

Bridge & Culture in Italy - 2012



Once again I am organising holidays in Italy to play bridge, visit some interesting places and enjoy the weather. Last year's holiday for members of my bridge club was successful and good fun for all – see the brief report on page 41 of the October edition of the EBU magazine.

During the week we will have a mixture of bridge play and tutorials interspersed with daily excursions. Assisi and the Basilica of St. Francis is a must-see place if you haven't been there before and if you have then it is always worth a second viewing. We will also visit a winery to taste the excellent local wines from around Montefalco as well as visit other interesting places. One day we will also visit the bridge club in Spoleto to play against Italians.

You will stay in the Palazzo at Geppa, Umbria, a historic, 17th century, listed country house that has been restored to a high level of comfort with all bedrooms having their own bath or

shower room. Breakfast will be on a help-yourself basis and dinner will either be eaten in (or more usually, outside) at the Palazzo (prepared by the local farmer's wife) or at a good nearby restaurant - wine included. The superb pool will be operation for swimming or just sunning yourselves. Lunches while on an excursion out will be up to individuals to buy for themselves so you could have a take-away pizza or a full restaurant meal.

Accommodation will be in twin or double rooms, each with its own shower or bathroom. There is a reduction of £50 for those sharing a room with a partner or friend.

Non-bridge players are welcome – there are some lovely walks in the area, interesting old churches nearby and swimming and relaxing by the pool, of course. There is a well-stocked library of books to read and videos to watch if you prefer indoor activities.



Dates : 2nd to 9th June (beginners) and 9th to 16th June (improvers) At current rates the return flight will be about £100 per person.

Prices: £575 per person (£525 if sharing a room). This will include transport to and from Rome Fiumicino airport, travel on excursions, accommodation, breakfast and dinner (with wine) – you just need to book your flights in addition.

If you are interested please contact Mike Collier on 01943 431947 or email at modern.acol@gmail.com.

More pictures can be found online at www.geppa.co.uk