

History Colorado
presents

10th Mountain Division WWII Battlefield Tour of Italy

May 10 - 19, 2024

\$4,740 Per Person, Including Airfare from Denver

\$3,240 Per Person, Land Only



Join us as we follow the history of the **10th Mountain Army Division** on this educational and exciting ***Memorial Italia Tour***. We'll start with a memorial at the Florence American Cemetery, visit the bivouac town of Prunetta and stay in the Hill Towns, some of the first to be liberated by the 10th Mountain Division, and end along the shores of beautiful Lake Garda, where the 10th utilized tunnels to bring down the last German defense line in Italy.



This is an exclusive travel program presented by ***History Colorado and InterTrav Corporation***

Day by Day Itinerary

Fri., May 10 – DENVER / EN ROUTE

We depart Denver this afternoon by scheduled airline service to begin the transatlantic overnight journey to Paris, France. **(I)**

Sat., May 11 – PARIS / MONTECATINI TERME

As the sun begins to rise on the French coast we arrive in Paris and continue by connecting flight to Florence's Amerigo Vespucci Airport where we'll meet our Tour Manager who will accompany us throughout the vacation. Leaving the airport, we'll travel to the spa town of Montecatini Terme, set in the picturesque Valdinievole, an amphitheater of green hills in the heart of Tuscany, where the remainder of the day is at leisure. **(I,D)**

Sun., May 12 – MONTECATINI TERME (Florence)

Our day begins with a visit to the Florence American Cemetery in Tavarnuzze. The cemetery was established for members of the Armed Forces killed in the northern Italy campaign and is maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission. Among the 4,402 American soldiers buried here, 326 are 10th Mountain Division Troopers. Following a memorial service, we'll enjoy lunch at a nearby ristorante before traveling to Florence. Julius Caesar founded the colony of Florentia in the 1st century on the north bank of the Arno. Today the city occupies both banks of the Arno River and is famous for its art treasures and glorious history. We begin with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia to view Michelangelo's statue of David. Afterward, we'll see the magnificent Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the neighboring Baptistery of St. John and stroll along the Via dei Calzaiuoli and pause to admire the Piazza della Signoria with its backdrop formed by the Old Palace, before ending with a visit to the Ponte Vecchio, the oldest surviving bridge in the city, built in 1345. As we'll soon find out, walking the streets of Florence is like taking a voyage back in time. **(B,L)**



Mon., May 13 – MONTECATINI TERME / HILL TOWNS

This morning we depart Montecatini Terme and travel to Prunetta and Campo Tizzoro. Prior to the Riva Ridge / Mt. Belvedere Offensive, most of the 10th Mountain soldiers were bivouacked in places like San Marcello, Prunetta, Campo Tizzoro, and Cutigliano.

We'll begin our tour at Le Piastre and follow the path toward Prunetta, where we'll have special access to the military area. From here we'll embark on a guided tour of the Headquarters of the 85th Regiment, the Field Hospital and the 10th Mountain Division Military Camp, before enjoying a "mess-tin lunch experience." This afternoon we'll continue our tour by taking in the village center and the German Headquarters, as well as the Museum of the Italian Metallurgical Society at Campo Tizzoro (time permitting) and its underground anti-aircraft shelters. At the completion of the tour, we'll set our sights on the Hill Town of Lizzano in Belvedere. **(B,L,D)**

Tues., May 14 – HILL TOWNS

Today we have the opportunity to climb Riva Ridge on one of the routes used by the 86th Regiment. Depending on the route selected, you can expect an elevation gain of 1,000-1,800 feet with a moderate or moderate strenuous classification. ***Experienced hikers with proper footwear are welcome for this hike.*** The return trail will bring you to the village of Trignano where you will join fellow travelers for lunch, afternoon festivities and a much-deserved beverage! **(B,L,D)**

Wed., May 15 – HILL TOWNS

This morning we set out on a journey to several important sites recognizing the impact the 10th Mountain troops had on the area. Our first stop will be to see the 10th Mountain Plaque at Gaggio Montano, from where breathtaking views of the valley can still be seen. Then, we'll travel to Iola, where a short walk takes us to Mt. Terminale to view the monument commemorating the morning of March 3, 1945, when the mountain was conquered by the men of the 2nd Battalion, 86th Infantry Regiment of the American 10th Mountain Division. We'll also visit the Museo Iola di Montese, which includes exhibits related to the 10th Mountain Division, as well as local cultural exhibits. Next, we travel towards the village of Querciola for an opportunity to climb to the top of Mt. Belvedere for more fantastic views. Afterward, a short ride will take us in to Querciola, the village code-named Coca Cola, which unit 85C occupied as an advanced outpost during the days prior to the attack. Our day will come to an end back at our hotel in Lizzano. **(B,L,D)**

Thurs., May 16 – HILL TOWNS / LAKE GARDA

Today we say arrivederci to Lizzano in Belvedere and the Hill Towns and begin the journey north to Lake Garda. Along the way, we'll stop to see the Memorial at Castel d'Aiano before making our way to the Museo Memoriale della Libertà in Bologna, a time machine that takes us to the last period of World War II. Leaving Bologna, we'll travel by Autostrada into the Po Valley, crossing the Po River near the site where the first Fifth Army soldiers began to cross the river in their pursuit of the retreating German army. Then it's on to Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake, spanning three

provinces of Italy: Trentino, Verona, and Brescia. Our destination is Riva del Garda, still enclosed by the Old Town gateways with an atmospheric network of tall buildings and narrow lanes. **(B)**



Fri., May 17 – LAKE GARDA

This morning we travel to nearby Torbole, a site of the final battles in this region. We'll see General Darby's Monument and remember the many men lost during the conflict in the Italian Alps. Then, we'll board a boat in Torbole to see the place where the DUKW went down. Following time for lunch, a WWII excursion will be available for those interested, taking you to an air raid shelter and brief walk to the monument near Nago dedicated to the 10th soldiers who were among the last KIA in Italy. **(B)**

Sat., May 18 – LAKE GARDA / MILAN

The morning is at leisure in Riva for any last-minute shopping, outdoor activities such as biking and hiking, or to simply relax with a cappuccino along the waterfront. For those interested, we'll travel to the colorful town of Malcesine, a lovely place to stroll for an hour or so, with picturesque medieval lanes winding down to the lake. Along with stunning lake views, you'll also find pretty little squares, cafes, and shops. Then we'll board a lake steamer bound for Limone sul Garda, the northernmost town on the Brescia side of Lake Garda. The heart of the old town is the harbor and from here you'll find narrow lanes lined with shops and picturesque waterfront terraces, with plenty of places to eat and drink while admiring the lake views. This afternoon it's time to say addio to Lake Garda as we set out towards the city of Milan. **(B,D)**

Sun., May 19 – MILAN / DENVER

Early this morning we travel to Milan's Malpensa Airport to begin our return journey home. No better time to reflect on memories of our vacation to last a lifetime and celebrate the beginning of new friendships made along the way! **(B,I)**

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Meal Codes:

I = In-flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

The Vacation Price Includes:

- Economy airline transportation from Denver by scheduled service of Air France
- Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with accompanying Tour Manager
- First-class hotel accommodations
- All meals as shown in the Day by Day Itinerary
- Sightseeing as detailed in the Day by Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees
- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- Airlines taxes and fees totaling \$540 per person, and all taxes for included ground services

The Vacation Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as passport fees and destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to the Motorcoach Driver, Tour Manager and Step-on Guides; meals other than those stated above; and Travel Protection.

LAND ONLY TRAVELERS

IMPORTANT: If you are making your own airline arrangements and would like to be included on the group arrival and departure airport transfers, please arrive at Florence's Amerigo Vespucci Airport no later than 12:00 Noon on Saturday, May 11, with a departure from Milan's Malpensa Airport on Sunday, May 19 no earlier than 9:00 a.m.



TOUR CONDITIONS

TOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT: Reservations may be made by check or major credit card. You will be invoiced for the balance of payment due on or before **Friday, February 2, 2024**.

ARRANGEMENTS: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 20 persons and includes planning, and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of November 1, 2023. In the event of a marked increase in foreign currency or in tariff rates, the cost is subject to revision.

TOUR PRICING: This is a package tour in which group airfares and land tour costs have been combined in the most advantageous way. Should you wish to deviate from the package tour by changing your departure and/or return dates of travel, this will eliminate the advantages of the package tour price. There will be a service charge of \$100 per person for altering the airline itinerary, plus any additional charges assessed by the airlines.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, St. Charles, Illinois 60174, or emailed to travel@intertravcorp.com.

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RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ places for me/us on the **History Colorado 10th Mountain Memorial Italia Tour**.
Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$ _____ (\$750 deposit per person).

IMPORTANT: Please see the included flyer for information regarding Travel Protection, and please complete the Insurance Enrollment Form and return with your tour reservation application.

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