

70th Anniversary of the WWII Liberation of Italy “Liberation of Rome & The Anzio Landing”

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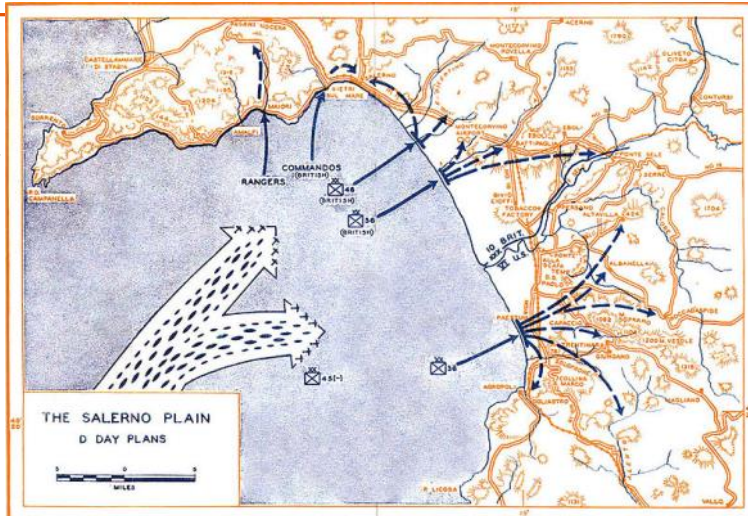
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1944 70th Anniversary — The Italian Campaign

Military Historical Tours is pleased to offer another in our series of 70th Anniversaries of WWII with this very special visit to Italy to commemorate the Liberation of Rome 1944. We start the tour at the Salerno Invasion beaches and work our way North to the Anzio Invasion beaches before entering Rome on 4 June on the Anniversary Date. Our objective is to honor those who landed on what was thought to be the soft underbelly of Europe but would prove anything but. Join us as we travel through and view the terrain of the picturesque countryside which was fought over by the US 5th and British 8th Armies as they battled the vaunted German 10th Army under General Albert Kesselring in WWII's "Forgotten Campaign."



Our focus will be on the battles and campaigns of the Allied Armies in Italy, with discussions and tours of some of the key battlefields of the Italian Campaign, including Anzio and Monte Cassino. Along the way, we will cross and re-cross the Po, Rapido, Volturno, Arno Rivers, and the legendary "lines" of Italy - *Barbara, Gustav, Caesar, Hitler, Albert, Arno, Gothic, Kesselring and Winter* gaining a deeper appreciation and respect for the tremendous challenges posed by the terrain and the German defenses.

Additionally, along the way you will experience the best of Italy, from the amazing historical Roman ruins at Pompeii to the legendary beauty of the "Eternal City" -- Rome, and the esthetically perfect Tuscan countryside and its capital, Florence. You will travel via deluxe motorcoach as you visit Naples and Pisa. Some of the greatest works of art and architecture will be available for viewing as you enjoy the perfect weather for touring Italia.

Tour Price **\$ 3,795***

Per person, based on double occupancy

Single Supplement \$ 695

Price Includes:

Superior 3 & 4 Star Hotel Accommodations

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Air-Conditioned Motorcoach

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Meals as indicated in itinerary

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Emergency Medical, Evacuation,
Repatriation, and Baggage Insurance

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MHT Trip Kit containing Ball Cap,
Bag Tags, Name Badge and Travel Info

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MHT "Field Guide" Information Packet,
containing Maps and Other Information

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Admission Fees to all Sites, Museums and
Special Attractions Listed

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Services of Experienced MHT Tour Leaders
& English-Speaking Local Guides.

DISCOUNT AIRFARE



AVAILABLE: MHT can book you from your home city anywhere in the U.S. roundtrip to Italy via our Airline Partners from and is available upon request!

* - Dependent on the € exchange rate.

The unique MHT "in-depth" approach includes extensive pre-departure research, utilizing a vast resource of maps and other source material, ensuring the finest possible experience. Our Tour Leaders and Historians are among the most knowledgeable on WWII. In-depth, but easily understood, briefings are conducted on each battle and other historic sites. For those wanting to go into more detail, the onsite staff is available.

Tour participants are invited to contribute by sharing their personal knowledge and expertise as we walk the battlefields. Ample time is allowed for personal exploration and sightseeing. Since we come close to many places of great historical interest, we will include stops at some of these, depending on available time and group interest. Visits to selected American Military Cemeteries are made so that we may pay our respects to the brave young men who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Program Directors, Tour Leaders and Historians will combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, relaxing, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss this expedition with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us toll free at 800-722-9501 M-F 9:30AM-5:30PM, mail or e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you!



Daily Itinerary

31 May Sat - (Day 1): Depart on your International Flight

Depart from your local airport for flight to Naples, Italy. As we shall discover, Italy has no single cultural identity. Its art, architecture, musical and literary traditions, scenery and its food and wine, from the Alps in the north to the southern shores, lie in the various regions we will explore.

1 Jun Sun - (Day 2): Arrival – Naples

Check into our hotel in Naples with afternoon at leisure. Meet in the Hotel Lobby at 1900 for our Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: Dinner (D) Hotel**

Royal Continental 3*



2 Jun Mon - (Day 3): Naples – Pompeii & Salerno Landing Site
Morning departure to the Salerno Landing Site to

commemorate the 70th Anniversary of “Operation Avalanche” the invasion of mainland Italy on this date in 1943. After lunch we stop at the legendary Pompeii ruins at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. Return to Naples.

Meals: Breakfast (B) Hotel Royal Continental 3*

3 Jun Tue - (Day 4): Monte Cassino - Anzio – Rome

Morning departure to follow the Italian campaign with our first stop is at the Polish Cemetery and continues up to the Abbey of Monte Cassino. We stop at Sant’Angelo in Theodice to view the 36th Infantry Division Memorial honoring the bloody Rapido River crossing. After lunch, we continue north to visit the Nettuno American Cemetery, Museum and Memorial near the Anzio landing area. Check into our Rome hotel. **Meals: (B)**

Hotel Nord Nuova 3*+

4 Jun Wed - (Day 5): Rome

We celebrate the 70th Anniversary of the cities liberation with an exclusive visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Following the Vatican Tour we commence our city tour that includes Capitoline Hill, Ro-



man Colosseum and Forum. We will visit Fosse Ardeatine, the site of the 1944 Nazi Ardeatine Massacre of Italian citizens. After an anniversary dinner, an evening walking tour of the Trevi Fountain and Piazza Navona.

Meals: (B) Hotel Nord Nuova 3*+

5 Jun Thur - (Day 6): Siena – Chianti – American Cemetery – Florence

Departure for Siena. Guided visit of this delightful medieval city famous for the Palio. Proceed through the Tuscany Chianti region and visit a typical cellar for

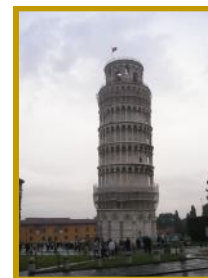


wine-tasting. Stop at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before we check in at the hotel in Florence. Dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: (B/D) Hotel Don-**

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6 Jun Fri - (Day 7): Florence & Pisa

Morning Florence sightseeing includes Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery of St. John and the Academy of Fine Arts housing the "David" by Michelangelo. Afternoon drive to Pisa where we visit the Leaning Tower and Campo. **Meals: (B) Hotel Donnatello 3***



7 Jun Sat - (Day 8): Bologna – Venice

Following the axis of advance of the US Fifth Army as we visit Bologna whose capture by the 34th Infantry Division in 1945 led to the liberation of the Po Valley and the collapse of German defenses in northern Italy and the site of the two famed towers. Dinner at a local restaurant. Check into our hotel outside Venice. **Meals (B/D) Hotel Delfino 4***

8 Jun Sun - (Day 9): Venice

This morning we drive to Venice for a walking tour of the city to admire the Piazza San Marco, the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the Prisons. Then visit a

glass factory to see the molding of glass. Afternoon free for optional tours. **Meals (B) Hotel Delfino 4***



9 Jun Mon - (Day 10): Verona - Lake Como
 Morning drive to Verona, the town of Romeo and Juliet and the Roman Arena. Stop at Verona's wine region for a wine tasting before our arrival in Lake Como. After lunch, continue to Lake Como and a chance to walk this chic resort city before checking into our hotel. **Meals: (B)Hotel Regina Olga 4***

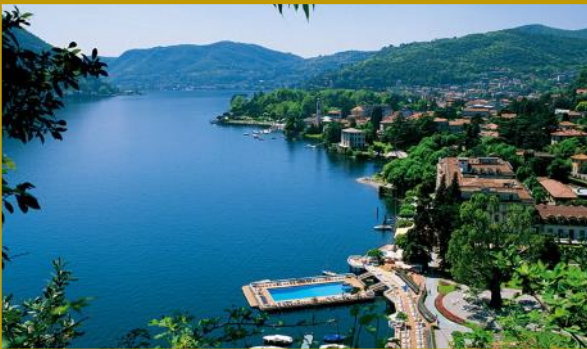


Scala Theatre and Museum, Sforza Castle, Last Supper (inside visit), Arch of Peace, Arena (outside), Monumental Cemetery (outside). Return to Como, followed by a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **Meals: (B/D) Hotel Regina Olga 4***

11 Jun Wed - (Day 12): Milan – Return
 Depart for the Milan Airport as we bid arrivederci to Ita-

10 Jun Tue - (Day 11): Milan - Lake Como
 Morning tour of Milan includes Cathedral, Gallery,

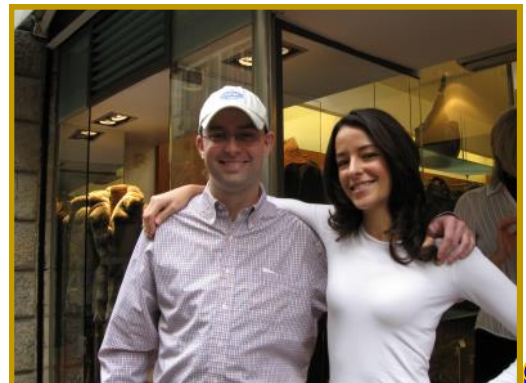
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