

# Miataland, Italy Tour & Mediterranean Cruise

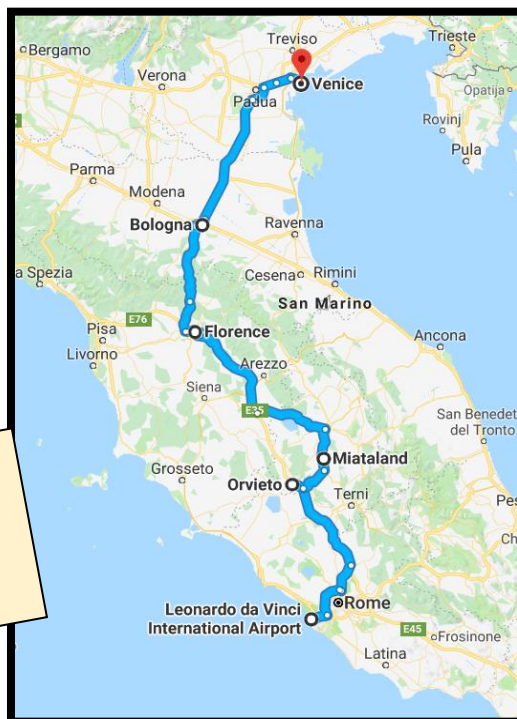
August 20 – 26, 2020 – Land Tour

August 26 – September 2, 2020 - Cruise



This exclusive tour is your 'Trip-of-a-Lifetime.'

Miata top down is the best way to see the Italian countryside.



Customized – You will not be able to get this tour experience online.

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## August 17

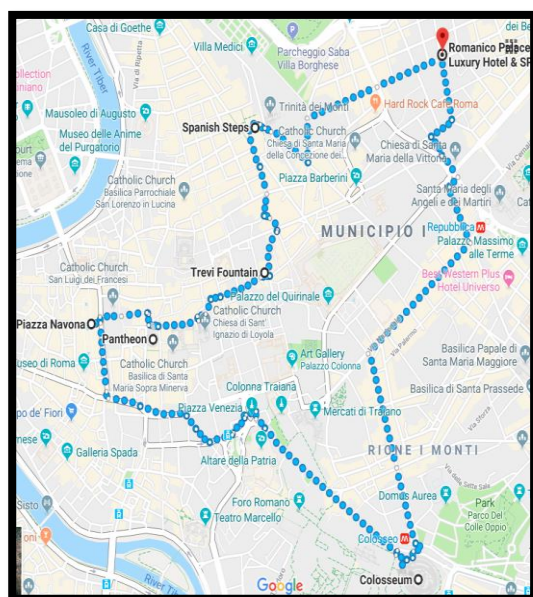
- Depart USA – Flights TBD

## August 18

- Arrive Rome Fiumicino Airport

➤ The driver will be waiting for you outside the Customs Area and the Baggage Claim Area holding a signboard/iPad with group name on it. (Drivers & assistants are NOT allowed to enter Customs Area)

- Romanico Palace Hotel (3 nights) in “Heart of Rome”



- 20-minute walk to Spanish Steps
- 20-minute walk to Trevi Fountain
- 25-minute walk to Pantheon
- 30-minute walk to Colosseum

- 30-minute walk to Piazza Navona
- 1 ¾ hour walk to all of these sites and back to hotel
- Alt.Options: Subway, taxi, bus, etc



## August 19

- Morning Vatican Tour
- Optional Tours and/or free time

## August 20

- Morning Imperial Rome Tour – Colosseum & Forum
- Optional Tours and/or free time

**Note: The Land Travel to Miataland can accommodate a group of 28 people. This Miataland tour before the Cruise will also be available AFTER the Cruise to accommodate another group. Note that everyone will be on the same Ocean Cruise. Also alternate land travel arrangements can be made for any couple or group of persons per your personalized requests, whether in Rome or elsewhere. The following 6 pgs. is information on Miataland.**

## August 21 (Refer to Map on page 1 for travel route)

- Morning Pick-up in Rome at Romanico Palace Hotel
- Orvieto Tour
- Miataland

**Private transfer** by two 18-seat minibuses to Miataland with a stop for a pleasant **2-hour private guided tour** and lunch (to be paid on the spot) in the wonderful Orvieto, famous for its stunning Medieval Duomo. Earphones and entrance fees are included. Local tour leader/assistant will be at your disposal for the day.

Suggested restaurants for lunch (to be paid on the spot) in Orvieto: Giglio D'Oro, Le Grotte del Funaro, Trattoria Etrusca.

**Orvieto** is one of the most striking, memorable, and enjoyable hill towns in central Italy. Settled around the year 1000, it sits majestically high above the valley floor atop rock cliff of volcanic tuff, overlooking cypress-dotted Umbrian Plains. The Orvieto's cathedral, dating from 1290, has been voted as Italy's liveliest façade. This colorful, Gothic façade is a gleaming mass of mosaics, stained glass, and sculpture. Inside, the nave is an optical illusion as it is wider at the back and narrower at the altar, making it appear longer than it is. Orvieto is also famous for its Classico wine. Since Etruscan times, grape vines thrive here because of the rich volcanic soil.



**Very beautiful sights and scenery everywhere and rolling hills, castles and cathedrals, quaint hilltop villages and towns and beautiful scenic lakes**

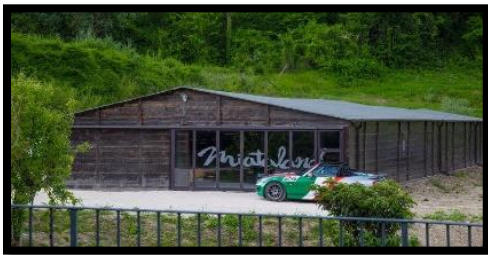
## Three-night accommodations at Miataland, which is Andrea Mancini's MX-5 Bed & Breakfast Resort:



### August 22

- **Miata Drives** (Drive owner's Miatas around the countryside)
- **Workshops at Miataland**

Explore the Umbrian countryside and hilltop towns in a Miata on drives.



Workshops at Miataland in the afternoon/evening-TBD (Related to Miatas, local artesian, and/or cooking demos)







## August 23

### 1. 9:30 – Assisi Tour

Enjoy an excursion by two 18-seat minibuses to Assisi, best known as the birthplace of St. Francis. Once there, you'll meet a private guide and enjoy a pleasant **2-hour private guided tour** of the city's highlights. Earphones and entrance fees are included. Local tour leader/assistant will accompany our group for the day.

*Suggested restaurants for lunch (to be paid on the spot) in Assisi: Trattoria La Pallotta, Ristorante La Rocca, Ristorante Trattoria da Erminio.*



*The pink stone town of Assisi is the hometown of St. Francis. Perched on a ridge at the bottom of the old town is the grand Basilica of St. Francis, a massive, 2-level church, which is one of the spiritual and artistic highlights of Western civilization. Built between 1228 and 1253, the Basilica was built upon the Saint's tomb. The double papal Basilica was founded by Pope Gregory IX and contains some of the finest paintings of medieval Italian art, from Cimabue to Giotto, Simone Martini, Pietro Lorenzetti, Jacopo Torriti and Pietro Cavallini. The frescoed cycles of the Old and New Testament and the panels on life of St. Francis reach the climax on the medieval theology whilst the Franciscan Order was growing in power.*

Enjoy your ride back to Miataland, where in the afternoon you will experience another Miata drive in the Umbrian countryside.



## August 24

### 2. 9:30 AM – Florence Tour & Bologna

Private transfer by two 18-seats minibuses to a hotel in Bologna city center, with a stop in the beautiful **Florence** for a pleasant **3.30-hour private guided walking tour** (including **Accademia**) and lunch (to be paid on the spot). Earphones and NO-line entrance fees for Accademia Gallery are included. Local tour leader/ assistant will be at your disposal for the day.

*Suggested restaurants for lunch (to be paid on the spot) in Florence: Trattoria 4 Leoni, Trattoria 13 Gobbi.*



Explore Renaissance **Florence** today, with a tour of the highlights of this exciting period in the history of this fascinating city. Start with the Accademia Gallery, home of **Michelangelo's incredible David**; you will see copies all over Florence, but this is the real thing! A short walk will bring you to the Duomo, Santa Maria del Fiore with Brunelleschi's magnificent dome and alongside it, Giotto's Campanile. With your



back to the cathedral, you will be looking straight at Ghiberti's legendary 'Gates of Paradise' bronze doors in the Baptistery. Continue to the Piazza della Signoria, the political heart of the city, and then to **Ponte Vecchio**, the oldest bridge crossing Arno river.

## Hotel in Bologna, TBD

Suggested restaurants for dinner (to be paid on the spot) in Bologna: Ristorante Da Nello, Ristorante Franco Rossi, Trattoria Battibacco



## August 25

- 9:30 AM –Bologna, hotel pick-up
- Italian Luxury Sports Car Tour

Full day private 18-seat minibus service for a tour dedicated to Italian luxury sports cars: start with a 1-hour private guided tour of the production line and the new museum at **PAGANI**, Italian manufacturer of sports cars, based in San Cesario sul Panaro (near Modena). On to Maranello, home of Ferrari and Scuderia Ferrari Formula One racing team, for an unforgettable **FERRARI** experience (see description below). End with **LAMBORGHINI**, manufacturing the most coveted super sports car in the world: there, you will enjoy a private 1 ½ hour guided tour of the factory (museum to be visited on own). Earphones and entrance fees. Local tour leader/assistant be at your disposal for the day.



You will be picked up by private vehicle and driven to **PAGANI**. You will discover the great adventure of an art and engineering crusade of Horacio Pagani, Argentin founder of Pagani Automobili and how the myth of Pagani Automobili came to life. Then you will then be driven to **Maranello**, worldwide known as home of Ferrari and Scuderia Ferrari Formula One Racing Team. Once there, you will begin your **FERRARI** experience with an exciting 45-minute guided visit by private vehicle inside "Cittadella Ferrari" (Ferrari Citadel), the headquarter where CEO and Administration offices - as well as departments of design and production - are located. This **private experience** will be followed by a 1-hour guided visit of the "Museo Ferrari Maranello" where, after skipping the line, you'll be given **Ferrari personalized badges**. At the end of the visit, a delicious buffet will be prepared for you in the Ferrari Museum Cafè! After a break for lunch in a local restaurant nearby (lunch to be paid on the spot) you will be driven to the nearby **LAMBORGHINI** museum and factory. You will enjoy a private 1 hour 30-minute guided tour, where you will be shown the assembly

line of the **Aventador** and the trim department with description of all productive processes. Then, you will have the chance to admire also the most important car models present in the museum. Your daily tour ends with a **30-minute Lamborghini test drive**, taking place in roads around the Lamborghini's museum and factory!

- **9:30 AM -Bologna, hotel pick-up for alternate tour**

- **Parma Food Tour**

Full day, private, 18-seat minibus service for an excursion to Parma, synonymous with famous delicacies and culinary legends. You will visit local factories producing Parma's finest products: **PARMESIAN CHEESE**, **PARMA RAW HAM** and **BALSAMIC VINEGAR**. Earphones and tastings are included. Local tour leader/ assistant will be at your disposal for the day.



If you're visiting Emilia Romagna region, there is nothing better than spending a day discovering the most famous specialties of this incredible land: **Parmesan cheese**, **balsamic vinegar** and **Parma raw ham**. Start with a local **Parmesan cheese factory**: Parmesan has become a DOP product (designation of protected origin) and, for this reason, it is constantly controlled by the consortium, in order to guarantee that it is made exclusively in this specific area, following traditional methods. Move to the small town of Langhirano, a tiny area south of Parma, the only place where **Parma raw ham** is produced: there, you will be able to understand how this unique ham it is cured and aged, enjoying a delicious Parma-raw-ham based light **lunch** at the end of the visit. End with the dark, glossy, sweetly sour, **balsamic vinegar**: produced in the province of Reggio Emilia, the "black gold of Modena" is aged for a minimum of 12 years up to 24 years for the extra old.

**NEXT DAY: Departure in morning for Venice for the Cruise!**



## August 26

- **10:00 AM - Bologna, hotel pick-up for Venice, Italy**

Private transfer by two, 18-seat minibuses to **Venice Port**. Embarkation onto your cruise ship, **Viking Sea**. A local tour leader/assistant will be at your disposal for the day. After check in on ship you may return to Venice for sight-seeing, etc.



**Miataland Tour Package price is \$3195 per person for 6 days** (double occupancy)

This is \$532.50 per day. (\$3045 per person if sharing a 2-bedroom suite at Miataland)

***Viking Ocean Cruise price is separate from the land tour.***

### **Price includes:**

- Private transfers, with an accompanying local tour leader/assistant, from Rome Airport to Venice Pier
- Guided Luxutours of Orvieto, Assisi, and Florence
- Skip-the-line admission to Accademia in Florence
- Guided tour of Italian Luxury Sports Car Tour or Parma Food Tour
- Three-night accommodations at Miataland B&B
- Two-night accommodations at a 4- or 5-star hotel in Bologna
- Breakfast every day and some dinners

### **Price does not include:**

- Round-trip air from home city
- Pre- or Post-tour or cruise extension
- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance
- All lunches and some dinners
- Gratuities on land tour and cruise
- **NOTE:** The 3 Night Romanico Palace Hotel cost will be included in the Airfare which we will know cost on about 10-12 months from departure date. It is estimated now to be between \$1,300. - \$1,500. per person & includes the hotel.

**A \$500 deposit per person is due at time of booking.**



## Viking Ocean Cruise



## ITALIAN SOJOURN



### PORTS OF CALL:

**VENICE (OVERNIGHT)**  
**S'IBENIK**  
**BARI**  
**CROSTONE**  
**SICILY (MESSINA)**  
**NAPLES**  
**ROME (CIVITAVECCHIA)**





**CRUISE AROUND ITALY'S BOOT** Experience the legacies of civilizations during a **fascinating 8-day cruise**, circumnavigating Italy between Venice and Civitavecchia. Discover the magnificent Amalfi Coast from Naples and visit Messina, Sicily's cultural crossroads. Hear the echoes of ancient Greece in Crotona and witness the beauty of Puglia in Bari. Explore Šibenik, Croatia's oldest coastal town. An overnight in Venice lets you immerse yourself in Italy's most romantic city.



**Viking Ocean Cruise Prices start at \$3,474.**  
**Each person (double occupancy)**



**ALL THIS IS INCLUDED:**

- 8-day cruise visiting 2 countries & 7 ports with a private veranda
- One complimentary shore excursion in every port of call
- All onboard meals including regional specialties
- Beer, wine & soft drinks with onboard lunch & dinner
- Unlimited free Wi-Fi
- Port taxes & fees

A deposit for the Viking Ocean Cruise of \$500 per person is required to confirm a cabin. A Past Viking River or Ocean Guest discount is \$100 per person. Discount applied for check payments. Cabins are going fast so please Reserve your Cabin today for best selection. This is a "Trip of a Lifetime". What better way to spend it than with Miata Friends and Family! Call Karen to book.



**ARRIVEDERCI!**



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