

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
30 AUGUST – 10 SEPTEMBER 2005

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!!)

**TUESDAY
30 AUGUST**

Depart from local airport and fly to Newark for the connecting flight to Rome. Go to International check in. Go to gate with your nametag on and meet Kelly McGathen, South Region Manager of Bedford. No matter what happens, board the plane at the boarding time.

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

**WEDNESDAY
31 AUGUST**

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
1 SEPTEMBER**

FREE TIME IN ROME

**FRIDAY
2 SEPTEMBER**

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:

Castel de Monte Park Hotel
S.S. 170 km 22 Andria (Ba)
Tel: 0883-569866

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

SATURDAY
3 SEPTEMBER

09:30 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. Exit Ancona Sud. CASUAL. Lunch at an autogrill on the highway.

15:00 Arrive at winery in Osimo. Tour of winery and San Lorenzo vineyard. Tasting in the Umani Ronchi "classroom".

17:00 Refresh at hotel:
Hotel Palace del Conero
Via Adriatica
Aspio di Ancona
Tel: 071-7108312
Fax: 071-7108312

18:30 Depart for Villa Bianchi for dinner with the Bernetti family. CASUAL CHIC

SUNDAY
4 SEPTEMBER

8:30 Depart Umani Ronchi

11:00 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.

13:00 Depart for Venice.

15:30 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
5 SEPTEMBER

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.

15:00 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.

22:00 Bus returns to the Holiday Inn.

TUESDAY
6 SEPTEMBER

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

14:30 Depart for Fara Novarese, region of Piemonte, and the home of Enzo
Lucca of Dessilani Wines. CASUAL. Dessilani phone: 0321-829252

17:30 Check into hotel and refresh.
La Bussola Hotel
Via Boggiani 54
Novara
Tel: 0321-450810
Fax: 0321-452786

19:00 Depart for the Dessilani estate and tour of the estate and dinner with Enzo and Claudia Lucca and family. CASUAL CHIC

**WEDNESDAY
7 SEPTEMBER**

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

10:30 Tour of vineyards, aging cellars, and snack with Antonella Bocchino, owner of Bocchino Grappa and the Contratto estates.

13:30 Depart for the Florence area.

18:00 Refresh in hotel –

Holiday Inn (Florence Airport)
Uscita Autosole Firenze Nord
50013 Campi Bisenzio Firenze
Tel: 3955447111
Fax: 39554219015

FREE TIME IN FLORENCE AREA

22:00 Return to Hotel

**THURSDAY
8 SEPTEMBER**

08:30 Depart for Greve in Chianti and the Vignamaggio estate (Birthplace of Monna Lisa). Carla Bani cell phone: 347-3391466. Vignamaggio number is: 055-8564453, 055854667 (Nicole, Silvia, Roberta). 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.

15:00 Depart for Florence or Siena. Group will decide

FREE TIME IN FLORENCE OR SIENA

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

**FRIDAY
9 SEPTEMBER**

09:30 Depart for the Falchini estate in San Gimignano and a tour of the vineyards, cellars, and tasting. Falchini phone: 0577-94130.

11:30 Light lunch 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 Montepulciano

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

**SATURDAY
10 SEPTEMBER**

07:15 Depart for Fiumicino Airport

10:10 Depart Continental Flight 41 for 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.