

ITALY 2008

THE DIXIE DARLINGS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN MISSISSIPPI MARCH 8-16, 2008

Saturday, March 8, 2008

Jackson, Mississippi, or other point of departure: Delta Airlines.

All who are departing from Jackson should check in with Jody Besse who will accompany the group to Rome. If you are meeting the group in Atlanta, please check in with Jody at the departure gate.

Proceed to gate – One stop in Atlanta to Rome.

Sunday, March 9, 2008

Arrive Rome: after retrieving luggage depart for hotel on chartered bus.

Grand Hotel Ritz: <http://www.hotelryzrome.com/index.php>

Often rooms are not ready upon arrival simply due to check in and check out times.

As soon as your room is ready, Jody Besse and/or Patsy Mitchell will be in the lobby with your key. Keys will be delivered to them as the rooms become ready.

Dinner in the area: Pariolina Pizzeria, Celestina, all on the via Parioli or dinner in one of the sidewalk cafés around the hotel. The train station is adjacent to the hotel. Hop on the train and see the sites.

Monday, March 10, 2008

Breakfast in the hotel dining room – provided each day, a very large assortment of items is available for breakfast.

Morning “Around Rome bus tour with English speaking guide.”

Afternoon – free time to relax and visit selected sites that you saw in the morning.

Dinner on your own

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

Breakfast in the hotel dining room.

Morning free with all meeting at the Vatican for the museum tour.

Afternoon Vatican Museum group tour with English speaking guide.

Dinner and evening on your own to visit the sites that you would like to visit.

(Trevi Fountain is wonderful at night)

Wednesday, March 12, 2008

Early breakfast in the hotel.

Day trip to Florence with return in the evening.

Dinner on your own and pack for Venice.

Thursday, March 13, 2008

Breakfast and early departure for Venice

Hotel Bonvecchiati – Venice

<http://bonvecchiati.hotelinvenice.com/>

Venice is a 5/6 hour drive from Rome. When we arrive, all of your luggage will be collected and taken to the hotel. We have three/four private boat taxis to take us to the hotel.

Friday, March 14, 2008

Free time in Venice – shopping, sightseeing, the hotel is very conveniently located near all of the main sites. Piazza San Marco and the Duomo

Saturday, March 15, 2008

Free time in Venice – all day. Evening meeting at hotel. Pack for departure.

Sunday, March 16, 2008

Early departure from hotel to Venice Airport, again all luggage will be taken to the bus via boat. Three/four taxis will arrive to take you to the bus and then the bus will take you to the airport for your departure to the States.

Arrival in Jackson or other designated airport.