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Monday, 16 August, 2010, Pasta Plus

This evening's pre-trip briefing will be hosted by Max and Sabatino at Pasta Plus. The evening will feature *hors d'oeuvres* and wines from the Veneto region in order to give participants a chance to meet each other and for a Q&A with tour director Guido Adelfio, President of Bethesda Travel Center LLC.

TRIP ITINERARY

Thursday, 02 September Pasta Plus - Dulles

Bags and passports in hand we will assemble at Pasta Plus for the ride to Dulles by charter bus. Departure is expected at 15h30 to reach Dulles for check in for British Airways (BA) flight #216 ETD 19h00. {Please note that BA assigns seats at the airport at time of check in, with allowance for one piece of checked luggage at no additional charge (50 lbs max). In-flight meal service is included.}



Friday, 03 September London - Venezia - Bassano del Grappa

ETA 06h55 in London (LHR) this morning. Connect to BA #578, ETD-ETA 09h50-13h05 taking us to Venezia. Customs on arrival, before boarding our coach for the ride to the foothills of the Dolomites, known as the *prealpi* for our stay: Hotel Belvedere (4 nights). Free time to explore the town known for its historical bridge and featuring the Alpine Brigade Museum before our **welcoming dinner** at Hotel Belvedere - your hosts: Max & Rosa Mazziotti! *Benvenuto a tutti!* (Dinner)

Saturday, 04 September Bassano del Grappa - Asolo - Bassano del Grappa

Daily hotel **breakfasts** each morning. Today's excursion will take us to lovely Asolo. The verb "*Asolare*" means to linger and waste time, maybe a form of "sweet idleness"?! *Degustazione* at Villa Sandi in the heart of the area especially known as the heart of *Spumante*! **Dinner** plans to be developed to feature the local specialties of Veneto including Phigaia, *un vino rosso magnifico!* (Breakfast,D)

Sunday, 05 September Bassano del Grappa - Padova - Vicenza - Bassano del Grappa

A busy day today will include a detailed look at Padova and the remarkable Scrovegni Chapel of the *maestro* Giotto. From here we will visit the Villa Rotonda of Vicenza and enjoy a *degustazione* **lunch** and sampler of the local *grappa* before returning to Bassano! Independent dinners tonight in Bassano to sample the local cuisine! (B,Lunch)

Monday, 06 September Bassano del Grappa - Venezia - Bassano del Grappa

Getting an early start today we will visit Venezia, including a guided visit to the city center and Piazza San Marco, the Doges' Palace and Bridge of Sighs. Some free time to shop and explore before returning to Bassano with **dinner** this evening. (B,D)



Well, it's been more than 40 years since Max Mazziotti and his brother Sabatino came to Washington from the Abruzzo region of Italy! Success quickly followed and since 1983 their **Pasta Plus Restaurant and Market** has become an institution in the Laurel community!



Buonissimo, Max!

Max's loyal customers soon began requesting unique gourmet food and wine trips to Italy, and so about 15 years ago Max organized his first adventure to Tuscany and Rome. Since then, annual Pasta Plus trips have visited nearly every region of Italy and now, in 2010 we're going to enjoy Veneto and Trentino-Alto Adige in the far north!

All the details are here,, and now, won't you join us in Italy?? You will never ever forget it! Our promise!

Max and his wife Rosa are reuniting with Guido Adelfio of Bethesda Travel Center, which has specialized in unique customized trips to Italy since 1961! A deposit of \$1,250 per person is all you need {Oh, and a passport too!} & Guido will take care of the rest! Any questions?? Please call him at 301-656-1670 or ciao@bethesdastravel.com



Tuesday, 07 September
Bassano del Grappa - Marostica - Soave - Riva del Garda

Heading south now we will make a quick stop at Marostica, whose main square is laid out in a chessboard form and is well known throughout Europe for the bi-annual festival chess match with costumed performers, before attaining the Po River valley and Montecchio Maggiore, home of the Montague family (get it? *Montecchio??*) in Shakespeare's *Giulietta & Romeo* - plans call for a visit to the castle (the Capulets were right across the way), before a stop in Soave, named for the Celtic tribe called "Svevi." The wines of these hills are characteristic of the Italian whites, dry and fruity at the same time and zestily refreshing! *Degustazione* sampler before heading to the northern tip of Lago di Garda, iconic of Italy's beautiful lakes! Hotel Luise (2 nights) with **dinner!** (B,D)



Wednesday, 08 September
Riva del Garda - Bardolino - Valpolicella - Riva del Garda

Today's adventures will take us to Bardolino and Valpolicella, well known for their hearty reds, including the robust *Amarone*, made according to the "greco" style (from partially dried grapes). A wonderful day awaits, capped off by a lakeside **dinner.** (B,D)



Thursday, 09 September
Riva del Garda - Lake Cruise - Sirmione - Trento

Leisurely day today! Packing our bags and leaving them on the motorcoach, we will embark a lake cruiser for the super-scenic ride to Sirmione on the southern edge of Lago di Garda with **lunch** passing spectacular vistas,,, *Molto Romantico!* Free time in Sirmione will give us a chance to see the town that was a lake resort even in Roman times! Our bus will meet us now and we'll be off to our next stop, Trento, main city of the region of Trentino-Alto Adige for check in at Grand Hotel Trento (3 nights). **Dinner** tonight in the historic city center! (B,L,D)

Friday, 10 September
Trento - Bolzano, Ötzi the Ice Man - Appiano, Strada del Vino - Trento

Off to Bolzano, Italy's northernmost *provincia* and the gateway to the Dolomites. In Bolzano, we will visit *Ötzi*, the ice-man, whose preserved tools and clothing were mummified in the ice more than 5,000 years ago and just recently discovered under the receding glacier. On to the charming white wine region known as "Appiano sulla Strada del Vino" (*Eppan* in German, since Alto Adige is bi-lingual) for a *degustazione* and a pleasant afternoon. This is the region known to Italians as *Alto Adige* (and called *Südtirol* in the local Germanic language). Return to Trento, passing impressive mountains in time for **dinner** and the overnight. (B,D)

Saturday, 11 September
Trento {Relax today}

Our last day will be largely free to relax, shop and explore charming Trento! A morning visit is planned to the *Castello del Buonconsiglio*, site of the Council of Trent, which solidified Church doctrine during the Counter-Reformation. This location was symbolic, as it represents the bridge between Italy and the Germanic nations just beyond the *Brennero*. Enjoy a free afternoon relaxing in Trento before our group **farewell dinner** at Maso Franch, in the heart of Chardonnay country! *Grazie Max, Grazie Rosa!* (B,D)

Sunday, 12 September
Trento - Venezia - London - Dulles - Laurel

After breakfast today, we will head off to Venezia for check in at Marco Polo Airport. Our flight, BA #579 is scheduled at 14h00, with London arrival at 15h20, connecting to BA #293, ETD-ETA 17h05 - 20h05. From Dulles we will be transported by charter motorcoach to Pasta Plus in Laurel! (ETA 22h00) Welcome home! *Benvenuti a casa!!* (B)



Won't you join Max & Rosa Mazziotti for a unique journey to Veneto and Trentino-Alto Adige? This year's trip is planned from 02-12 September 2010, and the all-inclusive price of \$3,865 will provide you with round trip fares (in coach), transportation from Laurel to Dulles and throughout Italy by privately chartered motorcoach, all hotel accommodations in 4-star hotels with daily hotel breakfasts, touring and excursions, as well as all meals and *degustazioni* indicated in the detailed itinerary, along with carefully selected wines. Also included are excursions and entrance fees, all current taxes and fuel surcharges, and agency/professional/operational expenses associated with making and carrying out these complex arrangements on your behalf. The trip will be escorted by Guido Adelfio, president of Bethesda Travel Center LLC, and please note that travel insurance and Bethesda Travel's "Reassurance" cancellation waiver are available and strongly recommended for your protection, since all trip payments are nonrefundable. Bethesda Travel reserves the right to pass along any future airline or bus charter fuel surcharges, as well as to make technical adjustments and improvements in the itinerary here described. An initial deposit of \$1,250 per person is requested by immediate return to secure your spot on the trip. Prior trips have sold out every year, so please don't wait! Your balance will be requested 01 July 2010, and we truly look forward to your participation!



Ötzi the Ice Man

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