

**ITINERARY
WEST COAST TRIP
8 MAY to 18 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.)

(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 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 5/8
Depart for Rome

THURSDAY 5/9

Arrive Leonardo da Vinci Airport, Rome.

Go across the street to the bus parking area and board the LAZZI bus. 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.

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

Castelvechio- late snack

FRIDAY 5/10

09:30 Depart by bus for Rome. Drop off at Fra Albenzio near the Vatican
11:00 Tour of the Vatican Museum and St. Peter's. Also tour of the Underground Rome (St. Clemente/catacombs)
Free time in Rome after the tours
16:00 Depart for hotel and refresh
19:30 Dinner at Castelvecchio with wines from Cantine Volpi

SATURDAY 5/11

08:30 Depart by bus for Rome. Drop off point at Colle Oppio
10:00 Meet at the Colosseo subway stop across the street from the Colosseum. Tour of the Forum and other monuments of antiquity.
Free time in Rome all day.
22:00 Depart by bus for hotel. Meet at Colle Oppio, original drop off point.

SUNDAY 5/12

08:00 Depart by bus for Tuscany and Montalcino
11:00 Arrive at Montalcino. Visit, tasting, and buffet lunch with Elia Loia of Palazzo.
13:30 Depart for Villa Arcineo
16:00 Depart for Colle Bereto and tour of vineyards and tasting
18:00 Depart for Poggibonsi and Hotel Europa:
Via Senese 293
Poggibonsi
Tel: 0577-933402
Fax: 0577-936069

Free time in Siena
22:00 Depart for hotel

MONDAY 5/13

08:30 Depart for Fucecchio and Le Caselle
09:30 Visit with Alessandro Nieri of Le Caselle, tasting, and snack
11:00 Depart for Florence and free time
15:30 Depart for Verona
19:00 Arrive at Hotel Catullo at the Verona Est Exit
San Martino Buon Albergo
Tel: 045-995000
Fax: 045-8781526

Free time in Verona
22:00 Depart for hotel

TUESDAY 5/14

08:00 Depart for Verona and free time

10:30 Depart for Michele Castellani

11:00 Tour of Castellani winery and tasting and light lunch

13:30 Depart for Borgo Magredo in Friuli

16:00 Arrive Borgo Magredo and tour of vineyards and winery, tasting.

18:00 Depart for Hotel Villa Cigolotti

Basaldella di Vivaro

Tel: 0427-976083

Fax: 0427-976085

20:00 Dinner as guests of Genagricola at the La Taverna Ristorante. This restaurant won a Grand Award from the Spectator in 2001 as one of the best 19 restaurants in all of Italy. Tasting of the Torre Rosazza estate wines. CASUAL CHIC

WEDNESDAY 5/15

09:30 Depart for Torre Rosazza, tasting, tour of vineyards, and buffet lunch

12:30 PM depart for Hotel Cambridge near Venice

Via A. Basile 429/431

30017 Lido de Jesolo (Venezia)

Tel: 011-39-0421-972751

Fax: 011-39-0421-371722

Free time in Lido di Jesolo or take a boat to Venice for the evening.

THURSDAY 5/16

08:30 Depart on water shuttle for Piazza San Marco in Venice. Optional free time.

15:00 Depart from Piazzale Roma in Venice for the Dessilani estate

18:00 Arrive at the La Bussola Hotel

Via Boggiani 54

Novara

Tel: 0321-450810

Fax: 0321-452786

19:00 Depart for tour of winery and Dessilani dinner

22:30 Depart for hotel

FRIDAY 5/17

09:00 Free time

12:00 Depart for Contratto - lunch Autogrill

14:30 Arrive Contratto – vineyard tour

15:00 Depart for Hotel Asti
Viale Risorgimento
Canelli
Tel: 0141-824220
Fax: 0141-824449

17:00 Depart for the Contratto and Bocchino facilities for a tour of the aging cellars and museum.

20:00 Dinner in the "Seduction Room"

SATURDAY 5/18

06:45 Depart for Malpensa Airport near Milan. Please make sure you check your luggage through to your final stop. **WELCOME HOME**