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Tuesday, June 9 – Departure for Milan, Italy

UA 968: Newark Liberty Airport (6:30PM) to Milan Malpensa (8:40AM)

Wednesday, June 10 – Arrival in Italy

Arrival at the Milan Malpensa International Airport. Private motorcoach transfer to Hotel Metrò in Milan.

HOTEL METRÒ

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12:00 PM Lunch at “**Panino Giusto**”, Via Cherubini, 8 (transfer by walking)

After lunch, free time to rest and unpack.

8:00 PM Dinner at “**Bebel Ristorante**”, Via San Vittore, 3 (transfer by walking)

Thursday, June 11 – Milan

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

No shorts or short anything this day! Ladies, if you plan on exposing your shoulders, please make sure to bring a scarf or cardigan to cover your shoulders when we enter the churches.

8:30 AM Walking tour of Milan. Visit of Sant’ Ambrogio Church, Santa Maria delle Grazie. *Milan is the most populous city in Italy and the capital of Lombardia. While Rome is Italy's political capital, Milan is the country's economic and financial heart. It is also home to many cultural institutions, museums and art galleries, which account for about a tenth of the national total of visitors. The Pinacoteca di Brera is one of Milan's most important art galleries. The Castello Sforzesco hosts numerous art collections and exhibitions, especially statues, ancient arms and furnitures. Milan is widely regarded as a global capital in industrial design, fashion and architecture. Milan is also synonymous with the Italian prêt-à-porter industry, as many of the most famous Italian fashion brands, such as Gucci, Prada, Armani and Dolce & Gabbana, are headquartered in the city. Milan's main upscale fashion district, quadrilatero della moda, is home to the city's most prestigious shopping streets (Via Montenapoleone, Via della Spiga, Via Sant’Andrea, Via Manzoni), in addition to Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, the world's oldest shopping mall. Moreover Milan hosts La Scala opera house, considered one of the most prestigious opera houses in the world, and throughout history has hosted the premieres of numerous operas.*

- 11:45AM Visit “il Cenacolo” (“The Last Supper”)
- 1:00 PM Lunch at “**Antica Focacceria San Francesco**”, Via San Paolo, 15
- 2:30PM Visit San Satiro, il Duomo, Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Castello Sforzesco, the fashion streets “il Quadrilatero della Moda”
- 8:00 PM Dinner at “**Il Quarto di Via Ravizza**”, Via Carlo Ravizza, 8 (transfer by walking)

Friday, June 12 – Service Day

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Please be sure to wear your official VoD t-shirt!

- 8:00 AM Departure for Cascina Rossago (located about 30 minutes outside Milan)
- 9:30 AM Welcome reception. Then we will be building the orchard fence.
- Packed lunch
- 5:30PM Departure for Milan
- 8:00 PM Dinner at “**MamaEster**”, Via Luigi Sacco, 9 (transfer by walking)

Saturday, June 13 – Milano Expo 2015

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- 9:00 AM Departure for the Expo (transfer by metro)
- 9:30 AM Visit of the Expo (short guided tour)
With the theme “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life,” Milan Expo 2015 looks at the future of food. A total of 144 countries are represented and estimate of 20 million tourists are expected to attend the Expo between May 1-October 31.

Lunch on your own and free time to explore the Expo. In the late afternoon, we will return to the hotel via metro.

- 8:00 PM Dinner at “**Ronchi 78**”, Via San Maurilio, 7 (transfer by tram)

Sunday, June 14 – Lake Como

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

- 8:00 AM Departure for Tremezzo (transfer by private bus)
- 9:30 AM Arrival in Tremezzo. Visit the Villa Carlotta
Villa Carlotta is a villa on Lake Como. It was built for the Milanese marquis Giorgio Clerici in 1690 and extends over a 70,000 m² (17 acres) area in Tremezzo, facing the Bellagio peninsula. An Italian garden with steps, fountains and sculptures was laid out at the same time. Among the statues, Mars and Venus by Luigi Acquisti is remarkable.
- 11:00AM Private guided boat tour of Lake Como

Free time in Bellagio for lunch on your own and shopping. In the afternoon, we will board the private boat to return to Tremezzo and return to Milan

8:00 PM Dinner at “**Living**”, Piazza Sempione 2 (transfer by tram)

Monday, June 15 – Free Day

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Tuesday, June 16 – Design in Milan & Bergamo

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

No shorts or short anything this day!

8:30AM Depart from the hotel (transfer by metro or tram)

9:00 AM Lecture Magistralis at the Politecnico University in Milan. Visit to the design studios at the University. Visit to the Brioni tailor's shop (transfer by metro or tram)

1:30PM Lunch at “**Signorvino**”, Piazza Duomo, after lunch we will departure for Bergamo

Guided walking tour of Bergamo Alta

8:00 PM Dinner at “**Il Pianone**”, Via al Pianone, 21. Return to Milan

Wednesday, June 17 – Monza

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Ladies, if you plan on exposing your shoulders, please make sure to bring a scarf or cardigan to cover your shoulders when we enter the church.

8:00 AM Departure for Monza (transfer by private bus)

Monza is located 9 miles northeast of Milan. It is the third-largest city of Lombardy and is the most important economic, industrial and administrative centre of the Brianza area, supporting a textile industry and a publishing trade. Monza Park is one of the largest urban parks in Europe.

9:00AM Walking tour of Monza

10:00AM Visit the Villa Reale

Lunch on your own and free time.

3:00PM Visit the Campari Factory in Sesto San Giovanni. Return to Milan

8:00 PM Dinner at “**BBQ**”, Via P. Sottocorno, 5

Thursday, June 18 – Cremona

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

8:00 AM Departure for Cremona (transfer by private bus)

Cremona is the capital of the province of Cremona and the seat of the local city and province governments. Cremona is first mentioned in history as a settlement of the Cenomani, a Gallic (Celtic) tribe that arrived in the Po valley around 400 BC. The city of Cremona is especially noted

for its musical history and traditions, including some of the earliest and most renowned luthiers, such as Giuseppe Guarneri, Antonio Stradivari, and several members of the Amati family.

- 10:00 PM Arrival in Cremona – Visit the Auricchio Cheese Factory
- 12:30 PM Visit the farm “**Cascina Lago Scuro**”, Via Pagliari, 54 and we will have lunch there.
- 3:00PM Guided visit of the violin manufactures in Cremona
- 4:00PM Visit the “Stradivari Museum.” Return to Milan
- 8:30 PM Dinner at “**Milano Café**”, Via Procaccini, 27

Friday, June 19 – Pavia

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

8:30 AM Departure for Pavia (transfer by private bus)
Pavia is 35 kilometres south of Milan on the lower Ticino river near its confluence with the Po. It has a population of 68,000. The Province of Pavia is predominantly plains land, with Pavia at its center where the Po and Ticino Rivers meet. Pavia stands on a hill, thus protected from floods and, in ancient times, from its enemies' attacks.

- 10:00 AM Arrival in Pavia. Visit the Riso Scotti factory
- 1:00 PM Lunch at “**Erbaluce**”, Via Bossolaro, 21
- 2:00PM Walking tour of Pavia and guided visit of the “Certosa di Pavia”
- 8:00 PM Dinner at “**Cascina Guzzafame**”, (Viggiano di Gaggiano). Return to Milan

Saturday, June 20 – Lake Garda

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

8:00 AM Departure for Lake Garda (transfer by private bus)
Lake Garda is the largest lake in Italy. It is a popular holiday location and is located in northern Italy, about half-way between Brescia and Verona. Glaciers formed this alpine region at the end of the last Ice Age. The lake and its shoreline are divided between the provinces of Verona (to the south-east), Brescia (south-west), and Trentino (north).

10:30 AM Arrival in Gardone. Visit the Vittoriale (house of Gabriele D’Annunzio). After Gardone we will then head to Sirmione.
Sirmione is a comune in the province of Brescia. It is bounded by the comunes of Desenzano del Garda and Peschiera del Garda in the province of Verona. It has a historical centre which is located on the Sirmio peninsula that divides the lower part of Lake Garda. The main historical landmark of Sirmione is the so-called Grottoes of Catullus (Grotte di Catullo), the most striking example of a Roman private edifice discovered in northern Italy. The edifice had a rectangular plan and measured 167 x 105 m. The town is famous for its thermal springs.

- 1:30 PM Lunch on your own and free time to shop in Sirmione.
- 3:30PM Walking tour of Sirmione and visit the Grotte di Catullo (Roman ruins)

Return to Milan (2 hour drive)

8:00 PM Dinner at “**Il Quarto di Via Ravizza**”, Via Carlo Ravizza, 8

Sunday, June 21 – Lake Maggiore

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

8:00 AM Departure for Lake Maggiore

Lake Maggiore is a large lake located on the south side of the Alps. It is the second largest lake in Italy and the largest in southern Switzerland. It is the longest Italian lake, although Lake Garda has a greater area. The lake and its shoreline are divided between the Italian regions of Piedmont and Lombardy and the Swiss canton of Ticino. Located halfway between Lake Orta and Lake Lugano, Lake Maggiore extends for about 65 kilometres between Locarno and Arona.

10:00 AM Arrival in Stresa. Departure by ferry for Isola Bella

Free time to explore the little island and lunch on your own.

3:00PM Tour of Isola dei Pescatori and Isola Madre by ferry

Return to Milan

8:00 PM Dinner at “**Trattoria Km1**”, Alzaia Naviglio Grande, 62

Monday, June 22 – Milan

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Free morning and afternoon to pack and do any last-minute shopping.

Evening:

Attire: Dress Up—men: dress pants (khakis are fine), shirt, tie is optional; ladies: dress or blouse/skirt combo, heels or flats. **No shorts or short anything!**

5:30 PM Departure for the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana, Piazza Pio XI, 2

6:00 PM Guided Tour of the Pinacoteca Ambrosiana with the NIAF Board of Directors

7:30 PM Cocktail reception with the NIAF Board of Directors, Pinacoteca Ambrosiana

8:00 PM Dinner with the NIAF Board of Directors, Pinacoteca Ambrosiana

Tuesday, June 23 – Departure

Breakfast is served daily from 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

7:00 AM Departure for Milano Malpensa International Airport

UA 969 Milan (10:40AM) to Newark (1:40PM)