

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

PRESENTS

AROC GOES TO ITALY, #2

May 14 – May 23, 2018

Welcome to our 2018 fabulous visit to Italy. Following our very successful 2017 program we are gearing up for 2018. We'll again 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 Lamborghini, Ferrari, Ducati, Maserati and naturally Alfa Romeo. The hotels and locations mirror the quality of this program. We'll be repeating visits to a couple of superb wineries and enjoying some of the finest lunches and dinners that Italy has to offer.

Conceived and formulated by our Club President, Cindy Banzer. Once again, the tour has been carefully planned and scheduled in collaboration with Steve Austin's Great Vacations. Steve is well known for his Classic Car Tours to Monaco, the Mille Miglia, Le Mans and the Goodwood Revival. In Cindy Banzer's words "We want our members to have a real Italian experience, one that will introduce the history of the country's amazing car industry, but also one that will be surrounded with private visits and all cloaked with great fun and camaraderie".



- May 14 Arrival in Milan and transfer from Milan's Malpensa airport to the NH Bologna Hotel****. Reception and dinner at our hotel (2 nights).
- May 15 This morning we tour the Lamborghini factory followed with a visit to the recently opened Enzo Ferrari Museum. An exceptional lunch today at one of our most popular venues, a small family restaurant in the Emilia Romagna countryside. This afternoon we schedule a visit to the remarkable Righini Collection.
- May 16 We start the day with a tour of Ducati. This successful motor bike manufacturer still build their bikes to order and are built almost entirely by hand. Later 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 Parmaggiana Cheese Factory where strangely 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.
- May 17 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 and prepare for the start. All the cars pass our viewpoint as they head out on their journey. This evening we have an *al fresco* 'pizza night' dinner back in Gardone
- May 18 Today is a 'catch your breath' day. At Noon we head across Lake Garda to the eastern shore. Our first visit is to Alegrini Vineyards. Set in an amazing medieval 'palazio' we will be tasting some of the finest wines of Italy. Following our wine tasting we take a short drive to the gorgeous setting of the Punta di San Vigilio. The restaurant is famous and we'll enjoy a late lunch here with the sound of water lapping against the sides of the restaurant.
- May 19 We depart Lake Garda for Milan and the lakeside Barchetta Excelsior Hotel****(2 nights) on Lake Como. Another exciting day as we visit 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 20 A day on Lake Como. A ferry takes us from our base at Como to the lovely and popular village of Bellagio. A beautifully located restaurant offers one of the finest lunches on all of Lake Como. An afternoon visit across the lake to the gardens of the Villa Carlotta is available while some may prefer, following lunch, to return to Como

which will be bustling with Sunday visitors.

May 21 This morning, following breakfast, we visit a private Alfa Romeo collection in Milan. We are also planning with the local Alfa Romeo Dealer some seat time with some of the new models. In the afternoon we depart Milan for Turin and the NH Lingotto Hotel****(2 nights). Upon our arrival we have the opportunity to go onto the roof of the Lingotto which was originally the test track for FIAT. Also the fine art display of the Agnelli Art Gallery is bound to impress. Dinner tonite is at our hotel.

May 22 A morning visit to the Museo dell 'Automobile Carlo Biscaretti di Ruffia', one of the finest auto museums in all Europe. It houses the largest collection of historic cars in Italy. Our final dinner of the tour is at a magnificent winery south of Turin in the Alba region. As this tour prides itself on the great food of Italy we can safely predict that you are going to be amazed. The effort and presentation of our meal is consistent with the finest restaurants of Paris and Rome. Prepare yourself for some of the great wines of the region

May 23 This morning, following breakfast we head back to Milan and Malpensa airport. The end of our 2018 tour.

The program is inclusive of all transportation, accommodations, visits and touring. All breakfasts and dinners or lunches are included. 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.*

**Please note the main course for the day may be a Lunch or Dinner (four lunches/five dinners). Lunches in Italy are big, very much main courses.*

Ladies! There are no side tours planned for individuals, however, there are two or three days where one can easily split from the group and enjoy a relaxing day at the hotel, shopping . . whatever.

TOUR DATE: May 14-23, 2018 10 days

TOUR PRICE: \$4,780 per person based on two to a room Single Room Supplement \$1,350

DEPOSIT: \$1,000 per person (fully refundable up to January 12, 2018) BALANCE DUE: Feb.1, 2018

CANCELLATION PENALTY: There are cancellation penalties starting on January 13, 2018. Trip Insurance is available.

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 _____

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