**Food Wine and Culture Tour of Tuscany and Florence 2016**

Tentative Itinerary – dates and times may change depending on availability of tours, contractors etc

Day 1 – Saturday, May 14

* Leave Canada

Day 2 – Sunday, May 15

* Arrive Florence
* Taxi to hostel
* Check in accommodation **– Villa Camerata**

Day 3 – Monday, May 16

* 8am breakfast at hostel
* Bus to downtown
* Walking introduction of Florence and Mercato Centrale
* Bus to hostel
* Dine at Il Giuiolo

Day 4 – Tuesday, May 17

* 8am breakfast at hostel
* Bus to downtown
* Shopping at Mercato Centrale
* 1pm bus to hostel
* 2pm cooking in commercial kitchen at hostel
* 5pm early dinner

Day 5 – Wednesday, May 18

* 8am breakfast at hostel
* Bus to downtown
* Shopping at Mercato di Sant’ Ambrogio
* 1pm bus to hostel
* 2pm cooking in commercial kitchen at hostel
* 5pm early dinner

Day 6 – Thursday, May 19

* 8am breakfast at hostel
* Check out of Villa Camerata
* Taxi to **Santa Monaca hostel** – has kitchen and refrigerator. Grocery store next door.
* 1:30pm cooking at Giglio Cooking School with Chef Marcella

Day 7 – Friday, May 20

* On own for breakfast or at hostel
* 10am start at Giglio and Mercato di Sant’Ambrogio with Marcella
* Cooking and class in Renaissance food and art and literature

Day 8 – Saturday, May 21

* On own for breakfast or at hostel
* Walking tour of Florence with Renaissance restorer Bettina
* <http://www.theflorentine.net/articles/article-view.asp?issuetocId=6093>

Day 9 – Sunday, May 22

* Day off
* Students can do some research ahead of time regarding train schedules, tickets, etc. Day trips are possible to Rome, Cinque Terre, Pisa or to the famous galleries in Florence such as the Uffizi and Acadameia

Day 10 – Monday, May 23

* On own for breakfast or at hostel
* Taxi to train station
* Train to Parma
* **Check in at hostel or alternate accommodation**
* Walking tour of town of Parma
* Gelato at Ciacco
* Shop for breakfast items if in hostel
* Dinner at la Tirolese

Day 11 – Tuesday, May 24

* 9am board bus to Parmigiano Reggiano factory, Prosciutto di Parma, balsamic vinegar and vineyard tour
* Dinner at Imelda

Day 12 – Wednesday, May 25

* Train to Certaldo
* Taxi to Monastery
* Walk to town, buy food for dinner
* Cook at the Monastery

Day 13 – Thursday, May 26

* Early breakfast
* 9am Board bus to Podere Il Casale, Tuscany
* Pecorino Cheese making, tour and lunch at bio-diverse farm
* Possible stop at Pienza
* Last night in Certaldo

Day 14 – Friday, May 27

* Early breakfast
* Train to Florence
* **Check in at Santa Monaca**
* Shop for breakfast items
* Appertivo

Day 15 – Saturday, May 28

* Day off
* Last day to shop, buy gifts, tour churches and Duomo
* Possible day trip to Fiesole by transit bus with hike around the town

Day 16 – Sunday, May 29

* Check out of hostel
* Taxi to airport
* Fly back and arrive in Canada