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**Italy #1**  
**Field Hockey Tour**  
**Rome**  
**8 Day / 6 Night Program**

**SUGGESTED PROGRAM**

**IMPORTANT:** The dates and times of the activities below will likely be adjusted to accommodate your game schedules, which will be finalized in the weeks prior to your team’s arrival at its destination. All times are approximate and may vary according to flight schedules and other logistical factors.

**ALL FIELD HOCKEY ACTIVITIES ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN RED.**

**Day 1** **USA – FLIGHTS**

Fly overnight to Rome. Possible change of plane enroute. Dinner and breakfast served aloft.

**Day 2** **ROME** **(D)**

Morning arrival at Rome's Fiumicino International Airport.  
Greeting by your Tour Manager.  
Transfer by private motorcoach to Rome, one of the world’s most historic cities.  
Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

**PRACTICE SESSION**

Overnight: Rome

**Day 3** **ROME** **(B,D)**

**Ancient Rome Half-Day Tour** (admission included)



**Coliseum**



**Roman Forum**



**Palatine Stadium**

The juxtaposition between Rome’s ancient landmarks and monuments beside its modern buildings and other structures makes for a fascinating contrast between old and new.

- **Coliseum** – One of the world’s most iconic ancient buildings dating back to 80 AD.
- **Palatine Hill** – The most famous of Rome’s “Seven Hills.” was the site of early Roman settlements.
- **Roman Forum** – A plaza that was the center of Roman public life for centuries.
- **“Via Sacra”** – This was the main street of ancient Rome and led to the Forum.

Free time for lunch, relax and to explore the city.

**MATCH # 1 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**

Overnight: Rome

## Day 4

### **ROME**

(B,D)

#### **Vatican Half-Day Tour** (admission included)



**St. Peter's Basilica**



**Vatican Museum**



**Sistine Chapel**

Start your tour of the Vatican, the world's smallest country and home to many great works of art.

- **Vatican Museums** - Holding the largest art collection in Europe with over 65,000 masterpieces.
- **Sistine Chapel** - Fabulous frescoes by Renaissance artists and the famed ceiling by **Michelangelo**
- **St. Peters Basilica** - The world's largest Christian Church and burial place of many popes.
- **Pietà** - Michelangelo's famous sculpture of Jesus on the lap of his mother Mary after the crucifixion.

Free time for lunch, relax and to explore the city.

Overnight: Rome

## Day 5

### **ROME**

(B,D)

#### **Rome City Walking Tour**



**Pantheon**



**Trevi Fountain**



**Spanish Steps**

Take a Guided City Walking Tour featuring some of Rome's larger-than-life landmarks:

- **Castel Sant' Angelo** – This imposing structure, dating back to at least the 14<sup>th</sup> century, has amazing views over the Tiber River towards the Vatican and Forum. (optional: approx. US\$ 20)
- **Piazza Navona** – Large rectangular square lined with elegant Baroque buildings and magnificent sculptures. Enjoy the selection of restaurants and people-watching in this lively location.
- **Pantheon** – One of the world's most impressive buildings featuring the world's largest unreinforced concrete dome and in excellent condition despite being 2,000 years old. (optional: approx. US\$ 20)
- **Trevi Fountain** – One of Rome's most iconic structures, the beauty of this fountain's numerous Baroque structures is overwhelming, enjoyed by millions of visitors each year.
- **Spanish Steps** – 135 steps, dating back to 1725, join the Piazza di Spagna with the Piazza Trinità dei Monti, highlighted by the Trinità dei Monti church.

#### **MATCH # 2 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**

Overnight: Rome

## Day 6

### **ROME**

(B,D)

#### **Bike Tour – Villa Borghese Gardens** (bike rentals and guide included)



Hop on a bike and learn from an expert guide about the historical landmarks scattered throughout the gardens. Ride to the **Pincio Terrace** and enjoy views from the piazza's balcony that overlooks the city.

**Pizza Cooking Class** (class fee and pizza ingredients included)

Learn to make pizza in the birthplace of this classic Italian food. Italian chefs will take you through the step-by-step process with the freshest ingredients.

Overnight: Rome

## Day 7

### **ROME**

**(B,D)**

#### **Trastevere Visit**



Trastevere is a traditional residential neighborhood that has become popular with locals and visitors alike for its cafés, restaurants and charming shops graced by cobblestone streets and centuries-old homes with an overall bohemian “vibe”.

- **Piazza di Santa Maria** – The center of Trastevere where people-watching and browsing the goods of local shopkeepers are favorite pastimes.
- **Traditional Roman Cuisine** – The neighborhood of Trastevere has some of the best restaurants in all of Rome.

#### **MATCH # 3 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM**

Overnight: Rome

## Day 8

### **ROME – USA**

**(B)**

Fly back to the USA, arriving the same afternoon. Possible change of plane enroute.

**Your Italian Adventure comes to a close with great memories to cherish for a lifetime !**

#### **TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

##### **Travel Services:**

- Economy-class Air Transportation USA – Italy round-trip
- 6 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rome or near the game facilities
- Airport / Hotel / Airport transfers by private motorcoach
- Breakfast and one other meal daily (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)
- Ancient Rome Half-Day Tour (admission included)
- Vatican Half-Day Tour (admission included)
- Rome City Walking Tour (admission and guide included)
- Bike Ride – Villa Borghese (bike rentals and guide included)
- Pizza Cooking Class (admission included)
- English-speaking Guides for all of the above tours
- Transfers for all of the above activities by private motorcoach or local transportation
- **Tour Manager** available as necessary in Italy and 24/7 access in case of emergency
- 24/7 Emergency Support from **Victory Sports Tours**' Operations office

## **Field Hockey Program:**

- **3 Games vs. Italian club / school / university teams at your level**
- **1 Practice Session**
- **Opponent Matching Services**
- **Water at Games & Practices**
- **Round-trip transfers to above sports activities by private motorcoach**

## **Summary of Included Meals:**

- 6 Breakfasts
- 6 Other Meals (lunch, dinner or post-match get-together with opposition, personal beverages not included)

## **Tour Price:**

Click on [Victory Sports Tours - Sample Tours](#) select your sport and find **Italy #1** for pricing

- One **FREE COACH'S TRIP** is included in all of the above price ranges.
- Coach would share twin room with a paying traveler and pay **only taxes/fees**.
- Tour Price is subject to increase if there are fewer than 20 paying travelers.
- Taxes/fees/fuel charge are subject to change according to government and airline increases, which will be finalized approx. 45 days prior to departure.

## **Exchange Rate Protection:**

- Tour prices are based on the current U.S. Dollar / foreign currency exchange rate.
- Price may vary if the exchange rate were to change significantly **before** we receive your first tour deposit.
- You will **not** be subject to any surcharge due to exchange rate increases that occur **after** we receive your first tour deposit.

## **Not Included:**

- Any items not listed as included in the above sections under "TOUR INCLUSIONS"
- Passport fees - Passports are required to travel internationally
- Visa fees - If visas are required, typically in the case of non-US citizens
- Personal beverages at meals
- Uniform laundry - Your tour manager will assist you in finding laundromats (most hotels in foreign countries do not have laundry facilities)
- Tips for tour manager, city tour guides and motorcoach drivers (recommended **US\$ 25-30 per traveler** to cover all tour staff)
- Any fees imposed by the airlines at the airport for checked baggage that exceed the number of pieces allowed or size/weight allowances, such as Goalie Bags
- Travel insurance - We will offer you the option to purchase travel insurance through an independent travel insurance specialist
- Optional Activities as noted in the itinerary

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