Dear Alumnae, Parents and Friends,

We invite you to join us on a grand tour of bella Italia! Our small group of no more than 24 travelers will experience the best of Italy’s countryside and the finest of its famed cities—Rome, Florence, and Venice. Our 17-day journey showcases ancient sites and ruins, priceless art, outstanding cuisine, and unique lodgings, including a restored Tuscan villa.

Starting in Italy’s Campania region, stay in the stunning seaside resort of Amalfi and visit historic Pompeii and lovely Sorrento. Our next stop is Montecassino, whose Abbey is a center for medieval art. During three days in Rome see the city’s most famous sights and enjoy ample free time to explore on your own. Then it’s on to Umbria and Tuscany with their traditional villages and medieval hill towns: Orvieto, Todi, Assisi, Siena, San Gimignano. Immerse yourself in Renaissance art in Florence, and enjoy a wine tasting at a local winery. Our journey concludes in magical Venice with time to view its main sights. An optional 3-day/2-night post-tour extension, “Venice—On Your Own,” is also available.

Space is limited, so we urge you to call today to reserve your place on our exclusive journey. We guarantee you’ll have a unique experience that no other tour of Italy can offer!

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Coffey ‘98
Director of Alumnae Relations
Sweet Briar College

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**SWEET BRIAR COLLEGE RESERVATION FORM: PORTRAIT OF ITALY**

Enclosed is my/our deposit for $______ ($500 per person) for ____ person/people on Portrait of Italy departing **October 9, 2010.** I/we understand the final payment is due at least 95 days prior to departure. Payment may be made by American Express, Discover, MasterCard, or VISA or by personal check. Please make check payable to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. and send (with completed reservation form) to: Sweet Briar College Alumnae Association, Attn: Melissa Coffey ‘98, Sweet Briar College, Box 1055, Sweet Briar, VA 24595. Or call the Alumnae Association toll free at 800-381-6131, or fax reservation to 434-381-6132.

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**Method of Payment**

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Account # __________________________ Security Code __________ Exp. Date __________

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Final invoicing will be sent by our tour operator, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. The balance of the program price must be paid to Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. Final payment by check or credit card, is due 95 days prior to departure.

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Tour Operator Information: Odysseys Unlimited, Two Newton Place, 255 Washington St., Suite 240, Newton, MA 02458. Phone toll-free 888-370-6765.
GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please read this information carefully, as payment of a $500 deposit per person represents your acceptance of the following Terms and Conditions.

Not included in tour price

Airfare from your hometown to your gateway city and return; costs of passports and visas; airport, port, and departure taxes, which will be listed as separate items on your invoice and are subject to change; personal expenses such as beverages, laundry, room service, and meals not specified; excess baggage fees; airport transfers when purchasing a land-only package; communication charges; optional sightseeing; gratuities to your Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director, which are at your discretion (suggested gratuities $10-$15 per day, per traveler); travel protection insurance.

Cancellations, refunds and changes

If you must cancel your trip, the effective date of cancellation will be upon our receipt of your written notification. Refunds for cancellations are subject to the following per person charges: Cancel 95 days or more before departure: $200 charge; Cancel 94-65 days before departure: 25% of tour price; Cancel 64-45 days before departure: 50% of tour price; Cancel 44-30 days before departure: 75% of tour price; Cancel 29-0 days before departure: No refund. If a guest makes any changes to their reservation from 94 to 30 days prior to departure, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. will apply a $100 per person administrative fee, in addition to any fees or penalties imposed by third parties. Changes are subject to availability and cannot be guaranteed. If your reservation changes from double occupancy to single occupancy for any reason, you will be charged the single supplement. No changes are allowed within 30 days of departure.

Upon making your reservation you must provide your full legal name as it appears on your passport, your date of birth, and your gender. In the event an airline ticket is issued with incorrect information you have provided, you will be responsible for charges associated with the ticket’s reissue.

Responsibility

The liability of Sweet Briar College, as sponsor, and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc., as tour operator, is strictly limited. Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. purchases transportation, hotel accommodations, restaurant and other services from independent suppliers not under our control. We serve only as agents for these suppliers in securing tour arrangements, and therefore will not accept responsibility for wrongful, negligent, or arbitrary acts or omissions of these independent contractors, their employees, agents, servants or representatives. Sweet Briar College and Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. are not liable for injury, damage, loss, accident, or delay that may be caused by events not within our control, including without limitation, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, the defect of any vehicle, or the negligence or default of any third party. All coupons, receipts, and tickets issued are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the air carriers, cruise line, and other independent suppliers.

We will make every effort to operate our tours as planned, but we reserve the right to make itinerary changes as necessary. If unforeseen circumstances require us to change a hotel, we will select alternative accommodations of the same or better quality. If you choose to make your own air arrangements, Odysseys Unlimited, Inc. shall not have any liability for any loss resulting from cancellation of this tour or changes in this tour.

Health and Medical Issues

We request that you be in fairly good health to participate in an Odysseys Unlimited tour. There is a reasonable amount of walking, and you must be able to get on and off motorcoaches on your own. If you require the use of a wheelchair or have other personal needs, you must be accompanied by a companion who will assist you. We reserve the right to remove anyone whose physical or mental condition, in our opinion, compromises the operation of the tour or detracts from the enjoyment or safety of the other passengers. In that event, Odysseys Unlimited and Sweet Briar College assume no financial responsibility for any unused portion of the tour.
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FROM THE AMALFI COAST TO VENICE

17 days for $4,395 from New York — air & land inclusive

October 9 - 25, 2010
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This tour is provided by Odysseys Unlimited, one of Travel & Leisure's 2008 World's Best Tour Operators.
From the breathtaking Amalfi Coast to eternal Rome, through the gentle Umbrian and Tuscan countryside to timeless Venice, this leisurely tour showcases ancient sites, contemporary life, priceless art, and beautiful natural scenery. You’ll especially appreciate the small size of your group as you stay in unique accommodations in the Tuscan countryside and a medieval village.

**Day 1: Depart U.S. for Naples, Italy**

**Day 2: Arrive Naples/Amalfi** After arriving in Naples this morning, we travel to seaside Amalfi, a popular resort and our base for exploring Italy’s Campania region. We dine at our hotel tonight, as we will throughout our stay here. 

**Day 3: Amalfi/Ravello** This morning we experience this breathtaking coast by sea as we cruise from our hotel to Amalfi Center (weather permitting). Here we enjoy a brief tour of the region’s largest town then have lunch on our own. Next we ascend to mountaintop Ravello, with its spectacular gardens and coastal views.

**Day 4: Pompeii/Amalfi Coast/Sorrento** Our full-day excursion begins in Pompeii, the city frozen in time by the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD but not excavated until 1748. After a tour and lunch on our own we embark on a breathtaking drive along the winding, cliff-top Amalfi Coast above the azure Mediterranean - with stops for photos and in Sorrento along the way. We return to our hotel late this afternoon.

**Day 5: Amalfi/Monteriggioni/Rome** En route to Rome today we visit the town of Monteriggioni, whose Abbey is the mother church of the Benedictine order and a center of medieval art. A German stronghold during World War II, the hilltop Abbey was destroyed by Allied bombing then rebuilt as a replica of the 17th-century original. We tour the Abbey, then continue on to the Eternal City. We arrive at our well-located hotel mid-afternoon; our tour director will lead an informal walk of the nearby area.

**Day 6: Rome** This morning we tour the heart of ancient Rome: the 55,000-seat Colosseum, built in...
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72 AD to stage gladiator spectacles; and the temples of the Forum, ancient Rome’s political and legal center. The afternoon is free to explore on our own, and the possibilities are endless: shopping along the fashionable Via Veneto; sipping espresso in beautiful Piazza Navona; seeing the Pantheon, the city’s best preserved ancient building; tossing a coin into Trevi Fountain; or visiting any number of renowned museums and churches.

Day 7: Rome Another morning of touring followed by a free afternoon. Today we visit the Vatican for a tour of St. Peter’s Square and Basilica, and the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican Museums. Highlights include Michelangelo’s “Pietà” in St. Peter’s, considered one of the greatest sculptures of all time; his frescoed ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, now restored to its original glory; and art-filled St. Peter’s itself, the most important church in all Christendom.

Day 8: Rome/Umbria Leaving Rome, we travel north through a pastoral landscape of gentle agricultural land bounded by mountain wilderness and dotted with traditional villages and medieval hill towns. Along the way we visit Orvieto, perched high on a plateau above a vineyard-clad plain, where we attend a simple cooking demonstration followed by dinner at Zeppelin Restaurant. Early this evening we reach our intimate hotel in the heart of Todi, a medieval Umbrian village.

Day 9: Todi We tour this peaceful town this morning, visiting the simple but lovely 16th-century domo that dominates one of Italy’s finest medieval squares, and the museum housing Etruscan and Roman artifacts found nearby. This afternoon is at leisure.

Day 10: Todi/Assisi Today’s excursion is to Assisi, considered a gem of an Umbrian town with inviting plazas, flowers everywhere, buildings of white marble, and a pervasive medieval air. We visit St. Clare Church and the renowned Basilica di San Francesco, the burial place of St. Francis and a sacred pilgrimage site that dominates the town. Inside are Giotto’s priceless frescoes “The Life of St. Francis.” There’s time on our own to stroll the fountain-splashed piazzas and to enjoy local specialties for lunch. We return to our hotel late this afternoon.

Day 11: Todi/Perugia/Siena Continuing our journey, we leave Umbria for the equally alluring region of Tuscany. We stop along the way in Deruta, known for its prized hand-painted Majolica ceramics, and in charming Perugia. Late afternoon we reach Villa Lecchi, our restored 18th-century country villa hotel outside Siena. Tonight’s dinner at this small family-run lodging is the first of several here featuring savory Tuscan fare.

Day 12: Siena Today we visit walled Siena, whose ochre-colored buildings and ancient ramparts evoke the city’s medieval past. Fan-shaped Piazza del Campo is one of Europe’s greatest public squares; its duomo, one of Italy’s finest. We enjoy free time for lunch on our own, then set out on day 6 we explore Rome’s historical center, including the Forum and Colosseum.

Your Tour Price Includes
• 2 nights’ accommodations at Dei Dogi (Deluxe)
• 2 meals: 2 breakfasts
• Transfer to airport

Post-Tour Extension: October 25-27, 2010

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3 days/2 nights for $395
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Enjoy time on your own in the most timeless of cities.

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on a guided walking tour that includes an inside visit to the duomo, housing masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello. We return to our hotel for dinner together. B,D

Day 13: Florence A living monument to the Renaissance, Florence is the crown jewel of Tuscany. We encounter this splendid city on a full-day excursion that includes a morning walking tour. Together we visit the Galleria dell’Accademia to view Michelangelo’s sublime “David,” as well as his pieces for the papal tombs; and the revered duomo, with its stupendous dome by Brunelleschi. This afternoon is free for independent exploration before we return to our hotel where we dine tonight. B,D

Day 14: San Gimignano We encounter classic Tuscany today as we visit the hill town of San Gimignano, known for the 13 watchtowers that have left its skyline virtually unchanged since medieval times. Later we visit a local winery and enjoy a tasting before returning to our lodgings mid-afternoon. B,D

Day 15: Siena/Venice Leaving Tuscany today, we travel through the Veneto region to Venice, arriving early this afternoon. We’re free to begin enjoying this wondrous city on our own. B

Day 16: Venice This morning’s informal walk includes vast St. Mark’s Square. Our afternoon is free to explore independently; tonight we bid “arrivederci” to Italy and our fellow travelers at a farewell dinner. B,D

Day 17: Depart for U.S. We depart early this morning for our connecting flights to the U.S. B

Your Tour Price Includes
• Round-trip air transportation from listed cities
• 15 nights’ accommodations in Deluxe, Superior First Class and First Class hotels
• 24 meals: 15 breakfasts, 9 dinners
• Extensive sightseeing as described, including all entrance fees
• Services of an Odysseys Unlimited Tour Director
• Private motorcoach transportation throughout your trip
• Luggage handling for one bag per person
• Gratuities for local guides, dining room servers, airport and hotel porters, and all drivers

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Dallas, Denver, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, Phoenix, Portland (OR), San Francisco, Seattle $4,795
San Francisco, Seattle $4,795
Land Only $3,995

Please call if your city is not listed. Land only price does not include airport arrival and departure transfers. Prices are per person based on double occupancy. Single travelers please add $895.
Please note that single rooms are very limited and tend to be smaller than single rooms in the U.S. All tour prices above are guaranteed.

Business Class upgrade on round-trip Trans-Atlantic flight: $2,895. (Business Class upgrade is subject to availability and the pricing is subject to change.)
Airline taxes and departure fees of $389 per person are subject to change and will be listed separately on your invoice.

Please note: This trip involves considerable walking uphill, on uneven or cobblestone streets, and at sites of ancient ruins. In addition, several of our small hotels do not have elevators. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy the tour to the fullest.

For reservations and information, please call the Sweet Briar Alumnae Office toll-free at 800-381-6131

Tour Departs: October 9, 2010

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– GEORGE GORDON, LORD BYRON