SPLENDORS OF NORTHEASTERN ITALY
WITH DEPAUW ANCIENT HISTORY PROFESSOR, MICHAEL SEAMAN
JULY 10-18, 2016
Experience Authentic Italian Culture

Venture off the beaten path to Italian cities that are historically and artistically significant, but not overrun by tourists. Enjoy private access to museums and historic sites not available to the public. Get an insider’s look at the region NY Times columnist and Italy aficionado Fred Plotkin calls “the great undiscovered region of Italy.”

Travel with an Expert for a Unique Educational Experience

Learn about the history, art, and architecture of the region from your scholar guide. Professor Mike Seaman, who teaches ancient history at DePauw University and earned his PhD in history from UCLA, will accompany the group, give informative lectures, and complement local guides on site. The academic enrichment ensures that the tour will be an extraordinary educational journey.

Explore Seven Cities Celebrated for their History, Art, and Beauty

We tour together ancient cities, renowned museums, early Christian churches, and medieval castles. See up close the art and architecture of Donatello, Titian, Palladio and other masters. Stroll a marble boardwalk along the Adriatic Sea and enjoy pastoral vistas in the famed Collio Wine District. Included are visits to four UNESCO World Heritage sites, honored for their outstanding cultural value to humanity.

Stay in the Region’s Best Hotels, Hand-Picked for You

We have already reserved your accommodations in the most desirable properties on each leg of our journey. Each of these luxurious hotels is a four- or five-star property, located in the center of town, on or near a pedestrian zone, and within or adjacent to the historic town center, with its cafés and restaurants.

Savor Unforgettable Culinary Experiences

We include ten carefully crafted, multi-course group meals, each one designed to help you taste the rich diversity of Italian cuisine. Dine at sunset along the Adriatic Sea and in an eleventh-century castle overlooking hillside vineyards. We also include five specialty food tastings as well as three wine tastings. Sample olive oils in a rustic medieval tower and appreciate extraordinary wines at a special tasting in a castle where Casanova once resided. Enjoy complimentary house wines with each group meal.
9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

BEGINNS IN GRADO AND ENDS IN VENICE
SMALL GROUP SIZE - LIMITED TO 25
OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS IN TRIESTE AND VENICE

Dr. Mike Seaman earned his MA and PhD degrees in ancient history from UCLA. He currently teaches ancient history at DePauw University. He has also served as a teaching fellow at both Yale and UCLA, where he received a prestigious teaching award. Mike has been leading tours of Italy, Greece, Turkey, and other European countries for over 20 years. Together with his wife, Dr. Francesca Mattiussi-Seaman, a Professor of Italian at DePauw, Mike has organized and led numerous study abroad programs in Italy for both DePauw and Yale summer sessions. His chief area of research is ancient Greek and Roman history and he has published a number of articles on warfare and imperialism in the ancient world.

“The guides are brilliant and planned everything to a T. It was an incredible experience culturally, socially and academically. This program is once in a lifetime and one of a kind.”

J. Schmidt, Bellevue, WA
**Sunday, July 10**

**Arrival in Grado, Italy**

Upon arrival in Trieste, Italy, you will be met and transferred to the Hotel Savoy, your four-star-superior hotel in the historic, island-city of Grado. After settling into your hotel, meet your fellow travelers at a welcome reception, followed by a historical tour of Grado. Admire ancient mosaics and medieval frescoes in Grado’s two early Christian basilicas that date from the sixth century. Afterward, enjoy an exquisite dinner in Grado’s picturesque Old Town. Take in the sunset from a walk along Grado’s lovely boardwalk or a night cap in the hotel’s lovely Mediterranean garden.  

**HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: D**

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**Monday, July 11**

**Roman Aquileia**

Once one of the largest and most important cities in the Roman Empire, Aquileia was founded in 181 BC as a frontier fortress. Because of its superb location at the head of the Adriatic Sea, Aquileia quickly grew into one of the largest cities in the world, with an estimated population in the first century AD of approximately 150,000 people. In the Late Antique period, it remained an important center of early Church learning and could boast the West’s only Christian Patriarch. After over 600 years of continuous prosperity, however, Aquileia was sacked by Attila the Hun in AD 452. Recent excavations have uncovered impressive ruins from both the Roman and early Christian periods, earning Aquileia the prestigious UNESCO World Heritage status.

Encounter Roman life as the Romans lived it in Aquileia 2,000 years ago, as Professor Seaman leads you on a historical tour through the town to visit the ancient Roman forum, houses, port, roads, and early Christian oratories. In the basilica, admire mosaics considered among the most important, extensive, and breathtaking anywhere. Explore the National Archaeological Museum and enjoy private access to the Early Christian Museum, closed to the general public. Lunch and dinner are included at celebrated local restaurants.

**MORNING LECTURE / HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: B, L, D**

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St. Mark’s Horse, Venice

The Roman forum in Aquileia, A UNESCO World Heritage Site

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(800) 980-2496
Tuesday, July 12
Byzantine Art and Architecture in Poreč, Croatia

Travel east through the Carso region along Italy’s dramatic northeastern Adriatic coast to the formerly Italian peninsula of Istria, known since Roman times for its exceptional olive oil. In Poreč, stroll through the quaint Old Town and tour the beautifully preserved sixth-century Euphrasian Basilica Complex, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, complete with rare early Byzantine mosaics. After a sampling of a variety of olive oils, enjoy a Croatian lunch in a restaurant housed in one of the town’s surviving medieval towers. Return to Grado for the evening and dinner at your leisure. HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: B, L

Wednesday, July 13
Grado and Collio Wine District

Enjoy a morning on your own. Visit one of Grado’s first-class spas, take a swim in the hotel’s indoor or outdoor pool or in the Adriatic Sea, wander the streets of the Old Town, or sample the local fare in one of Grado’s award-winning restaurants. In the afternoon, rejoin the group and travel to a fabulous Renaissance castle, where Casanova once resided, to sample lovely Italian cheeses paired with fine wines. Afterward, dine in a restaurant located within a medieval castle situated in the Collio wine district, home of Italy’s best white wines. MORNING LECTURE / HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: B, D

Thursday, July 14
Villalta Castle and Medieval Cividale Del Friuli

Tour the fortified Castello di Villalta, an outstanding example of medieval architecture. Afterward, travel to the ancient city of Cividale del Friuli. Founded in the 50s BC by Julius Caesar, and originally called Forum Iulii (“Forum of Julius,” whence “Friuli”), Cividale is today best known for its impressive early medieval art and architecture. The town became the first of the Lombard capitals after the invading Germanic tribe arrived in Italy in the sixth century. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Natisone River, Cividale’s rare early medieval art and architecture has earned it UNESCO World Heritage status. Our guided tour includes visits to the third-century BC pre-Roman Celtic underground burial chamber, the exceptional eighth-century Lombard Chapel, the National Archaeological Museum, the Museum of Early Christian Art, and the Duomo, also rich in early medieval art. Tonight, enjoy a six-course culinary extravaganza in the courtyard of an agriturismo (farm house) restaurant located in an eleventh-century building complex set amid the rolling hills and vineyards of the famed Colli Orientali wine district. MORNING LECTURE / HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: B, L, D

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Friday, July 15

Renaissance and Baroque Art and Architecture of Udine

Today, visit Udine, a city of Venetian splendor known best for the many frescoes it preserves of the last of the Venetian masters, Giambattista Tiepolo. Follow a guided historical tour of Udine’s Old Town, including the grand central piazza, the Patriarchal Palace and Museum, which house Tiepolo’s best-preserved works, and the medieval Duomo with its impressive art. Before breaking for a delightful lunch, we visit the Oratorio della Purità, home of Tiepolo’s ceiling masterpiece painted late in life, the Assumption of the Virgin. Enjoy an evening at leisure.  EVENING LECTURE / HOTEL SAVOY / MEALS: B, L

Saturday, July 16

Venice

This morning, take a short drive to Venice and a private water-taxi ride up the Grand Canal, disembarking on the steps of our luxurious five-star hotel, the Westin Europa and Regina. Enjoy some time to explore the area and take lunch on your own. Then reconvene and skip the lines for a privately guided tour of St. Mark’s Basilica, visiting its two museums. Afterward, relax for a memorable wine tasting along the Grand Canal where you’ll sample Amarone, the world-class wine of the Veneto region, followed by a private gondola-ride through the many charming small canals. Take the rest of the evening to explore Venice and enjoy dinner on your own. WESTIN EUROPA & REGINA HOTEL / MEALS: B, L, D

Sunday, July 17

Venice

Today, take a guided art and architecture tour of Venice, the fifth UNESCO World Heritage Site on our journey. Begin with a private water-taxi ride to the Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari basilica, where we’ll admire the art of Bellini, Donatello, Giorgione, Titian, and Veronese. Afterward, tour Venice’s famed Accademia Museum, where you’ll experience the art of all the Venetian masters, including Veronese and Tintoretto. After lunch along a picturesque canal, stop for a coffee at Caffè Florian on St. Mark’s Square, the oldest café in the world. Enjoy the late afternoon and evening free in Venice. Conclude the evening with a memorable farewell dinner with the group. WESTIN EUROPA & REGINA HOTEL / MEALS: B, L, D

Monday, July 18

Depart Venice Airport

Transfer from our hotel in Venice by water-taxi to Venice’s Marco Polo Airport for departure, or enjoy the optional two-day extension in Venice. MEALS: B
STAY IN EXCEPTIONAL LOCATIONS

Grado
Hotel Savoy
We begin our journey in Grado, an ancient, picturesque, seaside town that has won numerous awards in recent years, including “Most Flower-Adorned Town in Italy” and “Best Beach in Italy.” Founded in the Roman period, it boasts one of the best-preserved medieval Old Towns anywhere on the Adriatic Sea. This charming island-city is ideally located for an exploration of northeastern Italy because of its close proximity to all the important cities and sites, allowing short day-trips without the nuisance of constantly having to pack and unpack luggage. We reside in the four-star-superior Hotel Savoy, long considered Grado’s finest hotel, just steps from the pedestrian zone and the Adriatic Sea.

Venice
Westin Europa & Regina Hotel
We spend our final two nights in Venice, known as La Serenissima (“The Most Serene Republic”), and often regarded as the most beautiful city in the world. Because of its history, art, and beauty, the entire city was granted UNESCO World Heritage status. Our hotel is the lavish Westin Europa and Regina Hotel, located in a historic 17th-century palace on the Grand Canal and only a short walk from the magnificent St. Mark’s Square. The elegant Europa and Regina is ideally situated for exploring the historic center of Venice. Enjoy breakfast each day on the Grand Canal.

“I can not thank you enough for creating for me the experience of a lifetime. I will treasure these days forever in my heart and mind.”

A. Yamaguchi,
Kanagawa, Japan

Top Left: Old Town, Grado. Top Right: Hotel Savoy, Grado. Bottom Right: Westin Europa & Regina Hotel, Venice
Details

- Nine-day trip begins in Grado and ends in Venice
- Small group size: limited to 25 guests
- Moderately strenuous: most days involve 3-6 hours of touring, balanced with free time for relaxing or exploring on your own

What’s Included

- Educational program with tours led by a professor of ancient history, as well as site-specific reading materials and optional lectures on history, art, and culture
- Historical tours of eight cities and sites, including four UNESCO World Heritage Sites recognized for their outstanding cultural value to humanity
- Tour of the ancient Roman city of Aquileia, with some of the most important and breathtaking mosaics anywhere in the Roman Empire
- Tour of Cividale del Friuli, a town founded by Julius Caesar in the foothills of the Alps
- Scholar-led art and architecture tour of Venice
- Welcome reception and 18 meals (8 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 5 dinners)
- Additional culinary adventures, including a wine tasting at a celebrated estate in the famed Collio Wine District and an olive oil tasting in an ancient tower on the Adriatic
- Exceptional accommodations for six nights in Grado at the 4-star-superior Hotel Savoy, and two nights on the Grand Canal in Venice at the 5-star Westin Europa & Regina Hotel
- All transportation while with the group, including airport transfers from the Trieste airport to your hotel Grado on arrival, and from your hotel in Venice to Venice Marco Polo Airport at the conclusion of the program
- All gratuities to drivers, porters, maids, waiters, and guides
- Pre-departure materials, including suggested reading list and travel information, and pre-departure conference call with the guide and tour director

9 DAYS, 8 NIGHTS, $4,950 PER PERSON

Price is $4,950 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is $395.
Prices do not include airfare to Europe.
This program begins in Grado, Italy on Sunday, July 10, 2016.

Optional Extensions

Two Nights in Trieste
Optional pre-trip extension, July 8-10

Prior to the beginning of the program, enjoy Friday and Saturday on your own exploring the many museums, historic cafés, and noted castles in Trieste. The extension includes two nights at the elegant waterfront Savoia Excelsior Palace, breakfast each day, and airport transfer to the hotel upon arrival.

$395 per person, double occupancy or $695 for a single

Two Additional Nights in Venice
Optional post-trip extension, July 18-20

At the conclusion of the main program, you have the option to stay two additional days and two nights in Venice. You may wish to visit some of the outlying islands such as Murano and Burano, take a day trip to Padua or Vicenza, or explore further the many splendors of enchanting Venice. Extension includes two nights accommodations at the 5-star Westin Europa & Regina Hotel, breakfast each morning, and transfer by water-taxi to the Venice Marco Polo Airport on the final day.

$895 per person, double occupancy or $1,295 for a single

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RESERVATIONS & PAYMENTS
A $1,000 per person deposit is required to hold your space. Please complete and return the reservation form on this page. Final payment is due 120 days before departure. We accept personal checks, payable to Antiquity Travel, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express.

CANCELLATIONS & REFUNDS
Deposits and payments are refundable, less a $500 per person cancellation fee, until 120 days before departure. After that date, refunds can be made only if the trip is sold out and your spot(s) can be resold, in which case a $1,000 per-person cancellation fee will apply. For this reason, we strongly urge participants to purchase trip cancellation insurance. Cancellations shall not be effective until they are received in writing by Antiquity Travel.

Antiquity Travel reserves the right to cancel the program prior to departure. In the event of such a cancellation, all monies paid will be refunded to you, and Antiquity Travel will not bear any further obligation. Antiquity Travel shall bear no responsibility for any non-refundable airline tickets or cancellation fees in connection with this program.

Antiquity Travel reserves the right to decline acceptance of or terminate participation by any traveler in the program. No refunds will be made for any portion of the program you do not take part in, unless arrangements are made early enough to avoid penalties and receive refunds from associated third parties.

HEALTH
By submitting a deposit for the trip, the traveler certifies that he or she is aware the program is a moderately strenuous program, as described above, and does not have any physical or other condition or disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other travelers.

INSURANCE
We strongly encourage all travelers to purchase an optional baggage and trip cancellation insurance policy. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance could be the only way for you to receive reimbursement. Antiquity Travel will mail you further information about insurance options with your reservation confirmation.

ITINERARY CHANGES
The program itineraries and prices presented in this brochure are based on prevailing fuel prices and currency exchange rates at the time of printing of this brochure, and are subject to change without notice by Antiquity Travel. Of course we will make every reasonable effort to operate the program as described herein. However, we retain the right to make modifications to the itinerary as a result of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control.

AUTHORITY TO USE IMAGES
Antiquity Travel may at times obtain photographs or video recordings of program activities which may include guests. By participating in this program, you agree to grant Antiquity Travel permission to use such images of you without providing additional approvals or compensation.

LIABILITY
Each participant must sign a Release of Liability as a condition of participation in the program.

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NAME #1 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)

NAME #2 (AS IT APPEARS ON PASSPORT)

ADDRESS, CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE

EMAIL

FAX

PAYMENT
Enclosed is a check for $______________ ($1,000 per person to hold _____ place(s) on Splendors of Northeastern Italy, OR please charge my deposit of $______________ ($1,000 per person) to my [ ] VISA [ ] MasterCard [ ] American Express

Final payment is due by March 10, 2016.

NAME ON CREDIT CARD

CREDIT CARD NUMBER

EXP. DATE

SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE AS IT APPEARS ON CREDIT CARD

DATE

ACCOMMODATIONS
Bed preference at hotel (not guaranteed): [ ] Two beds [ ] One double bed

SINGLE TRAVELERS
[ ] I prefer to have single accommodations, OR
[ ] I plan to share accommodations with ________________, OR
[ ] I’d like to know about roommates. I am a [ ] smoker / [ ] non-smoker.

I understand that if a roommate cannot be located for me by the final payment date of March 10, 2016, I will pay the single rate.

By signing below, I affirm that I have read the Terms and Conditions section of this brochure and understand and agree with them.

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