

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
7 MAY – 16 MAY 2008

Participating areas: West-Midwest- Colorado-Texas

DRESS CODES:

- Casual: nice, clean shorts or slacks.
No t-shirts or sandals. Polo/golf shirts and sneakers are accepted
- Casual Chic (same as business casual): nice pants or skirt, nice shirt.
NO SNEAKERS PLEASE.
- Jackets are optional. No ties are necessary or desirable for this trip

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.

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!!

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 and they accept US DEBIT CARDS with Visa or Mastercard logos. The exchange rates/fees are usually acceptable. You might want to call your bank to make sure that your PIN also works internationally.

Also, all major CREDIT CARDS work where accepted (shops/restaurants) but using them to get cash advances from ATMs is quite expensive.

The international area code to call Italy from the US is 01139 followed by the telephone/fax numbers as indicated in this itinerary.

The international area code to call the US from Italy is 001 followed by area code + number.

Tips: in restaurants leave 5 to 10 euros every 4 people dining regardless of your bill. It is not necessary to leave a percentage of your bill. Save your tip money for the bus driver (at the end of the trip).

Ciao!

Thursday
7 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 David Belardino and Jeni Moretti of Bedford. No matter what happens, board the plane at the boarding time.

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

Friday
8 MAY

7.45 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 Luigi Sergio (cell: 348-7712176)

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
9 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:

Tenuta Cocevola (24 people – see list)

S.S. 170 KM 9,9

Contrada Cocevola - Andria

Tel: 0883-566945

Fax: 0883-569706

Castel del Monte Park (all others including driver)

S.S. 170 km 22 Andria (Ba)

Tel: 0883-569866

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

Sunday

10 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 and Annalisa Bernetti, their son Michele Bernetti with wife Monica, Giampiero Rotini (export manager) and Antonella Pagnanelli (export)

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 (all participants except driver, Lewis and Vanderlinden)

Via Adriatica

Aspio di Ancona

Tel: 071-7108312

Fax: 071-710831

Hotel Cristoforo Colombo (driver, Lewis and Vanderlinden)

Right next to Umani Ronchi

S.S. Adriatica Km 310,400

60027 Osimo (AN)

Tel: 071-7108990

Fax: 071-7108994

Larry Immerman, President of Pioneer Distributing Texas, joins the group (he will be at the Hotel Palace)

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 at La Torre Restaurant (next to Villa Bianchi)

Monday
11 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 (owners) and Leonardo Ricci (export manager)

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
12 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)3

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

13.30 Depart for Montepulciano

16.00 Arrive at Salcheto an visit winery.
Our host is Michele Manelli (cell: 335-6219727; Salcheto telephone: 0578-79931)

17.30

Check in:

Hotel Admiral Palace

Viale Umbria, 2

53042 Chianciano Terme

Tel: 0578-63297

Fax: 0578-55421

This is Spa-Hotel and you will receive a complimentary pass for the pools and spa

20.30

Dinner in Montepulciano at Contrada di Gracciano followed by night tour of Montepulciano with Michele Manelli **CASUAL CHIC**

Wednesday

13 MAY

8.30 Depart for Greve in Chianti **CASUAL**

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 Avvocato Gianni Nunziante (owner), Carla Bani (export manager), Francesco Naldi (winemaker) and Sandro Checcucci (winemaker)

Carla Bani cell phone: 347-3391466

Vignamaggio number is: 0550-8546653 / 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

Tel. 055-6571117

Fax. 055-6531806

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

Thursday
14 MAY

7.30 Depart Florence for Friuli **CASUAL**

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 (export)

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.

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. 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
15 MAY

9.00 Free Time in Verona **CASUAL**

12.30 Depart for Piedmont. Lunch stop at Autogrill.

Directions for driver

Uscita autostrada ASTI EST seguire indicazioni per ALBA (la nuova autostrada) e proseguire sulla superstrada. Alla fine della superstrada c'è una rotonda (da ASTI EST ci vogliono circa 30-40 minuti).

Incontrare Maurizio Giacosa alla rotonda (cell 335-6147162)

16.30 Meet Maurizio and Paolo Giacosa for a tour of Barolo and Barbaresco.
Maurizio's cell phone: 335-6147162

18.00

Check in:

Casta Hotel

Via IV Novembre,83

12050 Castagnito (CN)

Tel: 0173-211881

Fax: 0173-212603

20.30 Dinner with Giacosa Fratelli in Neive at:

Locanda Contea

Piazza Cocito 8 Neive (CN)

Phone 0173 67126

Our hosts are Maurizio and Paolo Giacosa

CASUAL CHIC

Saturday
16 MAY

5.45 AM Depart for Malpensa Airport

10:20 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** (1.40pm arrival in Newark, NJ)

Arrivederci...

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