

## **ITINERARY**

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip  
9 MAY - 19 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!!)

THURSDAY  
9 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

FRIDAY  
10 MAY

07:45 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.**

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, Colosseum, and monuments at 14:00. Drop off at the Colle Oppio. Meet at the COLOSSEO subway station across from the Colosseum.

16:30 Meet Lazzi bus at the Colle Oppio drop off point. Return to Hotel for change and rest.

19:30 Dinner at Castelvechio Hotel offered by Palazzo from Montalcino and Cantine Volpi, producer of the "Shower Wines".

SATURDAY  
11 MAY

07:00 to 09:00 Optional walk and breakfast

09:30. Transportation to Rome to tour the Vatican Museums, Colosseum, and monuments at 11:00. Drop off at Piazza Fra Albenzio.

13:30 Shopping and optional free time after the tour.

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

SUNDAY  
12 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.

MONDAY  
13 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

TUESDAY  
14 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

WEDNESDAY  
15 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. Basile 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.

THURSDAY  
16 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 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

FRIDAY  
17 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.

SATURDAY  
18 May

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

08:30 Depart for the home of Enzo Lucca and the Dessilani estate.

11:30 Arrival at the Dessilani Estate. Tour of the winery and lunch with Enzo Lucca.

14:30 Departure for Piemonte and the Contratto estates and Bocchino Grappa.

16:00 Check into hotel and refresh. Dress for dinner. CASUAL CHIC

Hotel Salera  
Via Monsignor Marelllo 19  
Asti  
Tel: 0141-410169  
Fax: 0141-410372

17:00 Depart for a tour of Barolo, Barbaresco wine growing areas.

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

SUNDAY  
19 MAY

06:30 Check out of hotel

07:00 Departure 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.**