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Italy #2
Field Hockey Tour
Rome, Florence, Milan
10 Day / 8 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

FLORENCE

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer to **Montecatini** (30 miles west of Florence).by private motorcoach Enjoy viewing vineyards and olive trees.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Florence City Tour



Ponte Vecchio



Florence skyline



"Il Duomo"

Tour Florence, "the capital of arts", and one of the most beautiful cities in the world.

- **Cathedral (Duomo)** – Dating back to the 15th century with its massive "Cupola del Brunelleschi," possibly the largest dome every built, and its bell tower.
- **Ponte Vecchio** – Admire the arched stone bridge, which has spanned the **Arno River** since the 14th century.

MATCH # 2 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Montecatini

Day 6

FLORENCE

(B,D)

Uffizi & Accademia Galleries



Uffizi Gallery on Arno River



"David" Sculpture



Uffizi Gallery by Night

Visit one or both of two of the world's most famous museums.

- **Uffizi Gallery** – Originally a 16th century palace, this gallery contains many famous works of art including "The Birth of Venus" by Botticelli.
- **Accademia Gallery** – This gallery houses pieces from Donatello as well as the original "David" by Michelangelo, the world's most famous sculpture.

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

Overnight: Montecatini

Day 7

PISA

(B,D)

Check out of hotel.

Transfer by private motorcoach to **Milan**, stopping in the city of **Pisa**.

Pisa – Half-Day Tour



Duomo



Leaning Tower



Baptistry

Walk to the **Piazza del Duomo**, where Pisa's most famous landmarks are concentrated.

- **Leaning Tower** – Dates back to the 14th century and was built in the Romanesque architectural style. (optional - approx. US\$ 20)
- **Duomo** – This historic cathedral has a beautiful exterior and is filled with many impressive works of art.
- **Baptistry** – This ecclesiastical building has stunning interior featuring stained-glass windows, and two concentric domes that produce an echo effect. (optional - approx. US\$ 5)

Continue to Milan.

Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

Overnight: Milan

Day 8

MILAN

(B,D)

Milan City Tour



Il Duomo



Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery



La Scala Opera House

Walking tour of Milan's most important sites, including:

- **Duomo** – The Milan Cathedral was built over six centuries between 1386 and 1965 in a heavily Gothic style and is one of the world's largest Christian churches. (Optional: Dome access for a fee)
- **Vittorio Emanuele II Gallery** – The "world's oldest shopping mall" dates back to 1877 with high end cafés, shops and restaurants and is a destination unto itself just for the architecture.
- **La Scala** – One of the world's most famous opera houses. (exterior visit only)

Lunch on own and free afternoon to explore Milan.

MATCH # 3 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Milan

Day 9

MILAN

(B,D)

Lake Como & Bellagio – Full-Day Tour (boat tickets included)



Board your private motorcoach to **Lake Como**, a beautiful site surrounded by majestic mountains.

- **Como** – The city abutting the lake, stopping at the Sant Abbondio Abbey, a beautiful Romanesque church, to admire the magnificent frescoes inside.
- **Bellagio** – A picturesque small town located on a peninsula where the three branches of the “Y”-shaped lake meet.

Overnight: Milan

Day 10

MILAN – 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
- Intercity Transportation Rome – Montecatini – Florence – Milan by private motorcoach
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rome or near the game facilities
- 2 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Montecatini or near the game facilities
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Milan 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)
- Florence City Tour
- Morning Tour of Uffizi or Accademia galleries (admission included)
- Pisa Half-Day Tour
- Milan City Tour
- Lake Como and Bellagio Full-Day Tour (boat tickets 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:

- 8 Breakfasts
- 8 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 #2** 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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