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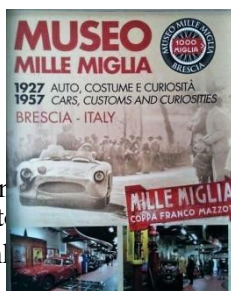
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AROC GOES TO ITALY

May 17 – May 27, 2022

Welcome to our 2022 and fourth fabulous visit to Italy. Following our three previous and very successful programs, we are gearing up for 2022. We'll be including most of the highlights from past trips and have added some new additions. Again, we'll experience car manufacturers, museums, designers and, of course, incredible food. Highlighted are extraordinary days, including the new Alfa Romeo Museum and the 'send off' day at the Mille Miglia in Brescia. Sandwiched in between are visits to manufacturers and showrooms like Lamborghini, Ferrari, Ducati, Maserati and naturally, Alfa Romeo. We are including some outstanding visits to private collections. 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 Italy has to offer.

The tour was originally conceived and formulated by AROC President, Cindy Banzer. "We wanted our members to have a real Italian experience, one that will introduce the history of the country's amazing car industry, but also one surrounded with private visits and cloaked with great fun and camaraderie. 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, the Goodwood Revival and Festival of Speed.



May 17 You will be met at Malpensa International Airport and transferred by private coach to the Grand Hotel Gardone on Lake Garda. Relax at the hotel and waterfront before welcome drinks and dinner this evening. Grand Hotel 4 nights.

May 18 Today, we make an early start for Brescia, and our first glimpse of the Mille Miglia. First we visit the town center where all the cars are registering and preparing for the afternoon 'off'. At lunchtime, we head for the Mille Museum. All the entrants journey from the center and are staged here before the official start this afternoon. We'll be able to watch the cars as they head out on the Mille course amid enthusiastic support from the crowds lining the route. Later this afternoon, we return to Lake Garda. This evening we have another special night with appetizers and champagne on the hotel terrace overlooking the lake. For dinner, we retreat to the beautiful Giardino dei Limoni (Lemon garden) for another superbly prepared dinner and live music. We are joined by special guest, race driver Brian Redman, and his wife Marion.

May 19 Today is our first 'catch your breath' day. The beautiful setting of our hotel is also supplemented with an attractive village and a particularly classic garden. Today, we leave for your own exploration or relaxation at the hotel. A ferry runs from the hotel to the next village, just a five minute ride or a twenty minute lakeside walk. There is also a famous Classic Garden just steps away. Dinner this evening is at your leisure.

May 20 This morning we head across Lake Garda to the eastern shore. Today's visit is to the Alegrini Vineyards. This gorgeous setting is in the heart of the Valpolicella region. The once 'tavern wine district', has become a major renaissance for Italian wines. One of the leaders of this has been the Allegrini family. The vineyard surrounds a stunning 16th century medieval 'palazio'. Our visit includes a wine tasting followed by an 'Italian lunch', something to remember. The return to our hotel is by the lake ferry service, that crosses the lake and very obligingly drops us right outside our hotel. Dinner this evening at a lakeshore restaurant.



May 21 This morning we depart Lake Garda for Turin. En-route a special visit to the Alfa Romeo Museum in Arese. We have allowed plenty of time to visit the museum and shop. We have guides to escort you through the museum or you can opt to enjoy the exhibits and history with a hand held commentary. Mid-afternoon we continue on to Turin and our four star hotel housed in the 'Lingotto', the original Fiat factory, which now houses a multitude of stores and restaurants. Upon our arrival we have the opportunity to go up 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 tonight 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. One of our special evenings is at a magnificent winery south of Turin in the Alba region. The short ride takes us through beautiful countryside. As this tour prides itself on the great food of Italy, we can safely predict you are going to be amazed. The effort and presentation of our appetizers, meal and accompanying prize winning wines is consistent with the finest restaurants of Europe.

May 23 This morning we head for Bologna. En route, we visit the Enzo Museum in Modena, dedicated to the life of Ferrari and his contribution to Italian automotive industry. We then head to Maranello and a visit to the Ferrari Galleria. There will be plenty of time to visit the many Ferrari and F1 shops. Mid-afternoon, we head back toward Modena for a visit to the unique Parmaggiana Cheese Factory, where strangely is housed the historic Maserati Collection. Later this afternoon we check into the I Porcini Hotel, 4 star-2 nights. Dinner tonight at our hotel.

May 24 This morning, we tour both the Ducati and the Lamborghini factories, a great double header. Our all time most popular lunch venue is a small family restaurant in the Emilia Romagna countryside, where we might be lucky to get a pasta making demonstration. Our final highlight of the day is a remarkable visit to the Righini Collection, one which has to be seen to be believed.

May 25 Today we depart for another major lake, Lake Como. In the morning, we drive to Milan for a number of visits. This includes a private collection of extremely important cars, some of which have taken top honors in Europe and at Pebble Beach. We'll also experience a very different and highly entertaining visit to the private Lambretta Museum. It houses numerous scooters from all over the World as well as the very earliest bicycles. Our special visit is an Alfa dealer who has collected, over the years all the cars produced by Alfa Romeo. It was a special 'find' from our last trip. The family is very involved with the original Mille Miglia as well as annual participants in the new Milles. This afternoon we check into the lakeside Excelsior Barchetta Hotel, 4 star-2 nights. Dinner this evening at our hotel.



May 26 Our second chance to take a deep breath. 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. There will be plenty of time to explore the little hamlet of Bellagio, be sure to take your camera and flat shoes, it's hilly! The late afternoon and evening is at your leisure in very lively Como.

May 27 This morning, following breakfast, we head back to Milan and Malpensa airport, and conclude our 2022 tour.

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

BOOKING FORM

Name _____

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Address _____

Cell No. _____ Email Address _____

I/We would like to make the \$2,000 per person deposit by check (please make payable to Great Vacations) _____

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

Exp. _____ Code _____

(3% credit card charge applies)

I/We understand that all deposits are fully refundable up to December 12, 2021.

Please Email or mail this booking to *Steve Austin's Great Vacations* – Email: steveaustin@colton.com

TOUR DATE: May 17-27, 2022 11 days
TOUR PRICE: \$5,325 per person based on two to a room Single Room Supplement \$1,650
DEPOSIT: \$2,000 per person (fully refundable up to December 12, 2021)
BALANCE DUE: January 15, 2022

IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION:

A \$2,000 per person deposit is due with booking, fully refundable up to December 12, 2021. Balance is due January 15, 2022. Cancellations between December 12 – January 31 will be subject to a cancellation of 50% of the tour cost. Cancellations received between February 1-April 1 will be subject to a cancellation of 75% of the tour cost. Cancellations received after April 1 there will be no refund.

Cancellation insurance is available and suggested.

Steve Austin's Great Vacations does not provide cancellation insurance.

We recommend you use a company you've used in the past or you could contact independent provider, Stephanie Warrington, at World Travel via email stephanie@wtpdx.com



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