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Itinerary #10, Edition #2

Date of this Proposal: February 22, 2024

DEPART FOR ITALY

Monday, April 1, 2024

2 charter motorcoaches spot at Westfield High School at 12:45pm. We depart at 1:15pm on Monday afternoon for Newark International Airport (1 motorcoach – 55 travelers) and Philadelphia International Airport (1 motorcoach – 42 travelers). Upon arrival, we check in for the flights and proceed through security to the appropriate gates. United Airlines flight #040 departs from Newark at 5:20pm, arriving in Rome at 7:35am. American Airlines flight #718 departs from Philadelphia at 6:40pm, arriving in Rome at 9:05am.

Meals: Dinner provided in-flight

ROME

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Upon arrival, we proceed through Customs, collect checked luggage, and meet our European tour manager, **Petra**. We load the motorcoaches to transfer to Rome's historic city center. After an independent lunch near the **Trevi Fountain** (make sure to toss a coin into the fountain to ensure your return trip to Rome), we split into 2 groups. Group 1 begins our **Guided Tour of Ancient Rome**, including the **Colosseum**, **Roman Forum**, and **Pantheon**. Group 2 will visit the **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel**. We reconvene in the late afternoon to check into our hotels and have dinner before an early bedtime after an eventful first day.

Meals: Breakfast provided in-flight, Dinner

ROME / LATINA

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

On Wednesday morning, we have an early start as Groups 1 and 2 from yesterday will swap itineraries. Group 1 will visit the **Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel** and Group 2 will take the **Guided Tour of Ancient Rome**. After an independent lunch, we depart for the **Conservatorio Ottorino Respighi** in **Latina**, arriving around 2:00pm. Upon arrival, we unload and separate into **Sectionals** (Woodwinds, Brass, Percussion) with 3 Professors from the Conservatorio. We reconvene for a **Clinic with the Conservatory Conductor** and have dinner in Latina before returning to Rome for a **Performance by the Opera da Camera**, a small instrumental ensemble with vocalists (tbc).

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

ROME / SPOLETO

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Thursday morning, we check out of the hotel after breakfast and depart for Spoleto. Independent lunch upon arrival. This afternoon and evening will center around our performance at the incredible **Teatro Nuovo**. We rehearse this afternoon before checking into our hotel and eating an early dinner. Tonight will include an **8:30pm Performance at the Teatro Nuovo** with students and townspeople in the audience and a dessert reception after the concert.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

SPOLETO / ASSISI

Friday, April 5, 2024

After breakfast on Friday, we will have an informal walking tour of Spoleto, including the **Piazza Mercato**, the **Roman Aqueduct** and entrance included to the restored fortress **Rocca Albornoziana**. Free time to shop and explore and for an independent lunch. This afternoon, we take a half-day trip to Assisi where we will have a **Guided Tour of the Basilica San Francesco**. Return to Spoleto with dinner provided en-route.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

SPOLETO / FLORENCE / LUCCA

Saturday, April 6, 2024

After breakfast on Saturday, we depart for Tuscany, proceeding directly to Florence. Our time in Florence will include a **Guided Walking Tour**, self-guided visit to the **Accademia** (home to Michelangelo's masterwork statues of David and the series The Prisoners), and a group dinner. After dinner, we depart for **Lucca**, checking into our hotel upon arrival.

Meals: Breakfast and Dinner

LUCCA

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday morning begins with a rehearsal and sound check at our spectacular performance venue, the **Chiesa di San Francesco** (San Francesco Church). At 1:00pm, our concert partners from **Banda Giovanile Provinciale Anbima Lucca** (Anbima Lucca Youth Band) arrive for a **Pizza Lunch**. After lunch, our group will break up into smaller groups for a brief informal tour of the city with members of our host ensemble. We reconvene for a joint rehearsal before our **5:00pm Concert** with dinner together at the hotel after the performance.

Meals: Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner

LUCCA / SIENA / ROME

Monday, April 8, 2024

After breakfast, we check out of our hotel, load the motorcoaches, and depart for **Siena**. Siena is famous for the Palio, an annual horse race in the Piazza del Campo featuring one horse and jockey from each of Siena's 17 neighborhoods (10 horses/riders total each year - the 7 neighborhoods that do not participate one year are guaranteed a spot the following year). Upon arrival, we have a **Guided Walking Tour** followed by our **Farewell Banquet** at lunchtime and free time for shopping for some last-minute souvenirs. We depart for our Rome Airport-area hotel in the late afternoon with a stop for an independent dinner en-route.

Meals: Breakfast and Lunch

RETURN TO THE USA

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Early breakfast and hotel check out. We arrive at the Rome Airport at 8:00am to check in for our flights and proceed through security to the gates. United Airlines flight #041 departs for Newark at 11:00am, arriving at 2:25pm. American Airlines Flight #719 departs for Philadelphia at 12:10pm, arriving at 3:40pm. Load the waiting motorcoaches and return to Westfield HS. Welcome Home!

Meals: Breakfast

Group Air Schedule:

Flight 1 – 55 seats

<u>United Airlines</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dep City</u>	<u>Arr City</u>	<u>Dep Time</u>	<u>Arr Time</u>
UA 040	1 Apr	Newark	Rome	5:20pm	7:35am(+1)
UA 041	9 Apr	Rome	Newark	11:00am	2:25pm

Flight 2 – 42 seats

<u>American Airlines</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Dep City</u>	<u>Arr City</u>	<u>Dep Time</u>	<u>Arr Time</u>
AA 718	1 Apr	Philadelphia	Rome	6:40pm	9:05am
AA 719	9 Apr	Rome	Philadelphia	12:10pm	3:40pm

Hotels:

April 2-4, 2024

Bettoja Hotels Massimo D'Azeglio
Via Cavour 18
00185 Roma RM, Italy
Phone: +39 06 487 0270
<https://www.romehoteldazeglio.it/en>

April 2-4, 2024

Bettoja Hotel Mediterraneo Roma
Via Cavour 15
00187 Roma RM, Italy
Phone: +39 06 488 4051
<https://www.romehotelmediterraneo.it/en>

April 4-6, 2024

Hotel Albornoz Palace Spoleto
Viale Giacomo Matteotti 16
06049 Spoleto PG, Italy
Phone: +39 0743 221221
<http://www.albornozpalace.com/en/>

April 6-8, 2024

Best Western Grand Hotel Guinigi Lucca
Via Romana 1247
55100 Lucca LU, Italy
Phone: +39 0583 49 91
<https://www.grandhotelguinigi.it/en/homepage-english/>

April 8-9, 2024

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