

International Soccer Tour 2025 Itinerary University of Jamestown Italy – Milan & Verona

Travel dates:

February 27-March 7, 2025

Itinerary:

- Feb. 27 Departure from Minneapolis-St. Paul airport.
- Feb. 28 Morning arrival at Milan airport. Transfer to Milan for sightseeing Milan followed by a late afternoon transfer to your accommodation.
- March 1 Sightseeing Milan. Options include Piazza del Duomo, da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and optional stadium tour of the San Siro, home of AC and Inter Milan. **Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.**
- March 2 Day trip to Lake Como, including optional boat tour of Lake Como. See why this majestic area is the landing spot for the world's most rich and famous, and why this area has been featured in countless movies, TV shows, and throughout pop culture. Optional evening pasta making class.
- March 3 Day trip to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano is situated on the shores of Lake Lugano, surrounded by rolling hills and the majestic peaks of the Swiss Alps. Despite being in Switzerland, Lugano has a distinctly Mediterranean atmosphere due to its Italian influence such as the city's charming Old Town that is a combination of narrow cobblestone streets, historic buildings, and lively piazzas.
Or, do more sightseeing in Milan. Visit the Navigli and Darsena di Milano neighborhoods allow for beautiful sights, shopping, and food.
Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- March 4 Transfer to your accommodation in Verona.
- March 5 Sightseeing in Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet. One of the most popular pilgrimage sites in the city is Juliet's house (Casa di Giulietta) on Via Capello; also, Juliet's tomb is at the Museum of Frescoes G B Cavalcaselle. Also see other sights such as Arena Di Verona, Piazza delle Erbe, Castelvecchio, and Basilica of San Zeno Maggiore. Optional evening pasta making class.
Afternoon or evening game vs. a local team.
- March 6 More sightseeing in Verona, or an optional day trip to Venice, the famous city of gondolas built on small islands connected by bridges. See the famous Rialto bridge, as well as the San Marco church and its vibrant plaza.
- March 7 Morning transfer to Milan airport. Return flight.

*The above itinerary is a provisional/suggested itinerary and can/will change depending on your group's specific wishes, the final game schedule for your team(s), and any pro game visit(s) incorporated for your group. Sightseeing admission fees are not included in the prices but can be added and pre-booked based on your group's specific wishes. Consult us for more information.



Price per person:

Number of people traveling	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
Participant prices	\$3,616	\$3,398	\$3,258	\$3,153	\$3,077	\$3,013

Price inclusions:

- Round trip airfare, including airport taxes and fuel surcharges. Prices are always subject to the availability of flights and fares at the time of booking.
- Accommodations and meals as specified in this proposal – see below. Hotel options and room types (triples, doubles, etc.) are subject to availability at the time of tour booking.
- Ground transportation – see below.
- Costs for arranging the sport program – see below.
- Services of a local tour assistant – see below.

Sport program included:

Milan: we will arrange 2 games per team.

Verona: we will arrange 1 game per team.

Accommodation and meals included:

Milan: 4-star Hotel accommodation in Milan.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- The hotel is located within 4 miles of the center of Milan.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people per room with 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). All rooms have private bathrooms and a TV. The hotel has a gym, lounge, and bar.
- Double rooms (2 people per room – two twin beds or one double bed) are available at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$58.00 per person per night.
- Be aware that hotel rooms/beds are smaller than we used to in the USA.

Verona: 4-star Hotel accommodation in Verona.

- Daily breakfast and dinner included.
- Hotel accommodation in Verona not far from the city center. The hotel has a restaurant/lounge, fitness center, and outdoor terrace.
- Accommodation in triple rooms (3 people – 1 double bed + 1 sofa bed). Rooms all have private bathrooms, phones, satellite TV and Wi-Fi.
- Double rooms are available as well at a supplement of \$15.00 per person per night and single rooms are available at a supplement of \$58.00 per person per night.
- Please be aware that rooms in Europe are not as big as in the USA.

Ground transportation included:

During your entire stay a private bus will be available exclusively for your group – 10 hours a day.

Local guide services included:

A local tour assistant will be assigned to be exclusively with your group full time each day during your stay in each destination to provide you with any assistance when necessary and help plan or amend your daily schedule as needed.

Options available (not included in prices)

Sport program options:

- A visit to a pro soccer game. Please calculate between \$50.00 and \$120.00 or more per person depending on the game. Some so-called premium games might be more expensive.
- Visit and tour of a pro team stadium like the San Siro in Milan – approx. \$30.00 per person.
- A 2-hour training session with your own coaching staff – costs \$300.00 per 2 hours.
- Training sessions with coaches from an Italian pro club – costs approx. \$650.00 per 2 hours, including field hire. Consult us for more information.

Travel insurance option:

Your participants have the option to purchase accident, illness, and trip cancellation/interruption insurance, including a Cancel for Any Reason Coverage (CFAR) – more information about this insurance is included on your team website page.

Not included in prices:

- Beverages (soda) with meals.
- Gratuities for representatives and bus drivers.
- Admission fees to attractions – see excursions sheets at the end of this document for estimated costs for the various excursions.



SIGHTSEEING IN MILAN

1. Duomo di Milano (Milan Cathedral)

Admission: Free entry to the cathedral, but there are fees for visiting the terraces and museum. The Duomo di Milano is an iconic symbol of Milan and one of the largest cathedrals in the world. Its stunning Gothic architecture, adorned with countless spires and statues, is a testament to centuries of craftsmanship. Visitors can explore the interior, marveling at the intricate stained-glass windows and the grandeur of the nave. For a breathtaking view of the city, climb to the terraces, where you can admire the intricate details of the cathedral's facade up close and enjoy panoramic vistas of Milan.

2. Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II

Admission: Free entry to the arcade.

The Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II is one of the world's oldest shopping malls and a masterpiece of 19th-century architecture. Its elegant glass-vaulted ceilings and ornate mosaics create a luxurious ambiance for visitors to stroll through. Lined with high-end boutiques, cafes, and restaurants, the Galleria is a paradise for fashion enthusiasts and food connoisseurs alike.

3. Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper (Cenacolo Vinciano)

Admission: Tickets required, advance booking recommended.

Located in the refectory of the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie, Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper is one of the most famous and enduring works of art in the world. This masterpiece depicts the moment Jesus reveals that one of his disciples will betray him, capturing the emotions of the apostles with remarkable realism and depth. Due to the fragility of the painting, access to the Last Supper is strictly regulated, with only a limited number of visitors allowed to view it each day.

4. San Siro Stadium

Admission: Guided tours cost approximately \$30 for adults, with reduced prices for children, seniors, and groups.

Opened in 1926, it is the home ground of two of Italy's most famous football clubs: A.C. Milan and Inter Milan. The stadium boasts a seating capacity of over 80,000, making it one of the largest in Europe. The tour includes access to areas typically off-limits to the public, such as the players' locker rooms, the mixed zone where post-match interviews take place, and the tunnel leading out to the pitch.

5. Cooking class

Join an expert Italian chef for a memorable culinary experience. Explore fantastic authentic local neighborhood and take part in a hands-on pasta making class.

Prices: Approx. \$50.00 per person – max. 28 people per class.

6. Lake Como Boat Cruise

Whether you're drawn to the natural beauty of Lake Como or fascinated by its rich history and culture, a boat tour offers an unforgettable experience that showcases the allure of this iconic destination in Italy.

Prices: Approx. \$100.00-\$160.00 per person (prices TBC).

Excursions and Prices will be subject to the time of booking, group size, and availability.



TOP SIGHTSEEING IN VERONA

1) CASTELVECCHIO & MUSEUM

Price: Adult \$9.00, Child (8-14) \$3.00

On the banks of the Adige, Castelvecchio was built by the Scaligeri in 1354-55, an impressive defensive fortress certain to remind any rivals of the power of the della Scala family. Crossing the river is the beautiful castellated Ponte Scaligero, a 14th-century bridge that's traffic free and a favourite stroll for local families. The castle's main tower and ramparts afford views of the bridge, the city, and surrounding hills. The castle interior has been brilliantly restored and transformed into bright exhibit space by architect Carlo Scarpa, without sacrificing the integrity or history of the castle.

2) ARENA DI VERONA

Price: Arena Entrance Only - Adults \$14.00, U14 \$3.00;

Opera Prices ranging from \$28.00 to \$205.00

One of the largest of its kind and among the best preserved Roman amphitheatres, Verona's arena was built in the reign of Diocletian, about AD 290. Only four arches of the outer wall on the north side have survived, but the vaulting seating is intact and in regular use. Its 44 rows of seating can accommodate 22,000 spectators, and in July and August, it is the home of the Verona Opera Festival, one of Europe's major summer music events ranked with the Bayreuth and Salzburg festivals.

3) CASA DI GIULIETTA

Price: \$9.00 – Expect large crowds

Shakespeare's famous play "Romeo and Juliet" maybe a work of fiction, but that hasn't stopped hundreds of thousands of romantics from making pilgrimage to Verona to see the balcony where Juliet supposedly stood while Romeo declared his love.

This so called Casa di Giulietta, or Juliet's House, actually belonged to the dell Capello family. The house dates from the 13th century and the family coat of arms can still be seen on the wall. The house was in a state of abandon and was overgrown with creepers when the city bought it in the early 1900s, and decided to turn it into Juliet's House taking advantage of the similarity between the names of the house's true owner —Capello— and the Capulets in Shakespeare's play.

4) BASILICA OF SAN ZENO MAGGIORE

Prices: \$5.00

The large 11-12th century Basilica of San Zeno Maggiore is considered the finest Romanesque building in northern Italy. The beautiful main front of alternating strata of brick and white tufa is flanked by a slender Romanesque campanile (1045-1178) and the 14th-century battlemented defensive tower of a former Benedictine abbey. Although you enter through the elegant Romanesque cloister via a gate at the side, be sure to see the bronze doors on the front portal, with outstanding Romanesque reliefs of Biblical and secular scenes.

You can visit all four of Verona's churches (Basilica of San Zeno, The Cathedral Complex, Basilica of Saint Anastasia & Church of Saint Fermo) for \$8.00 per person.

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