2023 Study Tour to Italy

In the September journal it was announced that an AHS Study Tour to Italy was being organised. Full details of this horological tour to wonderful Italian locations including Milan and Venice are now available. The seven-night tour is from 20 May to 27 May. For all practical arrangements we will use the services of Tailored Travel. We will travel by luxury coach from Milan to Brescia, and then to Chioggia, staying in 3-star and 4-star hotels. Throughout the tour we will be accompanied by a Tour Manager. Note that final confirmations of each element of the tour are still being sought, and there may be some changes.

We make our way to Milan where we will stay in a central hotel for one night. On our first full day in Milan, we visit the Poldi Pezzoli Museum with its fine horological collection, followed by a visit to a private collection in the afternoon. The following day we will visit Clusone to see the astronomical clock and the Museum of Art and Time. The afternoon will be spent in the beautiful, historic city of Bergamo, followed by a visit to a vineyard in Coccaglio for a wine-tasting and dinner. The next day we travel to Cremona, the hometown of Stradivarius, with a visit to a violin maker and the Time Museum. On Thursday we leave Brescia and travel to Chioggia. On the way there we visit the Museo della Specola (Observatory Museum) in Padua for a guided tour. Chioggia is a mini-Venice, where we will be staying in a hotel by the side of the Venice Lagoon. On the following day we travel to Venice by boat along the Giudecca Canal. We spend the day in Venice visiting the St Mark's Clock Tower and exploring other famous places and sites in this unique city. On the last day of the tour, we will aim to visit a private horological collection in the Veneto in the morning and the church of Sant' Andrea in Chioggia in the afternoon, home to the world's oldest working mechanical clock. To round off the tour we are planning a Gala Dinner in Chioggia in the evening.

The visits have been arranged with the considerable assistance of Marisa Addomine, president of the Registro Italiano Orologi da Torre, who is planning to join us on the tour. The tour aims be horologically focussed, but also brings together the fine art, architecture, history and cuisine of Italy.

The cost of the Tour per person is £1,759 with a single person supplement of £229.00. Insurance is £54. Flights from London Heathrow to Milan Malpensa Airport departing 1035 on 20 May and returning from Venice Marco Polo Airport to London Heathrow at 1250, on 27 May are included in this price. For members wishing to make their own flight arrangements to and from Italy the cost of the tour will be £200 less.

Members who have already expressed an interest in the tour should have already received a booking form. Members who have not previously contacted me about the tour are invited to do so as soon as possible, to obtain a brochure which lists all the details and contains a booking form. The brochure will also be made available online at www.tailored-travel.co.uk, quote 'ahs231'.

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