

Voyage of Discovery 2012 – Tentative Itinerary

Monday, May 28 and Tuesday, May 29

Depart JFK

Finnair Flight 006 Leaving JFK at 5:40 p.m. EST (May 28)
Arriving Helsinki at 8:50 a.m. local time (May 29)

Finnair Flight 783 Leaving Helsinki at 4:20 p.m. local time (May 29)
Arriving Rome-FCO at 6:45 p.m. local time (May 29)

Transfer from FCO to Hotel Belvedere Century, Ostia (<http://www.hotelbelvedereostia.it/>)

Hotel Belvedere Century
Piazza dei Ravennati, 4
00121 Lido di Ostia (ROMA)

Ph. +39.06.5672502 or +39.06.5672503

Overnight in Ostia

Wednesday, May 30

Leave Ostia in the early morning - bus to Bologna

Check in to Hotel Tre Vecchi (http://trevecchi.hotelsbologna.it/index_it.html)

Hotel Tre Vecchi
Via Indipendenza, 47
40121 Bologna (BO)

Ph. +39.041.8620400

3:00 p.m. – Welcome reception at the Palazzo d’Accursio, the official seat of the City of Bologna.
Guided tour of the Palazzo.

5:30 p.m. – Visit to the Torre Prendiparte and reception with food and drink from Emilia Romagna.
The Torre Prendiparte was built in the 12th century and has been carefully restored to allow
visitors to scale the entire tower, over 12 stories. The tower boasts an incredible view of the city of
Bologna and its surroundings.

Return to hotel.

Thursday, May 31

10:00 a.m. – Guided tour of the city, visiting Piazza Maggiore, Fontana del Nettuno, Basilica di San
Petronio, Archiginnasio, Mercato medieval, Loggia della Mercanzia, Complesso di Santo Stefano, le
Due Torre.

Afternoon free

Friday, June 1

2:00 p.m. – Guided tour of Palazzo Poggi, headquarters of University of Bologna museums

4:00 p.m. – Welcome by the University of Bologna and presentation by students.

Evening departure for Rome in bus. Arrive in Rome to our hotel, Matisse B&B
(<http://www.matissebb.com/>)

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Via Nazionale, 243
00784 Roma (RM)

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Saturday, June 2

Free day. June 2 is the Festa della Repubblica.

Sunday, June 3

AM – optional Mass at the Vatican

PM – Guided walking tour of the historic center of Rome.

Monday, June 4

AM – Bus to the Catacombs of St. Callixtus. The Catacombs of St. Callixtus were built during the 2nd century along the Appian Way to house the bodies of deceased popes. They were in use for two centuries before they were closed. They were rediscovered in 1854 and are now open to the public for visitation.

Lunch

PM – Bus from the Catacombs to Villa d'Este. Villa d'Este is in Tivoli, outside of Rome, Italy. It is listed as a UNESCO world heritage site and was built under direction from Cardinal Ippolito II d'Este, son of Lucrezia Borgia (and grandson to Pope Alexander VI). It is considered one of the best examples of Italian villas from the 17th century.

Tuesday, June 5

AM –

3:30 PM – Tour of the Italian Parliament building and meeting with Italian parliamentarians, including Hon. Amato Berardi. We will tour the Palazzo Monte Citorio, the seat of the Italian Chamber of Deputies.

Wednesday, June 6

AM – Papal audience at the Vatican, Vatican Garden tour, Visit to the Vatican and Basilica of St. Peter (not confirmed)

PM – Tour of the Caserma dei Corazzieri

Thursday, June 7

10:00 AM – Meet-up with the students traveling with the National Organization of Italian American Women and the Ministero degli Affari Esteri at the Parco della Musica. Lunch provided.

PM – Tour of the Capitoline Museum (not confirmed)

Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 8

Depart FCO

Finnair Flight 784	Leaving FCO at 7:45 p.m. local time (June 8) Arriving Helsinki at 12:05 a.m. local time (June 9)
Finnair Flight 005	Leaving Helsinki at 2:10 p.m. local time (June 9) Arriving JFK at 3:50 p.m. local time (June 9)