



Harvard Sports Select

International Field Hockey Tour: Italy- June 28th - July 7th 2006

Day 1: Wednesday 28th June 2006

- Depart New York JFK International Airport to Milan

Day 2: Thursday 29th June 2006

- Arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport at where our full time bilingual Harvard Sports Italia Tour Escort meets the group to transfer by private motor coach Lake Garda
- Lake Garda is one of Italy's favorite vacation destinations. Its shores are studded with villages and small towns and it is also home to a number of Roman settlements, medieval fortresses, noble villas, churches and monasteries of all descriptions
- Check in to a local hotel for a 2-night stay
- Dinner in the hotel restaurant and a free evening

Day 3: Friday 30th June 2006

Game 1

- After breakfast depart for Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet
Free time to discover Verona. Before Napoleon, Verona was a prestigious city and controlled much of the Veneto region as far south as Tuscany. It has a locked in time character from its medieval and Renaissance heyday - including the magnificent medieval palazzi, towers, churches, stage-like piazzas, and of course Roman Coliseum
- This afternoon return to the hotel and relax by the hotel pool or by the shores of the lake
- Pre-game dinner at then transfer to the first game of the tour
- **Game 1: Harvard Sports Select vs. Local FH Club**
- Return to the hotel





Day 4: Saturday 1st July 2006

- After breakfast check out and depart for Venice. Located on the Adriatic Sea the magnificent city is comprised of over four hundred islands
- Travel to Tronchetto to take a private motorboat to San Marco Square for a guided walking tour of the city, including the Doge's Palace and Bridge of Sighs
- Lunch on your own and free time in Venice
- Return to the motor coach and depart for Montecatini, a beautiful spa town in the hills of Tuscany, just outside Florence
- Check in to a local hotel for a 2-night stay
- Dinner at the hotel restaurant

Day 5: Sunday 2nd July 2006 **Game 2**

- After breakfast enjoy a free morning to relax in the beautiful Tuscan countryside of Montecatini Terme and neighboring Monsummano Terme the curative powers coursing through the sulfurous underground hot springs and steaming vaporous caverns of the Valdinevole have been renowned for centuries. Capped with tiny medieval villages the hills surrounding the two towns are a joy to wander
- This afternoon depart for Lucca, the most civilized of Tuscany's cities; it is a stately grid of Roman roads snug behind a mammoth belt of tree-topped battlements.
- Free time for lunch on your own and to discover Lucca - home to Puccini and soft pastel plasters, an elegant landscape of churches and palaces, delicate facades, and Art Nouveau shop fronts on wide promenades
- Continue to Pisa, home of the famous Leaning Tower and enjoy free time to explore the Pavilion area with the Leaning Tower, Baptistry and Cathedral
- Transfer this evening to the second game of the tour
- **Game 2: Harvard Sports Select vs. Local FH Club**
- After the game enjoy dinner in the club house of the Local Club
- Return to the hotel



Day 6: Monday 3rd July 2006

- After breakfast check out and depart for Florence to enjoy a guided tour of the capital of the Renaissance. Our local bilingual guide will introduce all the major sites and sounds of this medieval city, and will point out the various bazaar marketplaces and the best places to buy leather and jewelry
- Free time for lunch on your own and to discover Florence - be sure to take time to visit Michelangelo's *Statue of David* in the gallery of the Accademia Museum
- This afternoon depart for Lake Como, a magnificent combination of Mediterranean foliage and alpine peaks on the Swiss border just north of Milan



- Check in to a local hotel for a 4-night stay
- Dinner at the hotel restaurant



Day 7: Tuesday 4th July 2006

- After breakfast transfer to Milan to visit one of the world's true masterpieces, Da Vinci's *The Last Supper* in the refectory of the Church of Santa Maria della Grazie - viewing is limited and by appointment only so this is a wonderful opportunity!
- Later, enjoy a walking guided tour of Milan, including the Castle Medici and the Duomo, the 3rd largest Gothic structure in the World
- Free time for lunch on your own and to shop in the fashion capital of Italy
- Return to Como, pausing en route at the Mantero Silk Factory outlet to pick up some excellent bargain gifts
- Dinner at the Hotel



Day 8: Wednesday 5th July 2006 Game 3

- Breakfast at the hotel then enjoy free time to discover Como with its contrast of cobbled streets, protective city walls, cathedral and modern luxury villas
- Transfer for a boat excursion on magnificent Lake Como.
- Visit Bellagio, one of the most beautiful villages in all of Italy, and have lunch on your own, then take the ferryboat to Menaggio and meet the motor coach to cross the border into Switzerland to Lugano
- Free time in Lugano. Set on a south facing bay, the city is framed on all sides by wooded sugar loaf hills that rise from the water and have led to it being dubbed the "Rio of the Old World."
- Transfer to the third game of the tour
- **Game 3: Harvard Sports Select vs. Local FH Club**
- Dinner at the Club then return to Italy



Day 9: Thursday 6th July 2006 Game 4

- Breakfast at the hotel and free morning to relax in Como - today is market day and the bazaar is full of bargain fashions from Milan's boutiques!
- Pre-game dinner at the nearby Restaurant
- Transfer after the dinner to the fourth game of the tour
- **Game 4: Harvard Sports Select vs. Local FH Club**
- Return to the hotel

Day 10: Friday 7th July 2006

- After breakfast check out of the hotel and transfer to Milan Malpensa International Airport for the return flight to the United States





INCLUSIONS - 10 Days, 8 Nights

Round trip airfare and taxes: New York - Milan - New York
\$150 Airfare departure tax and fuel surcharge allowance**
8 nights accommodation in 3 Star hotels in triple or twin bedded rooms
2 nights Lake Garda
2 nights Montecatini
4 nights Como
2 meals daily - breakfast and dinner unless otherwise stated
Full time bilingual Tour Escort
All transfers by private motor coach
4 games against international opposition
Harvard Sports Select uniform and jacket
Sightseeing in Verona
Motor boat transfers and guided tour of Venice
Sightseeing in Lucca and Pisa
Guided tour of Florence
Entry to Da Vinci's *The Last Supper* and guided tour of Milan
Boat excursion on Lake Como to Bellagio
Sightseeing in Lugano

EXCLUSIONS

Personal Insurance
Lunches and beverages (soda) with meals
Single room upgrades - surcharges apply
Gratuities for motor coach driver and tour escort
Admission to attractions not listed in above "Inclusions"
** Departure tax above the \$150 allowance is excluded, Determination of departure taxes are at time of ticketing and is based on airline departure taxes and fuel costs, and will form a 5th payment.