

CWRU Football Tour

Italy & Greece – May 6- 14, 2022



Rome & Vatican City



Amalfi Coast & Pompeii



Spartans Compete in Rome!



Athens & Delphi



Greek Islands

9 Day, 8 Nights Italy & Greece Tour - May 2022

Day 1 – Friday, May 6th – Departure to Italy

- ❖ Departure from Cleveland International Airport in the late afternoon or early evening with destination Rome, Italy. This first evening will involve on-board dinner, entertainment options and we recommend some sleep on this overnight flight. A light breakfast will be served before arrival.

Day 2 – Saturday, May 7th – Introduction to Rome & Vatican City Touring

- ❖ Arrive at **Rome's** international airport. Proceed through Passport Control, collect luggage and equipment then meet your multi-lingual tour manager who will be at your service as needed over the duration of your journey in Italy and Greece.
- ❖ Refresh as needed then load the team and tour group's motor coach transferring to Rome's city center taking in some famous sites along the way. You will disembark near the distinctive **Navona Square** area where you be oriented then released to explore and have lunch in small groups. Cafes, pizzerias and restaurants will be plentiful for you to enjoy your first authentic Italian meal – and hopefully your first gelato!
- ❖ Depending on airport arrival and allowable time we plan to provide a brief walking tour of some of Rome's famous architectural sites near Navona Square. By mid- to later afternoon the group will transfer to nearby Vatican City where you will receive a **guided visit of the Vatican Museums**, including the incomparable **Sistine Chapel and the impressive St. Peter's Basilica & Square**. (admission ticket included, closed on Sunday)
- ❖ For those who are interested, there will be some time to shop for religious relics.
- ❖ The group will then transfer to enjoy dinner at a nearby restaurant in Rome or possibly at your Rome area hotel. Check-in will take place before or after dinner.
- ❖ This evening it is suggested that all get some much-needed overnight rest in anticipation of additional touring and the international game the following day. (Rome - 2 nights)



Day 3 - Sunday, May 8th – More of the "Imperial City, the Incomparable Roman Coliseum & International Game Day

- ❖ After breakfast, transfer back to Rome's city centre where a local bilingual tour guide will complete your fascinating and efficient **guided walking tour** of the city's famous architectural highlights including the **Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, the Victor Emmanuel Monument and more!**
- ❖ Your walking tour will then proceed past the awe-inspiring **Roman Forum** and lead up to the **incomparable Roman Coliseum** where the original gladiators did battle years ago. At the Colosseum professional bi-lingual guides will take you through the awe-inspiring facility and continue to educate you as to one of the most recognizable structures in the world (admission ticket included).
- ❖ When this special tour is completed, you will go to a nearby restaurant to enjoy a pre-game meal and be off your feet some time. The team will then proceed to a sport facility



to represent the USA and CWRU in a special **international game of American football against** one of the American football club teams from the top-level Italian Football League. **Represent and play Spartans' football in Rome!**

- ❖ After the game we will seek to arrange a fun **social of Italian food, drink and laughter with your Italian opponents and hosts.** Hopefully some will be able to join us on this Sunday night as it is always a highlight of a foreign competition tour.
- ❖ Return to your hotel to rest and prepare for morning departure heading south of Rome.



Day 4 – Monday, May 9th – Amalfi Coast: Naples, Pompeii & Sorrento

- ❖ After breakfast load your motor coach heading south on 'the Italian boot' to historically fascinating Pompeii and the stunning Amalfi Coast.
- ❖ Lunch will be "traveler choice" in small groups en-route or upon your arrival.
- ❖ Early in the afternoon, the team and tour group will receive a **guided visit to Pompeii** – one of Europe's most compelling archaeological sites. Once a thriving, sophisticated Roman city, visitors are awed and can be a bit haunted of what became of this sprawling metropolis when Mount Vesuvius erupted - *an amazing 50 times* in 79 A.D. effectively burying the area and the populace in pumice and ash. Rediscovered only in 1748 the uncovering of Pompeii has taught us a great deal about life in the ancient Roman world.
- ❖ After an amazing day, the tour group will transfer to your select hotel in beautiful **Sorrento** along the Mediterranean coast where you will check-in, have dinner together then in groups enjoy a pleasant Italian spring evening – for student-athletes at the coach's instruction. (Naples/Sorrento - 2 nights)



Day 5 – Tuesday, May 10th – Positano & Boat Excursion to Amalfi

- ❖ After breakfast, depart for a full day excursion on the famous **Amalfi Coast** one of the most beautiful and photographed shorelines in the world. Smaller buses that can navigate the narrow roads will transport you through the scenic peninsula which is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- ❖ The first stop will be a **guided visit of Positano** where there will be time to enjoy lunch in small groups possibly **overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea** which is an extension of the Mediterranean Sea.
- ❖ The team and tour group will then embark on a boat **cruise to Amalfi** looking back on this visually striking coast that centuries ago became a popular tourist destination for Europe's aristocracy and artists - and remains so for people from around the world. In Amalfi you will receive an efficient tour then be able to explore in small groups.
- ❖ In the late afternoon you will be transported back to Sorrento to refresh. Dinner in this distinctively beautiful place will be on your own this one evening. Choose the atmosphere and meal you will enjoy most. The later evening is at coach's instruction.



Day 6 – Wednesday, May 11th – Athens “The Cradle of Western Civilization”

- ❖ Breakfast at hotel and check-out as needed to **transfer to Naples Airport for a morning flight to Athens** through Rome. Farewell compliments to your Italian bus driver though your guide and AFW tour manager will remain with you on to Athens.
- ❖ Upon arrival in Athens, load your new motor coach and be transferred into **Athens** – home to Plato and Aristotle as well as **the birthplace of democracy**. You will experience another city steeped in history as you receive a combined **driving and walking overview** of the city.
- ❖ During the early afternoon there will be lunch on your own in small groups and after an orientation some free time to explore Athens city centre.
- ❖ At the dinner hour, transfer to your Athens accommodations, refresh for dinner and the evening in Athens is at coach’s instruction. (Athens 3 nights)



Day 7 – Thursday, May 12th – the Acropolis, Temple of Nike & Free Time

- ❖ After breakfast, depart for a **guided visit of the famous Acropolis** where you will also view the **Parthenon and Temple of Athena Nike** amongst other structures of historical significance. You will also have access to the relatively new **Acropolis Museum**. Here you will see and feel the excitement in the 5th century B.C. when the Greeks fresh from their victory over the Persians established the first democracy with Athens becoming a leading city-state in the ancient world.
- ❖ Afterward lunch will be on your own in small groups with this afternoon free to explore further treasures of this historically-rich city. Your tour manager and AFW representative will be on hand to provide recommendations and guidance.
- ❖ Dinner will be arranged for the group with the evening open but at your coach’s instruction.



Day 8 – Friday, May 13th – Boat Tour & Time on Some Greek Islands

- ❖ Regular or potentially boxed breakfast in order to make the boat launch for **a full day excursion of the nearby Greek islands** of Hydra, Poros and Aegina.
- ❖ In **Hydra** wander the narrow-paved streets or take the traditional mode of transportation – the saddled donkey – to explore this quaint harbour town. Also enjoy the walk on the attractive seaside promenade witnessing the crystal-clear waters and fine craft shops.
- ❖ Approaching **Poros**, the smallest of the three islands, be stunned by brightly colored houses and buildings. This is an especially enchanting place.
- ❖ The last stop will be in **Aegina** the largest of the three islands. You are encouraged to take in the Temple of Afea and Church of Saint Nektarios.
- ❖ Your island-hopping tour concludes about 7:00pm when you will transfer back to your hotel to refresh to enjoy a **celebratory dinner** with final recognitions and toasts to the CWRU Spartans journey to this historically special and beautiful part of Europe. Much will be learned, accomplished and enjoyed on this adventure.
- ❖ Night is at the coach’s instruction but be certain to be packed and prepared for early morning departure to the airport.



Day 9 – Saturday, May 14th 2022

- ❖ Regular or boxed breakfast, check-out from the hotel and receive transportation to the Athens airport for departure back home to the USA. End of services.

Bye Italy, αντίο Ελλάδα!

For Current Tour Pricing – Contact AFW

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All pricing is per person based on double occupancy rooms 9-day/8-night tour

**AFW has typically been very accurate with estimated pricing but conditions exiting the pandemic when we have not been able to run tours for two seasons make this process less certain. After additional factors become more solidified and a new pricing quote is set in the early summer, registered travellers will be given an opportunity for a set period of time to confirm their tour participation or cancel.*

For single occupancy for the entire week there is a supplemental charge of \$400

Note (1): prices are based on a rate exchange of 1Euro vs. 1.20US\$. AFW will absorb a change in exchange rate up to 1.22US\$. Any further increase will cause a supplement to the pricing.

Note (2): all prices are quoted at a cash payment; payments made by credit card or electronically (after deposit amount) will have a finance charge (.031) assessed

Note (3): prices typically include round trip airfare from Cleveland to Rome with a return from Athens. Pricing also includes an internal flight from Naples, Italy to Athens, Greece. Both include a quote for air taxes which can only be estimated. Air taxes can go up or down and will be added to the first quoted amount after ticketing. Land Only pricing is available upon request.

SERVICES INCLUDE:

- **Round-trip overnight flight from Cleveland** (air taxes/surcharges additional and estimated)
- **Domestic flight from Naples to Athens via Rome**
- **7 nights in selected hotels** in Rome area (2 nights), Sorrento (2 nights), and Athens (3 nights)
- **Two-third board accommodation** – breakfast and dinner are covered daily with one exception of dinner on your own in Sorrento (dinner will be served by hotel's restaurant or in local restaurant depending on daily itinerary – water at meals is included)
- **Pre-Game Lunch & Lunch One Day in Greece** (lunch on own except provided these two days)
- **Full time experienced multi-lingual tour manager**
- **AFW tour coordinator**
- **63 seat Motor Coach service** (max. 8/9 hrs per day per Italian law)
 - 2 days in Rome, Italy
 - from Rome to Sorrento
 - In Sorrento/Amalfi may need to substitute smaller buses due to narrow roads
 - from Sorrento to Naples Airport
- **Minivan for extra luggage and sports equipment** for airport transfer
- **Walking educational tours of Rome, Amalfi and Positano** with local professional guides
- **Coliseum and Roman Forum admission ticket and guided visit**
- **Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica admission & guided tour**
- **Admission ticket and guided visit to Pompeii Excavations**
- **Excursion to/free time in Sorrento**



- **Full-day excursion to Positano-Amalfi** by boat then return by local small buses
- **Athens orientation tour by motor coach**
- **Admission ticket to Acropolis and Museum in Athens**
- **Full-day mini-cruises to islands of Hydra, Poros and Aegina**
- Tour manager and motor coach driver expenses
- City entries fee, land taxes and parking costs
- **Bus drive and tour manager expenses**
- Passenger basic travel insurance (baggage/delays-this is NOT medical or trip cancellation insurance)
- **AFW Tour Gifts** (international electrical converter, player drawstring bag & TBD)

SPORTS PACKAGE:

- **International Game** vs. Italian Football League team in Rome area
- Supply of game day water bottles

Not Included

- Soft drinks or wine at dinners
- Tips for manager, guides and motor coach driver
- [Individual Player Medical/Accident Insurance](#)
- Motor coach wifi
- All Lunches - (Exception: pre-game lunch)
- Hot American breakfast (eggs, sausages, bacon) not guaranteed daily
- All optional activities
- Trip cancellation policy
- Everything not specified in inclusions



CWRU Spartans

Italy - Greece

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Tour Includes: *See tour itinerary for specific inclusions*

- Round-trip Airfare to Rome, Italy Return from Athens, Greece
- All Overnight Accommodations (7 nights in Europe & overnight departure flight)
- Flight from Naples to Athens
- All Transportation Between Tour Destinations
- In Europe Breakfast Daily, 2 Lunches & 6 Designated Dinners
- Multiple Guided Sight-Seeing Tours
- Multiple Attraction Entrance Fees
- Full-time Multilingual Tour Managers
- International Game vs. Italian IFL Top Tier Team
- Post- Game Celebration Dinner
- AFW Tour Souvenirs

Registration, Payment Schedule & Pricing

Along with Student-Athletes, Family & Fan Tour Participation is permissible and encouraged.

✓ *By the date your HFC specifies, fill out the **appropriate Registration Form** and return with a personal or certified check made out to **"American Football Worldwide"** or credit card information for **the registration/deposit of \$250***
(see cancellation policies and penalties)

✓ *Second installment of \$500 is due August 15, 2021*

✓ *Third installment of \$1000 due December 20, 2021*

✓ ***Payment in full up to the remaining balance due 45 days prior to departure.***
*(*See notes below relative to pricing clarifications)*

✓ *All payments/checks are to be made out to **"American Football Worldwide"***

***Tour Pricing Clarifications**

- Pricing is based on cash payment and at an exchange rate of 1 Euro to 1.20 US dollar. In the case of a change in the exchange rate between now and final payment, AFW will absorb the difference up to 1.22US\$. At final tour payment, should the Euro-US\$ exchange rate rise above 1.22US\$, the traveler will be responsible for the change in exchange rate above 1.22 measured as of the March 2022 final billing date.
- Tour pricing is based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available, however in Europe there is a 'single supplement' and pricing is high. For those wanting single accommodations the additional fee supplement is \$400 for the week. If interested, contact the tour coordinator.
- For credit/electronic payments after the deposit, a .031 transaction fee is added to the final tour cost. Travelers can choose mode of payment that best suits their interests or needs.
- Expansive travel insurance is not part of your tour price. AFW travelers are provided with travel insurance that covers minimal aggravations such as delayed/lost luggage and for travel delays covered specifically by the policy. Travelers are encouraged to give consideration to their personal interests and the possibility of purchasing additional travel insurance through an agent or on-line that meets their personal needs.
- With consideration for currency exchange fluctuation, the current pricing we have received from vendors is guaranteed until September 1, 2021. Afterward AFW will attempt to book additional travelers who register at the same price or the best rates available at that time.

COVID Considerations

- Due to consistently emerging developments brought on by COVID, tour adjustments may take place as needed to ensure the safety of all travelers.
- UPDATED - covid vaccination and proof of vaccination will be required in order to travel to these destinations. Medical exemptions TBD. AFW will not be responsible for financial loss incurred if travelers fail to produce these documents as may be required.
- Beyond the \$250 deposit, additional tour funds deposited by a traveler will not be forwarded for services in Europe where they can be put at risk until a determination is made, in consultation with the head coach, that factors indicate the tour will proceed safely next May.

Modes of Installment Payment and Final Payment

- For check/money order payments to AFW, please make out to “American Football Worldwide” and mail payments to AFW, PMB #201, 4343 16th Street, Moline IL 61265. This mode saves on transaction fees.
- Installment payments (after registration) can also be made at www.americanfootballworldwide.com processing through the Make a Payment tab or by calling in to AFW at +1 (309) 781-7274 during business hours. *Note transaction fees are added to final tour cost.*

Additional Preparation & Potential Expenses:

- **Passports** – If you do not have a passport, ***please secure one as soon as you can – preferably before the end of this summer.*** If you possess a passport, please look at the expiration dates as to enter Europe next May it must be valid ***through all of 2022.*** AFW will not be responsible for tour financial losses due to travelers not securing proper documentation.
- **Lunches and 1 Dinner** – All breakfasts, most dinners and a couple lunches are provided. When out touring, before or after a guided presentation free time will be offered for you to separate into small groups to explore as well as to enjoy a lunch of your preference at a café, pub, bistro or restaurant.
- **Souvenirs**
- **Tips** – Meal tipping in Europe is small compared to US standards as servers in Europe have higher wages than in the US. Usually ‘rounding up’ the bill to leave some change is acceptable. There is no expectation for tipping at our group meals. However, on our tour tipping for services provided by your tour manager, daily tour guides and the bus driver is customarily expected. Guidelines for tipping will be provided.
- **Covid Testing** – If still required by US government for reentry, travelers may be responsible for a Covid antigen testing fee.

Medical and Travel Insurance:

- Travelers should consult with their health insurance carriers regarding coverage in Italy and Greece. If you are not covered, you are encouraged to consider purchasing insurance.
- Student-athletes will be required to have medical insurance covering athletic participation. AFW will work with the school to make certain this coverage is in place.

Tour Interruption: AFW is not responsible or financially liable for damages occurred due to cancelled or delayed flights. Deference will be given to professionals and agencies within the air travel industry as to proper flying conditions. In case of flight delay or cancellation, AFW will do its very best to accommodate travelers in an effort to maintain as high a quality of tour experience as is possible under the changed circumstances. For additional protection, you are advised to consider the purchase of travel insurance that may compensate you should something of this nature occur.

Additional Baggage Information: As we approach our departure you will be informed of a typical travel ‘packing list’ and how to do accomplish meeting the airline allowance of one checked bag and one allowable carry-on item such that no additional costs are incurred. Not following these instructions can lead to extra charges for baggage. Additional charges will be incurred at the traveler’s expense.

Cancellation Policy & Penalties:

- After registration deposit, once the HFC confirms the tour the \$150 of the \$250 deposit is non-refundable.
- After October 15, 2021 the entire \$250 deposit is non-refundable.
- In case of cancellation after December 16, 2021, until January 15, 2022 \$950 of deposited funds will be non-refundable due to financial commitments AFW will make on the behalf of travelers.
- From January 16, 2022 forward all amounts deposited will be non-refundable.
- Up until February 1, 2022 a traveler who has to cancel can be refunded all but \$450 of their deposited funds if they find a full-paying traveler to take their place on the tour.
- To qualify for a ‘refundable’ cancellation, a written/e-mail request must be made in accordance with the terms above to Jim Barnes at AFW by dated email or postmarked letter prior to the listed dates.

Tour Coordinator Contact Information & Questions?

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