



W&J Football Italy Tour

10 Days/9 Nights - May 29th to June 7th, 2022

**Venice - Bologna - Florence - San Marino - Adriatic Coast -
Rome - Vatican City - And More**



The 'Best of Italy' Tour

Venice, Bologna, Florence, San Marino, Adriatic Coast & Rome
9-night / 10-day Tour May 29th – June 7th, 2022

DAY 1 – Sunday, May 29th – Departure Day

- Departure from Pittsburgh International Airport (or local international airport) destined for Italy. Overseas flight itinerary includes on-board dinner and entertainment. You will also be served a light on-flight breakfast before arrival.

DAY 2 – Monday, May 30th – To Venice with Stop in Verona

- Flying forward in time, arrive at Milan Malpensa International airport in the early morning. After customs meet your bilingual tour manager. You will be provided time for the exchange or securing of Euros, rest room use to refresh and time to grab a snack.
- Subsequently load your motor coach and depart for Venice with scheduled stops at Sirmione for lunch then onto Verona for touring and dinner. The motor coach ride across northern Italy will allow for some needed sleep before you enjoy a spring afternoon in Italy.
- Upon arrival in **Sirmione**, an engaging peninsula that juts out into **Lake Garda**, you will be awed by the sheer natural beauty of this turquoise body of water at the base of the Italian pre-Alps. Stretch your legs strolling the charming streets, enjoy your first authentic Italian lunch and make sure you take in the impressive Castello Sagliero which seemingly sits on the water and if possible, the Roman ruins at Grotte di Catullo.
- By mid-afternoon the group will move on to nearby **Verona**, a World Heritage Site as declared by UNESCO. You will be immediately impressed with the remarkably well-preserved Roman amphitheatre – a mini-version of the Coliseum in Rome – that still hosts concerts and other productions. You will receive a **guided tour** through Verona's enchanting streets, known as the city of lovers, as this is home to the Romeo and Juliet legend as written by Shakespeare. Just as Romeo did, walk into the courtyard looking up to Juliet's balcony. You will have some free time to shop before the group gathers for dinner in a local restaurant.
- After dinner, transfer east to the Venice Mestre area to check-in to your overnight hotel. After a very full, introductory first day in Italy a good night catching up on sleep may be best to help you enjoy the absolutely unique city of Venice and the many tour days that remain.



Day 3, Tuesday, May 31st – Venice – "The Floating City"

- Have a hearty breakfast then load your luggage on to your motor coach. You will then be driven to a private boat transfer where you will cross the Venice Lagoon to dock next to striking San Marco's Square.
- Enjoy a **guided tour of Venice**, the second most visited city in Italy. The unique atmosphere of the 'city of water' and its ever-present canals amazes all visitors.



- After your tour, you will have free time to enjoy lunch in small groups possibly in a quaint courtyard or on the Grand Canal looking upon Rialto Bridge. Afterward continue exploring the narrow streets and countless footbridges of Venice. You can be fascinated with a tour of a glass-blowing shop or climb the Campanile in San Marcos Square for a birds-eye view of Venice. It is strongly suggested you take a likely once-in-a-lifetime ride on a gondola that hopefully travels the canal under the Bridge of Sighs.
- In the late afternoon you will be return to your motor coach then transfer to Bologna (2 hours) which will be your base for three nights.
- Upon arrival in Bologna, check-in, refresh and immediately enjoy a delicious dinner.
- The evening is at your coach's instruction.



Day 4, Wednesday, June 1st – Bologna

- After breakfast become familiar with Bologna as you receive a **tour from a local guide**.
- Though overshadowed by the more famous cities of Italy, **Bologna** consistently thrills and charms visitors. Home to the oldest university in Europe and a high-percentage of students Bologna has a terrific, endearing vibe. Enjoying its distinctive on-going arcades, its own 'leaning tower' of Garisenda, outdoor piazzas, markets, it's passion for sports and *tremendous* cuisine that make Bologna a fabulous city to visit.
- After the late morning tour, Bologna will be yours to explore. Do so in a relaxing fashion as you assimilate into the more relaxed pace and *la vita dolce* – "the sweet life" – of Italy.
- At this tour stop there may be an opportunity to co-practice in the late afternoon or evening with the local American Football American Club, the Bologna Warriors.
- Around practice the team and tour group will have dinner. Should a practice take place a drink and food social with the Warriors would be a spectacular event.
- The later evening will be at your coach's instruction.



Day 5, Thursday, June 2nd – Florence "Birthplace of the Renaissance" Excursion

- After breakfast the tour group will load its motor coach to take an excursion to Florence one of the most artistically beautiful cities in the world.
- Upon arrival you will be treated to a **guided walking tour of Florence** starting from Piazza della Signoria and its numerous sculptures, Ponte Vecchio and its old shops, Palazzo Vecchio to the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore and its imposing duomo.
- After the tour, enjoy a spectacular Florentine lunch ideally at an outdoor café. With advance planning you will have time to take in Michelangelo's David at the Accademia or parts of the other world-renowned art galleries located in the Uffizi or Pitti Palace. You may also choose to climb to the impressive view available from atop the duomo. In the alternative, you will have time to explore the fascinating outdoor markets of Florence that features leather and other fine Italian products at affordable prices – and certainly take time to relax with refreshment at a piazza café. At the end of the day, be certain to take in the remarkable artistic sites that Florence displays in abundance.
- In the early evening the group will gather to have dinner.
- After dinner the group will return to its hotel in Bologna.



Day 6, Friday, June 3rd – Pre-game Practice and Adriatic Beaches

- If practice with the Bologna Warriors is not able to be scheduled, after breakfast the team will head to a local athletic field for their pre-game practice. Dust-off the skills and schemes that W&J Football will display with excellence in the upcoming very special international game of American football. Parents and other family members can sleep in – or get up for a morning cappuccino and stroll on a beautiful Italian spring morning.
- After practice the team will return to the hotel for a quick shower then check-out departing for an excursion to **San Marino** – the second of three nation-states to be visited on this tour.
- Upon arrival in mountain-top San Marino receive an efficient tour then have time for lunch and to then stroll taking in the magnificent views afforded this unique ariel perch.
- In the later afternoon, reboard your motor coach for final transfer to the resort town of **Senigalia**. This 'halftime' of your tour is built such that you can simply relax and enjoy the sand and surf of Italy's beautiful Adriatic coast.
- Dinner will be provided with the evening at coach's instruction. Keep in mind that tomorrow is International Game Day.



Day 7, Saturday, June 4th – Relaxing Morning then International Game Day

- Sleep in a bit longer this day. Breakfast will be available then enjoy a little more time strolling along or wading in the Adriatic Sea.
- Around noon the team will load its motor coach to take the short ride down the coast to **Ancona** where you will have a pre-game meal then gear up to represent the USA and W&J in an international game of American Football.

Approximately 3:30pm Kick-off – Go Time!

USA W&J Presidents

vs.

Ancona Dolphins



- After the game enjoy a festive meal and social time with the players and staff – tremendous hosts - from the Ancona Dolphins American Football Club.
- Return to your hotel after a very exhilarating day and festive evening.

Day 8, Sunday, June 5th – "The Eternal City" of Rome

- Upon arrival in Rome, your tour managers will acclimate you to the popular and beautiful **Piazza Navona** area where you will find countless outstanding choices for lunch.
- Afterward the group will gather at a designated meeting point to begin a **guided tour of the 'Eternal City'**. You will see the famous piazzas and fountains of Rome, countless churches and on-going fascinating architecture that goes back centuries. See and walk into **the Pantheon**, toss your coins into the **Trevi Fountain**, climb **the Spanish Steps** and **marvel at so much more** that Rome has to offer.
- Following the afternoon tour, there should be free-time for personal exploration before transferring to your Rome-based hotel. Check into your room and freshen up for dinner.
- After dinner the evening is at your coach's discretion.



Day 9, Monday, June 6th – The Roman Coliseum and Vatican City

- After breakfast the group will transfer to Vatican City – an independent state, to receive a **guided visit** of the well-known **Vatican Museums**. Learn more of the fascinating heritage of the Popes and Roman Catholic Church, witness the beautiful **Sistine Chapel** by Michelangelo then be awed by the immense nature and beauty of **St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in the world**. Exiting the basilica you will have time in St. Peter's Square.
- Time for lunch will be provided then in the mid-afternoon the group will proceed to have a guided tour of the **Roman Coliseum** where the original gladiators did battle years ago. Professional bilingual guides will take you through one of the most recognizable structures in the world as well as the nearby **Roman Forum** where western civilization was shaped and influenced for centuries.
- There will be some time for last-minute souvenir shopping then in the early evening the group will move toward a location to enjoy a final Italian meal and reminisce as to all the tremendous sites seen and remarkable experiences enjoyed.
- After a festive meal the group will return to the hotel to pack for your return flight home.



Day 10, Tuesday, June 7th – Return to USA!

- Be packed, have breakfast and load your motor coach for Rome Fiumicino Airport.
Ciao Italia! Grazie for the Tremendous Experiences and Memories!

FOR CURRENT TOUR QUOTES

Contact jb@americanfootballworldwide.com or call 309-781-7274

All pricing is per person based on double occupancy rooms 9 night/10 day tour

Airfare and Land Only (meet in Milan or Venice and return from Rome) Options are Available

Note (1): all prices are quoted at a cash payment; payments made by credit card or electronically will have a finance charge assessed (2.9 to 4.5% depending on card)

Note (2): prices will be based on a rate exchange with pricing subject to change if the currency exchange rate changes.

Note (3): prices can include round flights from Pittsburgh International or a nearby airport – air taxes and fuel surcharges are assigned about a month out from flight,

Note (4): the supplemental fee for **single accommodations is an additional \$400**

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- **Round-trip flight from Pittsburgh (or nearby city) and flight meals, etc.**
- **8 Nights Accommodations 4/3+ star hotels** in Venice area (1 night), in Bologna (3 nights), Senigallia/Adriatic Resort (2 nights), Rome (2 nights)
- **Meals in Italy: Daily buffet breakfasts** (including juices and coffee), and all **Dinners** (only water included),
- **Motor coach** available daily (max. 8/ 9 hours per day):
 - All Driver Expenses (except tips – recommended)
- **Full-time bilingual tour manager** at your disposal 24 hours daily (tips recommended)
- **AFW Football Operations Representative** on tour
- **Up to 3 hour guided visits of: Verona, Venice, Bologna, Florence, San Marino, Rome, Vatican Museums, Colosseum & Forum** with local bilingual tour guides
 - **Admission ticket to the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel** and guided visit with local professional guides; earbud microphone pieces for select tours
 - **Admission ticket to the Roman Colosseum and Roman Forum**
- **1-2 practice site rentals as requested**
- **Game vs. Italian Football League Division I team Ancona Dolphins**
- **Celebration and Farewell dinner in Rome**
- **AFW International Electrical Adapter**
- **American Football Worldwide Tour Souvenir** (players & staff)
- **All tour land taxes**
- All parking costs, all city entries fee, land taxes



SERVICES/FEES NOT INCLUDED:

- Personal food and wine tasting
- Hot American breakfast (eggs, meats ...) daily
- Lunches
- Extra guided tours and visits
- As stated, air taxes (TBD)
- Medical and Travel Insurance
- Drinks at dinners like wine, beer, soft drinks, are customarily not included/billed separate
- Touring Tips (*need to budget*)
- Other items not listed in Service Inclusions



ENJOY ITALY, PLAY FOOTBALL, HAVE FUN!

W & J
ITALY TOUR 2022

VENICE - BOLOGNA - FLORENCE - ADRIATIC COAST - ROME

MAY 29TH - JUNE 07TH

W&J Presidents
To Italy
May 29-June 7, 2022



American Football Worldwide

Tour Includes: *See tour itinerary for specific inclusions*

- Round-trip Airfare to Milan with Return from Rome
- All Overnight Accommodations (8 nights in Italy plus overnight departure flight)
- All Transportation Between Tour Destinations
- Breakfast and Dinners Provided Daily
- Multiple, daily Guided Educational Site-Seeing Tours
- Multiple Attraction Entrance Fees
- Full-time Multilingual Tour Manager
- International Game vs. Italian American Football League Top Tier Team
- Post- Game Celebration
- 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 \$150** (see cancellation policies and penalties)*

- ✓ *Second installment of \$600 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)*
- ✓ *Modes of Payment are Listed Below*

***Tour Pricing Clarifications**

- Pricing is based on an exchange rate of 1 Euro to 1.22 US dollar. In the case of a change in the exchange rate between now and final payment, AFW will absorb the difference up to 1.24US\$. At final tour payment, should the Euro-US\$ exchange rate rise above 1.24US\$, the traveler will be responsible for the change in exchange rate above 1.24 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 in Europe is high. For those wanting single accommodations the additional fee supplement is \$400 for the week. If interested, contact the tour coordinator.
- Pricing is on a cash basis. Credit/electronic payment transaction fees are added to the tour cost. Travelers have mode of payment choice that best suits their interests. Credit financing not passed on to all travelers.
- 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/Public Health Considerations

- Due to consistently emerging developments brought on by COVID, tour adjustments may take place as needed to ensure the safety of all travelers.
- Due to governmental Border Control requirements and health considerations, **documentation of personal vaccination will be required in order to travel to these destinations** as well as to utilize the services provided on AFW tours. AFW will not be responsible for financial loss incurred if travelers fail to produce these documents as may be required.
- Beyond the 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. See Cancellation Policies and Penalties below.
- Once a payment/deposit is made for services overseas, AFW cannot guarantee full recovery of funds.

Modes of Installment Payment and Final Payment

- For check/money order payments to AFW, please make out to "American Football Worldwide". Mail payments to AFW, PMB #201, 4343 16th Street, Moline IL 61265. *This mode of payment incurs no transaction fees.*
- Installment payments can also be made by electronic/credit transactions by going to www.americanfootballworldwide.com and processing through the MAKE A PAYMENT tab or by calling in to AFW at +1 (309) 781-7274 during business hours. *Processor 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 – applying preferably before Thanksgiving.*** 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** – Breakfast and dinners 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. 'Rounding up' the bill to leave some change is recommended. There is no expectation for tipping at our group meals. However, on our tours 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 testing fee. AFW will negotiate the most efficient and least expensive fee to be administered in Italy.

Medical and Travel Insurance:

- Travelers should consult with their health insurance carriers regarding coverage in Italy. 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 they have coverage in place as would be the case during the fall season.

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 the 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 deposit is non-refundable in order to guarantee pricing to all registrants.
- In the 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 April 15, 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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