



**Post-World IFYE Conference
Italy Agriculture and Cultural Tour
September 2-9, 2023**

Day 1 (Saturday, September 2) - Today, leave Velden (early departure from Velden around 7:00 am) for Venice. Arrival in Venice bus terminal around 10:30 am and transfer by boat to San Marco Square (30 min. by boat) to the historical center. Free time for lunch and then take a 2-hour guided tour of Venice (outside visits only).

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Overnight Verona



Day 2 (Sunday, September 3) - Check out and travel to the AI Center of Italian Brown Swiss Genetic Center in Verona before enjoying lunch in the city. Next, take a walking tour of Verona that will include: Arena, Adige River, Castelvecchio fortress and bridge, Roman Gate, market square Piazza Erbe, Piazza de Signori, Santa Anastasia church, Juliet's house, Roman Bridge and Roman theater (outside visits only).

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Overnight Modena area

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Day 3 (Monday, September 4) - In the morning, visit a Parma ham producer. Parma ham is commonly referred to as prosciutto, a thinly sliced, uncooked dry cured ham. Next, take a visit to a Parmigiano cheese facility. This company focuses on the great tradition of high-quality cheese in Italy for over 100 years. This will be followed by a Balsamic producer in the afternoon near Modena. You will learn how one of the oldest products of this region is made.
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Overnight Modena area



Day 4 (Tuesday, September 5) - Travel toward Florence, stopping by the brand new Eataly World: the world's largest agri-food park. FICO covers an area of eight (8) hectares (20 acres) in Bologna and encompasses: 40 farming factories, a market space, open-air fields and stables housing more than 200 animals and 2,000 cultivars. There are also six (6) large educational "rides" to explore. Guests here can learn about food processing by visiting the 40 farming factories and observing how meat, fish, cheese, pasta, oil, beer, sweets, etc. are created. Have lunch on your own and taste traditional Italian food at one of many restaurants! In the afternoon, travel to Florence.

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Overnight Florence area



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Day 5 (Wednesday, September 6) - After breakfast, take a walking guided tour of the historical center of Florence (2 hours) and its most important monuments: St. Maria del Fiore Dome, Giotto's tower bell, Piazza de Signori, the facade of Palazzo Vecchio, Santa Croce Church, Ponte Vecchio, etc. (All visits are from the outside except for St. Maria del Fiore Dome which will be visited inside). Lunch on your own followed by free time. Pre-booked Accademia tickets can be purchased separately.

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Overnight Florence area



Day 6 (Thursday, September 7) - Following breakfast, morning farm visit with wheat, lentils, oats and other cereal crops. Guests will learn about how the soil, rainfall amounts and temperature of this region affects cereal crop production. Next, travel to a winery olive oil farm, lunch and tasting. The family farm has been producing wine and extra virgin olive oil in the Tuscany region for nearly 200 years. Afterwards, travel back to your hotel.

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Overnight Florence area



Day 7 (Friday, September 8) - Take a high-speed train from Florence to Rome this morning. Private bus transfer to Rome's city center and visit to Trevi Fountain, Piazza di Spagna, etc. with a local guide. Also, enjoy a pizza lunch before arriving at your hotel mid-afternoon to check in. Free time the remainder of the day and evening.

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Overnight Rome

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Day 8 (Saturday, September 9) - Breakfast at the hotel in Rome. After breakfast, visit the Vatican Museum and take a guided tour of St. Peter's Square and Church. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant in the Vatican area. After the meeting, a small amount of time will be available to explore the city center monuments and the palaces of the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Palatine Hill, Colosseum, etc. Pre-buy tickets to the Colosseum for those that are interested. Farewell dinner this evening!

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Overnight Rome



Day 9 (Sunday, September 10) - Today, transfer to the airport and travel back to the US arriving the same day.

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Price per person based on double occupancy - \$2,700

Single supplement - \$550

February 15, 2023 - \$500 Non-Refundable Deposit Due

July 1, 2023 - Remaining Balance Due

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Included:

- Accommodations
- Land Transportation
- Full time - Bilingual Guide
- Tours/Technical Visits
- Gratuities for guide and driver
- Entrance to the Vatican museum
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary (water included, soft drinks not included)
 - B= Breakfast
 - L= Lunch
 - D= Dinner

Not Included:

- International Airfare
- Meals not shown on itinerary
- Water bottles on bus (can be purchased on bus for 1 euro per bottle)
- Soft drinks or alcoholic beverages during included meals
- Entrance to other museums not noted above and must be booked months prior (i.e. Uffizi Gallery of Florence, Gallery of the Academy of Florence (home of Michelangelo's sculpture of David), etc.
- Cost of valid U.S. passport
- Travel insurance coverage (highly recommended)
- Airline seat upgrades
- Excess baggage fees
- Anything not specified above or noted as optional or at leisure
- Souvenirs
- Leisure activities on free days/times
- Hotel charges for incidentals, including telephone calls, pay per view movies, mini bars, and snack trays, personal laundry, room service, and hotel penalties for smoking in hotel rooms.