**VOLTERRA** is a village in Tuscany not far from Certaldo, and our visit there will illuminate its Etruscan history from over a thousand years ago. It is well known for its rich history mining alabaster in the region, with generations of families carving and selling it as sculpture, jewelry and housewares. During our day trip you can enjoy an alabaster turning demonstration in an artists workshop, visit the Etruscan museum, see a Roman forum, and do lots of shopping. The views of the countryside in the valley below are breathtaking.