

Bedford International VIP Italy Trip
6 MAY – 15 MAY 2010

Participating areas: Cal-Northwest-Midwest-Southwest-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 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
6 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
7 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
8 MAY

07.00 to 08.00 Breakfast and check out. **CASUAL**
Leave at 8.00 for Casa dell'Orco in the Avellino area of Campania
Our hosts are Avvocato Pellegrino Musto and his son Massimiliano (winemaker)
Pellegrino Musto's cell phone: 335 6161468 – Winery's number: 0825 37247
Visit the winery and have lunch with the wines at Pellegrino's restaurant

11.00 Arrive at Casa Dell'Orco
Via Limaturo, 52 - San Michele di Pratola Serra
83039 (AV)

Indicazioni per autista:

Chiamare Avv. Musto 335 6161468 che vi aspetta all'uscita

Autostrada A16 – Uscita Avellino Est – Svoltare a destra e proseguire per SS7bis in direzione Foggia-Ariano per 6 km circa

14.00 Bus departs for the Rivera estate in the region of **Puglia**.
(Exit A14 at Andria-Barletta)

16.00 Arrive at Rivera

Indicazioni per autista:

Dal Casello Autostradale di Canosa di Puglia (A14) , seguire a destra per Canosa e dopo 250 mt. immettersi a destra nello svincolo per la S.R. 6 in direzione Minervino. Percorrendo la S.R. 6, dopo circa 6 km, al primo svincolo immettersi sulla S.P. 231 in direzione Andria. Dopo circa 2,5 Km, subito dopo la fine dello spartitraffico, fare inversione a U seguendo le indicazioni dei cartelli che indicano la cantina e immettendosi sulla complanare alla sinistra.

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

Visit winery, wine tasting and tour of vineyards

19.00 Check in hotel:

Hotel Queen Victoria

S.S. 98 KM. 16.700 70053

Canosa di Puglia (BA) Italia

Tel: 0883-617788

Fax: 0883-613311

20.30

Leave hotel for dinner at the Rivera estate with the De Corato family **CASUAL CHIC**.

Sunday

9 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 G

Via Sbrozzola, 26

Osimo (AN)

60027

Tel: 071-72119

Fax: 071-7819904

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

10 MAY

8.00 Depart Umani Ronchi Depart for Montalcino (Tuscany). **CASUAL**

12.30 Arrive at the Palazzo estate in Montalcino.

Tour, lunch and tasting with the Loia family. Elia Loia number: 380-5188990.

15.00 Depart for Montepulciano

16.00 Arrive at Salcheto in Montepulciano and visit winery

Our host is Michele Manelli (cell: 335-6219727; Salcheto telephone: 0578-79931)

17.15 Leave winery and 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

19.30

Depart hotel

19.45

Dinner in Montepulciano at Ristorante Il Covo followed by open bar with Michele Manelli **CASUAL CHIC**

Shuttle bus back to hotel available

Tuesday
11 MAY

07.15 **CASUAL** Depart Montepulciano for Maremma

9.30 Arrive at the Colle Massari Castle in Poggi del Sasso – Cinigiano (GR)
Tel. 0564-990496;

Indicazioni per autista:

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 al Castello di ColleMassari

Tour of castle, vineyards and estate; our host are Claudio Tipa, his wife Maria, Maurizio Castelli (winemaker) and Laura Breschi, export manager
11.30 Lunch with tasting of Colle Massari and Grattamacco wines

12.30 Depart for Chianti Classico

15.30 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: 055-8546653 / 055-8546677

17.30 Leave Vignamaggio and drive 45 minutes to hotel to check in:

Holiday Inn Florence
Viale Europa 205
50126 Firenze
Tel. 055-6571117
Fax. 055-6531806

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

Wednesday
12 MAY

8.00 **CASUAL** Depart hotel to go to Florence

11.30 Leave Florence for Bagno a Ripoli (15 min drive)

11.45 Arrive at Le Sorgenti, 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

14.15 Depart from Le Sorgenti to go to Friuli

19.00 Check in:

Hotel President

Via Duino 8

33100 Udine

Tel 0432 509905

Fax 0432 507287

20.30 Depart hotel and have dinner at Taverna di Colloredo with Piero Totis,
Export Manager of Genagricola; Piero Totis cell phone: 335-7721481

Thursday

13 MAY

8.30 Depart Hotel to go to Torre Rosazza in the Colli Orientali area of Friuli

9.00 Arrive at Torre Rosazza for a visit and lunch at the winery

Our hosts are Piero Totis (export manager) and Debora Saro (export)

12.00 Depart for Verona

15.30 Arrive at Castellani in Marano della 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

17.45 Leave for Hotel and 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

14 MAY

08.00 **CASUAL** Depart for Contratto in Piedmont

12.00 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)

15.00 Depart for Alba area

16.00
Check in:

Casta Hotel
Via IV Novembre,83
12050 Castagnito (CN)
Tel: 0173-211881
Fax: 0173-212603

Free time in Alba

20.15 Meet Maurizio and Paolo Giacosa in the Hotel lobby

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 (Maurizio's cell 335-6147162)

CASUAL CHIC

Saturday

15 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: riccardo @ winesfrombedford.com

or send your CD to:

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