

# PERSONAL HISTORY

## *your* JOURNEY of DISCOVERY

Life Story Workshop, September 25–October 5, 2012 in Italy

**C**OME JOIN Tom and Alison Taylor, two of Utah's most experienced personal historians, and documentary filmmaker Steve McCurdy for this exciting life story workshop in Italy. We will enjoy ten days of discovery, storytelling, laughter and sightseeing in the breathtaking Umbrian countryside.

**HAVE YOU DREAMED** of recording your life stories to hand down to future generations? Or perhaps you've always wanted to publish a memoir or series of thematic essays, but didn't know how to get started. This guided workshop will give you the knowledge and inspiration you need to conceive, create, and publish a book or multimedia presentation of your life stories. No writing experience or computer knowledge is required.

**IN THIS WORKSHOP**, we will guide you through the process of choosing and recording your most important and compelling life stories. Topics covered include



creating a life timeline, brainstorming techniques, and how to choose which stories to tell; techniques for recording, writing, and editing; working with images, printing, publishing; and ideas for telling your stories in audio, video and other media.

Around each day's **LIFE STORY WORKSHOP** instruction time, enjoy the sights of Italy!

- ☛ **Day 0-1** Depart US/Fly overnight to **Rome**, Italy. You will be met by a shuttle that will take you to **Spoletto**, Italy, where you will spend 7 nights in a comfortable farm house style Bed and Breakfast. That evening we will take a walking tour of the town and enjoy a welcome dinner at one of Spoleto's fine restaurants.
- ☛ **Day 2** Breakfast and a short bus ride to the beautiful Umbrian town of **Assisi**. Hear the amazing stories of Assisi's most famous native son, St. Francis of Assisi.
- ☛ **Day 3** Breakfast together and then off to **Siena** for the day! Siena is in the heart of Tuscany and its city centre has been designated a UNESCO world heritage site.
- ☛ **Day 4** Discover the hidden gems in the ancient Etruscan and Roman towns of **Bevagna**, **Spello**, and **Montefalco**.

- ☛ **Day 5** The highlight of day five will be the afternoon cooking class and dinner, with Italian music provided by a popular local band.
- ☛ **Day 6** Spend the day **Orvieto** or **Perugia**
- ☛ **Day 7** Our last day in Spoleto will be spent shopping and touring Spoleto before going to the **Monteluco** mountains, near a monastery for St Francis, and an outdoor picnic Italian Style.
- ☛ **Day 8** Transfer To **Rome**. Tour of the **Vatican** and **Sistine Chapel**. Walking tour of Rome, the **Spanish Steps**, **Trevi Fountain**, and the **Pantheon**.
- ☛ **Day 9** Morning Tour of the **Villa Borghese** museum, free afternoon, final dinner and a walking tour of the **Roman Forum** and **Coliseum**
- ☛ **Day 10** Transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport

# LIFE STORY *workshop*

*"I urge you to pursue preserving your personal history to allow your children and grandchildren to know who you were as a child and what your hopes and dreams were." Oprah Winfrey*

**YOUR GUIDES** for the workshop will be:

## **TOM AND ALISON TAYLOR**

Pictures and Stories, Inc.

Tom and Alison have completed over 100 personal, business and municipal histories. They have taught classes at BYU Education Week, Westminster College, Utah Valley University, and numerous personal and family history conferences. They are members of the Association of Personal Historians.



## **STEVEN MCCURDY**

Creative Light Productions

Steve is an acclaimed cultural documentary filmmaker. He has directed and filmed in over 27 countries on 5 continents and has worked on hundreds of projects as a producer, director, writer, and editor. He is an expert on Italian travel and speaks fluent Italian.



**EXPERIENCE THE JOURNEY OF A LIFETIME—  
A TOUR OF PERSONAL DISCOVERY  
IN PICTURESQUE ITALY.**

**SEPTEMBER 25—  
OCTOBER 5, 2012**

**UMBRIA, TUSCANY, AND ROME**

**\$2,495 per person\***

**Call Pictures and Stories  
801-906-0609**

for more information.

\*Space is limited to 12 participants.  
Airfare not included.  
\$1,500 deposit due at time of booking.

**Book before April 1 and receive \$200 off!**



*"A life that is not documented is a life that within a generation or two will largely be lost to memory. What a tragedy this can be in the history of a family."  
Dennis Neuenchwander*

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