

Teresa Beall Expeditions presents

“Hail Caesar, We’re going to Northern Italy!”



**10 nights in Tuscany, Cinque Terre, Lago Maggiore & Milan
April 22-May 2, 2012 • \$2499 pp**

**(plus an optional 4-night pre-extension to Rome)
April 18-22, 2012 • \$799 pp**

If you've been mulling over the idea of revisiting the Boot, the time is now.
Never been? Don't wait another minute...

Italy is brimming with stunning scenery, gastronomic delights, delicious super-Tuscan wines and oodles of fabulous art, amazing architecture and ancient history.

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Trip Highlights

NORTHERN ITALY PACKAGE

- Ten nights in very snazzy and award-winning accommodations: a beautiful Tuscan villa (4 nights)... a charming cliff-side hotel in Monterosso al Mare (3 nights)... a luxury hotel overlooking Lago Maggiore (2 nights)... and a 4-star hotel at the Malpensa Airport (last night before departure from Milan)
- Arrival/departure transfers between airports and hotels (if arriving within 1 hour of the group majority)
- Ground transportation between all itinerary destinations
- Daily breakfast throughout
- Spontaneous and impromptu cocktails at each destination
- Umbrian cooking class (two classes: ½ of the group in afternoon with lunch and other ½ in evening with dinner)
- Wine tasting in Tuscany with a wine-pairing lunch
- At-leisure visits to Florence and Lucca
- Cinque Terre Village-to-Village Hike: Riomaggiore-Manarola-Corniglia-Vernazza-Monterosso (package includes park admission and a train ticket from Monterosso to Riomaggiore where you'll start the hike through one, more, or all five villages – your choice. When you are done, return back by train to Monterosso). *NOTE: The Cinque Terre “Blue Trail”, from Riomaggiore to Manarola (first of four legs) is fully paved and takes only 30 minutes to hike - everyone can do this! The second leg, from Manarola to Corniglia, is a relatively easy 1+ hour hike (however, the last part turns into a traversing staircase climb, with a swinging bridge along the way.) The payoff of stunning views along the way and a well-earned plate of homemade pasta with a glass of wine in Corniglia is the best part! However, the rest of the trail (the last two legs), from Corniglia to Vernazza (2 hours) and then from Vernazza to Monterosso (2 hours, is much tougher and should be attempted only by those with plenty of endurance, flexibility and will power. The entire trail (all four legs), without stopping, takes about 5+ hours.*
- Borromean Island Cruise on Lago Maggiore
- Optional TBE tour experiences (details and prices forthcoming) including: a day trip to Assisi... a bicycle ride through the Tuscan countryside... a “truffle hunt” with a mountain lodge truffle-inspired lunch in Umbria ... a bicycle and/or foodie walking tour in Lucca... a gozzo (traditional wooden Ligurian fishing boat) sunset cruise along the Ligurian coast with tapas and cocktails... a Mount Mottarone Cable ride high above Stresa... a train excursion to Locarno, Switzerland (and nearby Aurigeno, Canton Ticino – 13 km north of Locarno – where the Barca family originated).



PRE-EXTENSION IN ROME

- Four nights in a 4-star historic Roman hotel including daily breakfasts plus arrival transfer from airport to hotel
- Guided Ancient Roman walking tour (including a scoop of Italian gelato)
- Guided tour through the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peters in Rome (including museum entrance fees and a cappuccino)
- Pizza making class (with prosecco, pizza, salad and dessert) in Trastevere
- Optional TBE “grab bag” surprise (must be prepaid, but details will not be disclosed until the night of the event!)

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Brief Itinerary at a glance

Italy, like her cuisine, is best savored slowly – one day, one meal, one museum, one gelato at a time. This is a country steeped in ancient history, the arts, religion, intrigue and divine food. Travelers can't help but abandon themselves to its passion. Whether standing in awe beneath the ceiling of a spectacular chapel or spending an afternoon in a café over a steaming cup of espresso, Italy will leave you with an indelible mark. Years later, a song, a particular purple sky, or an Italian phrase mentioned in conversation brings back memories of an incomparable journey.

This exclusive four-part journey itinerary begins with touch down in one of the world's most famous ancient cities – **ROME (pre-extension)**. Unlike other European cultural capitals, this glorious jumble of history and art changes slowly; however lately Rome has welcomed some new sparkle. A futuristic museum in the historic center has added color to the city's architectural scene. Around town young chefs are experimenting with local ingredients to create new tastes. Even old palazzos have been given makeovers. After years of hitting snooze, this ancient city is beginning to wake up. Divide your time between explorations of ancient imperial Rome and the Vatican, a complex of 11 museums with more treasures than you can imagine.

A little further north: **TUSCANY**. Glorious landscapes of vine-covered hills haven't changed since the Renaissance. Who cares if they aren't exactly undiscovered? Enjoy exploring Umbrian/Tuscan neighborhoods and local markets as well as fabulous wineries serving up some of the most delicious Super Tuscan wines to wrap your lips around.

Then, we're off to **CINQUE TERRE**. It could be a painting by Picasso – five picturesque fishing villages perched on



hillsides and strung together like pearls on a necklace along one of Italy's most spectacular Mediterranean and Ligurian coastlines. Olive groves and vineyards clinging to hillsides, proud villages perched above the sea, hidden coves nestled at the foot of dramatic cliffs – the Cinque Terre is about as beautiful a coastline as you're likely to find in Europe. But, what's best about the Cinque Terre is what are not here: automobiles, large-scale development, or much else by way of 21st-century interference. Pastimes in the Cinque Terre do not get much more elaborate than **walking** from one lovely village to another on the Sentiero Azzurro "Blue Trail". After enjoying all of the spectacular vistas along the trail, be sure to fuel up on spaghetti al pesto and a glass of local wine at the half way point and then either carry on for the remainder of the full hike

or return by local train. On your free day, skirt the coast by boat for a different vantage point or meander further north to Portofino (20 miles) where Hollywood celebrities and the rich and famous hang out.

Next stop: **LAGO MAGGIORE!** Anyone who reads Hemingway knows this lake from *A Farewell to Arms*. It's also a pleasure ground that's steeped in associations with famous figures (Flaubert, Wagner, Goethe, and many of Europe's other great minds seem to have been inspired by the deep, moody waters, backed by the Alps). The good news is that you don't have to be famous or wealthy to enjoy Maggiore, the top bit of which is in Switzerland.

And, finally, a short one-nighter in **MILAN** before heading back to the USA. You'll barely have enough time to train from the airport to downtown (45-minute ride) to take a quick peek at the white-marble Duomo, the steel and glass sheathed Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and the redbrick Sforza Castle, but you can do it if you hurry! Art lovers (with tickets purchased well in advance) can also admire Leonardo's *Last Supper* in the Santa Maria delle Grazie church. Welcome to Italy, TBE style!

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Selected Accommodations



HOTEL MEDITERRANEO (Optional Pre-Extension) – ROME (4 nights)

Via Cavour, 15 – 00184 Roma (Italia)

Phone: (+39) 06 4884051 – Fax: (+39) 06 4744105

www.romehotelmediterraneo.it/en

This family-owned 4-star art-déco hotel (built in 1938), sits atop Rome's highest of seven hills (Esquilino) with panoramic city views from the restaurant. Its location close to the Termini railway station and underground metro well connects you to all of Rome's most important sights/monuments, and it is also an easy walking distance to the Colosseum, the Santa Maria Maggiore Basilica and the Opera House.

The property features 250 rooms on 10 floors, all recently renovated, although the hardwood floors, high ceilings, large windows and many of the 1940s furnishings remain to give an old-world traditional atmosphere. All guestrooms have climate control, telephone, mini-bar, color TV, an in-room safe and complimentary Wi-Fi. In addition to the panoramic rooftop restaurant, there is plenty of room to congregate in the large lobby or at the bar. Concierge and laundry services are available along with an onsite fitness room and room service served from 6:30 a.m. until midnight.

VILLA DI PIAZZANO – TUSCANY (4 nights)

Località Piazzano, C.P. 6 – 52044 Cortona (Arezzo)

Phone: (+39) 075 826226 – Fax: (+39) 075 826336

www.villadipiazzano.com

The Villa di Piazzano is an enchanting estate with all the ingredients to make it very special: a historic villa, a lovely landscape, a convenient location, beautiful decor, pretty antiques, and, best of all, the heart-felt hospitality of the Wimpole family who pamper guests and welcome them like friends. It is not an ordinary villa but a "Historical Residence" dating back to 1464. The 19-room villa is run by the Italian-Australian family with a tradition in hotels – Great-great grandfather Horatio Wimpole built The George Hotel in Melbourne in the 1800's and three generations of Wimpoles grew up there. Grandmother Cleofe Ranieri, on the Italian side, opened the Hotel Ranieri in Rome just in time for the 1960 Rome Olympics.

The villa is officially in Umbria, but part of the property is in Tuscany, making it a great choice for those who want a base for exploring both areas. The hotel is located 5 km outside of Cortona – close enough to bicycle, taxi or walk to central Cortona, and further afar (by train or rented car) to the nearby medieval towns of Pienza, Montepulciano, Siena, Arezzo, Perugia, Deruta, Gubbio or Assisi.

The villa features 17 rooms (3 classic, 6 superior, 6 deluxe, 6 junior suites) and 2 cottages, all beautifully appointed (differently) with climate control, telephone, mini-bar, color TV and complimentary Wi-Fi. There is also a lovely restaurant for lunches and dinners as well as a pool and enchanting gardens to explore.

(*) We have exclusivity of the villa. Room assignment will be handled in typical TBE democratic fashion – with cocktail in hand, everyone will draw numbers, views all rooms, and then, in sequential order, choose their favorite.

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HOTEL PORTO ROCO – MONTEROSSO (3 nights)

Via Corone, Monterosso al Mare – 19016 Cinque Terre

Phone: (+39) 0187 817502 – Fax: (+39) 0187 817692

www.portorooca.it

Hotel Porto Roca is nestled in the majestic cliffs overlooking Monterosso al Mare, the northernmost village of Cinque Terre on the gorgeous Ligurian coast. From its many jutting terraces and cobblestone patios, guests are invited to take in stunning panoramas of the sea, lose themselves in the fragrant perfumes of the Mediterranean flora, and bask in the warm rays of the sun. The hotel is a 5-minute walk to Monterosso and it's only steps from the northernmost entrance to the Cinque Terre "blue" trail.

Most of the 43 guest rooms feature seaside terraces or views, and Wi-Fi is available. La Terrazza is the hotel's in-house restaurant and considered one of the most respected culinary destinations in Monterosso al Mare. The hotel also offers a fully equipped spa with massage parlors, aromatherapy rooms and shower saunas, as well as private beach areas with deck chairs and some parasols.

(* We have 17 of the rooms with sea views and 2 rooms without. Room assignment will be handled in typical TBE fashion – with cocktail in hand, everyone will draw a number, view all rooms, and then, in sequential order, choose.

VILLA PALAZZO AMINTA – LAGO MAGGIORE

Via Sempione Nord, 123 – 28838 Stresa (Verbania) Lago

Maggiore (2 nights) – www.villa-aminta.it

Phone: (+39) 0323 933818 – Fax: (+39) 0323 933955

The Villa Aminta is a 67-room boutique hotel originally built in the 19th century as a private villa. Located between the towns of Stresa and Baveno, overlooking Lake Maggiore, the famous Borromeo Gulf and the beautiful islands of Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola di Pescatori, this hotel is one of the jewels of the Small Leading Hotels of the World.

Guest rooms are beautifully appointed with Murano lamps, handmade frescos and marble baths. Most have balconies, and all have climate control, bathrobes/slippers, flat screen TV, a desk, direct dial phone, mini bar, in-room safe, hair dryer, Wi-Fi.



The hotel also offers fine dining in their restaurant, a large pool, tennis courts, a fitness center and a spa. There is also horseback riding and boating available along with hiking trails and garden pathways inside the hotel's natural park, where you can take romantic walks among fine and luxurious villas and brilliant gardens full of azaleas, camellias and rhododendrons.



CROWNE PLAZA MALPENSA – MILAN (1 night)

Via Giacomo Leopardi, 14 – 20123 Milano

Telephone: (+39) 075 826226 – Fax: (+39) 075 826336

www.crownplazamalpenza.com

Strategically located at the Malpensa International Airport, this hotel is the ideal choice for a short night stay before returning to the USA. The 135 guest rooms have climate control, sound proof windows, Wi-Fi, satellite/pay TV, in room safe, tea/coffee making facilities, mini-bar, hairdryer, bathtub/shower, iron/board, desk, and direct dial telephone

line with voicemail. The hotel also offers a full bar and restaurant serving Mediterranean cuisine, a fitness center with sauna and Turkish bath, and complimentary shuttle services between the hotel and airport.

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Inclusions, Exclusions & Fine Print

“Hail Caesar, We’re Going to Northern Italy” Package Inclusions (\$2499 pp, dbl occ)

- Ten nights in snazzy and award-winning accommodations – Tuscany (4 nights); Cinque Terre (3); Lago Maggiore (2); Milan (1)
- All ground transportation throughout – between airports and hotels and hotels (see exclusions below)
- Daily breakfasts throughout
- Spontaneous and impromptu cocktails
- Umbrian cooking class (Cortona)
- Wine tasting with lunch (Tuscany)
- At-leisure visits to Florence and Lucca
- Cinque Terre park entrance fee and return train ticket between Monterosso and Riomaggiore (Cinque Terre)
- Borromean Island cruise (Lago Maggiore)
- All service charges and governmental taxes

Optional 4-night Pre-Extension to Rome (\$799 pp, dbl occ)

- 4 nights in one of two lovely 4-star Bettoja Hotels – either the Mediterraneo Hotel or the Atlantico Hotel
- Arrival ground transportation from airport to hotel
- Daily breakfasts throughout
- 5-hour guided Ancient Roman walking tour, including a scoop of gelato
- 5 hour guided tour of the Vatican Museums, Sistine Chapel and St. Peters Basilica, including a cappuccino and biscotti
- Pizza making class (including dinner, dessert and local wine)
- All service charges and governmental taxes

Exclusions

- International R/T flight between USA and Italy. Feel free to use your frequent flyer miles for flights between the USA and Rome with return from Milan or pay for a ticket and earn miles for the journey. NOTE: You need to depart the USA on 4/17 to arrive Rome by 4/18 for the pre-extension; or depart the USA on 4/21 to arrive in Rome by 4/22 for the Northern Italy package. Call for help!
- Ground transportation within each city, town or village (public transportation is available at your own expense)
- Lunches and dinners, unless otherwise stated
- Alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks of any kind, unless otherwise stated
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel porters
- Personal expenditures, i.e. laundry, telephone bills, room charges, in-room movies, beverages of any kind, souvenirs, etcetera
- Optional Tour Experiences – still under construction (forthcoming)
- Optional Travel Insurance (HIGHLY RECOMMENDED) – Deluxe Plan (trip cancellation, trip interruption/delay, lost baggage/delay, emergency accident/medical (50K), evacuation/repatriation (250K), accidental death (25K), 24-hour travel assistance services). Premium costs are determined by your land and flight costs: \$129 pp premium covers up to \$2000; \$139 pp (up to \$2500); \$149 pp (up to \$3000); \$159 pp (up to \$3500); \$169 pp (up to \$4000); \$179 pp (up to \$4500); \$189 pp (up to \$5000). More info? www.travelinsured.com
- Optional Park & Fly Package (including hotel, parking, airport shuttle and departure snack) at EL RANCHO INN in Millbrae. \$135-\$145/room plus tax (dbl occ w/parking), or \$99/room plus tax (dbl occ w/out parking). For more information, log onto: www.elranchoinn.com

The Fine Print

- PRICE: Tour price is based on dbl occupancy (min of 30 pax, max 38). Triple occupancy might be possible with tight bedroom configurations (please ask), but quads are not available. Price is guaranteed, but if (due to unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of TBE), i.e. suppliers increase the costs, euro/dollar exchange rate fluctuates dramatically, we'll adjust price accordingly. Airfares are subject to change until ticketed. If the number of travelers falls lower than 30, price will be adjusted accordingly or tour will be canceled.
- DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT POLICY: A \$1000 pp deposit is due at the time of reservation (\$500 is refundable if cancelled prior to final payment; otherwise 100% nonrefundable). FINAL PAYMENT DUE JANUARY 25. No credit cards. Please make checks payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.
- CANCELLATION & REFUNDS: For cancellation more than 90 days prior to departure, a cancellation fee of \$500 tour cost will apply. For cancellation less than 90 days prior to departure, a 100% cancellation fee of the tour cost will apply. No refunds paid for unused services such as transfers, sightseeing, meals, hotel accommodation, entrance fees, and others that are listed in the tour program.
- LAND ARRANGEMENTS: We reserve the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen circumstances. In all cases, Teresa Beall Expeditions will do their best to maintain tour content. We reserve the right to change the hotel listed for another of similar quality.
- RESPONSIBILITY & LIABILITY: Whereas Teresa Beall Expeditions operate the program only as an agent of the aircraft, hotel, bus operators, local sight-seeing contractors and others who provide actual land arrangements, we are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss or damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these tours. The Passenger contract in use by the airline concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline and the purchaser of the tours and/or passenger. Teresa Beall Expeditions reserves the right to bring legal action to collect damages in the event that the purchaser fails to pay any fees due for services, including cancellation fees as listed in 'Cancellations & Refunds'. The parties agree that should legal action be commenced, the prevailing party will be entitled to reasonable attorney fees and court costs in addition to the actual damages sustained and proven.

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"Hail Caesar" Registration Form

Passenger Responsibility: Passenger has read the above exclusions, inclusions, and fine print (terms and conditions) and agrees to each of them, and hereby warrants that he/she fully understands each of them. Specifically the passenger understands that should he/she cancel the trip for any reason, he/she will be charged the cancellation fee set out in the 'Cancellations & Refunds' section in the Fine Print details above.

Passport and Documentation: Your passport must be valid for at least six months with at least two empty pages.

Entire Agreement Severability: This is the entire agreement of the parties and it may be amended only by written agreement signed by both Teresa Beall Expeditions and the client. If any part of this agreement is held unenforceable by a court of law, the rest of this agreement will nevertheless remain in force and effect.

Travel Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the tour price, but is highly recommended for your own protection. It is the passenger's responsibility to verify whether his/her local health insurance provides coverage while out of the USA. Please contact your insurance carrier for details. Teresa Beall Expeditions highly recommends the purchase of comprehensive travel insurance, which covers health, luggage and trip cancellation. A waiver must be signed if insurance is declined.

COMPLETE PASSPORT SPELLING: First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____

Address _____ Traveling with _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Date of Birth _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Nationality _____ Passport number _____ Valid until _____

Emergency Contact (relationship) _____ Phone _____

BED STYLE REQUEST (not guaranteed) ___ One Bed (Queen/King) ___ Two Beds (Two Twins/Doubles)

PRE-DEPARTURE Park and Fly ___ El Rancho Inn – www.elranchoinn.com ___ La Hacienda – www.haciendahotel.com
_____ Date of Overnight Stay

NEED HELP WITH FLIGHTS? ___ Yes ___ No
_____ Airport Gateway
___ Economy
___ Business Class
___ Using miles outright to purchase ticket _____ Frequent Flyer Account #
___ Using miles to upgrade on paid ticket
Credit card number _____ ___ Exp ___ 3-digit Security Code

OPTIONAL PRE-EXTENSION (Rome) ___ Yes ___ No

OPTIONAL TBE Grab Bag (Rome) – \$50 pp ___ Yes ___ No

OPTIONAL TBE Tour Experiences (details and prices forthcoming)

OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE: ___ \$129 pp (\$0 – \$1999 coverage) ___ \$139 pp (\$2000 – \$2499 coverage)
(Highly Recommended) ___ \$149 pp (\$2500 – \$2999 coverage) ___ \$159 pp (\$3000 – \$3499 coverage)
 ___ \$169 pp (\$3500 – \$3999 coverage) ___ \$179 pp (\$4000 – \$4499 coverage)
 ___ \$189 pp (\$4500 – \$4999 coverage) ___ \$199 pp (\$5000 – \$5499 coverage)

(*) If declined, you're fully responsible for fees associated due to cancellation/medical necessities/lost baggage/delayed flights, etc.

I hereby sign and agree to the terms and conditions attached to this form:

Signature _____ Date _____

IMPORTANT – Please sign this form and return it with a check for \$1000 pp, made payable to Teresa Beall Expeditions.

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