

“Keeping The Memory Alive”

ITALY CAMPAIGN TOUR SEPTEMBER 18 - OCTOBER 1, 2011

Escorted by Martin and Helen Boomsma

Welcome Tour Participants....

Verstraete Travel & Cruises and Martin and Helen Boomsma, in cooperation with Special Travel International, invite Canadian war veterans, their families, friends and interested Canadians on our 9th “Keeping the Memory Alive” Tour. We will visit the Canadian battlefields and historical sites of Italy where we will experience the millennia of history and western civilization in Rome. You will also experience the history and emotions of the WW2



Canadian battlefields and war cemeteries at Cassino, the Liri Valley, Ortona and the Moro River Valley, Rimini and the breakthrough of the Gothic Line German defenses. We will gain a new appreciation for the sacrifices our fathers and grandfathers have made for our peace and freedom. The itinerary will be personalized for participants, where possible, to make this a trip of a lifetime. We will conclude the tour with a visit to the world famous city of Venice.

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TOUR ITINERARY & PROGRAM

Sunday, September 18

Depart from Toronto via overnight flight to Rome.

Monday, September 19

Arrival in Rome and transfer to the hotel. (D)

Tuesday, September 20

Enjoy a guided tour of Rome with time in the afternoon to explore Rome independently.

Wednesday, September 21

Leave Rome and drive to Cassino where we check into our hotel for 3 nights. (B,D)

Thursday, September 22 & Friday, September 23

Tour the towns and sites where the 1st Canadian Infantry Division and the 5th Canadian Armoured Division fought in the spring of 1944 to break through the Gustav and Hitler Lines. The tour will

include a visit to the Abbey Montecassino a formidable German defensive position. (B,D)

Saturday, September 24

Leave Cassino for a scenic drive to Ortona on the Adriatic coast, staying for 2 nights. (B,D)

Sunday, September 25

Walking tour of the town where the Canadians fought house to house for a week in December 1943. We visit several historical sites i.e. the Canadian Peace Monument, the Peace Museum, “Dead Horse” square and the Church of San Tomaso. We also visit “the Gully” and Casa Berardi.

Monday, September 26

Leave Ortona and drive to Rimini along the Adriatic coast. Enroute we visit the mountain Republic of San Marino, the world’s oldest republic. Check into our hotel for 3 nights. (B,D)

Tuesday, September 27 & Wednesday, September 28

Tour the battlefields where the Canadians breached the heavily defended Gothic Line in the autumn of 1944. We note historic names i.e. Villa Nova, Montecchio, Lamone River, Corriano Ridge, Fortunato Ridge, etc. (B,D)

Thursday, September 29

Leave the seaside resort of Rimini and travel to Venice where we check in to our hotel for 2 nights. (B,D)

Friday, September 30

Experience a guided tour of the world famous city of Venice and free time in the afternoon to discover its sites independently. In the evening we celebrate our farewell dinner at the hotel. (B,D)

Saturday, October 1

Transfer to Venice Airport for the return flight to Toronto. (B)

Price: \$3450_{pp} (double occupancy) Single supplement \$895.00

Price Includes:

- Round trip airfare from Toronto to Italy.
- Hotel accommodations.
- Daily breakfast and dinner.
- All ground transportation by luxury touring coach (*washroom equipped*).

Price does NOT Include:

- Airport taxes, security fees, fuel surcharges (\$315pp)
- Travel insurance.
- Beverages and items of a personal nature, lunches, entrance fees, tips to driver and guides etc.



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2011 GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

BOOKING PROCEDURE:

Please complete and sign the booking form. Send it (along with deposit) directly to: Verstraete Travel 14845 Yonge Street, Suite 300, Aurora, Ontario L4G 6H8
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DEPOSIT:

\$700.00 per person. The deposit is non-refundable and due at time of booking.

Your insurance premium is also due at this time.

FORM OF PAYMENT:

Cheque- payable to: Verstraete Travel & Cruises,

Credit Card- provide card details on booking form. There is a \$100pp surcharge for payment by credit card.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Deposit is due at time of booking with your selected insurance premium,
Final Payment Due: July 18, 2011

BOOKING DEADLINE:

All reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Since we are limiting the number of participants, we recommend that you book as soon as possible.

INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation or all-inclusive insurance. The rates are outlined on the Booking Form.

PASSPORTS:

It is your responsibility to make sure that you have a **valid passport**. It must be valid for at least 6 months after your departure date. Canadian passport holders do not need a visa. If you are travelling with a non-Canadian passport it is your responsibility to inform our staff so that they can advise you of entry requirements.

PRICING:

All prices are based on minimum group size, current exchange rates and supplier quotations. In the event that significant changes take place due to circumstances beyond our control, we reserve the right to adjust the prices.

CANCELLATION:

If you have to cancel, you must inform Verstraete Travel in writing. The cancellation penalty is based on the date your cancellation is received. Cancellation penalties are shown in the chart below:

- Deposit is non-refundable.
- 6 months - 2 months prior to departure - 50%,
- 2 months or less prior to departure - 100%

FINAL ITINERARY & TRAVEL DETAILS:

It is anticipated that all the final details will be included in the travel documents and distributed 21 days before departure. Due to the nature of the tour program we reserve the right to make changes and substitutions wherever necessary.

REFUNDS:

Refund requests must be received in writing within 60 days of the date of the cause of cancellation. Please allow four to six weeks for processing.

UNUSED TOUR ARRANGEMENTS:

Portions of tour arrangements, or any other service or feature of the package which are not used are neither refundable nor exchangeable.

RESPONSIBILITY:

Verstraete Travel, hereinafter called the "Operator" and/or its agents and suppliers of services, assume no responsibility for injury, death, damages, loss or delay incurred by any person in connection with the tour, or by reason of any event beyond the control of the Operator, or loss occasioned by neglect, default, strike, war, hostility, civil disturbance or resulting directly, or indirectly, from acts of God. The Operator reserves the right to withdraw any or all packages at any time should conditions warrant, to refuse to accept or retain any person as a participant, to alter or cancel the itinerary whenever the Operator deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience, or safety of the members of the tours. Verstraete Travel reserves the right to make any and all changes at anytime, as they deem necessary.

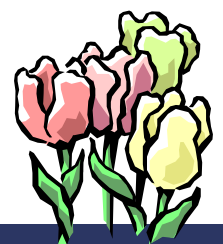
FUEL SURCHARGES: Due to volatility and high oil prices, airlines can implement fuel surcharges at any time without notice. Should this occur, these surcharges will be passed on to you.



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