

Friday 1st – Tuesday, 5th June

A fabulous long-weekend to the Eternal City, or to be more accurate, Ostia: Rome's beach resort situated 30 miles away on the blue translucent waters of the Mediterranean Sea! Our tour takes place during the 3-day Rome International Airshow, for which we will be there for the final 2 days. As the photograph shows, we will be close to the action!

It promises to be quite a show. For details of participating countries and aircraft please click on <http://www.romaairshow.net/>

Our hotel is just along from 'air show centre', 800 yards along the beachfront.

For photographers and spotters, Rome's Fiumicino Airport is 5 miles to the north.

Photo courtesy of: theaviationist.com



There is free time to explore Rome: with your tour manager; with various sightseeing operators, some with optional 'hop on/hop off'; or on your own at your leisure.

On our last day we visit one of the best, and largest, aviation collections in Europe: the tongue-twisting Museo Storico dell' Aeronautica Militare Italiana" at Vigna de Valle on Lake Bracciano.

We fly on the scheduled services of Alitalia from London's Heathrow Airport; stay 4 nights at the Hotel Ping Pong in Ostia on a bed and breakfast basis; and transfers and travel is by air-conditioned coach.

Whether you have a lot, a little, or no interest in aviation – this tour is a perfect get-away on the long bank holiday weekend!

PROVISIONAL ITINERARY (all times local)

DAY 1: FRIDAY, 1st JUNE

Between 09:30hrs. and 10:20hrs. please meet your Ian Allan Tour Manager, and fellow enthusiasts, at London's Heathrow Airport, in Alitalia's check-in area which is located on the "Departures" level of Terminal 4. We recommend you check-in 2-hours before departure: 10:20hrs..

✈ Heathrow Airport, Terminal 4

Flight: AZ 203

Departs: 12:20

✈ Rome's Fiumicino Airport

Arrives: 15:55

Transfer to the Hotel Ping Pong di Ostia, only a 10 minute drive from the airport where we stay for 4 nights. Overlooking the beach and sea, the hotel has a café and bar on-site, and is located in the centre of this tourist area. The nearest Metro station is a 5-minutes walk away, and the journey to central Rome takes just 30 minutes (tickets: currently €1.50 each way), avoiding the heavily congested roads!

Website: www.hotelpingpongostia.com/eng/

DAYS 2 - 4: SATURDAY, 2nd - MONDAY, 4th JUNE

Three days to do as you wish: attend the airshow, spotting, sightseeing, relaxing on the beach, etc..

The Roma International airshow takes place on the Saturday and Sunday, and you have the option of watching on one or both days. Of several aerobatic teams invited to attend, by the far the most rare and exciting prospect is seeing the fabulous "Blue Impulse" of the Japanese Air Self Defence Force (air force).

On the Monday morning your Tour Manager will accompany those members of the group who wish to spend the day in Rome, travelling to and from the Italian capital by Metro train. In Rome you are then free to join one of the sightseeing tours (some are the hop on/hop off kind), or explore the city at your leisure. Please note that travel to/from Rome on the Metro, and any excursions in the city, are not included in the tour price.

Alternatively, a full day to do as you please: at Fiumicino Airport; on the beach; sightseeing and/or shopping.



DAY 5: TUESDAY, 5th JUNE

At 09:00hrs. we depart by chartered coach to Vigna di Valle, north of Rome where we look around the excellent collection of aircraft in the Italian Air Force Museum.

By 14:30 hrs. we arrive back at Fiumicino Airport and check-in for our Alitalia flight back to London.

✈ Rome Flight: AZ 208 Departs: 17:20
 ✈ Heathrow, Terminal 4 Arrives: 19:10

Whilst waiting in Baggage Reclaim we take the opportunity to bid each other Ciao, until we meet again.

COST PER PERSON	TOUR: 227229
From £ 635.00	Based on sharing a twin bedded room on a bed and breakfast basis
From £ 240.00	Single room supplement
On request	Land only: does NOT include any flights (please speak with one of our consultants before booking)

TOUR PRICE INCLUDES

- Flights on the scheduled services of Alitalia from London’s Heathrow Airport
- UK and Italian Airport Taxes & UK Passenger Service Charge; currently £110.00 (subject to change)
- All transfers and transportation by air-conditioned charter coach, as stated
- 4-night’s hotel accommodation in rooms with private facilities
- Continental breakfast each morning
- Admission to the Italian National Aviation Museum
- Services of an Ian Allan Tour Manager
- Coach driver’s gratuity

NOT INCLUDED

- Optional day sightseeing in Rome
- Meals, except as stated above
- Travel insurance (for UK residents only) – see General Information
- Visas: not required by UK/EU Passport holders – see General Information for details
- Personal expenditure, e.g. telephone calls, laundry, drinks, etc.
- Additional tips and gratuities

Payment for Ian Allan Aviation Tours

A deposit of £250.00 per person should accompany your Booking Form, with the balance due 10 weeks prior to the tour's departure. Please see your Booking Confirmation/Invoice for the exact date. Please note that a reminder of the payment date will not be sent.

Tours Affected by World Events or Unforeseen/Unplanned Circumstances

In an ever-changing world, events may occur immediately before or during a tour that result in cancellations or changes to the tour itinerary. Ian Allan Travel Ltd cannot be held responsible for the tour being cancelled, or affected, due to world events or circumstances beyond our control.

Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) Consular Advice

The FCO's consular service is a major operation. Every hour of every day consular staff around the world are advising and helping British nationals. We suggest you visit www.fco.gov.uk/knowbeforeyougo for up-to-date passport, visa and security information on the destination you intend visiting.

In addition, the Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) provide an Information Line, telephone: 0901 201 505 (calls currently charged at 51p per minute).

Passports and Visas

Citizens of the UK are required to be in possession of a Full UK Passport which must be valid for at least 6 months from the date of your return to the UK.

Non-UK/EU citizens should contact the Italian Embassy in their country of residence for specific information and instructions.

Baggage Regulations – Alitalia - Departing London's Heathrow Airport

Checked Baggage: Alitalia will transport 1 piece of 'checked' baggage per person free of charge, up to a maximum weight of 23kg (50lb).

Cabin Baggage: for travel out of London's Heathrow Airport you may take 1 carry-on bag (and 1 personal item). Your main piece of hand baggage can be up to the dimensions of 55cm x 35cm x 25cm (21.7in x 13.78in x 9.8in), including handles and wheels. You must be able to lift the bag into the overhead locker unaided. Carry-on baggage must be stowed in carry-on compartments of the aircraft, under a seat, or in an overhead locker. Your bag must also fit into the bag gauge, available at the check-in area. All larger-sized items must go in the aircraft's hold.

Limited quantities of liquids are allowed as hand baggage but must be carried separately through security in a clear plastic, zip-top or re-sealable bag that does not exceed 20cm x 20cm (8 inches x 8 inches), or quart size. Individual containers must not exceed 90ml or 3 American ounces, and items must fit in the bag comfortably and the bag must be completely closed. The bag can only contain: shampoo, suntan lotions, creams, toothpaste, hair gel and hair spray, perfumes, cosmetics such as mascara and lip gloss, water and other drinks, soups and syrups and other items of a similar consistency.

Hand baggage can include: Electronic equipment including mobile phones, digital cameras and MP3 players (such as i-Pods). Laptops must be removed from the bag for x-ray. Prescription medicines in liquid form, e.g. diabetic kit.

At security all remaining items should be placed in the tray provided for screening, e.g. car keys and fobs, cash, solid food, books, newspapers, cigarettes and tobacco, belts and shoes. Pushchairs and walking aids are permitted but must be x-ray screened. All wheelchairs will be subject to search. Please note, you may be subject to a hand search by the security team and required to remove footwear to be x-ray screened.

Once in the departure lounge passengers may purchase certain items in any shop and take it onto the aircraft as normal. Passengers may be subject to a secondary search at the departure gate before boarding. Any items not on the approved list will be removed.

As baggage regulations can change with little warning, due to security requirements, you are strongly advised to contact the airline for the latest information nearer to the time of your departure.

Meals

Meals are not normally included in the price of our tours unless they are included within the room rate as we realise that not everyone wants three meals a day. Also, hotel meals can be expensive and we have found it is better to allow each person to decide for themselves. This tour includes continental breakfast.

In-flight meals when included within the cost of the air ticket form part of the tour price, however some airlines (primarily European carriers) now only serve refreshments for which they charge accordingly.

Health Requirements

There are currently no known mandatory or recommended precautions required for travel to Italy. However, we strongly recommend that you consult your local doctor or health centre for the latest information.

Climate and Dress

The weather should be warm and sunny during our visit with temperatures in the high 70°sF. We recommend you take summer items of clothing and a jacket for the cooler evenings.

Travel Insurance

For citizens of the United Kingdom only, Ian Allan Travel Ltd can provide competitive and comprehensive insurance cover for the duration of your tour. However, if you do not wish to take out our insurance, you must ensure that comparable or greater cover is taken. The number of your Insurance Policy should be written, if known, on your Booking Form at the time of making the reservation, but no later than the date when final payment is due. A copy of the policy must be forwarded to Ian Allan Travel Ltd.

Individual insurance policies are arranged through CoverMore Insurance Services Limited; the premiums for which will vary according to your circumstances. Full details are available on request.

Wheelchair Assistance at Airports

Anyone requiring wheelchair assistance at airports must have this service requested and confirmed in advance. Airlines and/or airports can no longer provide this service without prior confirmation, therefore, please annotate your booking form accordingly.

Flexible Itinerary

We are very happy for enthusiasts to take time away from the printed itinerary to pursue their own interests so long as they inform the Tour Manager. It will be the individual's responsibility to ensure that they re-join the group in the hotel at the stated time on the day of departure.

Land Only Price

For enthusiasts who would prefer to join the tour in Italy (instead of flying from the UK with the main group), we are happy to quote a 'Land Only' price on request. This price will not include any flights whatsoever, and you are strongly advised to contact us before making your own flight arrangements in the event that there has been a change to the published itinerary.

Please note that the 'Land Only' price is based on you meeting the tour at the hotel in Ostia, and does not include the arrival airport-hotel transfer; however, should your arrival at Rome's Fiumicino Airport coincide with that of the group, a seat will be offered if available.

Flight Timings & Connecting Travel Arrangements to Departure Airport

All flight departure and arrival times are correct at the time of preparing each itinerary, however, airlines change times with little or no prior warning. In practice such changes are only a few minutes either way and the final itinerary will show the actual times. Clients making their own arrangements to get to the departure airport by air, rail, coach etc., should bear the above in mind if purchasing non-refundable or non-changeable tickets. Ian Allan Travel cannot be held responsible for any changes to flight times, and any privately arranged travel tickets to the airport becoming invalid.

Pre-departure

For connecting flights from UK regional airports please call Ian Allan Travel on 01932 255625 for the latest special offers.

Airport Hotel and/or Car Parking - we can offer special rates for the above at most UK airports, please ask for details.

Meet & Greet Car Parking: from your home or overnight hotel, simply drive directly to Terminal 4 to specially signposted Drop Off area outside Departures, parking in the furthest lane. Here you will be met by a chauffeur and your car will then be taken to an off-airport, secure, car park while you walk a few yards into the terminal! On your return the chauffeur and your car will be waiting for you at the same place you dropped it off. Simple and very convenient. Recommended by our Tour Managers – please call for details.

Pleasure Flights – Disclaimer

Should you decide to undertake any pleasure/sightseeing flights which have not been offered or sanctioned by us, Ian Allan Travel Ltd will not be held liable for any injuries or death resulting thereon.