



QUEST SPORTS TRAVEL

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Italy & San Marino
Summer 2011

Tour Inclusions

(A) LOGISTICAL SERVICES

- Round trip flights on regularly scheduled airlines (including departure tax and fuel surcharge)
- 8 nights accommodation in 3/4 star hotels in twin bedded rooms
- 9 days ground transportation in a private motor coach
- 9 days service by a Full-Time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager
- 8 Breakfasts and 8 Dinners
- Group Travel Insurance

(B) FIELD HOCKEY RELATED SERVICES

- 4 competitive matches against local club teams

(C) SIGHTSEEING ACTIVITIES

- Sightseeing in Bra, with Tour Manager assistance
- Guided tour of Turin, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Sightseeing in Cinque Terre, with Tour Manager assistance
- Guided tour of Pisa, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Guided tour of Florence, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Sightseeing in Bologna, with Tour Manager assistance
- Leisure time on the Adriatic Beaches
- Guided tour of Milan, with a locally licensed Tour Guide
- Sightseeing in Lake Como, with Tour Manager assistance



Tour Exclusions

- Lunches
- Beverages (soda) with meals
- Single room upgrades
- Gratuities for Tour Manager
- Attractions not specified above



Daily Itinerary

DAY 1: FRIDAY

- Depart International Gateway Airport on a regularly scheduled overnight TransAtlantic flight to Milan Malpensa International Airport



Bra's quaint downtown center



DAY 2: SATURDAY

- Arrive in **Milan** where our full time Quest Sports Travel Tour Manager meets the group to transfer by private motor coach towards the **Piedmont** region of northern Italy
- Travel to the town of **Bra** - historically a provincial market town, Bra is home of the 'Slow Food Movement' (a rally against Fast Food) and is known for it's passion for good food. It is home to the world's first University of Gastronomic Sciences, as well as a famous Artisan Cheese Festival
- Arrive in Bra and **check in** to a local hotel for a 2 night stay in triple bedded rooms
- Settle in to the hotel then explore the historic center with its baroque architecture
- Return to the hotel for dinner this evening

DAY 3: SUNDAY

- Breakfast at the hotel then enjoy a **guided tour** of nearby **Turin** - Turin is magical. It's Italy's fourth-largest city and has an illustrious past, resulting in elegant squares, world-class museums and historic cafés, flanked by some 18km of colonnaded walkways.
- Later, transfer to the **first friendly game** of the tour against a local club team
- Return to the hotel for dinner after the game



Turin's impressive Cathedral



Remarkable cliff top Cinque Terre



The Pavilion area of Pisa



Dusk over Florence and the River Arno

DAY 4: MONDAY

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and depart for the beautiful Tyrrhenian Coast
- Travel via the renowned **Cinque Terre** - These five higgledy-piggledy villages are cut off by mountains choked with olive groves and dry-stone-walled vineyards, where farmers have eked out a living over the centuries
- Continue south to **Pisa** - founded around 1000 B.C. by the 11th century, its had grown into one of the peninsula's most powerful maritime republics. Explore the Pavilion area that is home to the Baptistry, Duomo and world famous Leaning Tower
- Free time to discover Pisa then transfer to a local sports center for the **second friendly game** of the tour against a local club team followed by post-match dinner and social event
- Later, transfer to hills of Tuscany and the spa resort town of **Montecatini Terme** to **check in** to a local hotel for a 2 night stay

DAY 5: TUESDAY

- After breakfast depart for a **guided tour** of nearby **Florence**, the Renaissance city, home to Michelangelo's David, Botticelli's Birth of Venus, and Raphael's Madonnas.
- After the tour enjoy a free afternoon to discover some of Florence's simple pleasures - wander the medieval streets in Dante's old neighborhood, sip a cappuccino on Piazza della Signoria, haggle for a leather jacket at the street market around San Lorenzo, and immerse yourself in the greenery of the Boboli Gardens
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



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Skyline of Medieval Bologna

DAY 6: WEDNESDAY

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and depart for the tiny nation of San Marino
- Travel via the remarkable city of **Bologna**
- Boasting one of the country's great medieval cityscapes – an eye-catching ensemble of red-brick palazzi, Renaissance towers and arcaded porticoes – Bologna is a Italy's culinary capital, and is an animated place that is home to Europe's oldest university
- This afternoon transfer to a local sports center for the **third friendly game** of the tour against a local club team
- After the game continue south-east to the Adriatic Coast, and then to the world's oldest surviving independent republic, **San Marino**, and **check in** to a local hotel for a 2 night stay
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



A San Marino Ceremonial Guard

DAY 7: THURSDAY

- After breakfast travel to a local pizzeria for a **pizza making course** with an Italian chef
- Enjoy your creation for lunch then enjoy the afternoon relaxing on the beaches of the nearby Adriatic coast
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



The beach at Rimini



Milan's Duomo and Piazza

DAY 8: FRIDAY

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and head north to **Milan**, the fashion and economic capital of Italy
- Enjoy a **guided tour** of the city - Milan sets one of Italy's finest tables, features art by geniuses such as Michelangelo and da Vinci, and possesses a cultural scene that includes the world famous La Scala Opera House
- Free time to further explore Milan including the flagship boutiques of some of the world's top designers then transfer to a local sports center for the **fourth friendly game** of the tour against a local club team
- After the game transfer to nearby **Lake Como** and **check in** to a local hotel for 2 nights
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



DAY 9: SATURDAY

- After breakfast enjoy a free day to discover **Lake Como** - a beautiful contrast of Alpine peaks and Mediterranean foliage - Just half an hour from Milan, Lake Como is a jewel-like oasis of tranquillity, history and boutique stores
- Spend time in the city of **Como**, take the funicular to **Brunate** for spectacular views, or admire the lush landscapes and amazing villas on a boat ride to **Bellagio**, possible the prettiest village in all of Italy
- Dinner at the hotel this evening



Luxurious villas circle Lake Como

DAY 10: SUNDAY

- Check out after breakfast and depart for Milan Malpensa International Airport for the return journey to the United States