

33  **Europe Meeting**

December 16, 2013

34  **Deadlines**

- Jan 8
 - last day to sign up (have to pay all at once) – can do a three month version of AutoPay as well.
 - Mt Pilatus – I can sign you up if you let me know before Jan 8 and it will bill your account.
 - Name changes – match the passport
- Passports
- Jacket Survey
- Break in some good walking shoes!
- Start looking into sights that you would like to add to the trip.
- Expense fund – (\$130) February

35  **Jackets**

- Motto: "The torch; be yours to hold it high"
- "Europe 2014"

36  **HOTEL & ROOM INFORMATION**

- you will be in groups of 3, 4 or 6 in the hotel rooms depending upon the individual hotel (usually 4)
- we will organize rooming assignments at future meetings once the number of participants has stabilized
- you will be given some choice as to who you are with but some changes may be necessary
- there is some possibility that you may be rooming with students from other tour groups that have been matched up with ours - be aware of this possibility (usually this doesn't happen)

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- rooms are typically small with no air conditioning; but are comfortable and each has its own private bath/shower
- continental breakfasts are generally not big - cereals, Danish or toast, juice and coffee - if this is not enough have extra money for larger lunches or snacks to carry with you - you can usually eat as much as you want (bigger outside of the big cities)
- I suggest that participants pack a small box of granola bars (or the equivalent) as they may not be full from breakfast
- We won't receive the names of hotels until approximately one month before the trip leaves
- If you pack your suitcase as full as you would like it and then haul it up and down stairs for 15 minutes you will get a feel for how much you should pack. (60lbs max)

38  **Travelisimo Italia!**

- Coastal destinations can be very cold and wet in March and even April.

- Only licensed local guides are allowed to offer guided tours. Group Leaders and Tour Directors cannot act as guides for their group or they risk getting fined.
- Smoking in public areas as well as in hotel rooms is still very common in Italy
- It is common that during these transfers you will stop for lunch at places called "Autogrills" which are roadside cafeterias/rest-stops
- If you are visiting Rome and/or Florence, due to heavy traffic and hotel locations in general, transfers in and out of the city to your hotel can take up to 1.5 hours.

39 **ALL ROADS LEAD TO ROME**

[A quick overview . . .](#)

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47 **Vatican Paintings and Statues**

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