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PRESENTS...

The Italian Campaign WWII

October 14 to 24, 2024



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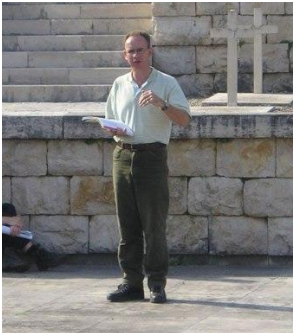
Escorted by Frank de Planta

America's Oldest and Most Experienced Military History Tour Operator

Early in September 1943, British and American armies invaded southern Italy, striking at the heart of a major Axis nation and breaching Hitler's "Fortress Europe." Behind the invasion lay long months of hard-won Allied victories. The Axis was cleared out of Africa in May, when British and American armies annihilated the German and Italian forces cornered in Tunisia. Sicily, the stepping-stone from Africa to Europe was next conquered in a 38-day battle, and on 17 August the last of its German garrison fled across the Strait of Messina to the Italian mainland. On 3 September, the British Eighth Army crossed the Strait in pursuit and drove up the Calabrian Peninsula. Coordinated with the Eighth Army's attack, the U.S. Fifth Army landed at Salerno on 9 September accompanied by 1 British Airborne Division at Taranto. In the Salerno landings, strong American forces were fighting on the continent of Europe for the first time since 1918.

Frank de Planta, guide/historian for Central Italy

Frank de Planta has had an interest in military history since childhood and has been running battlefield tours to Spain, France and Italy for years. Commissioned into The Royal Anglian Regiment in 1984, he retired in 1991 and joined the Territorial Army during which time he commanded East Midlands Officers' Training Corps in Nottingham. Fred Majdalanay's personal account of Cassino sparked an intense interest and he now devotes much of his free time to this fascinating and highly controversial series of battles that, ultimately, led to a costly breakthrough in May/June 1944. His interest then shifted to include Anzio, a part of the Italian Campaign that is inextricably linked to Cassino. In 2010, his projects included working with Wall to Wall, the production company for the BBC 1 series 'Who Do You Think You Are?' His current project is researching the route of 1/6 Surreys from the fall of Rome in June 1944 to the capture of Forli, in northern Italy, in October 1944.



Application form

WWII Campaign in Central Italy 2024

Mail to: Valor Tours, Ltd., 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, CA 94965 Questions?
Call 1-800-842-4504

Please reserve ___ spaces on the Italy Campaign tour, October 2024.

Enclosed is my/our deposit in the amount of _____ (\$600 per person, per tour) in the form of a check___, or credit card:
account _____ Exp _____ Sec _____

For accommodations based on a ___ twin share basis or ___ single occupancy:

___ I am traveling alone and wish to share with another tour member, or
___ I am traveling alone and do not wish to share and will pay the single supplement.
___ Smoking ___ Non smoking

Name _____ Name _____
(As it appears on your passport)

Name _____ Name _____
(As you would like it to appear on ID badge)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (days) _____

Veteran of WWII, family member, history buff: _____

Any places of special interest? _____

Dietary requirements? _____

Next of kin: _____

___ I/we require assistance with air fare/arrangements from _____ to coincide with tour.

___ I/we would like to arrive Rome ___ days early and/or stay ___ days later.

Facilities for the disabled are non-existent. Please let us know if you have any disabilities that may prevent you from climbing on and off aircraft, buses or walking. I/we have read and understand the terms and conditions as set forth in this brochure.

Signature _____ Date _____

GENERAL INFORMATION, TERMS AND CONDITIONS

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

Please complete the application form and return with a deposit of \$600 per person. Reservations cannot be held without a deposit. We accept credit cards or personal checks. Make checks payable to Valor Tours, Ltd. and mail to 10 Liberty Ship Way, Sausalito, and CA 94965. Payment can also be made by calling or email or snail mail. Final payment is due July 6, 2024. All passengers on deposit will receive written confirmation and information travel/cancellation insurance coverage. A reminder of final payment and newsletter with further details will be sent in June 2024. Final travel documents will be sent Priority Mail to fully paid participants about two weeks prior to departure. Unused components of the tour are non-refundable. Components of the tour cannot be purchased separately. Cost based upon a minimum of 10 fully paid participants travelling together and current fares and rates. Changes to itinerary may be necessary if group falls below 10 participants. Early reservations are recommended. If tour operator cancels tour, a full refund will be made. Not recommended for children under the age of 12.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

All moneys are fully refundable for cancellations received up to July 6, 2024. Cancellations received between July 7 and September 7, 2024 subject to a \$600 per person penalty. Cancellation received after Sept 7, 2024 or "no shows" are non-refundable. Travel cancellation insurance is available upon request. Payments made by credit card will be refunded back to credit card and may take up to 60 days to process. Payments made by personal check will be refunded by check and may take up to 30 days to process.

HEALTH & TRAVEL DOCUMENTATION

All passengers must be in possession of a passport valid at least six months beyond date of travel. No visas or inoculations are required for Italy however there is talk about all of Europe requiring visas in 2024. This can be done online and is inexpensive. More on this new development next year. Ask your physician about Hepatitis which is recommended to ALL travelers to any part of the world. Final travel documents including any requested airline tickets, ID badge, baggage tags, list of passengers and final instructions will be sent Priority Mail about two weeks prior to tour departure.

DISABILITIES

Any personal disability requiring special attention should be reported to Valor Tours at the time of reservation. Valor Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled tour participants, but is not responsible for any denial of services by carriers, hotels, restaurants and other independent suppliers. Motor coach companies and other carrier employees may not physically lift participants or assist them on or off conveyances. A qualified companion must accompany persons requiring such assistance. Be advised that foreign countries do not have the disabled and handicapped laws that Americans enjoy here at home and our coaches do not have lifts. Passengers should be somewhat mobile.

SINGLE TRAVELERS

When a tour member asks Valor Tours to seek a suitable roommate, we will do the best we can to oblige and find a colleague with common interests and habits. Valor Tours cannot be held responsible for incompatibility or guarantee a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, the single supplement would apply.

Itinerary in brief – subject to change

Monday October 14 (D)

Arrive Rome and transfer to Hotel Villa al Rigugio.
Welcome dinner and introductions with tour leader Frank de Planta.

Tuesday October 15 (B, D)

Breakfast at hotel. Check out of hotel and head to Castello di Arechi where Frank will give a background to the Italian Campaign Sept. 1943, the decision to commit US Fifth Army at Salerno. Via Salerno CWGC Cemetery. Yellow Beach, 36th US ID Monument at Paestum. La Cattedrale del Granato & Point 386. 142nd Inf. Regt. at Altavilla & Point 424. Bridge at Borgo San Cesareo. Head to hotel by way of Tobacco Factory, Italian Military Cemetery at Monte Lungo & San Pietro Infine. Dinner and overnight Hotel Rocca.

Wednesday October 16 (B, D)

After breakfast, depart hotel. Orientation to the Italian campaign, Sept 1943 to January 1944 to set the scene for the battles to break the Gustav Line and reach Rome. X Corps plan to cross the Garigliano and get into the Ausente valley. Monte Damiano and the 56 BR Inf. Div. and 46 BR Inf. Div. Struggle to capture and hold Monte Damiano in Jan-March 1944. Minturno Ridge & Monte Natale. Gari River Crossing. Sant Angelo. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday October 17 (B, D)

After breakfast head to the German Cemetery where 22,000 soldiers are buried. Hove Dump Road to 34 US ID advance sights upper River Rapido. Cavendish Road where resupplying troupes took place. Cassino Town and Monastery Hill – battle of Monte Cassino. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday October 18 (B, D)

After breakfast, visit Polish cemetery with explanation of role the Poles had in the battle. Snakeshead Ridge; Castle Hill; The Bottleneck; Point 593, the ground over which the 34 US ID fought. Return to the Rocca Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Saturday October 19 (B, D)

After breakfast, depart Cassino for the Amazon Bridge. Via Piedmonte San Germano and the Hitler Line of May 23, 1944; Piana delle Orme Museum. Grand Hotel dei Cesari, Anzio.





Previous group at Monte Cassino.

Wednesday October 23 (B, D)

After breakfast at hotel, study the advance of the 34 US ID to Livorno, Pisa and the River Arno. Villa Medicea La Ferdinanda at Artimino. Florence American Cemetery. End the day at the Golden Tulip Hotel, Rome.

Thursday October 24 (B)

After breakfast, check out and transfer to Rome airport for flight home.

Wish to stay in Rome longer? Not a problem. Just let us know.



Hotel Rocca, Cassino

PASSENGERS WITH DISABILITIES

Due to the absence of handicap and disability laws in the countries we visit, and the expeditionary nature of our tours, we must require tour participants with disabilities be accompanied by a companion legally responsible for assisting throughout. Disabled participant must be somewhat mobile. There is absolutely no wheelchair access.

WWII Italian Campaign tour – 11 days/10 nights

Arrival and departure airport/hotel transfers; private coach transport throughout tours; services of tour historian/guide Frank de Planta; all hotel accommodations at 3 or 4 star hotels; meals as indicated in itinerary by B-Breakfast, L-Lunch & D-Dinner; water daily on coach; entrance fees; local taxes; battle history tour book. Based on minimum of 10 passengers. If less than 10, some alternations may be made.

\$4100 per person, twin share. Single supplement \$1000.

Not included are foreign airport departure taxes, meals not indicated in itineraries, passport fees, alcoholic beverages, phone calls, laundry, items of a personal nature, airfare from USA to Rome; cancellation insurance coverage, tips to guides and drivers.

Sunday October 20 (B, D)

After breakfast at hotel, depart for the US Sicily-Rome Military Cemetery. Today study the challenges of Op Shingle landings at Anzio in January 1944. After lunch stop, Smelly Farm, Sunken Road and Campoleone Station. Anzio War Cemetery.



Anzio War Cemetery

Monday October 21 (B, D)

After breakfast at hotel, head to the Via Beach Head Military Cemetery; study the 45 US ID final defense Line February-March 1944. Study the catastrophic Ranters' infiltration up the Pantano Ditch in January 1944 as the spearhead of 3 US ID assault on Cisterna. Study the outcome of Operation Buffalo and the initial success of the VI (US) Corps breakout towards Valmontone in May 1944. Cellettri Gap and the 36 US ID. End the day at the Hotel Miraggio in Fregene.

Tuesday October 22 (B, D)

After breakfast, visit Civitavecchia, Tarquinia & Orbetello to study the advance of the US Fifth Army in June 1944 as the Germans fell back to Dora Line. Magliano in Toscana where Ssgt Wise was awarded the MOH for action with the 142 Inf Regt, 36 US ID. Grosseto, Via Volterra, Cecina. End the day at the Hotel II Malandrone in Castellina Maritima.