

Italy itinerary



Monday, June 5

Departure from USA

Tuesday, June 6

Arrive Venice, boat transfer to hotel.

Breakfast daily
Welcome wine party
Overnight Venice

Wednesday, June 7

Half-day Venice tour including St. Marco Square and Basilica, the Doge Palace and the Bridge of Sighs.
Dinner at local restaurant
Overnight Venice

Thursday, June 8

Depart Venice, Lamborghini Factory-Museum and on to Tuscany.
Lunch enroute. Dinner at hotel
Overnight Tuscany

Friday, June 9

Sienna's Campo Square and San Gimignano—famous for its 13th century towers.
Winery tour-tasting
Dinner at hotel
Overnight Tuscany

Saturday, June 10

The Chianti Road to Florence.
Wine-tasting and lunch
Overnight Florence

Sunday, June 11

Half-day Florence tour including the Duomo, the Accademia—Michaelangelo's "David", Ponte Vecchio

Bridge and Uffizi Gallery.
Dinner at local restaurant
Overnight Florence

Monday, June 12

Free day in Florence.
Optional cooking class or Pisa excursion.
Dinner at area restaurant (with transportation)
Overnight Florence

Tuesday, June 13

Florence to Lake Como, Ferrari museum and lunch at Cavallino's across from the factory.
Overnight Lake Como

Wednesday, June 14

Lake Como and Lake Maggiore. Boat cruise to Bellagio, Villa Carlotta gardens & silk factory tour.
Cooking class dinner
Overnight Lake Como

Thursday, June 15

Milan tour including Galleria, La Scala Opera and DaVinci's Last Supper.
Optional tour of Alfa Romeo and the famous Monza Nazionale racetrack.
Dinner at local Lake Como restaurant
Overnight Lake Como

Friday, June 16

Departure from Milan to USA.

Details



About Your Escort

Your tour organizer and escort is John Swanson, Executive Director of the Iowa Transportation Museum, Alfa Romeo owner and who has conducted tours to several European destinations along with his wife Sherry. "Our itinerary is ambitious, but participants will be rewarded with opportunities and experiences not found in most tours."

Pre-Trip Planning

To maximize your enjoyment of this tour, John will be conducting informational meetings and get-acquainted sessions. These get-togethers will be informative, will familiarize you with the places you will visit, and provide background materials on local history and customs. Information will be sent to those who cannot attend in person.

There will also be sessions covering practical travel tips, "survival secrets" about Italian culture, language and money—even a session on what to bring and the proper way to pack. Most importantly, this will be a time to decide which optional activities you will attend and be thoroughly prepared to make this an outstanding travel experience.

Payment Policy

A non-refundable \$300 deposit will hold your space. Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure.

Cancellation Fees and Refund Policy

Within 45 days, pro-rated cancellation fees ranging from 20% to 50% will apply. Within 30 days, no refund.

Optional Insurance Coverage

Trip cancellation/interruption insurance will be available. Contact John Swanson for more details.



The Iowa Transportation Museum (ITM) is under development in Grinnell, Iowa. It will be a multi-faceted educational, research and tourism destination housed at the former site of the Spaulding Carriage and Automotive Works. The three buildings have been on the National Registry of Historic Places since 1978. The Center will include a museum and education/conference center, a restoration—training facility, and research library.

The ITM is a non-profit Iowa corporation and qualifies for charitable contributions under Internal Revenue Code 501c3. Its mission is to: educate Iowans and others about the history of transportation in Iowa; demonstrate the importance of transportation to the state's economy; showcase the transportation advances made in Iowa or by Iowans; provide an historical archive for use by researchers; and create a state-of-the-art museum Iowans can use and take pride in.

Package inclusions



- 2 nights Venice, 2 nights Tuscany, 3 nights Florence, 3 nights Lake Como all based on a four-star hotel
- English-speaking escort throughout the trip
- All necessary transportation, mostly by deluxe motor coach or motorlaunch
- Breakfast daily, seven dinners, three lunches
- Welcome wine-tasting party in Venice with appetizers plus two wine-tastings in route
- All listed museum and attraction entrance fees
- Cooking demonstration in Lake Como followed by dinner
- Includes entrance fees and boat trip on Lake Como and visit to silk factory
- All taxes and service charges

Land package price



Prices are based on current rates of exchange for travel in June 2006 (EUR 1 = \$1.22). Prices are quoted "per person" double occupancy. Singles may be accommodated if paying the supplement.

Based on 40+ tour participants	\$2,675
With 34-39 tour participants	\$2,800
With 31-34 tour participants	\$2,900
With 25-30 tour participants	\$3,045
With 21-24 tour participants	\$3,250
Single Supplement (add to above price).	\$675

Airfare pricing was not available at the time of printing. Check with John Swanson for details and options.

Application

Tour Attendance open only to Founding Friends of the Iowa Transportation Museum (price includes a tax-deductible \$100 membership fee.)

Submit this application along with the non-refundable \$300 deposit.

Make all checks payable to **Iowa Transportation Museum** and mail to: **John Swanson**
2515 26th Street Dr SE, Cedar Rapids, IA 52403

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE (HOME) _____

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TRAVELING COMPANION/SPOUSE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PERSON

NAME _____

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I have read all statements on the brochure and agree to abide by them.

Legal Signature

Date

The fine print

For me, travel is the best time of my life. It is a series of adventures, experiences, new sensations and new attitudes. However travel, especially in a group, has its "hills and valleys". It requires flexibility and patience. As your escort, my pledge is to provide you with maximum value, minimum hassle, plus the opportunity to experience a different culture and to see the world in "living color."

In return, here is what I expect from you . . . acceptance of the fact that you are a *guest* in a foreign country and that you are an *ambassador* for both our country and Iowa Transportation Museum. I expect you to adjust your personal needs and desires to a level that does not cause problems for the collective group. I expect you to prepare yourself for this tour both physically and intellectually by participating to the best of your ability in pre-tour programs and a regimen of walking. Foremost of all I expect you to be *on time* whenever we are scheduled to depart in the mornings or otherwise travel together.

Iowa Transportation Museum (ITM) and the tour operators act only as agents for the passenger, in regard to travel, whether by airplane, coach or other motor vehicle and assume no liability for injury, damage, default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour.

ITM is not responsible for delays of any kind by airlines, and is not liable for any expenses or loss whatsoever related to missed connections. Once the tour has started, no refunds will be given for sightseeing, hotels, meals or excursions the participant misses or decides not to take.

ITM reserves the right to make changes in the program or the sequence in which cities are visited, substitutions or alterations, and to cancel any arrangements previously made for the program. Participants will be notified of any major changes. We will attempt to provide comparable services, in which case, there will be no refund.

Participants are responsible for obtaining their own passports and vaccinations if required.

John Swanson



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