

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
15 MAY – 24 MAY 2008

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**
- **Bring running gear if you want to go running with Riccardo**

(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!!)

**Thursday
15 MAY**

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 John Vesce and Riccardo Cugini of Bedford. No matter what happens, board the plane at the boarding time.

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

**Friday
16 MAY**

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

**Saturday
17 MAY**

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)

Our hosts are Sebastiano De Corato, his father Carlo and his mother Marilla
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 –13 people (NY, NJ, Vesce and driver)

S.S. 170 km 22 Andria (Ba)

Tel: 0883 569866

Tenuta Cocevola – 12 people (all others)

S.S. 170 KM 9,9

Contrada Cocevola - Andria

Tel: 0883 566945

Fax: 0883 569706

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

Sunday

18 MAY

09:00 Departure for Ancona, home of Umani Ronchi and the Bernetti family in the **Marche** region on the Adriatic Sea.

Our hosts are Massimo Bernetti, his wife Annalisa, their son Michele Bernetti with wife Monica and Giampiero Rotini, export manager

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

16:00 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

Monday
19 MAY

8:30 Depart Umani Ronchi. **CASUAL**

11:00 Arrive in Torgiano, **Umbria**, home of Lungarotti.

Tel: 075-988661

Our hosts are Teresa Severini, Chiara Lungarotti and Joe Costello (Lungarotti representative in the USA and CA)

Visit Lungarotti winery, aging cellar, vineyards and wine museum in Torgiano, then travel to Montefalco to visit Lungarotti's new Sagrantino estate

Coming back from Montefalco

Check in:

Holiday Inn Perugia

Via del Discobolo - Perugia

Tel. 075 5172347 - Fax 075 5172719

20.00 Leave hotel for Torgiano

20.30 Dinner at the Tre Vaselle hotel restaurant. **CASUAL CHIC**

Tuesday
20 MAY

07:30 **CASUAL** Depart Torgiano for Maremma

Directions for driver

Prendere SP 403 – Girare a sinistra SP 318 – Girare a destra SS3Bis/E 45 in direzione di Perugia/Cesena.

Seguire la direzione A1 Perugia Firenze. Continuare su RA6 – Prendere l'uscita in direzione Siena – Prendere la SS 223/ E78.

Sulla statale SS223-E78 Grosseto Siena uscire a Paganico e attraversare il paese in direzione Monte Amiata.

Dopo 4 km girare a destra per Sasso d'Ombrone. Dopo il paese al primo bivio girare a destra seguendo l'indicazione Poggi del Sasso. Attraversare il paese e proseguire per circa 2 km per arrivare alla cantina del Castello ColleMassari.

11.00 Arrive at Colle Massari in Poggi del Sasso – Cinigiano (GR).

Tel. 0564-990496; tour of vineyards and estate; our host are Claudio Tipa, his wife Maria, Maurizio Castelli (winemaker) and Laura Breschi, export manager

12.00 Lunch with tasting of Colle Massari and Grattamacco wines

14:00 Depart for San Gimignano

16.00 Check in:

Hotel Alcide

Viale Marconi 67/A

Poggibonsi (SI)

Tel: +39-0577-937501

Fax: -39-0577-981729

17.30 Leave Hotel to go to Falchini winery

18.00 Visit Falchini with Riccardo, Lena, Michael and Christopher Falchini

20.30 Tuscan dinner in San Gimignano at Mandragola followed by night tour of San Gimignano with Riccardo Falchini

Wednesday

21 MAY

8.30 Depart for Greve in Chianti

9.30 Arrive at Vignamaggio in Greve (in Chianti Classico and birthplace of Monna Lisa). Tour of the 600-year-old estate and tasting.

Our hosts are Carla Bani (export manager), Francesco Naldi (winemaker) and Avvocato Gianni Nunziante (owner)

Carla Bani cell phone: 347-3391466

Vignamaggio number is: 055 8546653 / 055 8546677

12.30 Depart for Depart for Le Sorgenti in Bagno a Ripoli

14.00 Arrive at Le Sorgenti

Le Sorgenti is in the Colli Fiorentini appellation near Florence.

Light lunch, visit and tasting with Elisabetta, Gabriele, Filippo Ferrari and Christian Giorni.

Le Sorgenti phone: 055-696004

16.30 Depart to check in at Hotel (1 mile away)

HOLIDAY INN FLORENCE
Viale Europa 205
50126 Firenze - Italy
Tel. +39 055 6571117
Fax. +39 055 6531806

17.45 Leave for Florence
Free time and free dinner
(Take taxi back to hotel)

Thursday
22 MAY

7.30 Depart Florence for Friuli

Directions for driver

Autostrada A1
- Firenze - Bologna
- Bologna - Padova

Autostrada A4
Padova - Venezia
Venezia - Trieste

Passata la Barriera di Venezia est, proseguire per Trieste .
(Stesso percorso che facevate x venire a Torre Rosazza)

Uscire al Casello di S.STINO DI LIVENZA
(da barriera Venezia est circa 30 minuti)

Da uscita autostrada (sono circa 4 KM)
- prendere la 1° a destra (direzione Annone Veneto)
- alla rotonda prendere ancora la 1° a destra (direzione Loncon) per 3 km circa e
arrivate davanti al cancello della Tenuta S.ANNA

11:00 Arrive in S. Anna (Genagricola HD in Loncon)

Short visit with presentation of Genagricola and wine tasting followed by lunch
Our hosts are Piero Totis (export manager) and Debora Saro (assistant)
Piero Totis cell phone: 335-7721481

14:00 Depart for Valpolicella

16.30 Arrive in Marano for a tour and tasting at the Michele Castellani estate in Marano di Valpolicella. **CASUAL.**

Our hosts are Stefano Pilone (export manager) and the Castellani family: Sergio (owner-winemaker), daughters Mara and Martina and son Michele
Stefano Pilone cell phone: 335-6906030

18.30 Leave for Hotel

19.00: Check in:

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

Free night 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 back to hotel

Friday 23 MAY

08.00 Depart for **Piedmont (CASUAL)**

12:00 Arrive in Barolo production area and meet Antonella Lazzarino for a tour of the Langhe hills. Contact her as to where to meet.
Her phone number is: 348-2636181.

13.30 Visit Contratto cellars in Canelli. Tour of winery, aging cellars, and light lunch with tasting of Contratto wines and Bocchino Grappa.
Meet Davide Monorchio (export manager) and Marta Micca Bocchino, daughter of Carlo Bocchino (owner)

16:00 Depart for Alba area

17.00

Check in:

Hotel Savona
Via Roma 1
Alba 12051
0173-440.440
Contact: Alessandra

Free time in Alba

20.30 Dinner with Giacosa Fratelli in Neive at Locanda Contea, Piazza Cocito 8
Neive (CN) Phone 0173 67126 / 0173 677558 .
Our hosts are Maurizio and Paolo Giacosa

CASUAL CHIC

Saturday
24 MAY

5.45 AM Depart for Malpensa Airport

10:25 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**.

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

Email all photos with names to:

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or send your CD to:
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Larchmont, NY 10538