

# ITALIAN CAMPAIGN & CASSINO REVISITED

May 21 – June 01, 2006 ( 12 days )

Featuring visits to the following memorials:

Montecassino - Moro River - Montecchio - Gradara - Coriano Ridge - Villanova - Cessena - Ravenna

Day 01,

May 21, Sun: CANADA – ROME

Departure from Canada for Europe

Day 02,

May 22, Mon: ARRIVAL ROME – CASSINO

After departure in Rome – transfer to Cassino; check into our hotel and dinner

Day 03,

May 23, Tue: CASSINO

Today we visit Rome's most famous war monument at the Piazza Venezia, in the center of Rome, dedicated to their former king, Vittorio Emanuele – we will also see the Eternal City's famous sites as we visit the Vatican with St.Peter's Basilica, pass by the Colosseum, Forum Romanum, Piazza Navona and other famous monuments

Day 04,

May 24, Wed: CASSINO

All day in Cassino with commemoration at Cassino Commonwealth Cemetery, visit to the Cassino Museum and participating in the Melfa River crossing ceremonies at Roccasecca – this day also offers a chance to meet with the locals of Cassino, at the foot of the famous Montecassino

Day 05,

May 25, Thu: CASSINO

This morning we travel south to Pompei, passing Mt Vesuvio and tour the incredible excavation site – return to Cassino after lunch time – and time in town to meet the locals ...

Day 06,

May 26, Fri: CASSINO – ORTONA

In the morning we travel up to Montecassino Abbey and you have time to enjoy the spectacular view from above, visit the Abbey and walk to the Polish cemetery – we then travel inland and across the country to the Adriatic and before arriving in Ortona we stop in Lanciano for a brief visit – check in and dinner

Day 07,

May 27, Sat: ORTONA

This morning we visit the Civil Cemetery of Ortona to pay tribute to the many civilians who lost their lives during the fierce battle of Ortona – then we head to Moro River War Cemetery – we then return and visit Casa Berardi and have a time in Ortona itself

Day 08,

May 28, Sun: **ORTONA – RIMINI**

After breakfast we take off north and we "climb" up to the mountain Republic of San Marino, the world's oldest Republic! Time for lunch there and then in the afternoon we travel to the nearby Adriatic Coast and check in at Rimini

Day 09,

May 29, Mon: **RIMINI**

Today we visit Montecchio Cemetery and Hill 204 and we will also pay tribute to Canadian soldiers as we visit Gradara and Corriano Ridge Cemeteries – we will of course get a good glimpse at the hills and ridges of the area as we drive through small villages and agricultural en route back to Rimini, the largest seaside resort along the Adriatic Coast

Day 10,

May 30, Tue: **RIMINI**

Today we travel Cessena Cemetery as well as Villanova and Ravenna Cemeteries – we will get an idea of the geography of the area as we drive through the region which is dominated by rivers ( part of the Po River water system ) and fields – later in the afternoon we return to Rimini

Day 11,

May 31, Wed: **RIMINI - VENICE**

After breakfast we depart for Venice where we take a watertaxi into the city centre and enjoy the area around Piazza San Marco and the Basilica - afterwards we check into the hotel and have our farewell dinner

Day 12,

June 01, Thu: **VENICE - CANADA**

This morning transfer to the airport for our flight home where we arrive the same day

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**Included:**

- Air fare Canada - Rome; Venice - Canada
- Private bus and guide throughout
- Accommodation in superior tourist class hotels based on double occupancy
- Breakfast and dinner every day
- Special visits and commemorations, Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- Porterage & local taxes and service charges

**Not Included:**

- Lunches
- Insurance
- Departure taxes

**COST** (per person in Canadian funds, based on double occupancy):

	<b>from Vancouver:</b>	<b>\$ 2990</b>
	<b>from Toronto:</b>	<b>\$ 2790</b>
Calgary/Edmonton/Saskatoon/Regina/Winnipeg/Halifax:		\$ 3090
	Montreal/ Ottawa:	\$ 2890
	<b>Single Supplement:</b>	<b>\$ 430</b>