

After returning from a fabulous reunion in Nashville --- thanks again, Joe & Franca! --- now it's time to start taking the next steps in preparing for our **2011 ARA Reunion in Italy**. We recommend that you print this email (also attached), read it thoroughly, and take actions as needed.

FLIGHTS:

The first item that needs your attention is your air travel to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport (FCO). Airline reservations can now be made. Take advantage of better pricing and schedules now. Remember that Rome has two airports; the airport you want is Fiumicino (FCO). Our reunion begins on Oct. 8 and ends on Oct. 15. For those of you continuing with the optional Med & Holy Land cruise after the reunion, it begins at the Port of Civitavecchia on Oct. 15, and ends there on Oct. 26. Remember that all flights from the USA to Rome are overnight --- you depart USA one day and arrive Rome the next day.

All major airlines fly into Rome daily. Please schedule a flight that arrives Rome (FCO) in the A.M. --- prior to noon on Oct. 8 --- to accommodate our bus pickups at the airport. If you arrive at the airport in the afternoon, our scheduled bus transportation may not be available, so you may need to travel to our first reunion hotel in Sorrento at your own expense.

For folks departing for home the day the reunion ends on Oct. 15, do not make a reservation earlier than 2 p.m. It will be at least 12 noon before we can arrive at the Rome airport from our final reunion hotel. Reunion participants will be transferred to either the airport or the cruise port that day.

For folks departing for home after the cruise ends on Oct. 26, please do not make a reservation to depart any earlier than 11:30 a.m. That is the "official legal recommended flight departure time" per Norwegian Cruise Line to catch a flight after clearing the ship. Remember also that the Port of Civitavecchia is over 30 miles from the airport.

Of course, if you plan to arrive in Rome a day or more prior to the reunion, or stay a day or more after the reunion or cruise, arrival and departure times are at your discretion.

If you plan to use frequent flyer miles, we also recommend you book those reservations now. Frequent flyer seats are increasingly hard to come by, and the procrastinator never wins.

Once you make your airline reservations, please email your flight schedule to Ben.

HOTELS:

If you plan to arrive Rome a day or more early, which we recommend, especially for first-time visitors, you may want to consider staying at one of the following hotels. We can make these reservations for you, or you may do so on your own. Please contact us for details and pricing.

1. [Hilton Rome Airport](#) (in the airport area)
2. [Courtyard Marriott](#) (near the airport in the town of Fiumicino)
3. [Hotel Alimandi Vaticano](#) (near the Vatican)
4. [Residenza Cellini](#) (central Rome)
5. [Hotel Bargo del Mare](#) (in the town of Civitavecchia, near the cruise port)

If you want to arrive a day early just to get over the jet lag, relax, and sleep in, we recommend hotels 1 or 2. If you want to do some touring in Rome on your own for a day or two, stay at 3 or 4 or

anywhere else you prefer. And if you want a nice inexpensive place to stay after the reunion or cruise but before your flight departs, use 2 or 5.

NOTE: Anyone staying in Rome or elsewhere prior to the reunion are responsible for getting their own transportation to the airport on the morning of Oct. 8 in time to meet our tour bus. The actual bus pickup times and location will be provided later in September after we get everyone's flight schedules.

PASSPORTS:

Now is the time to check those passports. They MUST be valid for at least six months after the completion of your travel. Visas are not required for our reunion or for the optional cruise.

SECOND PAYMENT:

Your second payment for the reunion (\$600 per person) is due by **January 15.** Please make your check payable to Ben or Lynn Catalina and mail to:

Ben Catalina
8510 Aesop Lane
Universal City, TX 78148

The Euro adjusted balance will be due June 15. We will provide that balance amount to each attendee by email in May.

CRUISE INFO:

Cabins on the post reunion cruise of the Med & Holy Land are still available. Another available option you may want to consider is a 16-night transatlantic cruise from Rome that departs on Oct. 26 and arrives in Galveston, TX Nov.11.

QUESTIONS? HELP?

Reunion Info? Flights? Rome hotel? Trip Insurance? Let us hear from you! We'll be happy to help in any way. We will provide updates in each **Afterburner**, as well as any needed periodic group email updates, but please contact us any time on any questions.

Ben & Lynn Catalina
210-658-0019 or 888-522-7447
bcatalina@cruisesinc.com
lcatalina@satx.rr.com