



BEST OF ITALY

ROME, FLORENCE, ISEO & VENICE

Italy Friendship Tennis Exchange

May 7 – May 18, 2007

ASD Cultural Exchange Reference Number: IT1A07

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1 MONDAY MAY 7 USA TO ROME, ITALY

11:00 AM meet at Phoenix airport for check-in. Depart from Phoenix on United Airlines at 1:21 PM via Denver and Frankfurt (with change of planes), on our transatlantic overnight flight bound for Rome, Italy. Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! (S, D on flights)

Overnight Transatlantic flight

DAY 2 TUESDAY MAY 8 ARRIVE ROME

Morning arrival in Frankfurt airport. We change flights and depart for Rome, Italy, where we arrive at 2:00 PM. Upon arrival to Rome airport, after customs and passport control, you will be met by your local ASD Cultural Exchange Transfer Guide who will transfer you directly your hotel in Rome. Check-in at your hotel. After check-in, the remainder of the day is at leisure. (B on flights)

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY MAY 9 ROME: SIGHTSEEING - ANCIENT ROME & VATICAN

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 Coliseum, 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 Coliseum 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

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in Rome. Our sightseeing today also highlights seeing the Arch of Constantine, the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain! Today's sightseeing continues 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. Following our full day sightseeing, late afternoon return to our hotel. Evening at leisure for dinner on own. (B)

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 4 THURSDAY MAY 10 ROME: TENNIS – ITALIAN OPEN ON OWN

Day free to enjoy Rome as well as visit the tennis tournament in Rome – Italian Open – on your own (tickets are not included in package).

Accommodation in Rome: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 5 FRIDAY MAY 11 ROME TO MONTECATINI TERME (FLORENCE AREA)

Today we bid Rome farewell. Morning departure from Rome as we enjoy our motorcoach and drive north. We enjoy scenic Umbrian countryside as we head for charming 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 sightseeing in Siena on your own 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. Explore Siena, relax as well as free time for lunch on own in this charming town. We then continue to San Gimignano, which is our next stop. 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 arrive to Montecatini Terme late afternoon..

Accommodation in Montecatini Terme: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 6 SATURDAY MAY 12 MONTECATINI TERME: FLORENCE PANORAMA SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS

Today we enjoy a 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. Early afternoon we return to our hotel in Montecatini Terme. We get our tennis gear and continue to Montecatini Sporting Club, where we will enjoy an afternoon and early evening with tennis matches against local players. Following the tennis, we enjoy an evening social dinner get-together co-hosted by Montecatini Sporting Club and ASD Cultural Exchange. (B, D)

Accommodation in Montecatini Terme: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 7 SUNDAY MAY 13 MONTECATINI TERME: AT LEISURE AND TENNIS

Morning at leisure for local sightseeing and exploring Montecatini Terme. Today we also enjoy a day of friendship tennis matches with a local area host club. Afternoon friendship tennis exchange. Our tennis host today is Montecatini Sporting Club, where we will enjoy an afternoon and early evening with tennis matches against local players. Following the tennis, evening return to our hotel in Montecatini Terme. (B)

Accommodation in Montecatini Terme: Hotel TBA (First Class)

DAY 8 MONDAY MAY 14 MONTECATINI TERME: EXCURSION TO PISA AND LUCCA

Breakfast at our hotel. Today we enjoy a morning excursion to Pisa and Lucca. 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 continue to Lucca for a short visit and sightseeing. 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 Montecatini Terme. Balance of the day at leisure. (B)

Accommodation in Montecatini Terme: Hotel TBA (First Class)



DAY 9 TUESDAY MAY 15 MONTECATINI TERME TO LAKE ISEO (OR VERONA)

After breakfast, 8:30 AM morning departure from our hotel. We have a full day of touring as we depart Montecatini Terme. Enjoy a scenic journey through the Italian countryside from Tuscany to Lake Iseo and the Italian Lake District. Balance of the day to relax and enjoy the local area. (B)

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

DAY 10 WEDNESDAY MAY 16 LAKE ISEO - SIGHTSEEING AND TENNIS

Breakfast at the hotel. We enjoy morning sightseeing around the beautiful Lake Iseo area. We will drive along the shores of the lake and see fishing villages such as Sale Marasino, as well as see the town of Iseo. We will see Marone and continue to nearby Cislano, where we will see one of the strangest and most beautiful natural wonders in Lombardy – known locally as the “Fairies of the Forest” - extraordinary spire like rock formations which rise from the ground, each spire topped by a boulder. After our morning sightseeing by Lago di Iseo, we continue 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 Coliseum 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. Mid-afternoon return to Iseo and our hotel, pick up 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. Evening return to our hotel in Iseo. (B, D)

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

DAY 11 THURSDAY MAY 17 LAKE ISEO TO VENICE

Morning departure direct to Venice. Mid-to-late morning 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. We check in at our hotel. Beginning at 1 PM we enjoy a two hour afternoon 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. Balance of the day and evening free to enjoy Venice as well as perhaps a traditional Italian dinner in one of the many restaurants. (B)

Accommodation in Venice: Hotel TBA (Superior Tourist Class/Fist Class)

DAY 12 FRIDAY MAY 18 DEPART VENICE – RETURN TO THE USA

We bid Italy and the exciting city of Venice farewell! Early breakfast at the hotel. 8:00 AM morning transfer from the hotel to Venice airport. We depart Venice to Phoenix at 11:00 AM on Lufthansa via Frankfurt and Washington/Dulles on our transatlantic return flight (with change of planes). Relax and enjoy your in-flight meals and movies! 6:55 Pm arrival in Phoenix. (B and L/D, S on flight)

Transatlantic flight

End of tour

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INCLUSIONS & BOOKING CONDITIONS

ASD TOUR PRICE: \$3,395.00 PER PERSON (BASED ON TWO PER ROOM)

NOT INCLUDED: US Departure/Air/Tax/Customs Fees: \$ 260 (subject to change at any time)

Tour cost is based on two persons per room, single room cost is \$800. Open tickets are not included in this tour price, but will be offered at net pricing at a later date.

PAYMENT: Deposit of \$300.00 due with your application
A payment of \$1,000 is due by Nov. 15, 2006
Your final payment is due by March 1, 2007

ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE SPECIAL INCLUSIVE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

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

MORE MEALS!

- 17 Meals throughout the tour and in-flight - as follows:
- 11 Breakfasts:
 - Breakfast on flight from Phoenix to Rome
 - 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 Phoenix to Rome
 - Lunch on flight from Venice to Phoenix
 - Snack on flight from Venice to Phoenix



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- 3 Dinners:
 - Dinner on flight from Phoenix to Rome
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Montecatini Terme/Tuscany area, Italy
 - Dinner/meal at one social get-together in Iseo area (Lake Iseo), Italy
(please note – Meal Codes: B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; S = Snack; D = Dinner)

MORE SIGHTSEEING AND TOURING !

- Comprehensive sightseeing per itinerary, including:
 - Rome Panorama City Sightseeing - Ancient Rome
 - See the Coliseum in Rome
 - 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
 - Journey through charming and scenic Tuscan countryside from Rome to Montecatini Terme
 - Siena Panorama Sightseeing
 - See the Duomo in Siena
 - Visit Piazza del Campo in Siena
 - Visit San Gimignano
 - San Gimignano Panorama Sightseeing
 - Florence Walking Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See Florence famous Duomo
 - See the Baptistry in Florence
 - See the Museo dell'Opera in Florence
 - Free time to explore Florence on own
 - Visit Pisa
 - Pisa Panorama City Sightseeing
 - See The Leaning Tower of Pisa
 - Visit the charming “Walled City” Lucca
 - Enjoy a scenic drive from Montecatini Terme to Lake Iseo
 - Iseo Orientation City Sightseeing
 - 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



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- Enjoy a scenic drive from Lake Iseo to Venice
 - Venice Panorama Walking City Sightseeing (2 hours)
 - See Venice Piazza San Marco
 - Visit the Basilica San Marco
 - Visit Doge's Palace in Venice
 - See the Bridge of Sighs
 - Free time to explore Venice on your own
(please note that Panorama City Sightseeing tours does not include entrance fees)

MORE ENTRANCES TO FAMOUS SIGHTS!

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

MORE FRIENDLY SPORT EXCHANGES!

- Friendly Sport Exchanges per itinerary:
 - 2 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Montecatini Terme/Tuscany area, Italy
 - 1 x Friendly Tennis Exchange/matches in Lake Iseo area (the Lakes District), Italy
(Please note that all Friendly Tennis Exchanges and Intra-Group Play are subject to change as well as the host teams confirmations, one event may be an intra-group play – 3 tennis events included from above)

MORE QUALITY SERVICES!

- All transfers per itinerary
 - Transfer from Rome airport to Rome hotel
 - Transfer from Venice hotel to Venice airport
- All land transportation throughout tour, from arrival to Rome and departure from Venice, by private luxury motor coach with air-conditioning, reclining seats and emergency washroom; varies local and long-distance per itinerary
- Services of ASD Cultural Exchange local meet and greet transfer assistance upon arrival in Rome and on departure from Venice
- Services of local English-speaking guides (step-on guides) from Day 3 in Rome to departure Day 12 from Venice, per program when applicable (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
- Supplement for mandatory Government and Airline taxes and US departure tax (subject to change at any time)
- Tips for drivers, local guides and headwaiters are not included
 - **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 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, and, Long-Distance Motor Coach Driver – 10 days on tour x \$ 2.00, for tipping of the driver \$ 20.00 per person)

- Exclusive ASD Cultural Exchange Italy Travel Information Kit and Tennis Shirt

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

1 UA1432 Q 07MAY 1 PHXDEN	1321 1606	E*
2 LH 447 Q 07MAY 1 DEN FRA	1750 1105+1	*1A/E*
3 LH3844 Q 08MAY 2 FRA FCO	1215 1400	*1A/E*
4 LH4083 V 18MAY 5 VCE FRA	1100 1230	*1A/E*
5 LH 418 V 18MAY 5 FRA IAD	1325 1555	*1A/E*
6 UA 953 Q 18MAY 5 IAD PHX	1700 1855	E*

End of services

***IMPORTANT NOTE:** *While every effort will be made to adhere to the schedules outlined in the program above, please note that all times listed are tentative and all stops and sights outlined are subject to change, substitution or alteration for reasons of passenger safety and reasons beyond our control including but not limited to: airline changes, inclement weather, local host clubs schedule changes, local schedules, local traffic and road conditions, museum closures and availability of specified attractions due to blackout periods, holidays or similar. Passenger compliance understanding and cooperation will sincerely be appreciated!*

Note - Tennis: All tennis data information, club names, play schedule and details, are subject to change at any time upon finalization with hosting clubs. Host Tennis Clubs and times of play may be substituted for other clubs and times to fit in to the tour program and the hosting clubs final schedules, as well as the itinerary may at times be altered to accommodate the Friendship Tennis matches.. All tennis events are subject to change at any time as well as dependent on local weather conditions and the local clubs success in providing enough comparable players (both men and women). One of the listed Friendly Tennis Exchanges may be an inter-group play only. In case of cancellation of a tennis event for any reason, ASD Cultural Exchange cannot be held liable.

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**APPLICATION FOR ASD CULTURAL EXCHANGE
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TOUR PRICE: \$3,395.00 plus airline, departure tax

TOUR DATE: May 7 - 18, 2007

CLIENT CODE:

SEX: M F

ATHLETE: YES NO

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE)

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PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE CLEARLY

TENNIS-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 non-refundable. Cancellation fees from 90 to 60 days before departure is \$500.00 plus any airline or hotel penalties, 59 to 7 days is up to 50% of the tour price plus any airline or hotel penalties. Inside 7 days there are no refunds. ASD Cultural Exchange 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

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