

FOREVER ITALY 2015

Sponsored by the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.



Pre-Reunion Tour
June 12 – 14, 2015

Main Tour
June 14 – 26, 2015

Hill Towns
Experience
June 17 – 23, 2015

Extension Tour
June 25 – June 30, 2015

FLIGHT INFORMATION AND PRICING

Due to the diversity of our group and the consolidation of the airlines, airfare is not included, and prices shown in the brochure are for the land tour only. You are free to make your own air arrangements using airline miles/points or to work with your local travel agent. You can also call InterTrav at 1-800-624-8338 to obtain ticket prices and flight times from your choice of departure city. Flights from the USA to Italy are overnight. Please take this into consideration when making your flight arrangements.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULING

Tour	Arrive	Depart
Main Tour	Rome Airport, June 14	Milan Airport, June 26
Pre-Reunion & Main	Rome Airport, June 12	Milan Airport, June 26
Main Tour & Extension	Rome Airport June 14	Munich Airport, June 30
Pre, Main & Extension	Rome Airport, June 12	Munich Airport, June 30
Hill Towns Experience	June 17	June 23

- Hill Towns arrival and departure should be at Florence Airport or Florence Rail Station

**We strongly recommend you make your flight reservations as early as possible.*

PRE-REUNION ROME PROGRAM

June 12 – 14, 2015

A special Pre-Reunion Tour Program to Rome has been arranged for travelers visiting Rome for the first time, or for past travelers who would like to re-visit the Eternal City. The package begins at Rome Airport on your arrival, and includes your transfer to your first class hotel where reservations are booked for three nights. The price includes breakfast each day at the hotel, service and taxes, a group welcome dinner, including wine, on the day of arrival, as well as a half day sightseeing tour of the city.

HILL TOWNS EXPERIENCE – JUNE 17 – 23, 2015

For the 2015 trip, we are offering members and descendants who do not have the time to take the Main Tour, an option to take a shorter trip and only participate in the Hill Towns program.

To participate in the 10th Mountain program in the Hill Towns, arrangements must be made through InterTrav. They will personalize your travel program for you. Please call InterTrav toll-free at 1-800-624-8338 and ask for David.

The Main Tour

Sunday, June 14 – ROME

On arrival at Rome Airport, after you have cleared customs and passport control, you will be met by an InterTrav Representative who will direct you to your transportation for the transfer into the city and to the hotel. There will be a hospitality desk at the hotel for informational purposes and to help with any plans you would like to make for the remainder of the day and into the evening.

Monday, June 15 – ROME / Orvieto / CHIANCIANO TERME

This morning we leave Rome and journey to the spectacularly situated city of Orvieto. Perched on a rocky precipice, Orvieto enjoys magnificent views out over verdant vineyards. The centerpiece dominating the city skyline is the imposing 13th century Duomo, considered to be Italy's greatest Romanesque-Gothic cathedral. Orvieto also has an extraordinary labyrinth of caves, wine cellars, aqueducts and tunnels cut into the volcanic crag, and your tour includes a visit to this elaborate network of underground curiosities. After our visit, we continue into the Tuscan countryside for overnight at the lovely Hill Town of Chianciano Terme. Our group will get together this evening for a Forever Italy Tour welcome dinner. **(B,D)**

Tuesday, June 16 – CHIANCIANO TERME (Siena & San Gimignano or Florence)

You have the choice today to visit Siena & San Gimignano or Florence. The stunning city of Siena is one of Europe's best preserved medieval cities. We'll enjoy a guided tour taking in the fan-shaped square, the Piazza del Campo and its towering Campanile, the Torre del Mangia. Passing through Tuscany's lush countryside, we'll visit the beautiful medieval hilltop town of San Gimignano, remaining almost unchanged over the centuries and famed for its distinctive skyline boasting 14 imposing towers dating to the 13th century. For travelers who prefer, your excursion will take you to the renaissance city of Florence, considered by some to be an outdoor museum. Highlights of your walking tour include the famous Duomo, the Ponte Vecchio, spanning the waters of the River Arno, and the main square of Piazza della Signoria. Both tours return to Chianciano Terme for our evening wine tasting and Tuscan style dinner. **(B,D)**

Wednesday, June 17 – CHIANCIANO TERME / Florence / HILL TOWNS

This morning we drive into Florence for a Memorial Service at the American Cemetery and Memorial, located in Tavarnuzze, 8 miles south of Florence in a beautiful Tuscan setting of rolling hills. Maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the cemetery was established for members of the Armed Forces killed in the northern Italy campaign. Among the 4,402 American soldiers buried here, 326 of them are of the 10th Mountain Division. After the service, we'll have lunch, and then we leave Florence driving to the Hill Towns. **(B,L,S)**

Thursday, June 18 – Monday, June 22 – HILL TOWNS

These days are spent in the Hill Towns for the 10th Mountain program. Celebrations and town festivals over the five days will take place atop Mt. Belvedere and at Querciola, Vidiciatico and Lizzano-in-Belvedere, Gaggio Montano, Iola and Castel d'Aiano. During your stay you will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic Italian cooking class. Space is limited and is on an optional basis at additional cost, dependent upon the interest of our group. For travelers who wish, we will schedule a return to Florence trip. **(Breakfast each morning, and meals as featured in the 10th Mountain program)**

Tuesday, June 23 – HILL TOWNS / LAKE GARDA

We say “arrivederci” to the Hill Towns and drive on the Autostrada into the Po Valley, crossing the Po River near the site where the first Fifth Army soldiers began to cross the river in their pursuit of the retreating German army. Then we’ll head for Lake Garda and Riva Del Garda where we will spend the next two nights. Depending on the interest of the travelers and the size of our group, we will schedule a visit to the Memorial Museum in Bologna. The museum depicts the events that took place during the successful attempt to break through the Gothic Line, the German defensive system built to prevent the Allies from entering the Po Plain. Also recreated is the scaling of Riva ridge and the conquering of Mt. Belvedere, and operation essential to break through the Gothic Line. (B)

Wednesday, June 24 – LAKE GARDA

This morning we’ll drive to nearby Torbole for a Memorial Service, a site of the final battles in this region. Wreaths will be placed at General Darby’s Monument and into Lake Garda in memory of the many men lost during the conflict in the Italian Alps, the road tunnels and on the lake. This evening, the group will have their farewell dinner at the Hotel du Lac et du Parc. (B,D)

Travelers taking the Extension Tour, please refer to Extension Tour itinerary. Travelers returning to the USA, please see schedule below.

Thursday, June 25 – LAKE GARDA / STRESA

This morning we depart Lake Garda and travel to the Italian Lake District resort of Stresa, with its lovely gardens and palm tree lined parks set on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Stresa has a lovely shopping area for any last minute gift purchases. You will also have the opportunity to take a short cruise to the lovely Borromean Islands. (B)

Friday, June 26 – STRESA/U.S.A.

After breakfast, transportation will be provided to Milan Airport to begin the return journey to the U.S.A. If you’re taking the Extension Tour, please see the detailed itinerary. (B)

*** * * Welcome Home * * ***

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Tour Prices Per Person		
	<u>Share basis</u>	<u>Single basis</u>
<u>Main Tour</u>	\$2,670	\$3,115
<u>Pre & Main Tour</u>	\$3,230	\$3,855
<u>Main Tour & Extension</u>	\$3,970	\$4,615
<u>Pre, Main & Extension</u>	\$4,530	\$5,355
<u>Hill Towns Experience</u>	\$ 885	\$1,015

The deadline for reservations is Monday, March 16, 2015. Reservations received after this date are on a “space-available” basis only.

The Main Tour Price Includes:

- * Airport transfers at Rome and Stresa
- * Transportation by deluxe motor coach with air conditioning and restroom.
- * Services of an English-speaking Tour Escort with each motor coach.
- * Accommodations in twin and single rooms (if chosen) with private bath or shower.
- * Buffet breakfast at hotels each morning.
- * Sightseeing as listed in the tour itinerary.
- * Welcome dinner in Chianciano Terme – June 15.
- * Wine tasting and dinner – June 16.
- * Lunch after the Memorial Service outside Florence – June 17.
- * Snack on arrival in Hill Towns – June 17.
- * Meals in the Hill Towns according to the program.
- * Farewell Dinner at the hotel – June 24.
- * Wine or soft drinks with included lunches and dinners.
- * Gratuities to hotel and restaurant waiters and service personnel for included meals.
- * Luggage handling for **one suitcase per person** at all European hotels.
- * Taxes for included tour services, i.e., transportation, hotel accommodations and meals.
- * Personal and baggage insurance for the European Land Tour program.

The Main Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; television and/or refrigerator in hotel rooms; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above; beverages and drinks with meals other than breakfasts; gratuities to Tour Escorts and coach drivers and local guides at the suggested amounts of €4 / \$5 per person per day for the Tour Escort, €3 / \$4 per person per day for the coach driver, and €2 / \$3 per person per day for local guides.

Extension Tour Itinerary

Thursday, June 25 – LAKE GARDA / Venice / UDINE

This morning we leave Lake Garda on the exciting extension tour that features Northern Italy, Slovenia, Austria and Southern Germany. On our way to Udine we'll stop off at Venice where we'll begin our visit with one of the world's greatest journeys, traveling by vaporetto (water taxi) along the Grand Canal to St. Mark's Square. We'll enjoy a private walking tour showing us the highlights of the city; the Rialto Bridge, the Campanile, the Byzantine-like Basilica of St. Mark, the Doges's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. After free time we'll leave Venice to arrive in Udine in the late afternoon. **(B,D)**

Friday, June 26 – UDINE / LAKE BLEED

Our guide will offer a brief history of the 10th Mountain Division activities in June 1945 in Udine and the surrounding region. Then we'll begin a day of travel with stops at various locales of the 10th Mountain Division including such towns as Cividale, Robic, Zaga, Plezzo, Bretto, Cave del Predil, and Lake Fusine. We'll have time for lunch at Caporetto, visiting areas where the 10th was stationed, and then crisscross the border between Italy and Slovenia to Lake Bled. **(B,D)**

Saturday, June 27 – LAKE BLEED / Grossglockner High Alpine Road / SALZBURG

Today we travel over the "Grossglockner High Alpine Road" and enter the impressive world of the mountains that will take us through some of the world's most spectacular scenery on our way to the summit, Kaiser Franz Josef Haus. Here we'll have time for lunch and to view the Pasterze Glacier and the peak of the Grossglockner. Within a few kilometers we'll travel "half way around the world" crossing all climatic and vegetation zones between Austria and the Arctic.

Leaving the High Alps we'll descend to the lovely resort of Zell am See and then through the scenic Saalach Valley to Salzburg, the city made famous by the movie "The Sound of Music" and one of Europe's most special towns. **(B,D)**

Sunday, June 28 – SALZBURG

After breakfast you can relax or attend services at nearby St. Peter's Church before we take a pleasant stroll with our local guide through the city's historic center. We'll see the exquisite Mirabell Gardens, the great Festival Hall, St. Peter's Churchyard, the monumental Domplatz, Mozart's birthplace, and the charming Getreidegasse.

This afternoon is free in Salzburg to enjoy the sightseeing of the wonderful old town; or perhaps to take a cog wheel train trip to the magnificent castle overlooking the city and distant Alps. **(B)**

Monday, June 29 – SALZBURG / MUNICH

Today we depart Salzburg and travel to picturesque Berchtesgaden where we'll see the historical town center boasting decorated facades, churches and a Royal Palace. Next we'll continue to nearby Obersalzburg for a breathtaking bus journey up the Kehlstein Road, flowed by a brass elevator ride up through the rock into Kehlsteinhaus, Eagle's Nest as named by the Allied Forces. Then we leave the Alps behind us and travel over the Autobahn to the Bavarian capital of Munich. On arrival we'll enjoy a sightseeing drive where we'll see highlights including Marienplatz, home to the New City Hall with famous Chimes, the Old City Hall, Cathedral, and Church of St. Peter, Karlsplatz, and the Palace of Nymphenburg. **(B)**

Tuesday, June 30 – After breakfast this morning, your tour escort will be on hand to coordinate transportation to Munich Airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

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The Extension Tour Price is Based on a Minimum of 25 Travelers and Includes:

- * Deluxe motor coach transportation.
- * Accommodations at first-class, traditional hotels including breakfast each morning, services and taxes.
- * Dinners as shown in the itinerary.
- * Luggage handling for one suitcase per person at all hotels.
- * Sightseeing according to the itinerary including applicable entrance fees.
- * English speaking Tour Escort service.
- * Taxes for included services; transportation, hotel accommodations and included meals.
- * Personal and baggage insurance.

The Tour Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees; laundry and cleaning; telephone calls; optional tours and excursions; television and/or refrigerator in hotel rooms; luggage handling at airports; meals other than those stated above; beverages and drinks with meals other than breakfasts; wine with meals unless otherwise indicated; gratuities to Tour Escorts and coach drivers and local guides at the suggested amounts of €4 / \$5 per person per day for the Tour Escort, €3 / \$4 per person per day for the coach driver, and €2 / \$3 per person per day for local guides.

TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR TRAVEL PLANS AND ON TOUR...

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: All travelers must have a passport that is valid for six months after the return date of your tour. If your passport is other than a United States passport, you must advise us in writing with your Registration Form, as other travel documentation may be required. No visas are required for the tour.

VACCINATIONS: No shots or vaccinations are necessary for the tour.

LAND TRANSPORTATION: All motor coach transportation will be air-conditioned and non-smoking.

TOUR PRICES: All prices shown for the Pre-Tour, Reunion Tour, Hill Towns Experience Tour, and Extension Tour are guaranteed.

RESERVATIONS: The deadline for tour reservations is Monday, March 16, 2015. Reservations received after March 16 are on a "space available" basis. Changes can be made on your choice of tour or tours until Monday, March 16, 2015. After March 16, there will be a \$100 per person charge for any changes made in your choice of the tours offered, and changes are also on "space available" basis.

AIRLINE TRAVEL ARRANGED BY INTERTRAV: We strongly suggest you make your airline reservations as soon as possible. Any requests for special airline seating arrangements must be made in writing. These are then passed on to the airline. However, we regret that we have no control over the assignment of airline seats, and we cannot guarantee or be responsible in the event that your request is not honored by the airline. (We recommend reconfirming any special seating requests at the time you check-in for your flights.)

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservation deposit payments are accepted with personal or bank checks. The final payment for the tour can be made by credit card or check. **YOU WILL BE INVOICED FOR THE BALANCE OF PAYMENT THAT WILL BE DUE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2015.**

SPECIAL REQUESTS AND/OR REQUIREMENTS: InterTrav Corporation makes every attempt to provide the most comfortable, convenient and pleasure-related trip possible. However, to do so it is essential that you advise us of your special desires and needs in writing. If these can be successfully fulfilled, they will be done. If it is not possible, we will advise you. When sending in your Reservation Application please include, in writing, any special desired or required needs. **All special requests must be received by Monday, March 16, 2015.**

TOUR ITINERARY: All tour itineraries are subject to change for planning and operational purposes from the printed tour programs shown in the brochure. Should changes occur, travelers will be advised in writing.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please keep in mind that our ability to offer side trips will be dictated by the number of buses we have to work with. This is an unknown until we know the number of people making the trip, therefore the details of the shorter side trips may change once we know the number of buses.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Detailed tour itineraries, hotels names, addresses and telephone numbers, and all information that you require for the tour will be mailed to you two weeks prior to the trip departure date.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price includes planning, handling and operational charges. The tour price also includes a contingency fund for the following items: invited dinner guests; trip books; pins; name badges; gifts to town mayors; and wreaths for the Memorial ceremonies. The contingency is on a per person basis, and any surplus funds will be retained by the Association in accordance with the By-Laws.

TRIP CANCELLATION, BAGGAGE AND MEDICAL INSURANCE: Insurance is included in the tour cost. The insurance program does not cover cancellation for non-medical reasons. The insurance includes: Trip Cancellation Insurance up to the full price of the tour cost; Trip Interruption up to 150% of the tour cost; Travel Delay - \$750; Baggage - \$1,000; Baggage Delay - \$250; Medical Expense - \$25,000, Emergency Evacuation - \$250,000; Accidental Death and Dismemberment - \$25,000; and Travel Assistance Services.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there will be a charge of \$100 per person up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there will be a cancellation charge of \$200 per person. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is \$250 per person. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone, and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, sent by fax to 630/584-1573, or by e-mail to mary@intertravcorp.com.

THE 10th MOUNTAIN DIVISION DESCENDANTS, INC. and/or INTERTRAV CORPORATION, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174 and/or any travel agency and/or supplier of services pursuant to or in connection with this itinerary shall not be responsible or become liable for any delay incurred by any person in connection with any means of transportation; nor for any loss, damage or injury to person or property by reason of any event beyond the control of any agency or supplier, or occurring without the fault or negligence of such agency or supplier. The right is reserved to alter the dates of the tour; the tour routing; or to cancel the trip if a minimum number of bookings is not reached for either the air or land portion of this itinerary. The right is also reserved to substitute hotels for other hotels in available categories. Further, the right is reserved to decline to accept or to retain at any time any person as a participant on any tour or to cancel any tour. No refund will be made for voluntary absence from the tour unless arrangements are made at the time of booking. The schedules contained herein are subject to change without notice. All rates are based on current Tariff and Exchange rates in effect at the time of the printing of this itinerary and are subject to adjustment without prior notification in the event of changes therein or in changes in the number of participants on which the rates are based.