

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
28 AUGUST – 8 SEPTEMBER 2007

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.

(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 taking those comfy white pillows on the plane, but I sure get lonely for them while riding for hours on the bus!!)

**TUESDAY
28 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 Dennis Nelson of Southern Wine and Spirits Illinois.
No matter what happens, board the plane at the boarding time.

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

**WEDNESDAY
29 AUGUST**

08:40 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.

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

10:30 Check in Hotel

FREE TIME IN ROME

Meet John Vesce, VP of Sales - Bedford International and Rick Zwolinski, Mid-West Regional Manager – Bedford International

John's cell number while in Italy is 347 523 9574

**THURSDAY
30 AUGUST**

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

09:00 Bus departs for the Rivera estate in the region of **Puglia**
(Exit A14 at Andria-Barletta)

Sebastiano de Corato cell phone: 335-6277764.

The winery's number 0883-569501.

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

18:00 Check in hotel:

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

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

FRIDAY

31 AUGUST

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. Exit Ancona Sud. **CASUAL.**

Stop at the Auto Grill for sandwich or sit down lunch

14:30 Check in:

Hotel Palace del Conero
Via Adriatica
Aspio di Ancona
Tel: 071-7108312
Fax: 071-710831

16:30 Depart for the Umani Ronchi winery for a tour and presentation of the wines. **CASUAL CHIC**

19:00 Depart for Villa Bianchi for a view of the vineyard and dinner with the Bernetti family.

SATURDAY

1 SEPTEMBER

8:00 Depart Umani Ronchi. **CASUAL**

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.

15:00 Check in:

Hotel Villa Giulietta
30032 Fiesso D'artico (VE) 169, v.
Via Rivera Del Brenta, Veneto
Tel: 041-5162500
Fax: 041-5161500

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

A great spot for dinner is Vini da Gigio located at Cannaregio 3628a (the ferry stop is Linea 1 Ca' D'Oro) tel 041 5285140

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

**SUNDAY
2 SEPTEMBER**

08:30 **CASUAL** Depart Venice for Torre Rosazza estate near Udine (**Friuli** Colli Orientali) for patio buffet lunch and tour of estate.

Tasting of wines from Borgo Magredo/Torre Rosazza.

Piero Totis cell phone: 335-7721481

14:30 Depart for Verona (**Veneto**)

17:30: Check in:

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 Via Mazzini. Dinner in one of the Piazza Bra restaurants.

Take taxi to hotel

**MONDAY
3 SEPTEMBER**

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

11.30 Depart Castellani for **Piedmont** (30 min. lunch at Auto Grill)

15:00 Arrive at Fara Novarese, in Piemonte, and home of Enzo Lucca of Dessilani Wines. Dessilani phone: 0321-829252

Tour of winery, tasting, light snack

17:30 Depart for Alba area

19.30 Check in:
Hotel I Castelli
Corso Torino, 14
12051 Alba
Tel: 0173-361.978
Contact: Fabrizio / Cristina

20.30 Dinner with Giacosa Fratelli wines in Neive at Locanda Contea, Piazza Cocito 8 Neive (CN) Phone 0173 67126 / 0173 677558 . **CASUAL CHIC**

**TUESDAY
4 SEPTEMBER**

08:15 Meet Antonella Lazzarino for a tour of the Barolo area. Contact her as to where to meet for the tour of the Barolo area.

Her phone number is: 348-2636181

10:00 Arrive at Contratto in Canelli. Tour of winery, aging cellars, and tasting of Contratto wines and Bocchino Grappa.

12:30 Depart for **Tuscany** (Florence)

17:00 Check in

Unaway Hotel Firenze Nord
Uscita Autosole Firenze Nord
50013 Campi Bisenzio Firenze
Tel: 39-055447111
Fax: 39-0554219015
Contact: Antonio Lupone

18:30 Depart Unaway Hotel for Florence

Free time in Florence

Take taxi to hotel

**WEDNESDAY
5 SEPTEMBER**

08:30 Depart for sightseeing and shopping in Florence. Catch a bite/lunch while in Florence (At the San Lorenzo food market try Tuscan soups and meats at Nerbone or traditional focaccia at Bondi) **CASUAL**

13:00 Depart Florence for Vignamaggio estate in Greve (in Chianti Classico and birthplace of Monna Lisa). Tour of the 600-year-old estate and tasting.
Carla Bani cell phone: 347-3391466.
Vignamaggio number is: 055 8546653/ 055 8546677

17:00 Depart Vignamaggio for the hotel in Poggibonsi.
Contact Michael Falchini at 0577-941305 to confirm time of meeting this evening.
Exchange cell phone numbers.

18:00 Check in: Hotel Alcide
Viale Marconi 67/A
Poggibonsi (SI)
Tel: 0577-937501
Fax: 0577-981729

19:00 Depart for the Falchini winery for dinner in San Gimignano and late night tour of the town with Riccardo. **CASUAL CHIC**

22:00 Return to hotel by bus.

THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

09:00 Depart hotel for tour of the Falchini winery and tasting, and snack.
Falchini phone: 0577-941305. **CASUAL**

12:00 Depart for Torgiano (**Umbria**), home of Lungarotti. Tel: 075-988661
Our hosts are Teresa and Chiara Lungarotti joined by Joe Costello (Lungarotti representative in the USA)

15:30 Check in: Hotel Tre Vaselle
Via Garibaldi, 48
Torgiano (PG)
Tel: 075-9880447
Fax: 075-9880214

16:30 Visit Lungarotti winery, aging cellar, vineyards and wine museum
20:00 Dinner with Lungarotti wines. **CASUAL CHIC**

FRIDAY 7 SEPTEMBER

8:30 Depart for Montepulciano (**Tuscany**). **CASUAL**

10:00 Arrive at the Salcheto in Montepulciano. Tour and tasting with Michele Manelli (0578-799031)

12:30 Depart for Maremma

14:00 Arrive at Colle Massari in Poggi del Sasso – Cinigiano (GR)
Tel. 0564-990496; tour of vineyards and estate; our host is Claudio Tipa

15:30 Tasting of Colle Massari and Grattamacco wines

16:30 Dinner at the estate

18:00 Depart for Hotel (3 hour ride)

AIRPORT PALACE

Viale dei Romagnoli, 165

00121 Ostia Lido

Tel: 06-5692341

SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

7:30AM Depart for Fiumicino Airport

10:10 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**.

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