## Italy - June 2009

Mon 8	Depart Minneapolis for Rome Leave home at noon. Check in at 1:15 pm, Flight at 3:15 pm
Tue 9	Arrive Rome at 10:45 a.m. Find lodging, rest briefly, spend afternoon and evening exploring Trevi Fountain, Spanish Steps
Wed 10	City of the Caesars' Tour at 10:00 a.m. the Colosseum, the Capitol, Forum ruins, fountains
Thu 11	Vatican City, St. Peters, Vatican Museum
Fri 12	Pick up rental car at airport Explore Pompeii, Vesuvius, Herculenum, To Paestum for night
Sat 13	Explore Paestum in the morning or head north Drive to the Hill Towns Stay in Civita for night
Sun 14	Explore Civita di Bognoregio caves, etc, other hill towns Stay night in San Leo
Mon 15	Explore San Leo castle, Drive to Venice. Return car, find lodging
Tue 16	Explore Doge's Palace, San Marco
Wed 17	Explore Murano and sites of Venice
Thu 18	Depart Venice for Minneapolis Be at the airport by 10:00 a.m. Hour and a half layover in Amsterdam Arrive Minneapolis 5:25 p.m.

Mon 8 Depart Minneapolis for Rome

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Tue 9

Arrive in Rome at 10:45 am Take the bus to lodging at: Instituto II Rosario near Piazza Venezia irodopre@tin.it 06.6792346

Purchase Roma Pass €20 each (RS606)

Rest briefly to counter jetlag Spend evening exploring area and getting diner

Walk to nearby Piazza Venezia Trevi Fountain Trajan's Column





Piazza el Popola- Spanish Steps



Victor Emmanuel II Monument

Trevi Fountain



Wed 10 Colosseum, the Capitol, Forum, Pantheon, ruins, fountains

Breakfast on foot

Sights:

Guided Tour #2 – 10:00 – 13:00 City of the Caesars' Tour at 10:00 a.m. (confirmed)

The Colosseum, Arch of Costantine, Temple of Vesta, Rostra, Temple of Julius Caesar, Senate, Temple of The Vestal Virgins, Temple of Castor and Pollux, Basilica Emilia, Temple of Antoninus and Faustina, Capitoline hill, Arch of Titus, Temple of Saturn, Umbilicus Urbis







Thu 11

Sights:

Vatican City, St. Peters Vatican Museum



Fri 12 Pickup a rental car at the airport and head south to explore Pompeii, Vesuvius, Herculenum and Paestum



Paestum: three Greek Helenic temples and other unexcavated sites The Poseidon temple, Greek Helenic period, 450 BC



Stay night at: Sazienda Agrituristica Seliano <u>seliano@agriturismoseliano.it</u> +39 0828 724544 This farm raises water buffalo and has a mozzarella cheese factory

Sat 13 Explore Greek ruins at Paestum

To central Italy and the Hill Towns

Overnight at Civita di Bognoregio



Civiti B & B fsala@pelagus.it

Our rooms date to 1320 AD



Sun 14

Wake up in Civita di Bognoregio

Spend the day exploring other hill towns,

San Leo



Forterss comes complete with torture chamber and museum of torture devices.

Overnight in: Hotel Castello, San Leo, Italy <u>Albergo-castelio@libero.it</u> +39 0541916214

Mon 15 Drive to Venice, find logding and explore

Explore country side on drive to Venice

Turn in car, take tranchetto along main canal to lodging

Lodging:

Hotel Riva

Castello nr. 5310 Ponte dell' Angelo Venezia, 30122, Italia

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**Rialto Bridge** 

Explore. Find mask shops. Glass shops.

If time permits, go to Murano this afternoon or tomorrow.

Murano Island - A Glassmaker's Paradise Since 1291, this tiny Venetian island has been the home of Venice's glassmaking industry. Glass production was moved to Murano Island from the main part of Venice because its production posed quite a fire hazard.



Tue 16 Explore the sites of Venice

Doge's Palace, Piazza San Marco, San Marcos, Bell Tower, Bridge of Sighs





Wed 17

Spend the day in Venice, Murano, Lido, whatever. Wind down for trip back home in the morning.





## Thu 18 Depart Venice for Minneapolis

Leave home at noon.

Depart Arrive	-	12:00 N 2:05 pm	NW8486/KL16541456
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