



What's happening with TLC Travels?

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Summer 2016

This last year in Italy was a banner year both professionally for TLC Travels, and personally.

As most of you know, I spend the summers in Perugia, just north of Rome, teaching a creative non-fiction writing / history / culture class to college students. The school is the [Umbra Institute](#) and they offer classes in Sustainability Studies, Film, Art History, Italian language, and much more. I'm incredibly lucky to have amazing colleagues there and be able to spend five weeks in their company as we show yet another group of people the amazing country, art, food and culture of Italy.

I had 15 students in the classroom, many of whom had never written creatively, and all of whom wrote amazing work. I was even more thrilled when they all decided to present their work in public at the end-of-summer event.

Personally I realized some vital things for my daily life, my relationships, and my continued sanity. I wrote a little about that [here](#).

New Marketing Person

Anissa Baca, traveler extraordinaire, is my new marketing person as of this last year. She is in charge of the [Instagram](#) account, and posts photos and event info on the [TLC Facebook](#) page. She spends her time in Prague, Morocco, Germany, Italy... and always has a story to tell. Her contact info is below the Coliseum (below right), and the photo is of her in Milan, summer 2015. The other is of me in Spello, summer 2016.



Earthquakes and Other Excitement

Late in 2016 a number of earthquakes hit Italy; some were felt from south of Rome to north of Florence and Perugia. While my friends were unhurt, they were not unshaken. Some slept in their cars for fear of aftershocks. Life for most of the country has settled back to normal, but a great deal of damage occurred. Here is just one report, complete with [drone footage](#). Other photos [here](#).



New Tours / New Projects

Tours: This last year I developed two new, boutique tours: [The Hero's Journey](#), and Italian Gardens. The next Hero's Journey Tour is in May this year; check it out on the site and come with us! The Italian Gardens Tour is in the final stages of development and we'll be offering it starting spring, 2018.

Projects: The photo above is of [Scarzuola](#), a strange, fascinating combination of 12th, 16th, and 20th century architecture, and two main visionaries' dreams. I've begun a novel set there in two different time periods; more details as they become available.

My novel about [Bomarzo](#) will be out and available later in 2017.



Italy Photos / Info

[TLC-Travels](#) for posts about traveling, about Italy, about history and culture

[Greg Vance Photography](#) for some gorgeous photos of Venice (FB page)
[50 Years in Italy](#) for some great blog posts about Italian history and culture
[St Mark's, Venice](#) without scaffolding for the first time in years

{Except for the first link, this section will change every month; send suggestions!}

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