



GT Experiences

# Rome Golf Program



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## *GOLFING IN THE ETERNAL CITY—ROME*

### *October 10*

Board your flight to the Eternal City: Rome

Overnight on Board.

### *October 11*

Arrival in early morning. - Meet and greet your Tour Leader (English speaking).

Transfer to your Hotel in the City, Hotel Fortyseven or similar

Afternoon walking tour of Rome exploring the Trevi Fountain – The Parliament – Via del Corso – Via Frattina – Spanish Steps.

Tonight Welcome Dinner at a Local Restaurant

Overnight in Rome.

### *October 12*

After Breakfast we will be heading to one of the most important Golf Course of Italy: Nazionale Golf Course



A technical, exciting and entertaining field, it is appreciated for the way in which the undulating terrain on which it stands has been exploited, for the natural use of a ditch that crosses it in a horseshoe, for the quantity and beauty of oak trees centuries old that rise in over 70 hectares that surround the Golf Club. Designed by George and Jim Fazio and David Mezzacane, the path is located at 300 meters above sea level inserted in the suggestive natural landscape of northern Lazio, and marries the principles of ecosustainability with the green carpet

consisting of a new generation bermudagrass that is well suited to the climate of the Mediterranean basin and able to overcome very harsh winters.

Lunch at the Golf Course.

After lunch before getting back to the hotel we will visit an ancient Etruscan village: Sutri

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### For Non Golfers:

Visit to the Catacombs and Rome underground

Evening at leisure to taste the famous roman cuisine. Overnight in Rome.

### October 13 - Florence

8:30AM – Depart from Rome Termini Train Station on preassigned, First Class seats, on a High Speed Train, towards Florence (1.30 hours ride). The Rome Termini Train Station (Roma Termini) was built in 1931 and completed in 1950 and is considered a great success both in capability and design.

Evening return, from Florence Santa Maria Novella Train Station (Firenze SMN) opened in 1935 and featuring a spacious entrance hall with a glass and steel roof. Today we will explore the cities of Florence and Orvieto, visiting some of the greatest artistic treasures in the world.

The early breakfast will allow a fantastic day trip to Florence and Orvieto.

Upon arrival walking tour of the city center of Flor-

ence with the visit to the amazing Cathedral and the Baptistery, the main Florence Square: Piazza della Signoria and the famous Ponte Vecchio, and finally visit the Accademia with the David's statue.

After an exciting day exploring Florence, we go by bus to the beautiful small town of Orvieto in the hills, for dinner at a gourmet restaurant: Zeppelin. After dinner back to Rome. Overnight in Rome.



### October 14

Today the Golfers will experience a round of Golf inside a Volcano crater: **The Golf Club Castel Gandolfo**. A mansion built in the seventeenth century overlooks the crater of an extinct volcano. The residence, originally commissioned by Cardinal Flavio Chigi, is now considered the most charming club house among golf clubs; the crater, thanks to the creative flair of Robert Trent Jones Sr., has been transformed into a challenging golf course, full of intriguing technical features. The naturally laid ground has been endowed with one hundred and one tricks among centenarian olive trees, oaks and cluster pines.

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Lunch at the golf course.

### **For Non Golfers:**

Private tour of the Eternal City. Rome was known as the Eternal City even among the ancient Romans themselves. It was so called because the Roman people thought that no matter what happened to the world, no matter how many other empires might rise and fall, Rome would go on forever.

We will be passing by the major landmarks of Rome during the Roman Empire. Afternoon at leisure to discover Rome on your own.

Tonight Dinner at local typical restaurant: Ambasciata d'Abruzzo

Overnight in Rome.

### **October 15**

After Breakfast we will to have another round of golf at the oldest Italian Golf Course **Olgiata Golf Club**, Located 15 miles north of Rome along the Via Cassia, at the Olgiata, a quiet residential complex, this golf club is a magnificent classic tree-lined parkland golf course. Opened in 1961, it features 27 holes (18 holes West Course and 9 holes East Course) designed by English architect C. Kenneth Cotton and restyled by architect Jim Fazio in 1996. During the years it hosted many important international tournaments including the Eisenhower Trophy in 1964, the World Cup on 1968 and 1984, the European Tour Italian Open on 1973 and 2002 (won by Ian Poulter) and the Challenge Tour Roma Open in 2009, 2010 and 2011. Tee time is scheduled for our group.



Lunch will be served at the Golf Course. After lunch the golfers will join the non golfers for a special visit.

### **For Non Golfers:**

Morning at leisure.

Afternoon guided visit of the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel the Masterpiece of Michelangelo.

Dinner tonight at one of the most renowned restaurant of Rome: Gigetto al Portico d'Ottavia.

Overnight in Rome.



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**October 16**

Entire day at leisure. Take advantage of one of the optional tours that will be offered to discover in a deeper way the Eternal City, or the surroundings. Farewell Dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Rome.

**October 17**

Breakfast and transfer to the Airport for your flight back to USA



## *GOLFING IN THE ETERNAL CITY—ROME*

# *Olgiata* GOLF CLUB

### **Golf Club Olgiata**

The course is divided in two areas, the east course and the west course, and a total of 27 holes; it was inaugurated in 1961 and designed by English architect C. Kenneth Cotton. The west course is the oldest of the two and has 18 holes. It has been host to particularly important events, some of which international, such as the Italian Opens of 2002, the 1968 and 1984 editions of the Professional World Team

Championship and numerous other Italian Golf Federation competitions. In 2012, it was almost completely redesigned by American architect Jim Fazio, to fulfil new needs and it is now ready to welcome the International Tournaments; it has three set-ups: PAR 71, 72 and 73, and 7 putts for all categories. The recently-created east course is a 9-hole, par 36 course, 2,947 metres in length. Far from being an executive course, the east course is a true course in its own right, where different competitions and tournaments are played out. **The west course record** is 61 shots (-11), fired during the Italian Opens in 2002 by Ian Poulter (ENG) and Angel Cabrera (ARG)



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CASTELGANDOLFO  
golf club

## GOLF CLUB CASTEL GANDOLFO

What the players say about the golf course:

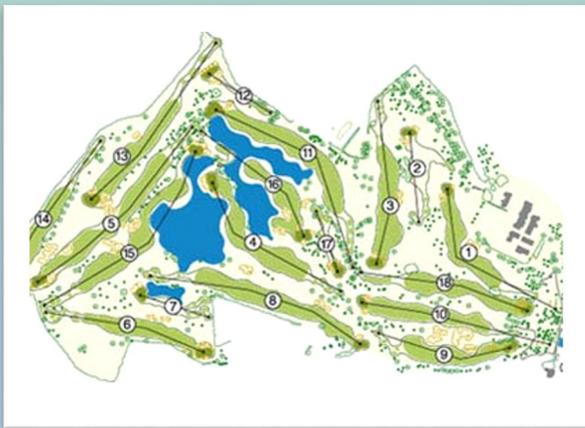
*"This is one of the most fascinating courses I have ever seen: My work fits perfectly in this terrain, surrounded by green, with its classical, noble atmosphere." Those were the not exactly modest, but nonetheless accurate words of Robert Trent Jones, when he was looking at the magnificent landscape of the golf club. You really won't forget the landscape with olive trees, oaks and stone pine groves too fast "*

Opened in 1985. Design: Robert Trent Jones Sr..

**Terrain:** Flat with water hazards - **Technical difficulty:** Hard

### Scorecard

Tee	Par	CR	Slope	Length
White (Men)	-	-	-	6205 m
Yellow (Men)	-	-	-	5855 m
Black (Women)	-	-	-	5464 m
Red (Women)	-	-	-	5143 m



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GOLF CLUB  
NAZIONALE

GOLF NAZIONALE - ROMA

Formerly known as Golf Club Le Querce, Golf Nazionale is situated approximately 35 miles to the northwest of Rome and this beautiful course is set in 60 hectares of delightful undulating land. With fairways flanked by stately oaks it's not surprising to note that the club was known as "The Oaks" in English.

Golf Nazionale opened for play in 1990 and Jim Fazio, nephew of the great George Fazio, designed the course with a little help from Italian David Mezzacane. This is certainly a course from the amazing Fazio stable, which was set up to house the Italian Golf Federation. A mere twelve months after the course opened for play Le Querce hosted the 1991 World Cup of Golf, now part of the World Golf Championships. The 1991 event saw the Swedish pairing of Per-Ulrik Johansson and Anders Forsbrände emerge victorious.

The round starts and ends with a lengthy par five and in between, half the holes on the card are doglegged to a certain degree, especially the 6th and 15th holes. There are three consecutive, demanding, par fours on the front nine beginning at the 435-yard 4th hole whilst both par threes on the back nine (at the 14th and 17th) are longer than 235 yards from the back tees. Little surprise then to discover Golf Nazionale has been ranked as high as any other top Italian course for its degree of difficulty.

The 595-yard 1st sets the tone for the whole round and is a real three-shot hole. The drive must avoid a large bunker to the right of the landing area so the preferred line is down the more open left of the fairway. Water to the left and trees to the right threaten the second shot before an approach can be played to a well-guarded, elevated green.

