



APPLICATION FOR CHERRY CREEK HIGH SCHOOL ITALY FRIENDSHIP TENNIS EXCHANGE 2003

TOUR CODE: IT1A03
TOUR PRICE: \$2,795.00 plus airline tax
DEPOSIT DEADLINES: Boys Jan. 24 Girls Feb. 24

CLIENT CODE:
SEX: M F
TENNIS PLAYER: YES NO
N.T.R.P. Rating: _____

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

NAME _____
FIRST LAST

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ **STATE** _____ **ZIP** _____

HOME PHONE _____ **BIRTH DATE** _____

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SHIRT SIZE M L XL XXL

Tour Deposit & Cancellation Schedule

Application and deposits should be sent to ASD Cultural Exchange or given to your group leader as soon as possible. Because of your group booking, airline and hotel cancellation fees are substantial; your deposit is not refundable. Cancellation fees from 90 to 60 days before departure is \$500.00, 59 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline and hotel penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds. ASD strongly suggests that you purchase travel insurance.

Medical Release

I hereby authorize the staff of ASD Cultural Exchange to act for me according to their best judgment regarding medical attention and I hereby waive and release ASD Cultural Exchange from any and all liability for any injuries or illnesses incurred while abroad. I have no knowledge of any physical impairment, which would adversely affect the named participant.

Signature of Applicant

Date



ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE & ISEO

Italy Friendship Tennis Exchange

June 30 – July 11, 2003

ASD Cherry Creek Tennis Team

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY JUNE 30 USA TO VENICE, ITALY

11:30 AM meet at Denver airport for check-in. Depart from Denver on at 2:10 PM (with change of planes), on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for Venice, Italy. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 TUESDAY JULY 1 ARRIVE VENICE

3:25 PM arrival in Venice, one of the few cities in the world that can be truly described as unique. It survives against all the odds, built on a series of low mud banks amid the tidal waters of the Adriatic and regularly subject to floods. Lying in the northeastern section of Italy, Venice became an independent Byzantine province in the 10th century. Exclusive trading links with the Orient and victory in the 1204 Crusade brought wealth and power. Upon arrival, you will be clearing customs and immigration, and then you will be met by your ASD Cultural Exchange local Transfer Guide who will transfer you to directly to your Venice area hotel. Check-in at your hotel and balance of the day at leisure. (B/S on flights)

Accommodation in Venice: Hotel TBA (Tourist Class – 3 Stars)

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY JULY 2 VENICE - SIGHTSEEING AND AT LEISURE

Breakfast at the hotel. We enjoy a morning guided walking tour of this floating city and we will visit the Basilica de San Marco, one of the greatest buildings in Europe. It is filled with luminous mosaics and the famous Horses of St. Marks statue. We will also visit the 9th century Doge's Palace which was an official residence of each Venetian ruler (doge) and see the Bridge of Sighs over which prisoners were led to and from their sentencing. After our Venice sightseeing, balance of the day free to explore Venice on your own. Once a powerful commercial and naval force in the Mediterranean, Venice has found a new role. Her palazzi has become shops, hotels and apartments, her warehouses have been transformed into museums and her convents have been turned into centers for art restoration. Spend this afternoon perhaps visiting Piazza San Marco, Santa Croce and many other famous sights. Or perhaps enjoy a gondola ride on the Grand Canal or other canals in Venice. Gondoliers are part of the symbolism and mythology of Venice, with a form of transportation that dates back over 1,000 years. Evening free to enjoy a traditional Italian dinner in one of the many restaurants. (B)

Accommodation in Venice: Hotel TBA (Tourist Class – 3 Stars)



DAY 4 THURSDAY JULY 3 VENICE TO ISEO, VERONA SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS

We depart Venice in the morning and travel to Verona, one of the most prosperous cities in Northern Italy. Its ancient center boasts many magnificent Roman ruins, second only to those of Rome itself. We will enjoy a City Panorama Sightseeing in Verona, including seeing Verona's Roman amphitheater, completed in AD 30. This amphitheater is the third largest in the world, after Rome's Colosseum and the amphitheater at Santa Maria Capua Vetere, near Naples. Verona's amphitheater is still the setting for major events, such as opera productions. We will also see Piazza Erbe and perhaps also visit the house Casa di Giulietta (Juliet's house) where Romeo is said to have climbed to Juliet's balcony – all a scene from the tragic story of Romeo and Juliet. Free time for lunch on own in Verona. We will also visit the church of San Zeno Maggiore and see Sant 'Anastasia before returning to Iseo. Early afternoon we continue to Iseo, by Lake Iseo, and our hotel. Check-in and we get our tennis gear and transfer to the Tennis Club Iseo for friendship matches against their local players. Tennis play start at 4:00 PM, followed by a social get-together dinner party hosted by ASD Cultural Exchange and TC Iseo. Dinner party with food and beverages. Evening return to our hotel in Iseo. (B, D)

Accommodation in Iseo/Lake Iseo: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 5 FRIDAY JULY 4 LAKE ISEO, VIA MILAN TO FORTE DEI MARMI

After breakfast, morning departure from our hotel. We have a full day of touring as we depart Iseo, Lake Iseo and the Italian Lake District via Milan and travel to Florence area. Enjoy a scenic journey through the Italian countryside from Lake Iseo to Milan. We arrive to Milan and begin our mid-morning Panorama Milan City Sightseeing, highlighting the cathedral and the castle. Milan was founded by the Romans in AD 222 and quickly grew to be an important city at the junction of different trading routes. It was here that Emperor Constantine declared his edict of AD 313, in which Christianity was officially tolerated, effectively making it a lawful religion. We will also enjoy some free time for lunch on own. After our Milan sightseeing, we depart from Milan and continue towards the Florence area, where we will stay in Forte dei Marmi, by the sea and close to Florence, Pisa and Lucca. Evening arrival. (B)

Accommodation in Forte dei Marmi: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 6 SATURDAY JULY 5 EXCURSION TO PISA, AND TENNIS

Breakfast at our hotel. Today we enjoy a morning excursion to Pisa. For much of the middle ages, Pisa's powerful navy ensured its dominance of the western Mediterranean. Trading links with Spain and Africa in the 12th century brought vast mercantile wealth and formed the basis of a scientific and Cultural Revolution that is still reflected in Pisa's splendid buildings. We will enjoy a Pisa Panorama City Sightseeing, as well as see the duomo, baptistery and campanile (Leaning Tower). Pisa's famous Leaning Tower is now the best-known building in Pisa. Begun in 1173 on sandy silt subsoil, the Leaning Tower started to tilt even before the third level was finished in 1274. Despite the shallow foundations, construction continued and the structure was completed in 1350. Recently its tilt has increased alarmingly - the tower now leans in excess of 16.5 ft. and remains closed for restoration and underpinning. After seeing the Leaning Tower and some of Pisa's famous sights, our motorcoach return to Forte dei Marmi. Free time to enjoy Forte dei Mare and relax, before we meet late afternoon for our friendly tennis matches. Our tennis host today is Centro Sportivo Raffaelli Country Club, where we will enjoy a late afternoon and early evening with tennis matches against local players. Following the tennis, we enjoy an evening social dinner get-together co-hosted by our host club and ASD Cultural Exchange. Evening return to our hotel. (B, D)

Accommodation in Forte dei Marmi: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 7 SUNDAY JULY 6 FLORENCE - THE UFFIZI GALLERY, AND LUCCA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today we enjoy a day excursion to the city of Florence. This morning we're off to visit The Uffizi, Italy's greatest art gallery. The Uffizi was built in 1560-80 to house offices (uffici) for Duke Cosimo I. The Uffizi offers not only the chance to see the world's greatest collection of Italian Renaissance paintings, but also the opportunity to enjoy masterpieces from as far afield as Holland, Spain and Germany. Here you find famous art such



as Botticelli's The Birth of Venus, Michelangelo's The Holy Family and The Annunciation by Leonardo da Vinci. Florence is also home to a university, the Accademia di Belle Arti, the world's oldest art school, founded in 1563. After our visit to Uffici, we will visit Galleria dell'Accademia, the art collection formed in 1784 with the aim of providing material for students to study and copy. The most famous work on display is Michelangelo's David (1504). The David statue established Michelangelo, at the age of 29, as the foremost sculptor of his time. Originally having been placed in Piazza della Signoria, it was moved to the Accademia for safekeeping in 1873 and a copy now stands in its original position. After our visit to these great art galleries, we depart Florence and continue with a visit to Lucca. Lucca became a colony of ancient Rome in 180 BC, and the town's Roman legacy is still evident in the regular grid pattern of its streets. The remarkable elliptical shape of the Piazza del Mercato is a survival of the amphitheater. Lucca is enclosed by massive red brick walls, which help to give the city its special character by shutting out traffic and the modern world. Built in 1504-1645 the walls are among the best-preserved Renaissance defenses in Europe. After our visit to charming Lucca, we continue our journey through the Italian countryside and return to Forte dei Marmi early evening. (B)

Accommodation in Forte dei Marmi: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 8 MONDAY JULY 7 FLORENCE - SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS

Today we enjoy another full day excursion to Florence. Welcome to Florence! Florence began as a Roman colony in 59 BC and has a vast past, including being at the cultural and intellectual heart of Europe, and being under Austrian (and briefly Napoleonic) control until Italian Unification in 1860. Between 1865 and 1871 Florence was the capital of the new Kingdom of Italy. Historic Florence is a surprisingly compact area, and the majority of the sights can easily be reached on foot. Today, starting at 10:00 AM, you will enjoy a morning half-day city walking sightseeing tour of Florence. Our walking tour is featuring the Duomo, the city's geographical and historical focus. Rising above the city, the richly decorated Duomo – Santa Maria del Fiore – and its orange-tiled dome have become Florence's most famous symbol. We will see the Baptistry, with its celebrated bronze doors considered the first work of the Renaissance, and dating back to the 4th century making it one of the city's oldest buildings. We will also see Museo dell'Opera del Duomo and much more. Free time for lunch in the city. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore Florence on own, visit museums, see famous sights or perhaps visit one of the city's many leather-working shops to see how the fine leather products are made. Mid-to-late afternoon transfer to a local tennis club for an early evening of friendly tennis matches. Evening return to our hotel in Forte dei Marmi. (B)

Accommodation in Forte dei Marmi: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 9 TUESDAY JULY 8 FORTE DEI MARMI TO ROME – VIA SIENA AND ORVIETO

Today we bid Forte dei Marmi and Tuscany farewell. Morning departure. Our first stop is San Gimignano. The thirteen towers that dominate San Gimignano's skyline were built by rival noble families during the 12th and 13th centuries, when the town's position – on the main pilgrim route from northern Europe to Rome – brought it great prosperity. Street by streets it remains mostly medieval. After our short stop in San Gimignano we continue our drive through the beautiful Tuscan countryside and our next stop is Siena. Once a capital to rival Florence, Siena is still unspoiled and endowed with the grandeur of the age when it was at its peak (1260-1348). Enjoy a Panorama sightseeing in Siena and see the duomo, which dominates Siena's skyline, as well as visit Piazza del Campo, perhaps Italy's loveliest piazza which occupies the site of the old Roman forum. We depart from Siena as we continue our journey south. We enjoy scenic Umbrian countryside as we head for Orvieto, our sightseeing stop this afternoon. Orvieto is magnificent from any angle, Perched on a plateau, it looks down from its cliff-edged balcony over a vineyard-dotted plain. We will stop and admire the Duomo, with some 300 years in the building, Orvieto's duomo (begun in 1290) with its breathtaking façade, is among the greatest of all Italy's Romanesque-Gothic cathedral's. Free time for lunch on own in Orvieto. We then continue directly to The Eternal City of Rome. The first settlements in the region can be traced back to the Etruscan civilization in northern Lazio. Rome grew to rule a vast empire and, as the empire began to divide, the region became the center of the Christian world. According to legend, the twins Romulus and Remus were brought up by a wolf on the Palatine Hill (an ancient site in Rome,



overlooking the Forum). Here Romulus, having killed his brother, is said to have founded the village that was to become Rome. Mid-evening arrival to Rome and check-in at your hotel. (B)

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY JULY 9 ROME – ANCIENT ROME SIGHTSEEING

Welcome to Rome! Following our breakfast, at 9:00 AM we will start our half day Rome Panorama City Sightseeing. Our focus is on Ancient Rome, and our sightseeing today visits the Colosseum, the ancient center of entertainment - Rome's greatest amphitheater commissioned by Emperor Vespasian in AD 72 and which was built on the site of Nero's palace, and the stage for deadly gladiatorial combat and wild animal fights. Slaughter was on a huge scale; at the inaugural games in AD 80, over 9,000 wild animals were killed. The Colosseum could hold up to 55,000 people, who were seated according to rank. We will also see the Roman Forum, which once was the home of the Senate House. The Forum remained the ceremonial center of the city under the Empire, with emperors renovating old buildings and erecting new temples and monuments. We will also see the Palatine, once the residence of emperors and aristocrats, and perhaps the most pleasant of Rome's ancient sites. Augustus was born on the Palatine in 63 BC, and we will see the ruins of the simple house in which Augustus lived after becoming emperor. The hill was therefore an obvious choice of abode for future emperors. We will also see the Pantheon, "temple of all gods", the most extraordinary and best preserved ancient building in Rome. Our sightseeing today also highlights seeing the Arch of Constantine, the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain! The remainder of the day is free time to enjoy Rome on your own. Perhaps visit Piazza Navona and explore the pedestrian area around the three flamboyant Baroque fountains. Piazza Navona's luxurious café's are the social center of the city, and day and night there is always something going on. Enjoy a traditional Italian dinner on own at a typical trattoria tonight. (B)

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 11 THURSDAY JULY 10 ROME – VATICAN CITY SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS

Morning at leisure to enjoy breakfast at your hotel. 8:00 AM we begin today's sightseeing with a visit to Vatican City, the world capital of Catholicism, and the world's smallest state! The Vatican, a sovereign state since February 1929, is ruled by the Pope, Europe's only absolute monarch. About 500 people live here. It occupies 106 acres within the high walls watched over by the Vatican guard. It was the site where St. Peter was martyred (c. AD 64) and buried, and it became the residence of the popes who succeeded him. The papal palaces, next to the great basilica of St. Peter's, are home of the Sistine Chapel and the eclectic collections of the Vatican Museums, as well as being the residence of the Pope. We will enjoy a tour of the Vatican, visit Sistine Chapel and see St. Peter's as well as visit St. Peter's Square. After our Vatican sightseeing, our motorcoach return to our hotel, however, due to the vast amount of sights to see at the Vatican you can opt to stay and further explore the Vatican on own and return to our hotel on own. Afternoon departure to the outskirts of Rome and Tennis Club Essecinque Sporting Club - our host tennis club - for a late afternoon and early evening friendship tennis exchange against their local players, followed by a dinner social hosted by ASD. After our tennis event we return to our hotel in Rome. (B, D)

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 12 FRIDAY JULY 11 ROME, RETURN FROM ITALY TO USA

We bid Italy and the exciting city of Rome farewell! Early breakfast at the hotel. 8:00 AM morning transfer by private coach from the hotel to Rome's airport. We depart Rome to Denver at 11:20 on our transatlantic return flight (with change of planes). Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (B and L/D, S on flight)

Transatlantic flight
End of tour

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ROME, FLORENCE, VENICE & ISEO

Italy Friendship Tennis Exchange

ASD Cherry Creek Tennis Team

TOUR PRICE, INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL TOUR PRICE: \$2,795.00

- **DEPOSIT OF \$200 DUE FOR THE Boys Jan. 24th & For The Girls Feb. 21st**

NOT INCLUDED: US Departure Tax/Customs Fees: \$125.00 (subject to change at any time)
Single room cost is \$600.00
Trip Insurance cost is apx. \$180.00

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

- Transatlantic air in economy class from Denver to Venice, Italy, and return from Rome, Italy, via USA and European connecting gateway
- Ten nights of accommodation in twin/double rooms in named hotels *or similar*, all with private bath & continental breakfast as follows:
 - 2 nights accommodation in Venice, conveniently located 3-star Tourist Class hotel; Hotel TBA
 - 1 night accommodation in Lake Iseo, conveniently located 4-star First Class hotel; Hotel TBA
 - 4 nights accommodation in Forte de Mare, conveniently located 4-star First Class hotel; Hotel TBA
 - 3 nights accommodation in Rome, centrally located 4-star First Class hotel; Hotel TBA
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MORE MEALS - ALWAYS!

- 19 Meals throughout the tour and in-flight - as follows:
- 12 Breakfasts:
 - Breakfast on flight from Denver to Venice
 - Breakfast on flight from Rome to Denver
 - Daily breakfast at the hotels - mixed Continental, Cold Buffet, Hot Buffet, dependent on the choice of each hotel (subject to change per each hotels service)
- 3 Lunch/Snacks:
 - Snack on flight from Denver to Venice
 - Lunch on flight from Rome to Denver
 - Snack on flight from Rome to Denver
- 4 Dinners:
 - Dinner on flight from Denver to Venice
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Iseo area (Lake Iseo), Italy
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Florence/Tuscany area, Italy
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Rome area, Italy

(Please note – Meal Codes: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; S = Snack; D = Dinner)



MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING - ALWAYS !

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary, including:
 - Venice Panorama Walking City Sightseeing (2-3 hours)
 - See Venice Piazza San Marco
 - Visit the Basilica San Marco
 - Visit Doge's Palace in Venice
 - See the bridge of Sighs
 - Enjoy a scenic drive from Venice to Lake Iseo
 - Verona Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Verona's famous Roman amphitheater
 - See Piazza Erbe in Verona
 - See Casa di Giulietta – Juliet's house, in Verona
 - See Sant' Anastasia in Verona
 - Visit San Zeno Maggiore in Verona
 - Iseo Orientation City Sightseeing
 - Enjoy a scenic drive from Lake Iseo to Milan
 - Milan Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Milan's Cathedral
 - See Teatro all Scala in Milan
 - Enjoy a leisurely motorcoach drive from Milan to Florence
 - Florence Walking Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Florence famous Duomo
 - See the Baptistry in Florence
 - See the Museo dell'Opera in Florence
 - Visit Galleria dell' Accademia
 - See Michelangelo's David
 - Free time to explore Florence on own
 - Visit The Uffici art gallery
 - See Boticelli's The Birth of Venus
 - See Michelangelo's The Holy Family
 - See The Annunciation by Leonardo da Vinci
 - Visit the charming "Walled City" Lucca
 - Visit Pisa
 - Pisa Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See The Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - Journey through charming and scenic Tuscan countryside from Florence to Siena
 - Visit San Gimignano
 - San Gimignano Panorama Sightseeing
 - Siena Panorama Sightseeing
 - See the Duomo in Siena
 - Visit Piazza del Campo in Siena
 - Journey through charming and scenic Tuscan countryside from Siena to Rome
 - Orvieto Panorama Sightseeing
 - Visit Orvieto's Duomo
 - Rome Panorama City Sightseeing - Ancient Rome
 - Visit the Colosseum in Rome



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- See the Roman Forum
 - See the Palantine in Rome
 - See the Pantheon in Rome
 - See the Arch of Constantine in Rome
 - See the Spanish Steps
 - Visit the Trevi Fountain in Rome
 - Vatican City Sightseeing
 - Enjoy a tour of the Vatican
 - Visit Sistine Chapel
 - See St. Peter
 - Visit St. Peters Square
 - Free time to explore Rome and the Vatican on your own
(Please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)

MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS - ALWAYS !

- Entrance Fees for included visits per itinerary:
 - Visit the Basilica San Marco
 - Visit Doge's Palace in Venice
 - San Zeno Maggiore
 - Florence Duomo
 - Galleria dell'Accademia
 - The Uffici
 - Orvieto's Duomo
 - Vatican City
 - Sistine Chapel

MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES - ALWAYS !

- Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
 - 1 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Lake Iseo area (the Lakes District), Italy
 - 2 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Florence/Tuscany area, Italy
 - 1 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Rome area, Italy

MORE QUALITY SERVICES - ALWAYS !

- All transfers per itinerary
 - Transfer from Venice airport to Venice hotel
 - Transfer from Rome hotel to Rome airport
- All land transportation throughout tour, from arrival to Venice and departure from Rome, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom; varies local and long-distance
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in Milan and on departure from Rome
- Services of local English-speaking guides (step-on guides) from arrival Day 2 in Milan to departure Day 14 from Rome, per program when needed (tipping of local tour guides additional)
- Baggage handling at all hotels (where available, not offered at Milan/Rome airports) (one piece per person)
- Local hotel taxes and service charges
- Airline taxes and US departure tax (subject to change at any time) are not included
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included



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- **Please note:** Tipping of local Tour Guides and Driver to be paid locally while on tour – recommended tipping is; \$ 1.00-2.00 for the local Tour Guides per half day tour and \$ 1.00-2.00 per person per day for the motor coach Driver
(Per person tipping examples: Local Tour Guides – 10 half days x \$ 2.00, meet/greet/airport assist 2 days x \$ 1.00 each and Long-Distance Motor Coach Driver – 10 days on tour x \$ 2.00. Total tip per person equals apx. \$42.00. ASD suggests that the tour leader collect these monies before departure on the tour.
 - Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Italy Travel Information Kit
 - ASD Cultural Exchange tennis shirt and travel bag.

End of services

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