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Italy #4
Field Hockey Tour
Rome, Pompeii, Sorrento, Capri
9 Day / 7 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. Check in to your Three-Star Hotel.

PRACTICE SESSION

Overnight: Rome

Day 3 **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 14th 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 # 1 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Rome

Day 4

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.

Overnight: Rome

Day 5

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. Peter's 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.

MATCH # 2 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Rome

Day 6

ROME – NAPLES – POMPEII

(B,D)

Transfer to Pompeii. Stop in **Naples** for lunch on own.

Pompeii Tour (admission included)



Visit **Pompeii** for a guided tour of the city that was destroyed and buried in 79 A.D. by the volcanic eruption of **Mt. Vesuvius**. The city was accidentally re-discovered in the 1700's, buried under 4 to 6 meters of solidified ashes. Explore the remains of the city and its archeological sites to get a glimpse of life before the eruption.

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 7

ISLAND OF CAPRI

(B,D)

Transfer to the port. Board the Ferry to Capri.

Island of Capri - Full Day (boat ticket included)



Faraglioni



Capri Harbor



Monte Solaro Chairlift

Free time suggestions:

- **Faraglioni de Capri** – View the three iconic peaks towering off the southeast coast of Capri that are the symbol of the island. **Optional:** boat ride through the arch of **Faraglione di Mezzo**.
- **Monte Solaro** - Take the chairlift to the top of Mount Solaro, the highest point on Capri at 1,932 feet, for spectacular views of the island and surrounding sea.
- **Giardini di Augusto** – Enjoy walking from the town of Capri through charming footpaths to these peaceful gardens with beautiful views of the sea and surrounding cliffs.

Return ferry to Sorrento.

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 8

SORRENTO

(B,D)

Sorrento - Full Day



Sorrento Harbor



Marina Grande



Street Canyon

Free time suggestions:

- **Piazza Tasso** – Main square and heart of the city with many shops, food options and people-watching. Its palm trees and Mediterranean architecture are ideal for catching Sorrento's vibe.
- **Marina Grande** – Quaint marina resembling a fishing village with small restaurants and seaside attractions make this an enjoyable location for relaxing walks.
- **Bagni della Regina Giovanna** – Enjoy this rock-lined swimming hole next to the ruins of a Roman villa located on the sea west of downtown Sorrento.
- **Pasta-Making Class & Lunch** (optional for a fee)
Learn from the experts on how to make authentic Italian pasta followed by lunch dining on the fresh pasta made during the class ! Appetizers, soft drink or mineral water and cake included !

MATCH # 3 vs. an ITALIAN FIELD HOCKEY TEAM

Overnight: Sorrento

Day 9

NAPLES – 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 – Pompeii – Sorrento – Capri by private motorcoach
- 4 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Rome or near the game facilities
- 3 nights at a Three-Star Hotel in Sorrento 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)
- Rome City Walking Tour
- Ancient Rome Half-Day Tour (admission included)
- Vatican Half-Day Tour (admission included)
- Pompeii Tour (admission included)
- Island of Capri Full-Day Tour (boat ticket 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:

- 7 Breakfasts
- 7 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 #4** 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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