

ITALIA 2023

Sponsored by the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.



*Pre-Reunion Tour
Normandy & Paris
May 30 – June 3, 2023*

*Montecatini Terme &
The Hill Towns
June 3 – 13, 2023*



*10TH Mountain WWII Tour
June 3 – 16, 2023*

*Extension Tour
June 15 – 20, 2023*

Reservation deadline is Friday, March 3, 2023 – reserve early to ensure your spot!
Reservation requests are on first come, first served basis and are subject to tour availability.

Due to the diversity of our group, airfare is not included, and prices shown in the brochure are for the Land Tour only.



Italia 2023

Dear 10th Mountain Family and Friends,

On behalf of the 10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc., we would like to re-invite you once again to attend the delayed Italy trip, now named **Italia 2023**. 2020 was to have been a special year as it was the 75th anniversary of the end of WWII. Our plan is to celebrate that anniversary in spirit in 2023 as we would have had we not postponed, and we've kept to that planned itinerary as best we could. We've arranged a pre-trip to Normandy to experience the invasion beaches and inland drop zones, as well as a short visit to Paris. This will be followed by the main trip that will retrace the Division's early patrols, combat engagements, and post-war route through Italy and beyond. We will visit Tuscany, including the American Cemetery and Memorial near Florence to pay respect to the 326 10th Mountain Division soldiers interred there. It is a sobering experience that reminds us of the sacrifices made for our freedom. We then move on to the Hill Towns, Po Valley, Lake Garda, Slovenia, Austria and finish in Munich. We've included the post-war sites in the Main Trip in recognition of the Division's complete role in Italy during the war. We recognize this may add time and expense that some may not want to incur. To accommodate everyone, there are options offered to structure a trip that suits your schedule. As always, InterTrav will work directly with anyone wishing to 'bail out' at a specific juncture if necessary.

Many of you have been on one or several return trips, and we would love to have you join us again to commemorate this important anniversary. If you have never been on one of these trips, now is the time to take advantage of this amazing opportunity to travel the combat route of the 10th Mountain Division and follow in the footsteps of our soldiers from now 70+ years ago. Many of the areas have changed very little. You will see homes where soldiers were bivouacked, or remnants of foxholes where your 10th Mountain soldier may have been. We will climb Mount Belvedere starting with a dedication of benches that have been donated by descendants and friends that will be placed along the trail up the mountain. You will take in the incredible view from the top across to Riva Ridge and overlooking the villages below. You will also participate in the dedication of the 75th Anniversary plaque that was commissioned for the trip.

As members of the 10th Mountain family, we can honor the legacy of our 10th Mountain Veterans by going on this amazing trip and keeping the special tradition of friendship with our Italian friends alive.

Please read the enclosed brochure for details of the itinerary and options, and for important registration guidelines. This trip is not to be missed and we look forward to seeing you there.

Respectfully,

Italy Trip Committee

10th Mountain Division Descendants, Inc.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

Due to the diversity of our group and the consolidation of the airlines, airfare is not included, and prices shown in the brochure are for the Land Tour only. You are free to make your own flight arrangements using airline miles or points, or to work with your local travel agent. You can also email InterTrav at travel@intertravcorp.com to obtain flight times and ticket prices from your choice of departure city. Flights from the USA to France and Italy are overnight. Please take this into consideration when making your flight arrangements.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE SCHEDULE

Tour	Arrive	Depart
Pre-Reunion Tour	Paris CDG Airport, May 30	
Hill Towns Tour	Florence Airport, June 3	Florence Airport, June 13
10 th Mountain WWII Tour	Florence Airport, June 3	Milan, June 16
Extension Tour		Munich Airport, June 20

*** We strongly recommend you make your flight reservations as early as possible.*

PRE-REUNION TOUR – NORMANDY & PARIS May 30 – June 3 ~ 3-nights Normandy & 1-night Paris

A special Pre-Reunion Tour Program to Normandy has been arranged. The package begins at Paris' Charles de Gaulle (CDG) Airport on your arrival, and includes the transfer to Normandy, 4-nights first class hotel accommodations, sightseeing program at Omaha and Utah Beaches, and Paris sightseeing tour. The price includes a first evening welcome to Normandy dinner featuring local specialties and wine, breakfast each day at the hotels, three lunches, economy class airfare from Paris to meet the group in Italy, and all taxes for the included ground services.

MONTECATINI TERME & THE HILL TOWNS

JUNE 3 – 13 ~ 2-nights Montecatini Terme, 7-nights Hill Towns & 1-night Florence

We are offering 10th Mountain Descendants, National Association members, and friends who do not have the time to take the 10th Mountain WWII Tour, the option to take a shorter trip and participate in just the Montecatini & The Hill Towns program. You will meet with the 10th Mountain Group on June 3 in Italy and be with the group through breakfast on June 12, after which you will be transferred to Florence for overnight.

PRE-REUNION TOUR ITINERARY

Tuesday, May 30 – PARIS / NORMANDY

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On arrival at Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport, we will meet our Tour Guide who will introduce us to Normandy and Paris. Leaving the airport, we'll travel to Normandy, one of the great historic regions of France. Normandy is also a land of cows, green pastures, half-timbered manor houses and apple orchards. With 350 miles of coastline and beaches, and richly varied landscapes, Normandy offers wonderful scenery and culture – a unique blend of maritime traditions and rural way of life.

Wednesday, May 31 & Thursday, June 1 – NORMANDY

(B,L)

For the next two days we'll explore the American landing sectors of the D-Day beaches of World War II, Utah, and Omaha where in the early hours of June 6, 1944, forces began landing on the shores of Normandy. Day one will focus on the Utah Beach sector where we'll visit both the landing beach as well as Pointe du Hoc, and the inland, airborne drop zones. We'll visit Sainte-Mere-Eglise, to view an exhibition dedicated to the night that American paratroopers dropped from the sky. Day two will similarly focus on the Omaha beach sector where U.S. forces suffered their highest casualties and made famous in countless movies. We'll also visit Arromanches, overlooking Gold Beach where the remains of one of the Mulberry Harbours can still be seen to this day, as well as many other locations in Normandy. We'll visit the Cambe German Cemetery and the American Cemetery at Colleville Sur Mer. One of the fourteen permanent American World War II cemeteries constructed on foreign soil, this 173-acre cemetery marks the final resting place for over 9,000 American soldiers who died during the Battle of Normandy.

Friday, June 2 – NORMANDY / PARIS

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This morning we depart Normandy and return to Paris. On arrival this afternoon, we'll enjoy an introductory tour that will take us to the historic Place de le Concorde, one of Europe's most magnificent squares. From here, we travel past the Tuileries Gardens to view the 18th century Royal Palace, then along the eastern façade of the Louvre Museum, home to one of the most important art collections in the world. Next, we cross the Pont Neuf to the Ile de la Cite, to view Notre-Dame Cathedral, a superb example of French medieval architecture. Just when you think we've seen it all, we'll travel along the Champs-Elysees, the most famous avenue in the world, and stop at Place de l'Etoile to see the Arc de Triomphe, and the Palais de Chaillot for a panoramic view of the Eiffel Tower, before checking in at our hotel.

Saturday, June 3 – PARIS / MONTECATINI TERME

(B)

Dependent upon flight times, time at leisure will be set aside in Paris before we transfer to Paris' Charles de Gaulle Airport for the short flight to Italy. On arrival, we'll travel to Montecatini Terme to join our fellow travelers.

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

The Pre-Reunion Tour Program Includes:

- * Transportation by deluxe private motor coach with English speaking Tour Guide
- * Accommodations in first-class hotels
- * All meals as shown in the Day-by-Day Itinerary, indicated by the Meal Codes
- * Sightseeing as detailed in the Day-by-Day Itinerary including applicable entrance fees
- * Luggage handling and portorage charges for one suitcase per person at the hotels
- * Scheduled airline service from Paris, France to meet the group in Italy.
- * Taxes for included ground services, and airline taxes and fees on the intra-European flight

The Pre-Reunion Tour Program Price Does Not Include: Items of a personal nature such as travel protection, passport fees and/or destination entry requirements; luggage handling at airports; gratuities to Tour Guide, Coach Driver(s), and Step-on Guides at the suggested amounts of: Tour Guide: €6 per person per day; Coach Driver(s): €3 per person per day; Step-on Guides: €3 per person for a half-day tour and €5 per person for a full-day tour.

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10TH MOUNTAIN WWII TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday, June 3 – FLORENCE / MONTECATINI TERME

On arrival at Florence Airport, we will meet our Tour Guide who will accompany us throughout the Montecatini Terme & The Hill Towns vacation. Leaving the airport, a short drive will take us to the Tuscan spa town of Montecatini Terme.

Sunday, June 4 – MONTECATINI TERME (San Marcello/Prunetta or Tuscany) (B,D)

You have the choice to visit the pre-battle sites near the San Marcello/Prunetta area, to visit Pisa, or to explore Montecatini Terme on your own.

For the passionate lovers of 10th history, the San Marcello/Prunetta Excursion will not want to be missed. Prior to the Riva Ridge/Mt. Belvedere Offensive most of our 10th soldiers were bivouacked in places like San Marcello, Prunetta, Campo Tizzoro, and Cutigliano. The locals are very excited that we will be coming to their villages and the day will surely be memorable! Complete details of this excursion will be available at a later date when arrangements have been finalized. Alternately, you have the opportunity to visit the town of Pisa, located near the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Though Pisa is home to an abundance of medieval monuments, the city is best known for its legendary Leaning Tower. A walking tour through the Campo dei Miracoli will include a visit to the Cathedral and Baptistery of San Giovanni. While the white, shining outside of the Cathedral truly is stunning, the same is true of its inside. We'll see some of the greatest medieval works of art in the world, including an elaborately carved pulpit made by Giovanni Pisano, and the hanging lamp that inspired Galileo's theories about the motion of pendulums. Next door, we'll visit The Baptistery of San Giovanni which was founded on August 15, 1152. Of course, no visit to the Square of Miracles would be complete without a visit to the famous Leaning Tower. Begun in 1173, the Leaning Tower started to tilt even before the third level was completed in 1274. This evening we'll enjoy a wine tasting and Tuscan style "Welcome Dinner."

Monday, June 5 – MONTECATINI TERME / HILL TOWNS (B,L)

This morning we depart Montecatini Terme and travel into the countryside for a Memorial Service at the American Cemetery and Memorial, located in Tavarnuzze, 8 miles south of Florence in a beautiful Tuscan setting of rolling hills. Maintained by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the cemetery was established for members of the Armed Forces killed in the northern Italy campaign. Among the 4,402 American soldiers buried here, 326 are 10th Mountain Division Troopers. Following the service, we'll enjoy lunch, and then we travel to the Hill Towns.

Tuesday, June 6 – Sunday, June 11 – HILL TOWNS

These days are spent in the Hill Towns for the 10th Mountain program. Celebrations and village festivals over the six days will take place atop Mt. Belvedere and at Querciola, Vidiciatico, Lizzano-in-Belvedere, Gaggio Montano, Iola and Castel d'Aiano. During our stay we will have the opportunity to participate in an authentic Italian cooking class. Space is limited and is **optional** at additional cost, dependent upon the interest of our group. Details of the 10th Mountain Hill Towns program will be available at a later date when arrangements have been finalized.

Monday, June 12 – HILL TOWNS / FLORENCE or LAKE GARDA (B,D)

For travelers participating in The Hill Towns Tour only, this morning we say “arrivederci” to the Hill Towns and travel to Florence in preparation for our return journey home. For travelers continuing on the 10th Mountain WWII Tour, we’ll travel on the Autostrada into the Po Valley, crossing the Po River near the site where the first Fifth Army soldiers began to cross the river in their pursuit of the retreating German army. Then we’ll head for Lake Garda where we’ll spend the next three evenings. Time permitting brief stops at the Bomporto bridge and the PO river, both significant places in the 10th’s push through the PO valley.

Tuesday, June 13 and Wednesday, June 14 – LAKE GARDA (B)

This morning we’ll drive to Torbole, a site of the final battles in this region, for a Memorial Service. Wreaths will be placed at General Darby’s Monument and into Lake Garda in memory of the many men lost during the conflict in the Italian Alps, the road tunnels and on the lake. We’ll board a boat at the dock in Torbole, place a wreath where the DUKW went down, go by the east side of the lake where the tunnels are located, and go by Limone before disembarking at the dock in Riva. Following lunch, a WWII excursion will be available. Included will be visits to a WWII air raid shelter and a brief walk to the monument near Nago dedicated to the 10th soldiers who were among the last KIA in Italy.

Thursday, June 15 – LAKE GARDA / MILAN or BOVEC (B,D)

For travelers participating in The 10th Mountain WWII Tour, this morning we say “arrivederci” to the Lake Garda and travel to Milan in preparation for our return journey home. For travelers continuing on the Extension Tour, we depart Lake Garda and travel to Treviso. Despite comparisons with Venice, the fortified city of Treviso has its own distinctive character. After time for lunch, we’ll continue across northern Italy to Slovenia and the Alpine resort of Bovec.

Friday, June 16 – BOVEC (B,D)

Today we will visit the Julian Alps where troopers of the 10th Mountain Division were stationed as peacekeepers during the early summer of 1945. We’ll tour the area around Bovec (Plezzo in 1945) and visit the areas where elements of the division were bivouacked including Cave de Predil, Tarvisio, Mt Mangart and Lake Fusine. We’ll also spend time with our Slovenian friends and hear much more about the Division’s time in this area.

Saturday, June 17 – BOVEC / Grossglockner High Alpine Road / SALZBURG (B,D)

This morning we depart Bovec and travel through the spectacular Julian Alps into Austria and begin our journey over the Grossglockner High Alpine Road that will take us through some of the world’s most spectacular scenery on our way to the summit, Kaiser Franz Josef Haus. Here, we’ll have time for lunch and to view the Pasterze Glacier and the peak of the Grossglockner. Within a few kilometers, we’ll travel “half-way around the world” crossing all climatic and vegetation zones between Austria and the Arctic. Leaving the High Alps, we’ll descend to the lovely resort of Zell am See and then travel through the scenic Saalach Valley to Salzburg, the city made famous by the movie “The Sound of Music” and one of Europe’s most special towns.

Sunday, June 18 – SALZBURG

(B)

As we'll soon find out, Salzburg charm is apparent in the picturesque streets full of wrought-iron signs, noble architecture, and decorated fountains. This morning's guided walking tour will begin on the right bank of the Salzach River where we will see the grounds of Mirabell Palace and the Mozart Conservatoire before crossing into the Old Town. Here, we'll see the 15th century Altes Rathaus and take in the sites along the romantic Getreidgasse, home to Mozart's birthplace. Next, we'll view both the Collegiate Church and the Franciscan Church as we make our way to the Residence Square, home to the medieval bishops' residence. Our tour will come to an end following a visit to Salzburg Cathedral and 12th century Benedictine St. Peter's Abbey, seen frequently in the "Sound of Music". Following our tour, the afternoon is at leisure to explore Salzburg on your own.

Monday, June 19 – SALZBURG / Berchtesgaden / MUNICH

(B,D)

This morning we depart Salzburg and travel to the towering Alpine foothills of picturesque Berchtesgaden, Germany. We'll see the historical town center that boasts decorated facades, churches, and a Royal Palace. Then we'll continue to nearby Obersalzburg to board a postal bus for the breathtaking journey up the Kehlstein road, followed by a brass elevator ride up through the rock into Kehlsteinhaus, Eagle's Nest as named by the Allied Forces. Following our visit to Berchtesgaden, we leave the Alps and travel by autobahn to the Bavarian capital of Munich. Cheerful and vivacious, boasting magnificent architecture from Bavaria's royal past, Munich is also the center of the Bavarian zest for life, which we'll experience firsthand with our farewell dinner at the famous Hofbrauhaus.

Tuesday, June 20 – MUNICH / USA

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After breakfast, our Tour Guide will be on hand to coordinate transportation to Munich Airport in preparation for your return flight home.

*** * * Welcome Home * * ***

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Tour Prices Per Person

	<u>Share basis</u>	<u>Single basis</u>
<u>Pre-Reunion Tour</u> May 30 – June 3, 2023	\$1,690	\$2,150
<u>The Hill Towns</u> June 3 – 13, 2023	\$2,940	\$3,300
<u>10th Mountain WWII Tour</u> June 3 – 16, 2023	\$3,700	\$4,340
<u>Extension</u> June 15 – 20, 2023	\$1,590	\$1,940

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TOUR PRICING: The tour price is based on a minimum participation of 30 persons and includes planning, handling and operational charges and is quoted on the current rate of exchange, tariff rates and airfares in effect as of November 2, 2022.

CANCELLATION: If after making your initial deposit you find it necessary to cancel from the tour for any reason, there is a cancellation charge equal to the per person deposit up to 90 days prior to departure. For cancellation between 89 and 60 days prior to departure, there is a cancellation charge equal to 50% of the tour cost. For cancellation within 59 days of departure, the cancellation charge is 100% of the tour cost. **IMPORTANT:** Cancellations will not be accepted by telephone and must be sent in writing to: InterTrav Corporation, 203 State Avenue, Saint Charles, Illinois 60174, or emailed to travel@intertravcorp.com.

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