

**SPECIAL EDITION**

**The Alumni Association is pleased to announce our next Study Tour to Italy from April 23 to April 29, 2024.**

Greetings,

I am excited to announce the Spring 2024 Study Tour for the Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools. Our tours are kept to under 30 people, and we usually sell out. Reservations are on a first come, first served basis.

Our 2024 Study Tour will be an escorted tour to Northern Italy from April 23 to April 29, 2024. We will be headquartered in Bologna known as the Fat City for its rich cuisine! We will stay in Bologna at the 4-star Royal Hotel Carlton: [Royal Hotel Carlton in Bologna - Book a luxury hotel in the center of Bologna, near the train station \(royalhotelcarltonbologna.com\)](https://royalhotelcarltonbologna.com)

There will be day trips to Forli where Peter Trippi will offer us a guided tour of the exhibit he co-curated (*Pre-Raphaelites: A Modern Renaissance*). SEE: [Pre-Raphaelites - Forli Exhibition 2024 - GMF \(mostremuseisandomenico.it\)](https://mostremuseisandomenico.it)

You may need to register to see this Zoom lecture with Peter: ["Pre-Raphaelitism and Italy," by Peter Trippi - Zoom](#)

There will also be a day trip to Ravenna (a World Heritage site known as the capital of mosaics), and other places of interest as shown on the itinerary. The itinerary also includes information on costs, single supplements, meals, transportation, what's included and what is not, etc. Airfare is not included. The Travel Agent will assist those who need help in arranging flights, etc. I and others are considering a pre-tour trip to Milan and the Lake District. The Travel Agent can help with that as well if requested.

Below is an Application/Registration Form which must be completed and returned with the deposit to the Travel Agent, and Terms & Conditions documents.

The Alumni Associations organizes these Study Tours not only as an educational experience for our members, but also as a fund raiser for Summer School student scholarships. We sincerely request a tax-deductible donation of \$400 per traveler payable to the Alumni Association and sent to me at 901 N Monroe St #607 Arlington, VA 22201-2356. Depending on your tax situation, you can send the check to me either before 12/31/2023 or shortly after 1/1 2024.

I hope you will be part of this Northern Italy adventure. Alumni Study tours are always educational and fun! Re-connect with old friends and make new ones! Please let me know or contact the Travel Agent if you have any questions.

Warmly,

David Lamdin 703.243.2350  
President of the Alumni Association

PS. Please note that the Travel Agent will not be able to take your calls from Oct 27 to Nov 5. Also, please note that just like John Martine always did, I will pay the full price for the tour and make a \$400 donation just like all the other travelers.

**DEPARTURE POINT TRAVEL**, a division of The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc. **REGISTRATION FORM**

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PLEASE ASSIST US IN PROCESSING YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE COMPLETE THIS FORM (ONE FORM FOR EACH TRAVELER) AND

**MAIL IT BACK OR SCAN AND EMAIL IT TO US. PLEASE PRINT ALL THE INFORMATION.**

ALL TRAVELERS ARE PERSONALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR VALID TRAVEL DOCUMENTS (PASSPORTS AND VISAS) FOR ALL TRAVEL PROGRAMS.

**PROGRAM: A VISIT TO THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION OF ITALY**

Offered by The Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer Schools

**The program begins in Bologna, Italy, on Tuesday, April 23, 2024. The program ends in Bologna on Monday, April 29, 2024.**

**1) PARTICIPANT INFORMATION:**

YOUR FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(**Exactly** as it appears [or will appear] on your passport - this is **extremely** important!)

YOUR ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONES: Home: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR BIRTH DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: [ ] USA  
Month Day Year [ ] Other country (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY, NOTIFY: \_\_\_\_\_ I am [ ] a smoker

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ I am [ ] NOT a smoker

**2) PASSPORT INFORMATION: NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF ISSUE: \_\_\_\_\_**

**3) ROOMING REQUEST:**

I REQUEST A: [ ] TWIN ACCOMMODATION [ ] TRIPLE ACCOMMODATION

I REQUEST A SINGLE ACCOMMODATION [ ] (BASED ON AVAILABILITY; SURCHARGE OF \$699 APPLIES)

NAME(S) OF ROOMMATES: \_\_\_\_\_

SINCE I AM TRAVELING ALONE, PLEASE ASSIGN A ROOMMATE TO SHARE A ROOM WITH ME. [ ]

**4) PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

[ ] ENCLOSE IS MY CHECK IN THE AMOUNT OF: USD\$ \_\_\_\_\_ [ ] Deposit (minimum: \$200)\*  
(Make checks payable to **DEPARTURE POINT**.) [ ] Payment \*\$500 after 11/15/2023

**Please remember that you are requested to make a separate tax deductible \$400 per person donation in a separate check made out to the Alumni Association.**

**I WANT MY NAME BADGE TO READ:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5) AUTHORIZATION:** I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOUND IN THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT ENTITLED "DEPARTURE POINT'S TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL".

**YOUR SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**6) ADDITIONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:**

[ ] I WOULD LIKE **DEPARTURE POINT'S** ASSISTANCE IN MAKING MY TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS. [ ]  
[ ] **DEPARTURE POINT** IS PLEASED TO ASSIST YOU WITH PRE-PROGRAM AND/OR POST-PROGRAM TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS IN EUROPE OR ELSEWHERE. PLEASE NOTIFY **DEPARTURE POINT** OF YOUR INTEREST [ ]

**PLEASE RETURN THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR DEPOSIT.**

Harry S. Benjamin, MA, STL, SSL, Owner and President, *Departure Point Travel*  
PP form for Victorians with Dave Lamdin for April 2024.

*The Alumni Association of the Victorian Society Summer  
Schools*  
is pleased to offer a

**A VISIT TO THE EMILIA-ROMAGNA REGION OF ITALY**  
with lodgings in Bologna with visits to sites in Bologna, Forli, and Ravenna

**April 23 – 29, 2024**

**(Please read important notes at the bottom regarding passports and payments.)**

**DAY 1** Today is departure day. Participants leave home in order to travel  
to Monday Bologna, Italy. (Travel arrangements are made personally.)  
**April 22**

**DAY 2** Welcome to Bologna in the heart of the Emilia-Romagna province  
of Tuesday Italy!  
**April 23**

A hearty welcome awaits you at the Royal Hotel Carlton in Bologna. Your tour leader, Mr. Rudi Ulian (or an associated colleague), will be at the hotel to welcome you and to assist you as you check in to this elegant lodging near the center.

At 6:30 p.m., gather with your fellow travelers – to greet friends or to introduce yourself to new friends – during a welcoming cocktail party at the hotel.

7:30 p.m., sit at table with friends in the hotel's dining room and enjoy a four-course festive dinner to inaugurate this year's discovery experience. As you finish your meal your guide, Rudi Ulian, will take a few minutes give you an overview of your itinerary – what you will see and where your journey will take you.

**THE ROYAL HOTEL CARLTON**  
**Via Montebello 8**  
**40121 Bologna, Italy**

**DAY 3** At 9:30 a.m., meet your local guide at your hotel to begin a 3-hour  
**Wednesday** walking tour of the city's historic center: Stroll through the Piazza  
**April 24** Maggiore, Bologna's main square, and enter the Basilica of San

Petronio, spoken of as the “most imposing” church in the city. Begun in 1388, the lengthy church allows for some twenty-two side chapels. While the basilica church dominates the piazza you will also see the statue of Neptune claiming its space in the piazza. Your visit will include the Church of Saint Peter, the city’s cathedral church where the now-noted Cardinal Zuppi, the city’s current archbishop, presides and who is making history as Pope Francis’ envoy of peace attempting to foster and establish negotiations between Ukraine and Russia.

Your visit should include a visit to the Pinacoteca Nazionale di Bologna (the National Gallery of Bologna) situated in a former Jesuit novitiate structure, and The Academy of Fine Arts

Savor a group lunch at one of the city’s inviting restaurants before continuing your visit to the city’s historic center by visiting the Basilica of San Stefano – one of the seven labyrinthian-locked churches representing construction over several centuries. The architecture alone demands a visit and a study. Return to your hotel at your leisure after your visit.

Dinner is on your own this evening.

**DAY 4** Today is a national holiday – Liberation Day. The day remembers  
Thursday the end of 23 years of a fascist dictatorship and the end of 5 years  
of war in the early-to-mid 20<sup>th</sup> century.  
April 25

After breakfast, board your private motorcoach to drive to Forli, where Curator and Victorian Society member Peter Trippi will meet the group and offer a guided tour of the exhibition, *Pre-Raphaelites: A Modern Renaissance*.\*

The Musei di San Domenico is a museum complex located inside Forli’s renovated 13<sup>th</sup>-century Dominican convent. It houses the headquarters of the civic museums of Forli and a refectory lined with frescoes illustrating a meal (with St. Dominic in the center). On view there for four months in 2024 will be the large international loan exhibition, *Pre-Raphaelitism: A Modern Renaissance*. This will trace the profound impact of historical Italian art

on the Pre-Raphaelite movement between the 1840s and 1920s by placing British works alongside their Italian prototypes. This show will particularly intrigue English-speaking visitors by considering, for the first time, pieces by late 19<sup>th</sup>-century Italian artists inspired by their British forerunners. On view will be approximately 350 works of fine and decorative art borrowed from museums and private collections worldwide, especially the U.K. Explored in depth will be masterworks by such Victorians as Dante Gabriel Rossetti, Edward Burne-Jones, John Everett Millais, William Holman Hunt, Ford Madox Brown, John Ruskin, Frederic Leighton, G.F. Watts, Frank Dicksee, Evelyn De Morgan, William Morris, and many more.

Lunch is served to the group in one of the city's restaurants. Continue your visits to the galleries of the city (time permitting) before you return to Bologna in your private motorcoach in the late afternoon.

Opportunities for evening activities will be announced as the published schedule of the city's events is made known.

DAY 5  
ture,  
Friday  
April 26

Modena, a city northwest of Bologna, is noted for three "C"s: culture, cuisine and cars.

Depart Bologna on your private motorcoach for your drive to Modena. Once there, stand in the city's main square – the Piazza Grande – and take in the city's cathedral with its imposing Torre [Tower] Ghirlandina. If you choose to go to the top of the tower you will have a commanding view over the town and the nearby fields. The Po River might be able to be seen in the distance.

The Galleria Estense and the Museo Civico d'Arte are well worth your time and attention as it is the home a tenor whose voice may be familiar. Luciano Pavarotti, the world-famous tenor, was born in Modena, and his home with its stunning interior and his art (did you know he is also a recognized artist?) will be visited.

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The Church of Saint Augustine is overwhelming both in size and in its interior decoration. You cannot leave the city without a visit to the interior of this magnificent structure.

We have considered an example of culture. Now we turn to cuisine.

A visit to the Di Giorgio Acetaia is of particular interest as it is the oldest acetaia in Modena with a long family tradition of producing balsamic vinegars. By the way, we'll take a break from our visits to enjoy a midday meal in Modena.

As for the cars, would you like to visit the Museo Enzo Ferrari? Modena thinks of cars as does Detroit. Some of the best of the Italian automobile manufacturers call Modena their home.

DAY 6  
the  
Saturday  
April 27

After your breakfast board your private motorcoach for a drive to the ancient city of Ravenna. Depart hotel at 8:30 a.m.

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Justinian I, the emperor of the Eastern Roman Empire, ruled from Ravenna. His dynasty began in 518 A.D., and Ravenna was a seat of power and influence for a number of years thereafter.

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Justinian's wife, Theodora, was of Byzantine ancestry, and it was her influence on her husband that brought Byzantine artisans to Ravenna to adorn churches and public buildings with mosaics depicting the people and the events of the day.

Visit the sites holding the mosaics during the morning hours. Take in also the tomb of Dante! (Yes, the great Italian poet is buried here).

Lunch is served to the group in Ravenna before you continue to visit the sites holding the extraordinary mosaics which you began to view this morning. A late afternoon return to Bologna in your motorcoach will bring you to your hotel in time for your evening meal.

Dinner is in Bologna on your own this evening.

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**DAY 7**  
the  
Sunday  
d'Arte  
April 28

A day at leisure for personal sightseeing. Don't forget to take in Santuario Madonna di San Luca and the MAMbo – the Museo Moderna di Bologna - Bologna's Modern Art gallery.

A festive farewell dinner awaits you this evening in a restaurant in Bologna. Raise a glass of vino in favor of friends at the table – and in recollection of the memories you have created during your visit to Emilia-Romagna.

**DAY 8**  
your  
Monday  
April 29

Bid *buon viaggio* to friends as you leave the hotel and undertake your journey onward to another European destination or back home.

#### **DAILY MEAL SCHEDULE:**

Breakfast is served daily at your hotel in Bologna.

Day 2 - Group **dinner** in Bologna

Day 3 - Group **lunch** in Bologna

Day 4 - Group **lunch** in Forlì

Day 5 - Group **lunch** in Modena

Day 6 - Group **lunch** in Ravenna

Day 7 - Farewell group **dinner** in Bologna

Local English-speaking docents and guides will accompany the group in Bologna, Forlì, Modena, and Ravenna.

Museums' daily hours tend to be limited, but requests will be made to visit and view the museums beyond or apart from the customary visiting hours.

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Pre-program and post-program visits to other locations in Italy as well as in other areas of Europe can be arranged at your request.



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**Harry S. Benjamin** – born and raised in Detroit and the founder (1995) and owner of The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., and its divisions *Departure Point*, *Design Point* (for educational architectural programs) and *Meeting Point*, creates and operates individually crafted international group travel itineraries. Benjamin, a world traveler and a global circumnavigator lived in Rome for 7 years while completing his post-graduate studies and teaching, and prior to creating *Departure Point* and its parent company.

**Roberta Palma** is the founder and owner of Exclusive Travel Journeys, Ltd., a Rome-based tour operator with an office in London. Palma was a long-time tour creator and operator with Milan-based EAC, but with the death of EAC's owner she has initiated her own travel company. *Departure Point* has worked with Palma since 1995 when she was still associated with EAC.

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(Our website at [www.dp4travel.com](http://www.dp4travel.com) while informative is currently under reconstruction.)

*Departure Point* is pleased to assist you with your travel plans, arrangements and tickets both to and from your visit to Bologna. You may also be interested in a pre-program or post-program visit to other sites in Italy (Venice, Milan, the lake areas north of Milan) or elsewhere in Europe. Please let us know how we may assist you with your travel wishes or needs.

The per-person cost of this travel program include the following:

- 6 nights in a first-class hotel in Bologna in twin-bedded rooms with private bath;
- Daily breakfast at your hotel in Bologna;
- 6 group lunches or dinners as per the itinerary;
- The presence of and assistance of a full-time tour escort during your visit in Italy;
- Local guides or docents as needed according to the itinerary;
- A private air-conditioned minivan or motorcoach for group tours and transfers as per the itinerary;
- Entrance fees to museums and other sites according to the itinerary;
- Porterage of one (1) large suitcase per person at your hotel in Bologna;
- Taxes and service charges associated with the activity in the itinerary;
- Tips and gratuities to your tour escort, guides, docents, and motorcoach drivers.

Not included in the per-person cost of the travel program:

- Your transportation costs from your home to the hotel in Bologna, Italy, and return;
- Trip cancellation, medical insurance, and/or other travel insurances;
- Meals, snacks and/or beverages not included in group lunches or dinners;
- Any purely personal purchases or services such as but not limited to insurances, laundry, telephone charges, taxi services, and more;
- A single room surcharge if a single accommodation is requested and can be provided. Otherwise, a single traveler would occupy a twin-bedded room and would incur the cost for a twin-bedded room;
- Any and all costs associated with airline travel such as tickets, luggage or suitcase costs, in-flight services such as meals or pillows, etc.
- ETIAS fees [7 € per person]

## The per-person cost for this itinerary is \$3,400.

(in a twin-bedded room with bath/shower).

Please remember that you are requested to make a separate tax deductible \$400 per person donation to the Alumni Association.

A single accommodation surcharge is \$699 per person.

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A \$200 non-refundable per person deposit paid by check and accompanied by a completed registration form will hold you registration for you pending future payments. Your deposit is credited toward full payment for this program. The deadline for deposits and completed registration forms is Wednesday, November 15, 2023. Registrations received after November 15, 2023, will require a \$500 per person deposit.

Final payment for this program is due no later than Wednesday, January 31, 2024. Payments may be made in increments prior to January 31, but full payment must be made by the January 31<sup>st</sup> date.

**PASSPORT:** Please note that as of January 1, 2024, the European Union is implementing a new security program which means that ALL Americans must have their passports reviewed and approved by ETIAS before being allowed to enter any European country (exclusion: Great Britain). The process is supposedly brief (10 minutes), can only be done online, and costs 7€s person. When the program is implemented we can only imagine that the airlines on which you book your flight will inform you of the need, the time, and the process by which to apply for ETIAS passport approval.

You might choose to 'google' either of the following sites for current information. [Etias.com](http://Etias.com) and/or [etiasinfo.com](http://etiasinfo.com) for current information.

**BOLOGNA:**

*Bologna traces its roots back to the Etruscan era when settlers chose the edge of the Po River Plain on which to create an early settlement. The area was developed over the centuries by Lombard tribes and others, and Bologna remained one of Europe's walled cities until the late 19<sup>th</sup> century. The city boasts Europe's oldest university (1088 A.D.), and in our era Baltimore's John Hopkins University established a Bologna-based campus for International Studies. In the world of arts and entertainment, in 2006 Bologna was absorbed by UNESCO and was declared a City of Music, partly in memory of Claudio Abbado (dec. 2014), a Milan native but a musician closely associated in his professional career with Bologna. And don't forget the prominence Bologna has claimed as a culinary capital. Prosciutto and mortadella are widely respected as products of this region of Italy. Sports? Follow the basketball teams Virtus and Fortitudo.*

*As you walk in the city note its towers and be protected from the elements under the lengthy stretches of porticos which dot the heart of the city.*

## **FORLÌ:**

*Forlì is an ancient Roman settlement that was later governed by the pope prior to the unification of Italy. Like Bologna, it has a university and several palazzi devoted to art and culture. Of particular significance are the Basilica Abbey of San Mercuriale. Museo Civico di Palazzo Romagnoli, and Palazzo del Podestà.*

## **MODENA:**

*Modena is nestled on the south side of the Po Valley. Another of Italy's ancient cities, this town boasts the second oldest university in what is now Italy. Founded in 1175, it claims economics, medicine and law as its most expanded field of studies. Noted also for its cuisine, you most likely have a bottle or two of balsamic vinegar in your pantry. The tasty vinegar claims Modena as its home. Also claiming Modenan as a hometown are many of the Italian automobile manufacturers: Ferrari, Lamborghini, Alfa Romeo and Maserati.*

## **RAVENNA:**

*Ravenna, like other Aegean coastal towns on this eastern coast of Italy has ancient roots. Ravenna was a port city, and when in the 5<sup>th</sup> century Pope Honorius moved his court from Rome to Ravenna, the city became the seat of religious as well as civil government, culture and commerce. The already present Byzantine influence was heightened by the Byzantine artists who created stunning mosaics dating from the time of Honorius. These are to be viewed to this day in the Basilica of San Vitale, the ancient Baptistery adjacent to the 18<sup>th</sup>*

*century cathedral, the Mausoleum of Galla Placidia, the churches of San Apollinare Nuovo and San Apollinare in Classe. (These treasures are now protected by UNESCO.)*

Chiesa di S. Apollinare

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For the safety, continuation and operation of a group's travel program, if the Departure Point group leader(s) is/are unable to fulfill her/his/their responsibilities prior to departure and unable to accompany the trip as announced, Departure Point reserves the right to assign another group leader selected by Departure Point to the travel program in order to assure its operation. If your group program is canceled by Departure Point for any reason (usually because of the lack of required number of registrations to operate the program), all your payments to date will be returned to you minus a \$25 per person service fee. Refunds will be sent to you ONLY AFTER the group's scheduled departure date.

No refunds will be made for any tickets, accommodations and/or services that you do not use during your travel program. If you deviate from the published itinerary, no refunds will be made for any tickets, accommodations and/or services that you do not use during your travel program, or for travel, accommodations and services you incur or contract on your own. NOTE: Departure Point reserves the right to increase your tour rate or to reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro or any other foreign currency valuation over the US dollar. Note that the announced and/or published per-person price of any travel program or service is subject to change prior to departure and not necessarily with prior notice. NOTE: Consult Departure Point if you plan to visit Canada and before making reservations. Canada enforces certain entrance restrictions. TRIP CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Any group travel program represents a significant financial investment on your part. For that reason Departure Point strongly urges you to give ample consideration to protecting your investment with the purchase of trip cancellation insurance. Upon receipt of your completed application form, Departure Point's staff will





**TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF TRAVEL** (These "Terms and Conditions of Travel" constitute a legally binding agreement between the traveler and The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc. All references in this document to Departure Point also always imply and include its parent company, The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc.) INTRODUCTION and GENERAL CORPORATE POLICY: In submitting a completed application and a \$500 per person deposit (thus registering for the travel program) you, the traveler or pilgrim, are obliging Departure Point and its parent company, The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., to make and to hold reservations for you which are appropriate for the particular group travel program for which you are registering. These reservations will or might include airline reservations, hotel rooms, ship state-rooms, railroad tickets, train seat reservations, car(s), group tours and arrangements, etc. Because of these obligations which you are asking of Departure Point, and due to the rules and regulations imposed on group tour operators by vendors and suppliers such as but not limited to airlines, foreign operators, cruise lines, etc., it is common practice for group tour operators to issue a set of "Terms and Conditions of Travel" which are designed to protect you, the traveler, as well as the group tour operator, Departure Point. As a registered traveler you must be aware that any and all passengers, pilgrims, clients and/or travelers always travel at all times, in all circumstances, and in/at/to all destinations by any and all conveyance(s) whatsoever at his/her/their own risk. REGISTRATION, RESERVATIONS and FINAL PAYMENTS: A passenger's place is secured on any particular group tour upon receipt by Departure Point of a completed application form for the travel program in question and an accompanying deposit check for a minimum of \$500 per person. Departure Point can also book a passenger's domestic flights which connect with the group's international departure/arrival. A request for this service is made by the applying passenger, in writing, on the trip application form. While final (that is, complete) payment for participation in a group tour must be received by Departure Point at least six weeks (forty-two calendar days) prior to the day of the group's departure, PASSENGERS ARE REQUIRED TO ADHERE TO THE PAYMENT SCHEDULE ANNOUNCED FOR AND WITH EACH PARTICULAR TRAVEL PROGRAM. A reservation for which final payment is not received at least sixty (60) days prior to the day of departure will be subject to automatic cancellation by Departure Point at its discretion and a late penalty of \$50 per passenger. If automatic cancellation occurs your payments through cancellation date less \$200 per person and any and all penalties applied by airlines, hotels, rail companies, shipping companies and/or cruise lines, and/or any and all other vendors and providers to Departure Point who have non-refundable policies, will be returned to you after the group's departure. Final travel documents and airline tickets will be issued and sent to you only after your final payment has been received and processed. Travel documents are normally sent to your group travel program leader or to you by Federal Express (overnight), or similar, ten days to two weeks prior to departure. Foreign reservations are subject to additional processing time, a service charge of \$25 per person, and mailing fees. All foreign payments must be received in American dollars. A \$50 per-person late registration fee is assessed to any passenger who registers for a travel program after the announced registration deadline. The required deposit (see each travel program's application page or

complete, unabridged itinerary) and a completed, signed and dated application form are required to secure a reservation on any travel program. Reservations are accepted on a 'first come, first served' basis only. Full and complete payment for any registrant on any travel program must be received at the Departure Point office no later than sixty (60) days prior to the departure date of the group travel program. Reservations may be canceled and Departure Point reserves the right to levy full cancellation charges as set forth in these "Terms and Conditions of Travel" if full and complete payment is not received sixty (60) days prior to the departure date. Based on availability, a reservation received less than sixty (60) days prior to the departure date of the travel program in question will be subject to a fifty dollar (\$50) late registration fee, and a late registration must be paid in full at the time of registration. Departure Point accepts checks (personal, corporate, institutional or bank checks, cashier's checks, courtesy checks associated with credit card accounts) and United States Postal Service money orders. Cash and credit cards are not accepted as a registration deposit and/or as payment in part or in full for any travel program. Late registrations and any and all payments received less than thirty (30) days prior to the date of departure must be paid by United States Postal Service money orders. Travel Agent credit cards will not be accepted on behalf of clients. Checks should be made out to and sent to Departure Point at the address appearing on the top of each application form. Foreign checks and payments are subject to an additional service charge of \$25 (USD) per payment by Departure Point. RATES: Departure Point's group tour program rates GENERALLY include round-trip, economy class air transportation on major carriers (IATA carriers preferred); non-refundable departure tax(es); four-star hotels (unless another category is specifically requested by the group leaders/planners, and rated according to local (foreign) rating scales - if existent - in city/state/country visited), with two people sharing a twin-bedded room with private bath/shower; breakfast; one other meal daily (always as per the itinerary - usually the evening meal); sightseeing with a highly qualified English-speaking guide as per the itinerary; private luxury motorcoach or van (depending on the number of passengers) with driver; entrance and admission fees and charges (where applicable) as per the itinerary; portage of one large piece of luggage per person; tips and gratuities to guide(s), escort(s), motorcoach driver(s), porter(s), hotel and restaurant personnel, and all others who serve the group's needs; road tolls (if applicable); all applicable taxes and service charges. Consult each individual itinerary for specific terms, conditions, inclusions and exclusions pertaining and applying to the group tour in question. NOT GENERALLY INCLUDED in the price of a group tour are the following items: your passport (new or renewed); visa(s) (if necessary for your travel); surcharge for a single room accommodation; any and all meals, snacks and/or beverages (alcoholic and/or otherwise) other than those detailed in the itinerary; beverages at meals other than coffee/tea at breakfast; some gratuities; optional excursions not included in the itinerary; any item(s) of a purely personal nature such as, for example, laundry, telephone calls/bills, beverages at meals, medicines and medical care/attention, personal entertainment expenses, optional excursions, trip cancellation insurance(s), health and accident insurance(s), etc., and any other item/service not specifically detailed in the itinerary. Consult each individual itinerary for specific terms, conditions, inclusions and exclusions pertaining and applying to the group tour in question. NOTE: Since all hotel and car reservations, all airline, rail, ship/steamer tickets and any and all services associated with any group travel program are prepaid by Departure Point, no refunds will be made for any reason whatsoever (including deviation from the published itinerary) for any ticket(s), accommodation(s), reservations and/or service(s) which a traveler does not use during any travel program. Note that the announced and/or published per-person price of any travel program or service is subject to change prior to departure and not necessarily with prior notice. HOTEL ROOMS, SINGLE ROOMS and SINGLE ACCOMMODATION SURCHARGES: Accommodations in foreign hotels and on board ships are reserved in twin-bedded rooms with private bath or shower. No reduction in the per-person price of any travel program is available for passengers requesting to share a triple or a 'quad' room during a group travel program unless specifically noted by the vendor. Single room accommodations for a traveler in a

group tour will be requested from our overseas agents/offices upon receipt of a written request to Departure Point by the traveler(s), but only after the reservation deposit has been received. Single room accommodations are not always available and cannot necessarily be guaranteed for any group travel operated by Departure Point. While the appropriate single room surcharge will be levied and must be paid in full prior to departure (see each individual itinerary for the surcharge pertaining to that itinerary), a prorated refund based on the single accommodation surcharge for that particular itinerary will be forthcoming after the group's return for any and all nights during which a single room accommodation was not able to be provided. On those (rare) occasions when a passenger does not identify or indicate a traveling companion as her/his roommate, and when Departure Point is not able to provide a roommate for that passenger, said passenger is required to pay the single accommodation surcharge for that itinerary. Payment for this single accommodation must be received by Departure Point before her/his tickets and travel documents will be presented to the passenger. Departure Point makes its determination of the passenger required to pay the single accommodation surcharge based on the date of receipt of the passenger's registration, the most recent registrant without an identified roommate being the person who is obliged to pay the single accommodation surcharge. INSURANCES and MEDICAL CONDITION(S): While trip cancellation insurance is not required of any passenger on a group travel program, Departure Point strongly recommends the consideration of and/or the purchase of trip cancellation insurance as well as lost luggage insurance; health insurance; medical insurance; travel/accident insurance; and/or medical transportation/evacuation/assistance insurance. Information on trip cancellation insurance providers is available from Departure Point as a convenience to all passengers. Handicapped travelers who require special assistance must be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total and complete responsibility for the handicapped traveler(s) and his/her/their well-being. Departure Point is not responsible for any medical conditions whatsoever that occur to any passenger prior to, during, or after a group travel program. PASSPORTS and VISAS: Each passenger is personally responsible for obtaining and maintaining proper and valid travel documents. Visas are not necessary for holders of valid American passports unless specific notice is given in each registrant's letter of group travel program acceptance. Carriers of passports other than American passports should contact Departure Point for instructions. All passengers traveling to the Holy Land (Israel) must be carrying valid passports which will remain valid for a period of six (6) months after said passenger's return to the United States. PAYMENT SCHEDULE and CANCELLATION POLICY (including airlines' 'Denied Boarding' activity) and CLAIMS: Final and total payments for any travel program must be received by Departure Point at least seventy-five (75) days prior to the departure of your travel program. Registrations received within seventy-five (75) days of scheduled departures must be accompanied by full payment, and are subject to a late registration fee of \$100 per-person. Departure Point articulates a payment schedule for each passenger based on the date of receipt of the application relative to the date of the travel program's departure. This payment schedule is detailed in each passenger's letter of acceptance, acknowledgment of deposit and signed and completed application form. Deviation from the stated payment schedule should be requested of Departure Point when such deviation is apparent to and/or becomes necessary on the part of any passenger. If cancellation from any travel program becomes necessary, Departure Point reserves the right to bill and to collect without burden from the registered passenger any and all costs due Departure Point for non refundable reservations (air, land [e.g., hotel reservations; train reservations; rental car reservations] or sea) which have been issued to said passenger as of the date of receipt of the cancellation notification. Postmark or fax machine date imprint on facsimile communication prevails. Any and all cancellations from a Departure Point group travel program must be received in writing, and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Notice(s) of cancellation will be credited as of the date of receipt by Departure Point. Postmark, fax machine date imprint on facsimile communication or on email header prevails. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the departure date of the group travel program. Penalties ap-

ply in the case of any and all cancellations. The cancellation refund schedule is as follows: 1. Cancellations received up to sixty (60) days prior to your program's scheduled departure will be subject to a forfeiture of \$150 from the initial deposit of \$500, plus a forfeiture of 50% of the per-person program price, or the loss of any and all penalties applied by airlines, hotels, rail companies, shipping companies and/or cruise lines, and/or any and all other vendors and providers to Departure Point who have non-refundable policies, whichever sum is greater. Postmark or fax machine date imprint on facsimile communication prevails. 2. Cancellations received from fifty-nine (59) to thirty (30) days prior to your program's scheduled departure will be subject to a forfeiture of the entire deposit of \$500, plus a forfeiture of 75% of the per-person program price, and/or the loss of any and all penalties applied by airlines, hotels, rail companies, shipping companies and/or cruise lines, and/or any and all other vendors and providers to Departure Point who have non-refundable policies, whichever sum is greater. Postmark or fax machine date imprint on facsimile communication prevails. 3. No refund of any type or of any amount for any reason(s) whatsoever will be made for cancellations received within thirty (30) days of the scheduled date/time of the departure of your travel program. Postmark or fax machine date imprint on facsimile communication prevails. If cancellation from any travel program becomes necessary, Departure Point reserves the right to bill and to collect without burden from the registered passenger any and all costs due Departure Point for non refundable reservations (air, land [e.g., hotel reservations; train reservations; rental car reservations] or sea) which have been issued to said passenger as of the date of receipt of the cancellation notification. Any and all claims made against The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., and/or any of its travel divisions must be made in writing. No verbal claims are valid, and no claims of any nature will be recognized and/or honored if not received by The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., within thirty (30) days of the completion of a group travel program. Should a group tour be canceled because of the lack of the required number of paying participants, or for any other reason(s) beyond the direct control of Departure Point, a service fee of \$25 per person to be deducted from the \$500 per person deposit will be retained by Departure Point. No refunds will be made for any airline and/or ship and/or rail tickets and/or reservations and accommodations and/or services which a passenger does not use during a group travel program. Any and all litigation concerning any group travel program or any travel arrangements, including accommodations or any other service(s) booked through Departure Point, may be brought only within the Commonwealth (State) of Virginia and nowhere else, and Virginia law will be applicable to any and all such litigation. For the safety, continuation and operation of a group's travel program, if the designated group leader(s) is/are unable to fulfill her/his/their responsibilities prior to departure and unable to accompany the trip as announced, Departure Point reserves the right to assign another group leader selected by Departure Point to the travel program in order to assure its operation. Departure Point also reserves the right to change any itinerary and/or its announced and published per person price due to unforeseen emergencies or causes, and without prior notice, and/or to cancel any group travel program if conditions deemed appropriate by Departure Point warrant. If a passenger chooses to change the group tour itinerary in any way once the group tour has begun, said passenger does so at his/her/their own risk and at his/her/their own expense with no compensation or refund of any type from Departure Point. If a passenger takes a different flight from the flight on which the group is scheduled (for example, accepting compensation from an airline by taking a different flight, usually referred to as 'denied boarding') said passenger is accepting the personal responsibility of rejoining the group tour on one's own and at one's own expense, without any compensation whatsoever from Departure Point, at whatever destination to which the group tour has progressed. SHOPPING, TIPS and GRATUITIES: Neither Departure Point nor its parent company, The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., nor any company employee endorses, recommends or supports any vendor, individual or corporate, in any city or country world-wide. Neither do the aforesaid entities accept any responsibility or liability for any negotiations, deliberations, bargaining and/or purchase on the part of a traveler while on a group tour. Any negotiations and/or purchases, regardless of the form of payment, are entered into solely at the discretion of and solely at the responsibility of the

purchaser. Departure Point and/or its parent company, The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., will not become involved in any manner in the negotiations leading to or associated with the purchase of any item, and will not act as an intermediary between the passenger(s) and the vendor(s) if dissatisfaction with the purchase(s) ensues either during the group tour, or after its conclusion. The inclusion or exclusion of tips and gratuities to guide(s), driver(s), hotel staffs, porters and/or other service personnel in a program's price varies with each itinerary. Consult the specific itinerary which has been prepared for your group to see if this expense is or is not included in the total, per person price of your particular travel program. AIRLINE SEATING and LUGGAGE: While seating requests will be communicated to the airline conveying your group, Departure Point makes no guarantee that your requests will be honored by the airlines. Customarily there is no advance seat selection on aircrafts for group travel programs. Each passenger is allowed by Departure Point to travel with one (1) large suitcase to be checked by the airline and carried in the hold of the aircraft(s), and one (1) 'carry-on' piece of luggage. Dimensions and weights vary with each airline. All luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airline(s) - not of Departure Point. Passengers are encouraged to check with the airline(s) transporting your particular group to secure information about dimensions and weight regulations. RESPONSIBILITY: Departure Point bears the responsibility for making all arrangements for group tour services offered and described in the promotional brochure and in the unabridged itinerary which is prepared for each specific travel program. The airlines, hotels, shipping and/or cruise lines, land operators and other suppliers who provide services to passengers through Departure Point are independent contractors and are not agents, employees or associates of The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc. Group leaders and/or promoters are not agents, employees, associates or authorized representatives of The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc. Acceptance and confirmation of any passenger's reservation is at the discretion of Departure Point and of each airline even after full payment has been made. Departure Point advises its passengers/clients that all bookings are accepted on the specific condition that Departure Point and its parent company, The Shenandoah Travel Group, Inc., and/or affiliated or associated companies, subcontractors and/or subcontracted individuals or companies, overseas or domestic representatives, agents or sub-agents act only as booking agents for the passenger in regard to travel accommodations, etc., and/or to travel whether by railroad, motor-coach, rental car, private car, aircraft, boat or ship, or any other conveyance, and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned either by reason of defect in any vehicle or for any reason whatsoever, or through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the arrangements of the group/tour. Neither Departure Point nor its agents and/or representatives, either domestic or foreign, shall become liable for loss or consequences due to delay, schedule changes or any cause or irregularity occasioned by cancellation, overbooking, or strikes of airline(s), cruise line(s), ferry(ies), train(s), hotel(s), car rental company(ies), ground service operator(s), in addition to force majeure, war and/or acts of war and/or revolution and/or insurrection, piracy and/or hijacking, acts of God, etc. Under any or all of these circumstances, no portion of land arrangements and/or payments received by Departure Point will be refunded. The airline and/or cruise line carriers concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission, or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyances. The airline and/or cruise line passenger ticket(s), when issued, shall be the sole contract between airline(s) and/or cruise line(s) and buyer/passenger of this (these) ticket(s). Thus, Departure Point and/or your group's organizer accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to, among other causes, sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause(s) beyond its/their personal control. In sum, any and all passengers, pilgrims, clients and/or travelers always travel at all times, in all circumstances, and in/at/to all destinations by any and all conveyance(s) whatsoever at his/her/their own risk. Any and all vouchers and other documents for services issued by Departure Point are subject to the terms and conditions specified by the vendor and/or supplier, and to the laws of the county or countries where said services are to be supplied. If the group services as indicated by the unabridged itinerary for each travel program

cannot be supplied, or if there are changes in the itinerary for reasons beyond Departure Point's control, Departure Point will do as much as is possible to provide comparable services. Any resulting additional expense(s) will be payable by the passenger-participant. Departure Point always and in every instance reserves the right to alter any itinerary and/or to cancel any announced group travel program whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience and/or safety of its passengers. If Departure Point cancels an announced group travel program, it shall have no responsibility beyond the refund of all monies paid to Departure Point by the passenger-participant. No person other than an authorized representative of Departure Point by written document is authorized to vary, add or waive any term or condition in Departure Point's "Terms and Conditions of Travel" as set forth in this present document, including the terms and conditions set forth in the forgoing provisions. NOTE: Departure Point reserves the right to increase your tour rate or to reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the US dollar