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 ITINERARY

Thursday, June 9 – Departure

Flight AZ 603: Depart New York, New York (JFK) at 6:05 p.m. with arrival in Rome, Italy (FCO) at 8:40 a.m., June 10, 2015

Friday, June 10 – Arrival in Italy

Flight AZ 1413: Depart Rome, Italy (FCO) at 10:15 a.m. with arrival in Torino, Italy (TRN) at 11:30 a.m.

Friday, June 10 – Arrival in Torino

Arrival at the Torino Airport. Private motorcoach transfer to our hotel in Torino.

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Once we arrive at the hotel, we'll check into our rooms and then head to lunch.

1:30 p.m. Lunch at “**La Locanda del Sorriso**”, (Via Saluzzo, 6) (*transfer by walking*)

Free afternoon to rest, unpack or explore the city.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at “**C’era Una Volta**”, (Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 41) (*transfer by walking*)

Saturday, June 11 – Torino (walking tour)

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 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. *Wear comfortable shoes.*

9:00 a.m. Meet with our local guide for a walking tour of Torino.

***Torino** was the first capital of modern Italy (1861-1865) and is rich of culture and history. The very majestic city was the residence of the Royal Savoia Family. On our tour we will see Piazza San Carlo, Palazzo Madama, Palazzo Reale, Royal Church of San Lorenzo, the Cathedral of San Giovanni Battista where the Shroud of Turin is located and much more!*

1:00 p.m. Lunch at “**Host**”, (Via Porta Palatina, 13)

After lunch we will return to the hotel and you will have the afternoon free to rest.

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!**

5:00 p.m. Departure by bus for “**La Bossolasca**” Agriturismo (Località Robini, Santo Stefano Belbo (CN)) where we will have dinner with members the NIAF Board of Directors

After dinner, return to Torino.

Sunday, June 12 – Torino: La Reggia Venaria, Basilica di Superga

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Departure by bus for the Reggia Venaria

10:30 a.m. Guided tour of the Reggia Venaria

***La Reggia Venaria**, was one of the Residences of the Royal House of Savoy and one of the largest royal residences in the world, comparable in size and structures to those of Versailles and Caserta.*

After our visit, lunch at the agriturismo “**Vecchio Portico**”, (Via Valle Miglioretti, 47 Pino Torinese)

An agriturismo (combination of agriculture and tourism) is a farmhouse resort that serves food that is grown on the farm or at least locally. It’s the American equivalent to “farm to table” dining.

After lunch we will visit the Basilica of Superga.

The Basilica of Superga, designed by Juvarra in Baroque-Classicism style sits at the top of the Superga Hill and overlooks the whole city of Torino and is the burial place of the Savoy family.

Return to the hotel and free afternoon.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at “**Amici Miei**”, (Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 94) (transfer by walking)

Monday, June 13 – Torino: National Museum of Cinema (Mole Antonelliana), Parco del Valentino

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Departure by foot for the **National Museum of Cinema** in the Mole Antonelliana.

9:40 a.m. Tour begins of the National Museum of Cinema with our local guide.
The National Museum of Cinema is an Italian motion picture museum, fitted out inside the Mole Antonelliana. It is one of the most important of its kind in the world thanks to its vast collection and the many different scientific and educational activities it carries out. But what makes it truly unique is its special exhibit setup.

After the tour of the museum, we will take the elevator to the top to enjoy a beautiful panoramic view of the city of Torino.

For lunch we will have a panino in the Parco del Valentino.

After lunch, our local guide will take us on a tour of the park.

Return to the hotel and free afternoon.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at “**Trattoria Al Dente**” (Via delle Orfane, 19/g) (*transfer by walking*)

9:00 p.m. ***Euro Cup 2016: Italy vs. Belgium***

Tuesday, June 14 – Ferrero, Alba, Neive, Panoramic Tour of Wine Country: la Morra, Barolo and Serralunga

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

***No shorts or short anything this day!**

8:00 a.m. Departure by bus for the Ferrero Factory (Piazzale Pietro Ferrero 1)

9:30 a.m. Tour of the Ferrero Factory.
Ferrero is the company behind Nutella, Ferrero Rocher, Tic Tac and Kinder products, just to name a few. Ferrero is also one of NIAF’s biggest corporate sponsors.

After the tour of the Ferrero Factory, we will head to Alba, home of the white truffle, “tartufo bianco”, for a guided walking tour with our local guide, Piermaria.

Lunch at the agriturismo, “**Fiore di Pesco**” (Via Moniprandi, 2)

In the afternoon we will stop at Neive, a small town in the province of Cuneo. We will visit to a very old winery “**La Cantina del Glicine**” (1600) and have a guided walking tour with Piermaria.

On our way back to Torino, we will take the scenic road back through Piemonte's wine country of la Morra, Barolo and Serralunga.

7:00 p.m. Aperitivo/dinner at “**Shore**” (Piazza Emanuele Filiberto, 10) (*transfer by walking*)
The “aperitivo” or aperitif was invented in Torino in 1786 by Antonio Benedetto Carpano. The most common aperitif is a bitter drink made of infused herbs and spices and stimulates appetite. Today in Italy, locals offer full-course, all you can eat buffets together with the aperitif and to go have an aperitivo or “fare l’aperitivo” is a social must and is often substituted for dinner.

Wednesday, June 15 – Torino: Palazzo Reale

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m. Departure by foot for tour of Palazzo Reale.

Tour of Palazzo Reale with our local guide.

Palazzo Reale or the Royal Palace of Turin is a historic palace of the House of Savoy. It was originally built in the 16th century and was later modernized by Christine Marie of France in the 17th century, with designs by the Baroque architect Filippo Juvarra

After the tour you will have the rest of the day free.

Thursday, June 16 – FREE DAY

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Friday, June 17 – Borsalino Factory, Alessandria, Acqui Terme

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 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.

8:00 a.m. Departure by bus for the Borsalino Factory

***Borsalino** is the world renowned hat company particularly known its fedoras. Established in 1857, its factory is in Alessandria.*

9:00 a.m. Tour of the Borsalino Factory **The felt hats are made with rabbit fur, so if anyone has any allergies, Borsalino will provide you a mask.**

After the tour we will proceed to the city of Alessandria for a walking tour with our local guide, Emiliano.

***Alessandria** lies in the extreme southeast of Piemonte that has for long been of strategic importance for its connections with Lombardy and Liguria. We will see Piazza Garibaldi (the largest square in the town, entirely porticoed), Corso Roma (the mainstreet) with the historic hat shop "Borsalino" and the baroque church of San Giovannino, Piazzetta della Lega Lombarda, Piazza della Libertà, the baroque Ghilini Palace and the Central Post Office Palace, the*

neoclassical Cathedral and Galleria Guerci. We will also be meeting with the President of the Province of Alessandria and Mayor of Alessandria.

Lunch at “**Hotel Londra**” (Corso Felice Cavallotti, 51)

After lunch we will travel to Acqui Terme for a walking tour of the town with Emiliano.

(3:00 p.m. ***Euro Cup 2016: Italy vs. Sweden***)

Return to Torino.

7:00 p.m. Aperitivo/dinner at “**Shore**” (Piazza Emanuele Filiberto, 10) (*transfer by walking*)

Saturday, June 18 – FREE DAY

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday, June 19 – Lago Maggiore: Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m. Departure by bus for Stresa

9:00 a.m. Arrival in Stresa. We will meet with our local guide, Daniela and take a private motorboat to Isola Bella and tour the famous Palazzo Borromeo. After touring the palace, you will have a little bit of free time before we take another private motorboat to Isola dei Pescatori.

Tour of Isola dei Pescatori. After the short tour, you will have free time to shop and have lunch on your own.

Departure by private motorboat for Stresa and head back to Torino.

8:30 p.m. Dinner at “**La Capannina**” (Via Donati, 1) (*transfer by walking*)

Monday, June 20 – Torino: Service Day

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Departure by foot for Piazza Maria Ausiliatrice

We will be spending the whole day at Valdocco working with the children of the Salesians of Don Bosco at the Mother House in Torino also known as Valdocco.

The Salesians of Don Bosco (or the Salesian Society, officially named the Society of St. Francis de Sales) is a Roman Catholic religious institute founded in the late nineteenth century by Saint John Bosco to help poor children during the Industrial Revolution.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at “**Antico Balon**” (Piazza Emanuele Filiberto, 3°) (*transfer by walking*)

Tuesday, June 21 – Martini & Rossi Factory, Asti

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m. Departure by bus for the Martini & Rossi Museum (Pessione)

9:30 a.m. Tour of “**Casa Martini**”

The tour will consist of visits to the Wine Museum, Botanical Room, Mondo Martini Gallery, and the Martini Store.

11:00 After the tour, we will head to the town of Asti for a walking tour with Emiliano. *Asti is one of the well-known towns in Italy, which lies in the valley of Tarano. It is one of the renowned centers of wine production in Italy due to the excellent quality of grapes found in this region that yields top quality wines.*

Lunch on your own and free time to shop and explore the town.

Return to Torino.

8:00 p.m. Dinner at “**Eat Sicily**” (Via Bellini, 5) *(transfer by walking)*

We will be having a traditional Sicilian meal made by Sicilians! Get ready to eat!

Wednesday, June 22 – FREE MORNING & AFTERNOON

Breakfast is served daily from 7 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

You will have the morning and afternoon free to do any last minute shopping and pack.

In the evening we will walk down the street to “**1870 Huntsman Pub**” (Corso Vittorio Emanuele II, 43) to have dinner and watch the Euro Cup match of Italy vs. Ireland.

9:00 p.m. **Euro Cup 2016: Italy vs. Ireland**

Thursday, June 23 – Departure

4:30 a.m. Departure for Torino Airport

Flight AZ 1432: Depart Torino, Italy (TRN) at 6:50 a.m. with arrival in Rome, Italy (FCO) at 8:05 a.m.

Flight AZ 602: Depart Rome, Italy (FCO) at 9:40 a.m. with arrival in New York, New York (JFK) at 1:25 p.m.