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**Gourmet Food & Wine Trip to ITALY:
Piemonte and Liguria
including Torino,
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the Cinque Terre & Portofino!**

\$3,885 per person (double-occupancy)

**With Max & Sabatino Mazziotti
September 6 - 16, 2008**



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Monday, August 24 Pasta Plus - Trip Briefing

This evening at 7pm we will meet at **Pasta Plus** with Guido Adelfio, president of Bethesda Travel Center LLC for some delicious appetizers, a glass of *vino piemontese* and a detailed pre-trip briefing! Meet your fellow travelers and ask any questions about Italy and the trip!

Saturday, September 6 Laurel - Dulles

Assemble at 6:30pm in Laurel (location TBA) for our bus to convenient Dulles Airport, allowing time for check in and tonight's departure by Air France {AF} overnight flight #039 (ETD 22:15) taking us to Paris with dinner & movie aloft!!

Sunday, September 7 Paris - Torino - Alba

Noontime (11:50) arrival in Paris. Transit together to the intra-european gates for our connecting flight to Torino, AF #1702 (13:20-14:45). Transfer by charter motorcoach to charming Alba, in the heart of the *Langhe* and known for its extensive brickwork and intricate town plan! Check in with time to relax before our opening **WELCOME TO ITALY DINNER** with our toastmaster, Max at our very central **Hotel Savona!** *Buon Appetito e Benvenuto a Tutti!*

Monday, September 8 Alba - Monforte d'Alba - Le Langhe - Alba

DAILY BREAKFASTS in both of our hotels! Today you will have a chance to rest a bit in the morning before venturing off to explore *Le Langhe!* {A "langa" in the singular is a steep rocky hill in the local dialect.} Our first stop for the day will be the town of Monforte d'Alba with a visit to the Dardi vineyards and *cantina* of the Fantino family. See and learn about the *nebbiolo* grapes, which should be just about ready for the

harvest! Adjourning to **LUNCH**, we will overlook the glacially formed hilltown and vineyards of Monforte from the vantage point of the *Trattoria La Posta* as we enjoy the local specialties! Back to Alba for a little walkabout before our **DINNER** at *Vecchio Tre Stelle* just near the town of Barbaresco!

Tuesday, September 9

Alba - Torino - Alba

Getting an early start this morning we will head to Torino for a visit to the *castello* of the Savoy Family, kings of Italy. The impressive Egyptian Museum and the church housing the shroud of Turin will complete our visit to the home city of the 2006 Winter Olympics. Independent lunches in Torino before returning to Alba for some free time. **DINNER** plans for tonight TBA.

Wednesday, September 10 Alba - Asti - Castello di Grinzane - Alba

Off to Asti today, where we will explore the vineyards of the famous Italian bubbly called *Asti Spumante* as well as the *Barbera d'Asti* at the *Castello del Poggio* (or similar *enoteca*). Our vintner will show you the *cantina* and time-tested methods! Independent lunches today as we explore Asti. Tonight's very special **DINNER** will be in the elegant medieval dining room of the *Castello of Grinzane*, where the hero of the unification and political philosopher, Camillo Benso, *Conte di Cavour* lived out his retirement! *Magnifico!*

WOW! Time flies! It's been more than 40 years since Max and Sabatino Mazziotti came to Washington from the Abruzzo region of Italy! Success followed and their **Pasta Plus Restaurant & Market** has become an institution in the Laurel community!



Buonissimo!

Max's loyal customers soon began requesting unique food and wine trips to Italy, and so about 12 years ago Max organized his first adventure to Tuscany and Rome. Since then, annual Pasta Plus trips have visited nearly every region of Italy and now, in 2008 we're going to beautiful Piemonte and Liguria!

September is undoubtedly the best month to travel in Italy and all the details are here, and so,, won't you join PASTA PLUS in Piemonte and Liguria for the 2008 Gourmet Food & Wine Trip to Italy? You will never ever forget it! Our promise!

We are happy to welcome Guido Adelfio of Bethesda Travel Center LLC, specializing in unique customized trips to Italy since 1961! A passport and deposit of \$1,250 per person is all you need and Guido will take care of the rest! Please call him at 301-656-1670 (888-656-1670) or ciao@bethesdatravel.com



Thursday, September 11 **Alba - Castello di Grinzane - La Borra - Le Langhe - Alba**

Returning to Grinzane in the morning we will explore in depth the museum of the *Castello* showing some of the agricultural techniques and history that the region is so famous for! Cherasco will be our next stop with a visit to the unique planned town-center! Back to Alba for a free afternoon aka “shop-op!” (the Italian “*pomeriggio*” starts around 3:30pm!). After a little time to spruce up, we will head to La Borra with such incredible views for **DINNER** at the *Ristorante Belvedere* (or similar).



Friday, September 12 **Alba - Genova - Sestri Levante**

Heading south today, we will reach the higher elevations of the Maritime Alps before descending to Liguria and the coastal city of Genova for a look at Christopher Columbus’ old neighborhood, as well as a chance to learn about the ecology of the region at the Genova Aquarium of the Mediterranean. The Riviera will be our next stop with check in at the **Hotel Villa Balbi** in the heart of seaside Sestri Levante. “*Degustazione*” sampler **DINNER** tonight at the *Villa Balbi*.

Saturday, September 13 **Sestri - Cinque Terre - Sestri**

By train today we will be off to the Cinque Terre! Vernazza will be our first stop for a look around, before reaching the town of Monterosso al Mare. Lunch on your own today (why not *Miky* in the heart of the Cinque Terre) before an afternoon boatride to bring us back to Sestri! **DINNER** plans are being formulated for a unique experience!



Sunday, September 14 Sestri (FREE DAY!) Ligurian Hills

The Italian Sunday is a wonderful invention! The day will be entirely free for you to relax on the beaches of Sestri or explore the town on your own. If you are feeling venturesome, you might rent a car for the day to explore the hills above Sestri or see La Spezia to the south! Camogli is just a short train ride and the area offers so much! Leaving the seacoast, we will ride up into the incredibly beautiful hills of Valenza Ligure for **DINNER** and local wines at *Ranch Camillo* carefully prepared by Mamma Sanguineti!

- YOU WILL RECEIVE!**
- *round trip airfares (in coach)
 - *all transportation by motor-coach, train and boat as per the itinerary
 - *all hotel accommodations
 - *daily breakfasts (9)
 - *wine tastings (2)
 - *lunch in Monforte (1)
 - *gourmet dinners (8)
 - *gala final dinner in Sestri (1)
 - *multilingual travel escort
 - *personalized travel tote
 - *all taxes and airline fees

Monday, September 15 Sestri - Sta Margherita - Portofino - Sestri FAREWELL DINNER

A special day today that will include a train ride to Rapallo, where we will board the boat to Santa Margherita and then the charming town of Portofino! Discover the meaning of *La Dolce Vita*! **CENA DI ARRIVEDERCI MUSICALE** tonight on the *terrazzo* of the *Nettuno* - - - *spettacolare*!



Tuesday, September 16 **Sestri Levante - Milano**
Paris - Dulles - Pasta Plus

A leisurely morning as we transfer to Milan Airport (MXP) for AF flights #1215/#026 via Paris (13:00-14:30/16:40-18:55). On arrival at Dulles we will be met for the transfer back to **Pasta Plus** (ETA 9:15pm)!

Welcome home!



Note! **BOLDENED MEALS** are included in the trip subscription



The cost of the 2008 Pasta Plus Gourmet Food & Wine Trip to Italy with Max Mazziotti is \$3,885 per person. You enrollment deposit of \$1,250 per person is requested asap! The trip subscription is all inclusive of

- *round trip airfares (in coach)
- *all transfers and local transportation as described incl. the ride from Laurel to Dulles and back
- *nightly hotel accommodations (two-to-a-room)
- ***DAILY BREAKFASTS** in the hotel dining room
- *all wine tastings, *degustazioni* and **BOLDENED MEALS**
- *entrance fees to all featured museums and sites
- *the services of a multi-lingual professional travel escort
- *all taxes including airline fees, PFC's and current fuel surcharges



PLEASE TAKE NOTE!

- *a current passport is required and must be valid thru' Apr 2009
- *non-US citizens, please inquire separately due to possible immigration visa requirements
- *business class is available for a per person supplement of \$2,775
- *a limited number of single rooms is available for a supplement of \$685 per
- *all payments will be non refundable after July 1
- *travelers' insurance and "reassurance" waivers are strongly recommended and will be made available to you after deposit
- *space is limited and taxes and fuel surcharge rates are subject to change in the event of late enrollment, so please sign up early to avoid disappointment!



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I/we understand that there are daily walks of up to 3 kms (1.5-2 mi) with uneven terrain and I/we hereby certify my/our ability to fully participate in all aspects of the trip. Further, I/we understand that the trip is operated by Bethesda Travel Center LLC and I/we hereby fully indemnify PASTA PLUS and the Mazziottis from any responsibility as tour operator,

x.....(signed)