

ITINERARY

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
1 MAY - 12 MAY 2002

DRESS CODES:

- Casual: nice, clean shorts or slacks
- Casual Chic (same as business casual): nice pants or skirt, nice shirt
- Jackets are optional. No ties are necessary or desirable

(DRESS: COMFORTABLE FOR FLYING. WEAR HEAVY SOCKS BECAUSE THE FLOOR OF THE PLANE IS USUALLY COLD.)

Fly from your connecting city to Newark Airport. on Continental Airlines.

(Make sure that from your originating city your final destination on your luggage receipts is "FCO" (Rome). Check your luggage through to Rome.

PLEASE WEAR THE NAME TAG THAT WE WILL FORWARD YOU SO YOU CAN RECOGNIZE EACH OTHER AT THE GATE, ON THE PLANE, AND IN ITALY.

YOU SHOULD CHANGE SOME MONEY AT YOUR ORIGINATING AIRPORT OR AT NEWARK TO SAVE TIME WHEN YOU ARRIVE. DO NOT CHANGE ANY LARGE AMOUNTS. REMEMBER THAT ATM MACHINES ARE AVAILABLE ALL OVER ITALY.

(Now, I would never suggest to take those comfy white pillows on the plane, but I sure get lonely for them while riding for hours on the bus!!)

WEDNESDAY

1 MAY

Depart from local airport to Newark. Got to Terminal C, International check in upstairs. Go to gate with your name tag on and meet Kelly McGathen from Bedford. No matter what happens board the plane at the boarding time.

5:25 PM Depart Newark Airport For Rome– Continental Airlines Flight 40

THURSDAY

2 May

07:45 Arrive Leonardo da Vinci Airport, Rome.

Go across the street to the bus parking area and board the LAZZI bus. Your driver is Luigi Sergio. The buses are all parked in the same place across the arrivals lane. Do not take the underground passageway.

Cross the street above ground. You can take your baggage carts with you and leave them at the bus parking area.

08:15 Depart for Hotel Castelvechio
Viale Pio XI 23
Castelgandolfo (Rome)
Tel: 011-39-06-9360308
Fax: 011-39-06-9360579

09:30 Arrive and check into Hotel Castelvechio. Continental breakfast available.

10:15 Refresh and change of clothes in room. CASUAL

11:30 Light buffet lunch at Castelvechio.

12:30 Bus to Rome for formal tour of the Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the monuments at 14:00. Drop off point at the Colle Oppio. Meet at the COLOSSEO subway entrance. CASUAL

16:30 Meet Lazzi bus at the Colle Oppio drop off point to return to the hotel and refresh.

19:30 Dinner at Castelvechio Hotel offered by Palazzo from Montalcino. Taste Rosso di Montalcino, Alcineo Super Tuscan, and Brunello di Montalcino. CASUAL CHIC

FRIDAY

3 May

07:00 to 09:00 Optional walk and breakfast

09:30. Transportation to Rome to tour the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and the Basilica of St. Peter's at 11:00. Drop off at Fra Albenzio square.

13:00 Shopping and optional free time after the tour.

22:00 Meet Lazzi bus at a preordained spot for return to Hotel.

SATURDAY

4 May

07:00 to 08:00 Optional exercise and breakfast in hotel

08:30 Check out of Hotel. CASUAL

09:00 Bus departs for Naples and Pompei ruins. Decide to snack at an Autogrill or at Pompei.

12:00 Arrive Pompei for formal tour of the ruins.

14:30 Depart for Andria and the Rivera winery.

18:00 Arrive at Andria. Exit A14 at Andria-Barletta. Sebastiano de Corato will be waiting at the toll booth area. Check into hotel

Hotel Cristal Palace
Via Firenze 35
Tel: 0883-556444
Fax: 0883-556799

19:00 Depart for Rivera winery and dinner. CASUAL CHIC

22:30 Depart for Trani for a tour of the historical center.

SUNDAY

5 May

07:30 to 08:30 breakfast in hotel

08:30 Check out of hotel and depart for the Castel del Monte castle. CASUAL

10:00 Return to the Rivera estate for tour of the cellars and vineyards.

12:00 Light lunch at the estate.

13:00 Departure for Le Marche and Ancona, home of Umani Ronchi and the Bernetti family.

18:00 Arrive at Ancona. Exit Ancona Sud.

Hotel Palace del Conero
Via Adriatica
Aspio di Ancona
Tel: 071:7108312
Fax: 071-7108744

19:30 Dinner guests of the Bernetti family at the San Lorenzo vineyard guest house. CASUAL CHIC

MONDAY

6 May

07:00 to 08:00 breakfast in hotel

08:00 check out of hotel. CASUAL

08:45 Visit to the Umani Ronchi winery at Osimo and the Villa Bianchi vineyards.

11:00 Depart for San Pietro Terme and Umberto Cesari.

13:00 Arrive at Umberto Cesari for lunch and tour of winery and vineyards.

16:00 Depart for the San Gimignano area and the Falchini estate

Hotel Alcide
Viale Marconi 67/A
Poggibonsi (SI)
Tel: 0577-937501
Fax: 0577-981729

20:00 Dinner and tasting at the "La Mandragola" restaurant in San Gimignano hosted by Riccardo and Laina Falchini. CASUAL CHIC. Meet at the Porta San Giovanni, the main door to town.

22:30 Night walk around San Gimignano with Riccardo Falchini

TUESDAY

7 May

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast in hotel

08:00 Check out of hotel

08:30 Depart for the Falchini estate in San Gimignano

09:00 Tour of vineyards and winery and tasting. Light snack at the Casale.

11:00 Depart for Florence and free time

15:30 Depart for Lido di Jesolo, near Venice

19:00 Arrive Hotel Cambridge, guests of Bedford

Via A. Bafile 429/431
30017 Lido de Jesolo (Venezia)

Tel: 011-39-0421-972751
Fax: 011-39-0421-371722

20:00 Free time in Lido de Jesolo. CASUAL WITH LIGHT SWEATER.

WEDNESDAY
8 MAY

07:00 to 08:00 breakfast in hotel

08:30 Check out of hotel. CASUAL

09:00 Depart on water shuttle for Piazza San Marco in Venice. Optional free time.

15:00 Depart from Piazzale Roma in Venice for the Borgo Magredo estate in Friuli-Grave.

17:00 Arrive at the estate of Borgo Magredo. Tour of the winery and tasting at the vineyards.

19:00 Check into hotels and refresh. Guests of Genagricola, parent company of Borgo Magredo and Torre Rosazza:

Hotel Villa Cigolotti
Basaldella di Vivaro
Tel: 0427-976083
Fax: 0427-976085

Hotel President
Spilimbergo
Tel: 0427-50050
Fax: 0427-976085

20:30 Dinner as guests of Genagricola at the Osteria del Castello. Tasting of the Torre Rosazza estate wines. CASUAL CHIC

THURSDAY
9 May

07:00 to 08:00 breakfast in hotel

08:30 Check out of hotel. CASUAL

09:00 Depart for the estate of Torre Rosazza in Colli Orientali of Friuli.

10:00 Arrive at Torre Rosazza. Tour vineyards and winery.

11:00 Light buffet lunch at Torre Rosazza. Tasting of Torre Rosazza wines.

12:30 Departure for the Verona area.

15:30 Arrive at the Michele Castellani estate and winery for tasting and tour of vineyards.

18:00 Check in at the Hotel Catullo at the Verona Est Exit
San Martino Buon Albergo
Tel: 045-995000
Fax: 045-8781526

19:30 Free time in Verona. Walk Via Mazzini and the shops. Visit the Bottega di Vino off of the Via Mazzini. Dinner in one of the Piazza Bra restaurants.

FRIDAY

10 May

07:30 to 08:00 breakfast and check out of hotel

08:30 Check out of hotel and depart for Verona. Free time in Verona

11:30 Depart for the Fabiano winery, bottler of the Barone wines. Buffet lunch and tasting.

13:00 Departure for Piemonte and the Contratto estates and Bocchino Grappa.

16:00 Meet at Asti Est exit of A21. Afternoon tour of Cerequio Barolo vineyard and the Barbaresco and Barbera areas.

18:00 Check into hotel and refresh:
Hotel Alaramo
Via E. Filiberto 13
Tel: 0141-595661
Fax: 0141-30039

19:30 Depart for the Contratto and Bocchino aging cellars. Tour of the cellars and dinner in the "seduction" room.

SATURDAY

11 MAY

08:00 to 09:00 Breakfast in hotel

09:00 Check out and departure for the Tortona area and the home of the Cantine Volpi, producer of the "Shower Wines".

11:00 Arrival at Volpi and tour of the winery

12:30 Lunch with Carlo Volpi and tasting.

15:00 Depart for Fara Novarese and the home of Enzo Lucca of Dessilani Wines.

16:30 Arrival at Dessilani. Tour of the winery and spumante greeting.

18:00 Check into hotel and refresh:

Hotel La Bussola
Via Boggiani 54
Novara
Tel: 0321-450810
Fax: 0321-452786

19:30 Depart for Dessilani and dinner

SUNDAY
12 MAY

07:15 Check out of hotel

07:45 Depart for Malpensa Airport

10:30 Depart Continental Flight 45 for Newark and connection to local destinations. Please make sure you check your luggage through to your final stop. **WELCOME HOME**.