

Golf Italy
Ryder Cup Italy in 2023

Vis-à-Vis Events Italy is excited to offer this personalised golf tour to celebrate the Ryder Cup being in Italy in 2023. This trip is a great option for hosting a client appreciation, as a top performer incentive or a holiday for you and your friends. We have put together a four-day itinerary that includes five of the top courses in Italy, including Marco Simone where the Ryder Cup is being hosted. During this trip we have also included some fantastic restaurants for dinner each evening. The itinerary below is geared towards the golf enthusiast who will not be disappointed with the adventure and includes five rounds of golf over four days. If your group includes beginners struggling with their first shots or expert players ready to refine their game, we can easily schedule some golf clinics, as you will be accompanied by our golf pro. If the pace is too much, we could spread the golfing over more days and spend some time taking in the culture and sights of Italy, which might also entice non-golfers to join – you could include spa breaks, shopping, wine and cooking events or museum tours. As our tours are tailored to your requirements, we can modify the itinerary to match your aspirations and desires for the trip.



The tour leader is Gabriele Terrinoni, the golf pro for Golf Club Fiuggi 1928. Gabriele has been a golf professional since 2005 and in 2010 he obtained the highest qualification of Master. He has a wealth of various amateur and professional experiences, twice on the National Team, two years in the top ten of the Italian Rankings. (1st Carlo Della Vida trophy, 5th at the Marazza National Trophy, 3rd at the Military World Championships). He works as the golf pro and runs several golf clinics at various golf clubs including Fiuggi and Parco dei Medici. He also collaborates with the Italian golf legend, Costantino Rocca, to organise the annual PGA Championship Amaranto Golf Challenge.

Your host is Vis-à-Vis Events Italy, a new company that was founded by Jan and Tony DeCerco, whose ambition is to help English speaking tourists and business leaders come and explore the real Rome. Jan and Tony have lived in Italy for several years and have been helping many friends plan trips to Italy, decipher Italian culture, venues, and regulations. In their previous lives they were corporate executives in London and New York. The team is rounded out with Anna Picchi, a native Italian who is a certified translator and tour guide. Together they have over 80 years of combined corporate executive experience. Jan also founded very successful corporate event companies in the UK. Obviously, they are well suited to help you plan and fulfil your Roman trip expectations.

This journey will take you to five of the top golf courses in Italy and includes a few of the other must-see highlights and restaurants of the eternal city in the evenings.

Courses to be visited

1. Golf Club Parco De' Medici Roma
2. Country Club Castel Gandolfo
3. Roma Acquasanta Golf Club
4. Marco Simone Golf & Country Club
5. Golf Club Fiuggi 1928

The itinerary is spread over five days, with the first round being played on day one.

The all-inclusive experience is estimated to be €4,000 (Using May 2022 exchange rates \$4,200 or £3,500) per person, based on single occupancy. The price varies on season and individualised requests, and we finalise the cost when we have agreed and priced your requirements. The cost associated with the itinerary below is based on

- A minimum of four people to ensure a personal experience. As the tours are private and we don't mix groups, you decide on the size of your group.
- June travel, so pricing is outside the crowded tourist season.
- We will travel around Rome in small luxury minivans.
- Lodging in our approved four star hotels, (which can upgrade to five star accommodation upon request)
- Dining in top restaurants and the clubs (tailored menu with great wines which can of course be upgraded upon request)
- Green-fees and carts

Airfares are not included.

There are limitless opportunities in Rome and its surrounding countryside, so you can let your imagination run wild. We can arrange for a photographer to document the trip, additional days, sights, or golf courses. We are more than willing to accommodate your wishes, as special orders are welcomed.

Itinerary

This itinerary starts on Wednesday at 13:00, which gives you time to check-in and settle into your rooms. Again, we can alter this suggested itinerary to meet your group's travel and dietary preferences.

Day 1	
First settle into your room – then we would aim to tee off at 2:00. We will be staying at Parco de' Medici – which has the hotel (Sheraton, four star hotel) and the Golf course. We will travel to the centre of Rome for dinner activities	
	<p>Golf Club Parco De' Medici Roma - The 1990 Championship Course was designed to host major international competitions.</p> <p>Designed by the Italian architect Davide Mezzacane and redesigned by the American Peter Fazio, it is one of the Italian courses that reminds us of the famous Scottish links: being between Rome and the sea, the game is influenced by the sea breeze.</p> <p>It is a very technical golf course, rich in water obstacles in the form of six ponds for migrating birds. Along the channel of the 18th hole are the remains of a Roman construction from the first century BC.</p> <p>Our Pro Gabriele: Golf club Parco dei Medici, a very technical course, full of water obstacles and very long and treacherous holes.</p>
	For dinner we go to Casina Valadier, a fantastic restaurant in the Villa Borghese with a to-die-for views.



After dinner we suggest a 'Passeggiata del Pincio' a walk in Italian, to Piazza del Popolo. There are lots of bars and shops here.

Day 2

On day two we will play on two courses – nine holes at Country Club Castel Gandolfo and before heading to the second course for lunch 18 holes at Acquasanta Golf Club. Afterwards we head back to Rome for another night exploring a different part of Rome, this time – Trastevere



Country Club Castel Gandolfo - Situated close to the Pope's summer residence. The course is set out within the remains of an old volcanic crater. Robert Trent Jones Sr constructed the layout in two phases, with the first nine opening in 1987 and the second nine following a year later. The clubhouse is located within a fabulous, beautifully restored 17th century villa, originally commissioned by Cardinal Flavio Chigi, which overlooks the fairways as they weave their way around stands of cypress, pine, and olive trees in a very agreeable golfing environment.

The balcony of the club house offers a fascinating and complete panorama of the course: the 18 holes can be embraced in a single look, providing an intimate and evocative atmosphere, while four centuries of history provide protection within the walls of the club house while the seafront glimmers in the background.

The golf course presents a variety of shots, carries and challenges, and keeps you interested throughout. This is one of the prettiest golf courses and the clubhouse is spectacular

Our Pro Gabriele: Golf club Castelgandolfo, is a course with very wide holes and is very playable, where greater difficulty arises with the small greens full of treacherous micro-slopes.



Acquasanta Golf Club - Acquasanta is the oldest and most prestigious golf course in Italy as it dates from 1903, when a number of golf-mad British and American diplomats are said to have laid out the course, which is southeast of the Eternal City.

The club house is really spectacular and unique as it is cosy and elegant at the same time, with an atmosphere decidedly British. Its two restaurants and outdoor pool amplifying the charm.

Laid out over an enchanting parkland landscape, with views of the Via Appia Antica, the ancient tomb of Cecilia Metella, and in the background a Roman aqueduct runs through part of the 18-hole course. The route is extremely challenging hilly terrain drawing holes with a remarkable level of difficulty. What characterises this course is the undeniable charm of the area where it is located, some holes are particularly scenic and give the golfer considerable pleasure when playing them.

Our Pro Gabriele: Golf club Acquasanta, is very hilly with plenty of up and down holes, the greens are very fast and well defended by bunkers.

	<p>For dinner we will be in Trastevere, a good place to try some Roman specialities like cacio e pepe, rigatoni al sugo di coda, and saltimbocca alla Romana. Trastevere is a magical place, with myriad cobbled streets and pedestrian alleyways to explore - if you still have the energy, another “passeggiata” is called for.</p>
<p>Day 3</p>	
<p>Day 3 is focused on Marco Simone Golf & Country Club, the home of the Ryder Cup in 2023. We will also be changing hotels for a taste of the Italian countryside.</p>	
	<p>Situated just outside of Rome, near the historic hill town of Tivoli, the challenging 18-hole championship layout at Marco Simone Golf & Country Club was designed by architect Jim Fazio in the late 1980s.</p> <p>The Golf & Country Club lies within a beautiful old estate – complete with a restored 11th century castle – that belongs to fashion designer Laura Biagiotti, with the grounds extending to more than 350 acres. The 7,000 square metre clubhouse is reputed to be one of the largest in Europe.</p> <p>This is an 18-hole course that stretches out over almost 100 hectares across the Roman countryside. A clever redesign has allowed the transformation of these ancient hunting trails and pastures into an exciting succession of holes, while maintaining the original characteristics of the land.</p> <p>Our Pro Gabriele: The course has already hosted two Italian Opens. It is a very technical and well maintained course with long and narrow fairways and high roughs. The greens are very fast in the PGA style.</p>
	<p>After golf we head to the Jewel of Ciociaria, the ancient name for the area, to the quaint town of Fiuggi, in the Roman countryside. We will be stay in the Ambasciatori Place Hotel, centrally located in the world-renowned spa town.</p>
	<p>We will dine at Mood, for Pinsa Romana, the recipe dates to the Ancient Roman Empire. The Pinsa (pizza) is to die for, and the wine list extensive.</p>
<p>Day 4</p>	
<p>Today we are in Fiuggi, known as the jewel of Ciociaria, and is famous for its spas and drinking water. We will be playing 18 holes at Golf Club Fiuggi 1928. Afterwards we have scheduled a late afternoon lunch in one of the many vineyards on Strada del Vino Cesanese, the name of the local wines – this is truly a spectacular area to visit.</p>	

	<p>Golf Club Fiuggi 1928 - The golf course was constructed in 1928 as 9 holes, another 9 were added in the 1990s. The course was developed to high eco-sustainability standards as it sits upon Acqua di Fiuggi (Fiuggi water) which flows from its natural springs and mountains. The water has been used in Italy since the 14th century and is famous for its natural healing properties as praised Pope Boniface VIII who drew immediate benefit from them and to Michelangelo to appease the kidney stones with which he was afflicted.</p> <p>Guests can play an 18-hole course that winds through the breath-taking scenery of the Fiuggine hills, which is integrated perfectly into the Lake Canterno Nature Reserve. Technically difficult (Par 70), it covers an area of 73 hectares. The beauty of the course is its eco-sustainability.</p> <p>Our pro: Gabriele Terrinoni, is the pro at this course: Fiuggi is a very technical course full of narrow fairways with very long and treacherous Par 3s and there are many bunkers defending the greens.</p>
	<p>We have chosen a great place for a late lunch to while away the afternoon and tell golf stories. Casale Verde Luna is a wine resort, an 'Agriturismo' location, which is Italian for agricultural tourism in which locations specialise in homegrown and local fare. Their wines are very highly rated on Vivino – (3.9 and 3.8).</p>
<p><u>Day 5</u></p>	
<p>It is always sad to say goodbye but we are sure you will have memories that will last a lifetime. Of course, you can always extend, and we can arrange follow-on adventures to other parts and golf courses in Italy.</p>	