

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 Liberty 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 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!!)

NOTE: PLEASE BE PROMPT WHENEVER YOU ARE TO BE AT THE BUS DEPARTURE POINT. 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 DELAY.

**TUESDAY
27 April**

Depart from local airport and fly to Newark Liberty Airport for the connecting flight to Rome. Go to Terminal C, upstairs to the International check in. Go to gate with your nametag on and meet John Vesce of Bedford. No matter what happens, board the plane at the boarding time.

5:30 pm Depart Newark Liberty Airport For Rome– Continental Flight 40

**WEDNESDAY
28 April**

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 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. Your driver is: Bruno Grasso (cell 348-7712181)

09:15 Depart for Hotel Lloyd
Via Alessandria, 110/A
00198 Roma
Tel: 06-44251262
Fax: 06-44251260

FREE TIME IN ROME

**THURSDAY
29 April**

FREE TIME IN ROME

**FRIDAY
30 April**

07:30 to 09:00 Breakfast and check out.

09:00 Bus departs for the Rivera estate in the region of Puglia (Bari) Exit A14 at Andria-Barletta. Sebastiano de Corato cell phone: 335-6277764.

13:00 Lunch at the estate, tour of vineyards, and Castel del Monte.

18:00 Refresh at the hotel prior to dinner.
Hotel: Cristal Palace
Via Firenze 35
Tel: 0883-556444

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Fax: 0883-556799

20:00 Dinner at the Rivera estate with the de Corato family. CASUAL CHIC.

22:30 Depart for Trani for a late happy hour at this charming seaside town.

SATURDAY

1 May

09:00 Departure for Ancona, home of Umani Ronchi and the Bernetti family in the Marche Region on the Adriatic Sea. Michele Bernetti cell phone:335-395324. Obtain Exit Ancona Sud. CASUAL.

13:00 Lunch at Villa Bianchi with Michele and Massimo Bernetti.

16:00 Tour of winery and San Lorenzo vineyard

18:00 Refresh at hotel:

Hotel Palace del Conero

Via Adriatica

Aspio di Ancona

Tel: 071:7108312

Fax: 071-7108312

20:00 Dinner at the San Lorenzo guest house with the Bernetti family. CASUAL CHIC

SUNDAY

2 May

9:00 Depart Umani Ronchi

10:30 Arrive at the Castelluccio estate in Emilia-Romagna for a tour, tasting and a light lunch with Vittorio Fiore, noted enologist, and Claudio and Veruska Fiore.
Phone number: 0546-942486.

12:30 Depart for Venice.

14:30 Check into hotel and refresh:

Hotel da Vito

Via Marzabotto, 63

30010 Lughetto di Campagna Lupia

Venice

Tel: 041-5185205

Fax: 041-5185149

FREE TIME IN VENICE. CASUAL WITH A LIGHT SWEATER FOR NIGHT WEAR.

22:00 Meet bus for return to hotel. Take taxi if miss the bus.

MONDAY

3 May

08:30 Depart Venice for Borgo Magredo in the region of Friuli Grave
Tour and tasting at the Borgo Magredo estate. CASUAL
Piero Totis cell phone: 335-7721481

11:30 Depart for the Torre Rosazza estate in Udine, Friuli Colli Orientali, for patio buffet
lunch and tour of estate

15:30 Depart for Verona

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

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

TUESDAY

4 May

09:00 Depart for a tour and tasting at the Michele Castellani estate in Marano di Valpolicella.
CASUAL. Stefano Pilone cell phone: 335-6906030

13:00 Lunch with Carlo Volpi in the Verona area and a tasting of the Volpi "shower wines".
Stefano Pilone cell phone: 335-6906030

Hotel Ristorante Borghetti
Via Valpolicella 5
Parona di Valpolicella

15:30 Depart for Fara Novarese, region of Piemonte, and the home of Enzo Lucca of
Dessilani Wines. CASUAL. Dessilani phone: 0321-829252

18:00 Check into hotel and refresh.

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

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19:30 Depart for the Dessilani estate and tour of the estate and dinner with Enzo and Claudia Lucca and family. CASUAL CHIC

WEDNESDAY

5 May

08:30 Depart Dessilani for Contratto in Canelli (Asti) region of Piemonte. CASUAL.

10:30 Tour of vineyards, aging cellars, and lunch in the "Seduction Room" with Antonella Bocchino, owner of Bocchino Grappa and the Contratto estate.

15:30 Depart for the Riparbella area of the North Maremma region of Tuscany. Michele Franzan cell number: 335-374620

18:30 Refresh in hotel-Antico Borgo San Martino
loc. San Martino, 1
56046 Riparbella (PI)
Tel: 0586-696010
Fax: 0586-699317

20:00 Dinner with Luca and Flavio Nuti of the La Regola estate, of the Montescudaio appellation. CASUAL CHIC

THURSDAY

6 May

08:30 Depart for Greve in Chianti and the Vignamaggio estate (Birthplace of Mona Lisa). Carla Bani cell phone: 347-3391466. Vignamaggio number is: 055-8564453 (Chiara). Tour of the 600 year old Villa, the cellars and the vineyards.

12:00 Depart for Le Sorgenti in the Colli Fiorentini appellation near Florence for tour of vineyards and tasting and light lunch with the Ferrari family. Le Sorgenti phone: 055-696004. Michele Franzan phone: 335-374620

15:00 Depart for Florence

FREE TIME IN FLORENCE

21:30 Depart for Hotel Alcide
Viale Marconi 67/A
Poggibonsi (SI)
Tel: 0577-937501
Fax: 0577-981729

FRIDAY
7 May

09:30 Depart for the Falchini estate in San Gimignano and a tour of the vineyards, cellars, and tasting. Falchini phone: 0577-941305

11:30 light snack with the Falchini family. FREE TIME IN SAN GIMIGNANO

13:30 Depart for the Palazzo estate in Montalcino and tour of vineyards, cellars and tasting with the Loia family. Elia Loia number: 380-5188990.

16:00 Depart for the Salcheto estate in Montepulciano and tour of vineyards. Salcheto phone: 0578-799031. Michele Franzan cell number: 335-374620

18:00 Dinner at the Salcheto estate in Montepulciano

21:00 Depart for Hotel:
Eurohotel
Locazione Bei Poggi
00065 Fiano Romano
Tel: 0765-455511
Fax: 0765-455333

SATURDAY
8 May

07:15 Depart for Fiumicino Airport

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

WELCOME HOME.

NOTE: Please share your trip photos with us and include the names of the people in the photos for possible inclusion on our website.