



Allantè XLR Chapter of CLC: 2019 Italy Grand Auto Tour

May 4 - 18, 2019: Program Leader: **Walter Bochenek**

SUMMARIZED ITINERARY

Departure Flight		Return Flight
Chicago, IL to Venice, Italy Saturday, May 4 to Sunday, May 5, 2019		Rome, Italy to Chicago, IL Saturday, May 18, 2019
Direct Non-Stop Flight. (Boeing 787-8)		Direct Non-Stop Flight. (Boeing 787-8)

1	Saturday May 4	CHICAGO- Departure. Depart Chicago O'Hare airport. Direct non-stop flight to Venice (9 hour flight).
2	Sunday May 5	WELCOME TO ITALY. Land in Venice in the morning. Collect your baggage then exit the terminal where you'll be met by your Active Italy tour manager. The group will then board a private bus and be transported to the AQA Palace Hotel (or similar). If early check-in available at the hotel then the group will check-in to rooms before lunch. Your Active Italy tour manager will officially welcome you to Italy with an orientation session. You may use the rest of the afternoon at your own leisure. - 2 NIGHT STAY
3	Monday May 6	VENICE. Arrive in Venice in the morning by private motor coach for a professionally guided tour. Visit the most significant Venetian landmarks such as St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, and the Rialto bridge. You will follow hidden alleys and pass through typical Venetian "campos" (squares), and your guide will explain the architecture and history.
4	Tuesday May 7	LAKE GARDA/MODENA. Today the group will be experience a true Italian treat: Lake Garda. Lake Garda is the largest lake in Italy and a popular vacation destination for Italians. Spend the day at the jewel of Lake Garda: Sirmione, fills a peninsula that extends into Lake Garda. Sirmione has lots of Italian charm with a history dating back to the Roman times. In the late afternoon the group will head by private motor coach to the Emilia Romagna region. Check-in to Hotel Arthur (or similar) - 2 NIGHT STAY

5	Wednesday May 8	MODENA. Enjoy a special visit to the Maserati Factory . Maserati is one of the most fascinating car production companies in Italy with a long history of appeal, tradition and sporting success. It was founded in Bologna by Alfieri Maserati in 1914 and established as a mechanical workshop named 'Officine Alfieri Maserati'. In 1926 Maserati was transformed from a workshop, modifying or developing the vehicles of other companies, into a company designing, building and selling its own vehicles. In the afternoon the group will head to the Museo Enzo Ferrari in Modena (not to be confused with the factory in Maranello) delivers a unique and enthralling museum experience that takes visitors back to the roots of the world's most famous marque. Topped by a striking yellow car bonnet-inspired roof that stands out against the Modena skyline, the Museo not only tells the story of Ferrari's founding father but also showcases some of the most beautiful cars ever built. In the late afternoon the group will visit the Ducati Museum . The Ducati Museum is a journey through the legendary 90-year history of the motorcycle company, renowned across the world for its style, performance and the search for perfection.
6	Thursday May 9	MODENA/CAMBIANO. Today the group will head by private motor coach to Cambiano, near Torino, and check-in to the Cascina Speranza Hotel (or similar) - 2 NIGHT STAY
7	Friday May 10	CAMBIANO/TORINO. Board bus for the Pininfarina Headquarters near Torino. The group will be able to tour the Pininfarina showroom and be treated to a special presentation from Pininfarina staff. A meeting with Pininfarina CEO, Paolo Pininfarina will be arranged (if he is at the headquarters that day). For lunch the group will head to a nearby restaurant. Pininfarina staff will be invited to join. Visit to cultural sites around Torino afterwards.
8	Saturday May 11	BERGAMO ALTA. The group will check-out of hotel and head to Bergamo. Once in Bergamo you will discover Bergamo Alta with a professional guide. From the imposing Gombito Tower, walking along the medieval streets that have kept their charm intact, we will reach Piazza Vecchia, living room and heart of the city framed by the ancient palaces, once the city's government offices, and the majestic Civic Tower, known as Campanone. The Piazza Duomo then will welcome us, which is overlooked by the most important religious buildings of Bergamo. Check-in to hotel, the Winter Garden Hotel . - 2 NIGHT STAY
9	Sunday May 12	BERGAMO/LAKE COMO. After breakfast the group will drive by private motor coach to Lake Como. Lake Como is one of the most popular vacation destinations in Europe and the well-known summer residence of George Clooney sometimes in the company of other Hollywood celebrities. Lake Como is surrounded by stunning alpine scenery and beautiful villages famed for their high-quality silk production. There will be plenty of free time to stroll the beautiful streets of Como and other select lake-side locations.
10	Monday May 13	BERGAMO/MILAN/NAPLES. In the morning the group will head to the Milan Train Station and board a high speed train to Naples. Travel time is about 4 hours. The air-conditioned modern high-speed train reaches speeds of 300 km/h that combines high-speed and maximum comfort. Enjoy the scenic ride that will take group through the heart of Italy. Once in in Naples the group will be picked up by private motor coach and transported to Hotel Casal Dell Angelo near Pompeii (or similar). - 2 NIGHT STAY
11	Tuesday May 14	AMALFI COAST. Enjoy the day on the famous Amalfi Coast. The group will drive by private motor coach to the coast to experience a part of coastline along the southern edge of Italy's Sorrentine Peninsula, in the Campania region. It's a popular holiday destination, with sheer cliffs and a rugged shoreline dotted with small beaches and pastel-colored fishing villages. The coastal road between the port city of Salerno and clifftop Sorrento winds past grand villas, terraced vineyards and cliffside lemon groves.
12	Wednesday May 15	POMPEII/ROME. Today the group will have a private guided tour of the ruins of Pompeii. Pompeii was an ancient Roman city near modern Naples that was buried by the great eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79 AD. Since it was engulfed so quickly by a wall of volcanic mud, the city is extremely well preserved. Pompeii still has most of its buildings, streets and even the volcano's victims who died instantly and are preserved in ash. In the late afternoon the group will drive by private motor coach to Rome. Check-in to hotel Barcelo Aran Mantegna . - 3 NIGHT STAY

13	Thursday May 16	ROME. Today's half day walking tour reveals the city's most beautiful monuments of Rome with your professional guide. On this tour we show you all the iconic sights: start with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world; then visit Castel Sant'Angelo originally constructed as a mausoleum for Emperor Hadrian, explore Piazza Navona, its magnificent fountains and the many street performers; marvel at the Pantheon, originally a Roman temple dedicated to all gods, then transformed into a Church which houses the tomb of Italian Sovereigns and of Raphael, the great painter of the Renaissance; toss a coin in the Trevi Fountain to assure your next visit to Rome; connect with the ancients swinging by the Roman Forum, and visit the Colosseum. (The part of the tour can not be done today will be continued the next day.) The Mille Miglia race will be arriving in Rome in the evening and you will be able to see the cars as they arrive.
14	Friday May 17	ROME. Continuation of tour with professional guide in the morning. Rest of afternoon free at your own leisure.
15	Saturday May 18	ROME (FIUMICINO AIRPORT). Morning transfer by private bus to Fiumicino airport. Direct non-stop return flight to Chicago in the morning. (10.5 Hour Flight) Arrivederci!

Itinerary subject to change due to local scheduling.

STATEMENT OF CONDITIONS

Package cost

Announced by group leaders.

Air transportation (included in package cost):

Flight seating is Basic Economy. Upgrading your seat may be possible (depending on availability) on your own, directly with the airline only after final ticketing is complete. Seats are assigned as a courtesy at time of ticketing. If you have special requests, you may call the airline directly after receiving your airline tickets. The airline is able to change your seats at any time at your request.

Surface travel/transfers:

By private motorcoach as indicated in the itinerary.
By high-speed train from Rome to Bologna and Torino to Naples.
By boat r/t from Venice Piazzale Roma to Piazza San Marco.

Accommodations and meals:

- 4-star hotel accommodations or equivalent each night (13 nights).
Hotels are subject to change (similar 4-star hotel will be used if there is a change.)

2 nights: AQA Palace Hotel (<https://www.aqapalace.com/>)

2 nights: Cascina Speranza Hotel (<https://www.hotelristorantecascinasperanza.it/>)

2 nights: Hotel Arthur (<http://www.hotelarthur.it/>)

2 nights: Winter Garden Hotel (<https://www.wintergarden-hotel.com/>)

2 nights: Hotel Casal Dell Angelo near Pompeii (<https://www.casaldellangelo.it/>)

3 nights: Barcelo Aran Mantegna (<https://www.barcelo.com/it/>)

- Double occupancy rooms accommodation
- Continental buffet breakfast daily
- 13 Meals (Either Lunch or Dinner each day*)

Package arrangements/inclusions:

- English Speaking Resident Tour Manager
 - Wireless Headsets During Guided Tours
 - Baggage Tags
 - Hotel Taxes and City Taxes
 - Hotel Porterage (*where possible)
 - All Gratuities (Except for Resident Tour Manager(s))
 - Professionally Licensed Local Guides
 - As indicated in the itinerary including entrance fees for guided touring where applicable
- NOTE: Participants with special needs may incur surcharges for additional services. Handicap accessibility is limited in Italy.

Optional Extra Activities (Supplemental Costs Apply):

Venice: Gondola Ride, Excursion to Murano, Entrance to: St. Mark Basilica, Doge's Palace, Accademia
 Sirmione: Day Spa Visit
 Modena: Ferrari Driving Experience
 Amalfi Coast: Boat Ride to Positano
 Rome: Various Museum Entrances

Group travel medical and evacuation insurance:

Client is aware that Travel Insurance is not included in the package. Active Italy Travel strongly recommends that all participants purchase individual Travel Insurance.

Payment schedule & Cancellation and refund policy

Determined by group leaders.

Exclusions:

Items not listed in itinerary, including but not limited to meals other than those indicated; beverages except at breakfast and where indicated with dinner; optional entertainment and excursions; any baggage charges; all personal items, such as telephone calls, laundry expenses, individual room service; trip cancellation insurance (information available through Active Italy Travel); non tour related gratuities; passport and visa fees. Note: Passport must be valid up to six months after the scheduled return.
Participants are responsible for ensuring that they meet passport and visa requirements

Management and responsibility:

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