



U. Pittsburgh-Bradford

Italy & Switzerland: May 21st - May 31st, 2009

Day 1: Thursday 21st May 2009

- Depart Pittsburgh International Airport on a regularly scheduled airline to Milan Malpensa International Airport

Day 2: Friday 22nd May 2009

- Arrive at Milan Malpensa International Airport where our full time bi-lingual Harvard Sports Italia Tour Escort meets the group to transfer by private motor coach to Lake Como, a magnificent combination of Alpine peaks and Mediterranean foliage
- Lunch on your own and a free afternoon to discover Como's fabulous contrast of Medieval cobbled stone streets, Cathedral and protective city walls, and the modern luxury villas
- Check in to a Como area hotel for a 3 night stay in twin bedded rooms with private facilities
- Later, transfer to a local gymnasium for late afternoon training with the Lady Panther's staff
- Return to the hotel for dinner and a free evening



Day 3: Saturday 23rd May 2009 Match 1

- Breakfast at the hotel then transfer to the first match of the tour
- **Match 1: U. Pittsburgh-Bradford vs. Como Area Team**
- Lunch on your own after the match
- This afternoon enjoy free time in Como, a shopping Mecca just north of Milan
- Dinner at the hotel and a free evening

Day 4: Sunday 24th May 2009



- After breakfast return to nearby Milan, for a guided tour of the fashion capital of Italy
- Our Milanese tour guide will introduce all the major sites, including the Castle Medici, the Duomo, the world's 3rd largest Gothic structure, and the flagship boutiques of some of the world's most famous designers
- Lunch on your own and a free afternoon to discover Milan
- If available, transfer to the refectory of the Church of Santa Maria della Grazie for a viewing of Da Vinci's *The Last Supper* - viewings are limited and by appointment only so this is a wonderful opportunity to see one of the world's true masterpieces
- Return to Como for dinner at the hotel and a free evening

Day 5: Monday 25th May 2009 **Match 2**



- Breakfast at the hotel then depart for the nearby Swiss border (don't forget your passport!)
- Cross the border and travel to beautiful Lake Lugano
- Lake Lugano is surrounded by the sugar loaf peaks of San Salvatore and Monte Brè - so giving the city of Lugano the title of 'The Rio of the Old World'
- Free time to explore Lugano, a Swiss town with an Italian flavor evident in the city's cafes, sunny piazzas, cobblestone streets, and arcades. The city is designed for walking and is known for its watch and jewelry stores
- Lunch on your own in Lugano then transfer to the second match of the tour
- **Match 2: U. Pittsburgh-Bradford vs. Lugano Area Team**
- Return to Como for dinner at the hotel and a free evening

Day 6: Tuesday 26th May 2009

- Check out after breakfast and depart for Pisa
- Free time to explore Pisa, including the Pavilion area with the Cathedral, Baptistry and famous Leaning Tower
- Lunch on your own then transfer this afternoon to Lucca
- Set inside a ring of Renaissance walls fronted by gardens and huge bastions, Lucca is the most graceful of Tuscany's provincial capitals. At the heart of one of Italy's richest agricultural regions it has prospered since Roman times
- Free time to discover Lucca, then transfer to Montecatini Terme, a spa town in the hills of Tuscany just outside Florence, and check in to a local hotel for a 2 night stay
- Dinner at the hotel and a free evening



Day 7: Wednesday 27th May 2009 **Match 3**

- After breakfast depart for a guided tour of Florence, the home of the Renaissance
- Our local guided will introduce all the main sites, including the Uffizi and Accademia Museums (entry not included), and the leather and jewelry markets around San Lorenzo
- Lunch on your own and free time to explore Florence - maybe wander the medieval streets in Dante's old neighborhood or sip a cappuccino on Piazza della Signori!
- Return to Montecatini for a pre-game dinner then transfer to the third match of the tour
- **Match 3: U. Pittsburgh-Bradford vs. Tuscany Area Team**
- Return to the hotel after the game



Day 8: Thursday 28th May 2009

- After breakfast check out of the hotel and depart for Rome
- En route pause in Siena. Self-contained and still part-rural behind its medieval wall, Siena is best known for its cityscape
- Free time to explore Siena, including the great scallop-shaped piazza il Campo, possibly the loveliest of all Italian squares, and the Duomo and Palazzo Pubblico which are two of the purest examples of Italian Gothic architecture
- Lunch on your own then continue south to Rome and check in to a centrally located hotel for a 3 night stay
- Dinner at the hotel and a free evening

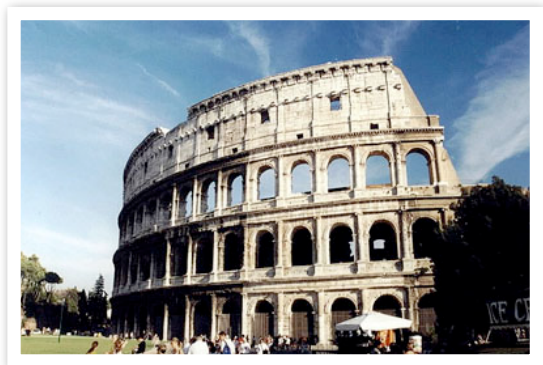


Day 9: Friday 29th May 2009 **Match 4**

- Breakfast at the hotel then enjoy a free morning to discover Classical Rome, including Trevi's Fountain, Fori Imperiali, Navona Square, Trinita dei Monti and the Coliseum, the ancient symbol of Rome (entry fees included)
- Lunch on your own in Rome then transfer this afternoon to the final match of the tour
- **Match 4: U. Pittsburgh-Bradford vs. Rome Area Team**
- Dinner at a pre-selected restaurant and free evening

Day 10: Saturday 30th May 2008

- After breakfast transfer to the Vatican City for a guided tour of the Holy City (entry included, museum opens at 8:45 a.m.)
- Make your way through the Museum to the magnificent Sistine Chapel, and then conclude your visit to the Vatican City with time for photos in St. Peter's Square (entry fee included)
- Lunch on your own and a free afternoon in Rome for individual sightseeing and souvenir shopping
- Farewell dinner at a pre-selected restaurant and free evening





Day II: Sunday 31st May 2008

- Breakfast at the hotel then check out and depart for Rome Fiumicino International Airport for the return journey to the United States

INCLUSIONS: 11 Days / 9 Nights

- Round trip airfare: Pittsburgh - Milan - Rome - Pittsburgh
- \$300 airline departure tax and fuel surcharge allowance**
- 9 nights accommodation in 3 Star hotels in twin bedded rooms with private facilities
- 2 meals daily - breakfast and dinner unless otherwise stated
- Full time bilingual Harvard Sports Italia Tour Escort
- All transfers by full time private motor coach
- 4 matches against international competition
- Facilities for 1 practice session with the U. Pittsburgh-Bradford coaching staff
- Sightseeing in Como
- Guided tour of Milan
- Appointment to view Da Vinci's *The Last Supper*
- Sightseeing in Lugano
- Sightseeing in Pisa
- Sightseeing in Lucca
- Guided tour of Florence
- Sightseeing in Siena
- Sightseeing in Rome
- Entry to the Coliseum
- Entry to and guided tour of the Vatican City
- Harvard Sports International Tour Liability Insurance



EXCLUSIONS:

- Personal Insurance
- Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
- Single room upgrades - surcharges apply
- Gratuities for motor coach driver and Tour Escort
- On site professional medical trainer
- Admission to attractions not specified in above "Inclusions"

** Departure tax above the \$300 allowance is excluded. Determination of departure taxes are at time of ticketing and is based on airline departure taxes and fuel costs, and will form a 5th payment.