquinia where the afternoon is at leisure to have lunch, relax, and pack before we gather this evening for a farewell dinner. (B,D)

Sunday, October 22: Private transfer to Rome Airport | Fly home

You are met at the hotel for a private transfer to Rome's Fiumicino International Airport (FCO) for your flights homeward. (B)



Chimera of Arezzo, c. 400 B.C., on display at the National Archaeological Museum in Florence.

What to Expect

You must be able to make long walks, unassisted, over uneven terrain and up and down steps. Some sites require strenuous and/or brisk walking or climbing, sometimes with difficult footing. Participants who are not able to walk or stand unassisted for extended periods are kindly advised not to join this tour. All participants are expected to be physically active and not be an impediment to others on excursions, to enjoy traveling as part of a group, and to be ready to experience cultural differences. All participants will be required to follow safety/sanitization protocols set forth by Sponsors/Operator, local staff, and host country laws. If the tour manager decides that a participant cannot visit a site safely or in a timely manner, their judgment will be final. Where possible, an alternate activity may be suggested; additional costs may apply. If you have any questions about your ability to participate, we suggest that you visit your personal physician with this brochure in hand and discuss whether or not this program is appropriate for you. Hotels have been chosen for their excellent locations and generous comfort. Included meals are of a very high quality. In October, the average temperature in this region ranges from the low 50s F at night to the high 70s F during the day. *Complete pre-departure details, including up-to-date COVID-related protocols, will be sent to participants.*



Accommodations



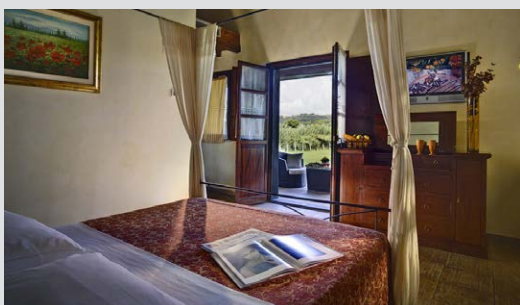
Rome: Two nights at the 4-star
[Hotel dei Mellini](#)



Florence: Two nights at the 4-star
[Hotel NH Collection Firenze Palazzo Gaddi](#)



Cortona: Three nights at the 4-star
[Hotel Villa Marsili](#)



Tarquinia: Three nights at the 4-star
[Hotel Valle del Marta](#)

Flights & Private Transfers

Airfare from/to home is not included. Private transfers are included on your arrival at and departure from Rome's Fiumicino Airport (FCO). Once you have received your final payment invoice, you should book your flights. Your flight itinerary must be provided to our office prior to departure. If you are considering booking non-refundable airline tickets before this time, please contact our office first. *We do not accept any liability for cancellation penalties related to domestic or international airline tickets.*

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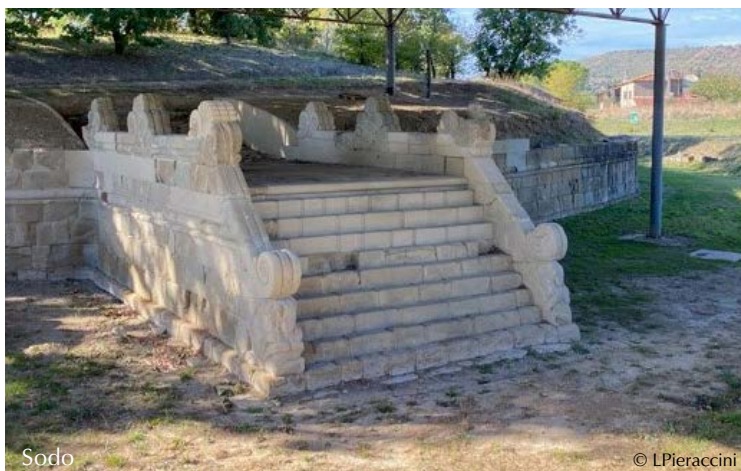


Vulci



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Volterra



Sodo

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Tour Prices Per Person (10 nights)

Double Occupancy (13-16 participants).....	\$7,345
Double Occupancy (9-12 participants).....	\$8,190
Single Supplement	\$1,395

*Single room supplement will be charged when requested or required (limited availability).
With fewer than 9 participants, a small group surcharge may be added.*

Prices Include:

- Leadership of **AIA lecturer and host Lisa Pieraccini**, plus a professional **tour manager** and expert **local guides**
- **Ten nights at elegant, well-located, 4-star hotels:** 2 nights in Rome, 2 nights in Florence, 3 nights in Cortona, and 3 nights in Tarquinia
- **Delicious meals:** breakfast daily, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners, including a home-hosted dinner as well as welcome and farewell dinners. All meals include bottled water or soft drinks, plus coffee/tea and wine with included dinners
- **Excursions** and sightseeing as per itinerary
- Ground transportation by **modern, air-conditioned coach**, with water available at all times
- **Private arrival and departure airport transfers**
- **Personal listening audio devices** during excursions
- **All gratuities** to the tour manager, guides, drivers, waiters for included meals, and porters
- **Baggage handling** at hotels
- **VAT, local taxes, and service charges**
- **Comprehensive pre-departure information**, including a suggested reading/media guide, travel guide, and packing list

Prices Do Not Include: Airfare from/to home; passport and visa fees; airport fees and departure taxes; cost of personal, trip cancellation, and baggage insurance; transportation of excess baggage; meals and beverages other than those indicated; personal tips; items of a personal nature such as medical expenses, laundry, taxi, telephone, and fax charges; optional excursions or deviations from scheduled tour; other items not listed as included.

Payments: A deposit of \$1,000 per person is required to reserve your space and is payable by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or check made payable to “EOS-Passenger Account-AIA Etruscans10/23.” Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure and must be by check, ACH transfer, or wire transfer only; credit cards are not accepted for final payment. By submitting your deposit you are bound by the terms and conditions delineated throughout this brochure and elsewhere published.

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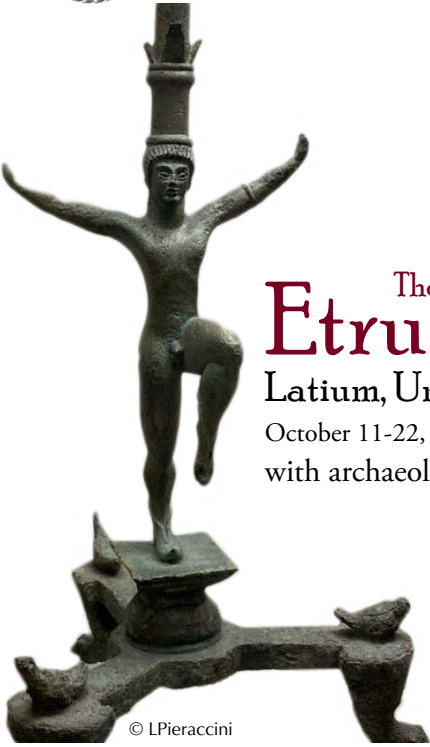
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*"I enjoyed the intensity of the trip and the
 knitting together of excursions and lectures.
 The sites we visited were amazing in their
 complexity and variety."*

- Fran, New York



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I/We have read the 'What to Expect' section and am/are physically able to participate fully on the program.

Are you traveling with any other parties on this program? Yes, _____

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(Accommodation preferences are not guaranteed.)

Double (one bed) Twin (two beds) Single

I will be sharing with: _____

Share - please assign a roommate (not guaranteed).

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Check payable to: EOS Passenger Account-AIA Etruscans10/23 Visa Master Card American Express Already paid by phone

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