70th Anniversary of WWII—Liberation of Italy
“The Salerno & Anzio Landings, Liberation of Rome & the Push into Northern Italy!”
7—18 September 2015
1945 70th Anniversary — The Italian Campaign

Military Historical Tours is pleased to offer another in our series of 70th Anniversaries of WWII with this very special visit to Italy to commemorate the Liberation of Italia 1945. We start the tour at the Salerno Invasion beaches and work our way North to the Anzio Invasion beaches, liberating Rome and pushing the Germans north to the Swiss border. Our objective is to honor those who landed on what was thought to be the soft underbelly of Europe but would prove anything but. Join us as we travel through and view the terrain of the picturesque countryside which was fought over by the US 5th and British 8th Armies as they battled the vaunted German 10th Army under General Albert Kesselring in WWII’s “Forgotten Campaign.”

Our focus will be on the battles and campaigns of the Allied Armies in Italy, with discussions and tours of some of the key battlefields of the Italian Campaign, including Anzio and Monte Cassino. Along the way, we will cross and recross the Po, Rapido, Volturno, Arno Rivers, and the legendary “lines” of Italy - Barbara, Gustav, Caesar, Hitler, Albert, Arno, Gothic, Kesselring and Winter gaining a deeper appreciation and respect for the tremendous challenges posed by the terrain and the German defenses.

Additionally, along the way you will experience the best of Italy, from the amazing historical Roman ruins at Pompeii to the legendary beauty of the “Eternal City” -- Rome, and the esthetically perfect Tuscan countryside and its capital, Florence. You will travel via deluxe motorcoach as you visit Naples and Pisa. Some of the greatest works of art and architecture will be available for viewing as you enjoy the perfect weather for touring Italia.

The unique MHT “in-depth” approach includes extensive pre-departure research, utilizing a vast resource of maps and other source material, ensuring the finest possible experience. Our Tour Leaders and Historians are among the most knowledgeable on WWII. In-depth, but easily understood, briefings are conducted on each battle and other historic sites. For those wanting to go into more detail, the onsite staff is available.

Tour participants are invited to contribute by sharing their personal knowledge and expertise as we walk the battlefields. Ample time is allowed for personal exploration and sightseeing. Since we come close to many places of great historical interest, we will include stops at some of these, depending on available time and group interest. Visits to selected American Military Cemeteries are made so that we may pay our respects to the brave young men who gave their lives in defense of freedom.

All of these things, along with the most experienced staff of Program Directors, Tour Leaders and Historians will combine to make your trip the most enjoyable, relaxing, entertaining and educational experience possible. We welcome your phone calls, letters or e-mails to discuss this expedition with one of our Battlefield Specialists. Call us toll free at 800-722-9501 M-F 9:30AM-5:30PM, mail or e-mail. We look forward to hearing from you!

| Tour Price | $ 4,795 |
| Per person, based on double occupancy | |
| Single Supplement | $ 550 |
| Price Includes: | |
| Airfare from Dulles International Airport (IAD) to Naples Italy & Return to IAD from Milan. | * |
| Superior 3 & 4 Star Hotel Accommodations | * |
| Air-Conditioned Motorcoach | * |
| Meals as indicated in itinerary | * |
| Emergency Medical, Evacuation, Repatriation, and Baggage Insurance | * |
| MHT Trip Kit containing Ball Cap, Bag Tags, Name Badge and Travel Info | * |
| MHT “Field Guide” Information Packet, containing Maps and Other Information | * |
| Admission Fees to all Sites, Museums and Special Attractions Listed | * |
| Services of Experienced MHT Tour Leaders & English-Speaking Local Guides. | * |
Daily Itinerary

Day 1 - 7 Sept, Monday—Departure
Depart on our International Flight from Dulles (IAD) Washington, DC late afternoon for our overnight flight to Naples with your MHT Tour Leader.

Day 2 - 8 Sept, Tuesday—Naples & Sorrento
Naples – Arrival in Naples, met by our local guide and bus for a transfer to our hotel in Sorrento.
(D/Dinner) Hotel Zi Tereza 3*

Day 3 - 9 Sept, Wednesday—Pompeii & Salerno
Morning departure to the Salerno Landing Site to commemorate “Operation Avalanche” the invasion of mainland Italy on this date in 1943. After lunch, visit of Pompeii at the base of Mt. Vesuvius. Return to Sorrento. (B/Breakfast ) Hotel: Zi Tereza 3*

Day 4 - 10 Sept Thursday—Monte Cassino, Anzio & Rome
Morning departure to follow the Italian campaign with our first stop is at the Polish Cemetery and continues up to the Abbey of Monte Cassino. Stop at Sant’Angelo in Theodice to view the 36th Infantry Division Memorial honoring the bloody Rapido River crossing. Continue north to visit the Nettuno American Cemetery, Museum and Memorial near the Anzio landing sites]. Check into our Rome hotel. (B/D) Hotel: Nord Nuova 3*+

Day 5 - 11 Sept Friday—Rome
We celebrate the liberation of Rome in 1944 with an exclusive visit to the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel. Following the Vatican Tour we commence our city tour that includes Trevi fountain and Piazza Navona with some free time for lunch, Capitoline Hill, Roman Colosseum and Forum. We will visit Fosse Ardeatine, the site of the 1944 Nazi Ardeatine Massacre of Italian citizens. (B) Hotel: Nord Nuova 3*+

Day 6 - 12 Sept, Saturday—Siena, Chianti & American Cemetery – Florence
Departure for Siena. Guided visit of this delightful medieval city famous for the Palio. Proceed through the Tuscany Chianti region and visit a typical cellar for a wine-tasting. Stop at Florence American Cemetery and Memorial before we check in at the hotel in Florence. (B/D) Hotel: Donatello 3*

Day 7 - 13 Sept, Sunday—Florence & Pisa
Morning starts with a sightseeing tour of beautiful Florence that includes Piazza del Duomo, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Baptistery of St. John and the Academy of Fine Arts housing the "David" by Michelangelo. After lunch we drive to Pisa where we visit the Leaning Tower (outside) and Campo. (B) Hotel: Donatello 3*

Day 8 - 14 Sept, Monday—Bologna, Modena & Venice
Following the axis of advance of the US Fifth Army as we visit Bologna whose capture by the 34th Infantry Division in 1945 led to the liberation of the Po Valley and the collapse of German defenses in Northern Italy and the site of the two famed towers. Continue to Modena to see. We need see Pavarottis castle and fine vinegar producing areas. Continue on to Mestre to check into our hotel. (B/D) Hotel: Centrale (Mestre )

Day 9 - 15 Sept, Tuesday—Venice
We start the morning catching the train to Venice. Walking tour of the city to admire the Piazza San Marco, the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the Prisons. Continue to Murano/Burano with visit to one of the famous glass factories to see the process of molding the glass. Return to Venice early afternoon with the rest of the day free. Return to Mestre on your own with the round-trip train ticket. (B) Hotel: Centrale (Mestre )

Day 10 - 16 Sept, Wednesday—Verona, Milan & Lake Como
We have a morning drive to Verona, the town of Romeo and Juliet and the well preserved Roman Arena. We continue to Milan to tour the Cathedral, Gallery, Scala Theatre and Museum, Sforza Castle, visit the famed Last Supper, Arch of Peace, Arena, and Monumental
Cemetery. We continue to our hotel near Lake Como.
(B) Hotel: Continental 3*

Day 11 - 17 Sept, Thursday—Lake Como
Bellagio roundtrip boat tour to see the sites of Lake Como. Time to shop and organize before our farewell dinner.
(B/D) Hotel: Continental 3*

Day 12 - 18 Sept, Friday —Departure to USA
Transfer to Linate airport for our early morning return flight arriving back the same day to Dulles International Airport.