

ITINERARY

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
7 MAY - 18 MAY 2003

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
7 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 John Vesce 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
8 May

07:45 Arrive Leonardo da Vinci Airport, Rome.

Go across the street to the bus parking area and board the VAL TOUR bus. The buses are all parked in the same place across the arrivals area from Terminal C . 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 to the Colle Oppio drop off point near the Colosseum.
CASUAL

OPTIONAL: Tour of the Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the monuments.
Meet tour guide at the COLOSSEO subway entrance down the hill from the drop off point . Approximate fee for the tour is anywhere from \$20 to \$30 per person.

FREE TIME IN ROME

21:30 Meet the bus at the Colle Oppio drop off point to return to the hotel.
PLEASE ARRIVE BEFORE THE DESIGNATED APPOINTMENT TIME. IF YOU ARE LATE, THE BUS MAY DEPART WITHOUT YOU. OBTAIN A BUDDY'S CELL PHONE NUMBER OR THAT OF THE BUS DRIVER SO THAT YOU CAN CONTACT THEM IN CASE OF LATENESS.

FRIDAY
9 May

07:00 to 09:00 Breakfast

09:30. Bus to Rome. CASUAL

11:00 Drop off at the Fra Albenzio Piazza

OPTIONAL: Tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel, and the Basilica of St. Peter's. Approximate cost of \$25-\$35 per person.
FREE TIME IN ROME.

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

SATURDAY

10 May

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast

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. Tour compliments of Bedford.

14:30 Depart for Andria and the Rivera winery in Puglia.

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 Appia Antica
SS. 98 Corato
Tel: 080-8722504

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

22:30 Depart for Trani for an after dinner tour of the historical center.

SUNDAY

11 May

07:30 to 08:30 Breakfast

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

10:30 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 in the Le Marche Region on the Adriatic Sea.

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
12 May

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast

08:00 check out of hotel. CASUAL

08:30 Visit to the Umani Ronchi winery at Osimo and the Villa Bianchi vineyard.

12:30 Lunch at the Villa Bianchi vineyard and estate.

13:30 Depart for Lido di Jesolo and the Venice area.

16:30 Arrive Lido di Jesolo

Hotel Heron
Via Padova 3
Lido di Jesolo
Tel: 0421-371242
Fax: 0421-370726

FREE TIME IN LIDO DI JESOLO. CASUAL WITH LIGHT SWEATER.

TUESDAY
13 MAY

07:30 Breakfast

08:30 Check out of hotel

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

FREE TIME IN VENICE

14:00 Depart by water shuttle for the bus parking area at Tronghetto . DO NOT BE LATE FOR THIS WATER SHUTTLE.

14:30 Depart by bus for the Borgo Magredo estate in Friuli-Grave.

16:30 Arrive at the estate of Borgo Magredo. Tour of the winery and tasting at the vineyards.

18:30 Check into hotels and refresh. Guests of Genagricola, parent company of Borgo Magredo and Torre Rosazza:

Hotel President
Udine

20:30 Dinner as guests of Genagricola 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

14 May

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Check out of hotel. CASUAL

09:30 Depart for the estate of Torre Rosazza in Colli Orientali of Friuli.

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

11:00 Buffet lunch at Torre Rosazza. Tasting of Torre Rosazza wines.

12:30 Departure for the Verona area. CASUAL

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

18:00 Check in at the Holiday Inn at the Verona Est Exit

San Martino Buon Albergo

Tel: 045-995000

Fax: 045-8781526

19:30 Dinner hosted by Cantine Volpi and the "shower wines". CASUAL CHIC

Hotel Ristorante Borghetti
Via Valpolicella 5
Parona di Valpolicella

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.

23:30 Depart for hotel from Verona

THURSDAY

15 May

07:30 to 08:00 Breakfast

08:30 Check out of hotel

09:00 Depart for Fara Novarese and the home of Enzo Lucca of Dessilani Wines.
CASUAL

12:00 Lunch and tasting at the Dessilani estate.

14:00 Departure for Piemonte and the Contratto estates and Bocchino Grappa.

16:00 Check into hotel

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

17:30 Depart for tour of the Barolo and Barbaresco Contratto vineyards.

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

FRIDAY

16 MAY

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast

08:30 Check out and depart for Florence and the Le Sorgenti estate in the Colli Fiorentini DOCG area. CASUAL

12:00 Arrival at the Le Sorgenti estate. Tour and lunch and tasting.

13:30 Depart for Florence and FREE TIME.

17:00 Depart for the San Gimignano area and the Falchini estate

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

20:30 Dinner and tasting at the "La Mandragola" restaurant in San Gimignano hosted by Riccardo and Laina Falchini, and Michael and Elie Falchini, and Christopher Falchini. CASUAL CHIC. Meet at the Porta San Giovanni, the main door to town.

22:30 Night walk around San Gimignano with Riccardo Falchini

SATURDAY
17 May

07:00 to 08:00 Breakfast in hotel

08:30 Check out of hotel and depart for the Falchini estate in San Gimignano

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

12:00 Depart for Montalcino and the estate of Palazzo for tasting and light lunch

15:00 Depart for Montepulciano and the Salcheto estate. Tasting and tour of the vineyards.

18:30 Refresh and dinner with Salcheto at the famous Buio Ristorante in Montepulciano.

21:30 Depart for hotel near Rome

Best Western Park Hotel
33 Via Milano
Fiano Romano (Roma Nord)
Tel: 0765-400507
Fax: 0765-453018

SUNDAY
18 MAY

06:30 to 07:30 Breakfast

07:15 Depart for Fiumicino Airport

09:55 Depart Continental Flight 41 for Newark and connection to local destinations. Please make sure you check your luggage through to your final stop. **WELCOME HOME.**