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## **VALTELLINA CUP**

**\*PROPOSED ITINERARY – ITALY**

### **Day One**

- Depart on overnight flight for Italy.

### **Day Two**

- Arrive at Milan International Airport where you are met by a private bus you're your Excel International Sports Representative.
- Transfer to Chioggia, Italy, arrive at your accommodations and check in.
- Evening free to explore the area and dip into your first taste of Gelato.

### **Day Three**



- Depart by boat to St. Mark's Square in Venice. You will be met by your English speaking guide for a 2-hour tour. The sightseeing walk includes St. Mark's Square and its very expensive "Cafés", St. Mark's Abbey, the Duke's Palace, the "Sospiri" (sighs) Bridge, the Prisons.
- Return to your hotel.
- Evening practice session.

### **Day Four**

- Today you can take a sightseeing walk in Chioggia or enjoy the fabulous beach in front of the hotel. Chioggia is an ancient town on the Venice lagoon built on 3 islets. That's why it is called "little Venice".
- Evening free for social activities, dig into some delicious pizza!

### **Day Five**

- Depart on a private bus to Morbegno, where the Valtellina Cup takes place. Morbegno is located in Northern Italy, close to the Italy/Switzerland border.
- Stop in Milan and visit the San Siro Stadium, home of AC Milan and FC Inter, for a tour. With the spectators being so close to the pitch, the stands being so steep and with a large roof, it is considered to have one of the best atmospheres of any stadium in the world.
- Lunch on your own, then continue onto the Valtellina area.
- Tournament check-in then final transfer to your hotel.



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## Day Six

- The Valtellina Cup begins with the qualification games.
- In the evening, participate in the opening ceremony & parade.

## Day Seven

- Tournament qualification games continue today.
- Visit Lake Como this afternoon, also called "the star with three points", it is made up of three branches, united in a charming central lake, but separated by different styles and cultures. The Colico branch is savage and pure, the Lecco branch is a natural jewel and the Como branch is refined and elegant. Lake Como occupies a very strategic position as it is not far-off are the city of Milan and Switzerland.
- Tonight enjoy watching to coaches vs. referees game.

## Day Eight

- The semi-final games of the tournament are played today.
- Explore the area surrounding the tournament and take advantage of your Valtellina SuperCard, which gives you discounts on shopping!
- Enjoy socializing with participants from across the world during this evening's Disco.



## Day Nine

- The Valtellina Cup final games for all categories are today.
- Attend the Awards Ceremony this afternoon.
- Free evening for social activities and to enjoy your last night in Italy.

## Day Ten

- Departure from Milan International Airport.

## ABOUT ITALY

**Chioggia** - Chioggia is a coastal town of the province of Venice, it is situated on a small island at the southern entrance to the Lagoon of Venice. A populous and lively maritime city, which bleeds history from every stone. Of Roman origins, in the middle ages it was the second city of the Venetian Republic, it has an extremely original set up, cut into pieces by the canals and sown together by bridges. Its small streets, all perpendicular at the square, are suggestive of the classic image of a fishbone. Chioggia is a miniature version of Venice (it is called *Little Venice*), with a few canals, chief among them the Canale Vena, and the characteristic narrow streets known as *calli*. Chioggia has several medieval churches, much reworked in the period of its greatest prosperity in the 16th and 17th centuries.



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**Valtellina-** Crossroads of arts and culture, from an ancient building to a tower, from a castle to a church Valtellina reveals all its historical patrimony, with Lombard, Celtic, Carolingian and Mediterranean influences. A heritage which still lives nowadays, from alp to alp, valley to valley. Valleys you can cross on a mountain bike, historical and naturalistic paths you can walk along, or magnificent alps for all you climbing- and mountaineering-lovers, run through by streams ideal for canyoning and rafting. Valtellina knows how to welcome all sports' lovers: have you ever played golf surrounded by alps and vineyards? Bormio is the most important watering centre of the region, which also includes the Valmasino thermal baths. In fact, Valtellina is famous for its thermal waters since the 1st Century. Thanks to the surrounding nature and its healing hot springs, a full-relax and regenerative holiday is guaranteed.



**Lake Como** - Also called "the star with three points", it is made up of three branches, united in a charming central lake, but separated by different styles and cultures. The Colico branch is savage and pure, the Lecco branch is a natural jewel and the Como branch is refined and elegant. Lake Como occupies a very strategic position as it is not far-off are the city of Milan and Switzerland. Como is a lively and pleasant town with an appealing historical centre and a scenic location at the southern end of the east branch of Lake Como. The impressive cathedral, Duomo, was built and added to over a period of four centuries, so you can admire Gothic and Renaissance features including some fine tapestries and paintings. The town's earlier cathedral (built in the tenth century), San Fedele, is another fine sight, as is the tall nine-hundred-year-old gateway, Porta Vittoria, and the Romanesque church Sant'Abbondio. For a short trip out of town, take the funicular up to the top of the hill above Como, where you can enjoy spectacular views.

## TESTIMONIAL

### **C. Crow (SAC United) Italy**

"The plan was for a cultural exchange between American and Italian teenage girls with one common love – the game of soccer. The hope was for an opportunity to experience the vast beauty and cultural variety in a far off land called Italy. The girls would say they never saw so many kinds of pizza in their lives, and they certainly had their fill of pasta along the way. Asked if they'd go back to Italy, the vote was unanimous, "ABSOLUTELY"! What an excellent adventure it was – thank you Excel International Sports for the tour of a lifetime!"