IN 2009, the Cal Poly Alumni Association will be traveling to two equally beautiful and fascinating countries, China and Italy. These travel opportunities are open to Cal Poly alumni, parents, family members and friends.

**CHINA AND THE YANGTZE RIVER DISCOVERY**
April 29 – May 11, 2009
No longer the “SLEEPING GIANT” described by Napoleon, China continues to hold its rightful place as one of the most fascinating countries in the world. Discover its finest cities, exotic countryside and storied history on this unique travel opportunity that showcases the many treasures of a fascinating land at an exceptional value.

**TUSCANY-CORTONA**
September 16 – 24, 2009
From the innovations of the Etruscans to the enlightenment of the Renaissance, Tuscany is a region steeped in history and human achievement. The inspiration for Frances Mayes’ book, “Under the Tuscan Sun,” Cortona captures the charm of Italian country living. We’ll visit Siena and Umbria as well as the “Cradle of the Renaissance,” Florence.

To find out more about these trips and future travel programs with the Cal Poly Alumni Association, contact Richard Laffey at rlaffey@calpoly.edu, 805-756-5747.

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