

**AROC
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**ALFA ROMEO
OWNERS CLUB USA**

AROC GOES TO ITALY

May 11 – May 20, 2017

Welcome to our 2017 fabulous visit to Italy! We'll experience car manufacturers, museums, designers and, of course, incredible food. Highlighted are two extraordinary days, one with the new Alfa Romeo Museum and one with the 'send off' day at the Mille Miglia in Brescia. Sandwiched between these highlights are visits to manufacturers and showrooms like Horatio Pagani, Lamborghini, Ferrari, Ducati, Maserati and naturally Alfa Romeo. The hotels and locations mirror the quality of this program.

Join AROC President Cindy Banzer and AROC Board members on this tour which has been carefully planned and scheduled in collaboration with Steve Austin's Great Vacations. Steve Austin is well known for his Classic Car Tours to Monaco, the Mille Miglia, Le Mans and the Goodwood Revival. In Cindy Banzer's words, "The AROC Board wants our members to have a real Italian experience, one that will introduce the history of the country's amazing car industry, while being surrounded with private visits, all cloaked with great fun and camaraderie".



- May 11 Arrival in Milan and transfer to the Le Meridian Hotel**** in the old Fiat factory of the Lingotto. Reception and dinner at our hotel (2 nights).
- May 12 A morning visit to the Museo dell 'Automobile Carlo Biscaretti di Ruffia', the largest collection of historic cars in Italy. This afternoon a visit to the Museo Pininfarina plus a visit to the old centre of Turin. Dinner includes a wine tasting of Piedmonte wines before an *Aperitif dell Turin* traditional dinner.
- May 13 We depart Turin for Milan and the lakeside Barchetta Excelsior Hotel****(2 nights) on Lake Como. A full day visit to the Alfa Romeo Museum which includes a private lunch at the museum. Local Alfa Club Members will be invited to join us. This evening is left for your discovery of lively Como.
- May 14 A day on Lake Como includes a drive up the western shoreline to Tremezzo. A short ferry across the Lake to Bellagio is rewarded with a lakeside lunch. Following lunch and some time for visiting the lovely village of Bellagio we board a large lake paddle steamer for our return to Como.
- May 15 Today we depart for Bologna and the Novotel Bologna Fiera Hotel****(2 nights). This afternoon we tour Lamborghini followed by a visit to the nearby Ducati Museum. Dinner this evening is at a famous Ristorante in the centre of Bologna.
- May 16 A morning visit to the small exotic car factory of Pagani and also the museum of Stanguellini in Modena. Following this, a visit to the Righini Collection and then lunch at a very special Trattoria in the countryside outside of Modena. Always a very popular visit where we enjoy the cuisine and wines of the Emilia Romagna area. Later in the afternoon we visit the recently opened Enzo Ferrari Museum.
- May 17 This morning we head down to Maranello, the home of Ferrari. First a visit to the 'Ferrari Galleria' which has become an excellent exhibition plus time to visit all the Ferrari related shops. Lunch is on your own but we can book tables for you at the 'Cavalino' or 'Montana' restaurants or you can opt for a number of small trattorias or pizza bars. Mid afternoon we head back toward Modena for a visit to the unique Parmigiano Cheese Factory where also is housed the historic Maserati Collection. Late this afternoon we head for Lake Garda and the Grand Hotel Gardone****(3 nights). Dinner this evening at our hotel on the lake.

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- May 18 A very special day as we visit the centre of Brescia for the gathering of the Mille Miglia. We'll visit the main squares where the participants register for the event. We'll walk around the cars with plenty of opportunity to meet the entrants. The streets are full of displays and the atmosphere is very 'Italian'. In the afternoon we visit the Mille Miglia Museum where the entrants have arrived for the afternoon before the evening start. This evening you have the option to relax back at the hotel and enjoy the small village of Gardone or opt to drive out to a location and view the cars on the first leg of the event.
- May 19 Today is a very relaxing final day. This morning we visit Verona, a chance to do some shopping and stroll the bustling old centre before heading to the eastern side of Lake Garda and the gorgeous Ristorante Punta di San Vigilio. Set in one of the most beautiful locations we enjoy our farewell afternoon brunch. Following our return to the hotel the evening is left at your leisure.
- May 20 This morning, following breakfast, we depart for Malpensa International airport for our return to the USA or on-going travel.

The program is inclusive of all transportation, accommodations, visits and touring. All breakfasts and most dinners or lunches as included and noted on the Itinerary. Arrival and Departure airport is Milan's Malpensa Airport. The tour price does not include air transportation to or from Italy. Along with Cindy Banzer, Steve Austin will accompany the tour and act as organizer and guide.

TOUR DATE: May 11-20, 2017 10 days

TOUR PRICE: \$4,680 per person based on two to a room (Non-AROC member, \$4,780.) Single Room Supplement \$1,350

DEPOSIT: \$1,000 per person (fully refundable up to January 10, 2017) BALANCE DUE: Feb.1, 2017

CANCELLATION PENALTY: There are cancellation penalties starting on January 12, 2017. Trip Insurance is available.

(Reservations requested by October 1, 2016)

BOOKING

Yes, please include me/us on the AROC Goes to Italy Tour -

Name(s) _____

Address _____ Tel.No _____

Cell No. _____ Email Address _____

I/We would like to make the \$1,000 per person deposit by check (please make payable to Great Vacations)

I/We would like to charge the deposit to Card No. _____ Exp. _____ Code _____

I/We understand that all deposits are fully refundable up to January 10, 2017.

Please Email or Fax this Booking to Steve Austin's Great Vacations – Fax: 503 824 4081 Email: steveaustin@colton.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

The Euro currency has been affected by recent instability within the European Common Market. Our pricing has reflected the opportunity in the surge of the US dollar. The Euro could gain back lost ground later in the year, We will re-appraise whether we need to raise the price of the tour on October 1. All deposits received before that date will guarantee the tour price from any increases.

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