

Best of Italy 2016 - Food



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Author Comments:

Italy is an amazing country. When you visit a country, it's like visiting family. You admire where the family lives, the people in family, how the family works, and what the family loves to eat.

This book is all about the food experience during our trip to Italy.



Day 1 - 1st Class Food



Food in American Airline's "First Class" cabin. Note, real china, real linen, real silverware, real glass, Nice.





Day 2 - First Night In Rome



Our first meal was at Marziali Caffee in Rome. Just a hint of the wonderful food and wine we enjoyed.

The coffee cup seemed small to me (Espresso).



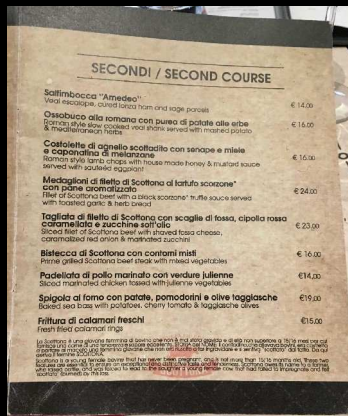
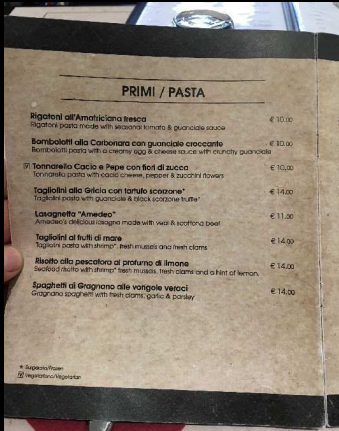
Day 3 - Second Day In Rome



*John found this wonderful place to eat.
Amedeo Ristorante
John treated Jeanne and I to dinner as an anniversary present.
The food and wine were amazing!*



These top four photographs were taken at a eatery across the street from the Vatican.



Thank you John for a fantastic dinner. Good choice.



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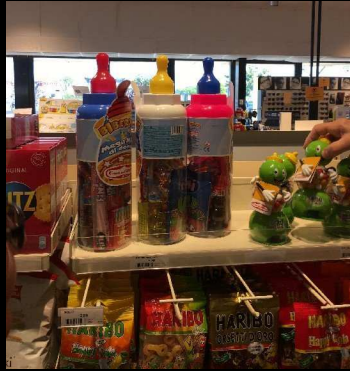
*Off to a great start. The food is already very impressive and so very
goooooooooooooooooooood !
(With 20 "o's")*

Day 4 - On To Pompeii and Sorrento



I ordered this lemon desert at La Zagara di Pasitano along the Amalfi Coast.

*So delightful, so much lemon flavor.
Yes, I shared.*



Everything on this page were found at road side stops.





Dinner in Sorrento at our hotel.

The Conca Hotel - Sorrento



Veal and Pasta and Pasta and Bread.





Day 5 - Island of Capri and Sorrento Dinner



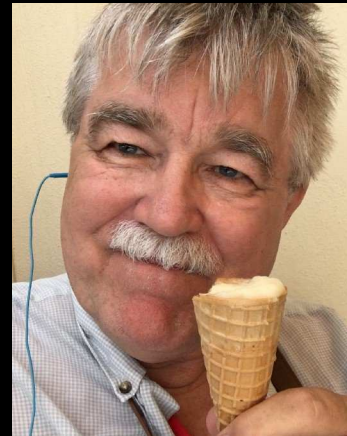
*Our tour director Marisa joins us at a very special Ristorante in Sorrento
"Ricardo's La Tavola Di Lucullo"*



Pasticceria Gelateria

*Home made Lemon Ice Cream
on
the Island of Capri.*

*The ice cream shop owner
made the lemon ice cream that
morning.*

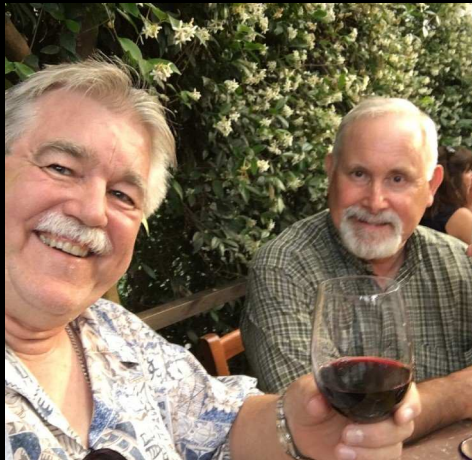




Our lunch in Sorrento. Fresh Cheese and wine.



Espresso "to go."





Ricardo's La Tavola Di Lucullo



Day 6 - North to Assisi



At a road stop between Sorrento and Assisi, we had lunch. Fresh mozzarella buffalo with tomato and egg. Opposite is meatballs, sauce, and Swiss chard.





Jeanne, John, and I take a few moments to refresh on a side street in Assisi.



*We had dinner at our hotel in Assisi. Cenacolo Francescano S. Antonio
Delicious pasta, Panchetta and potatoes, wine, and a gelato sundae.*



Porchetta
Piatto



La porchetta è un piatto tipico dell'Italia centrale. Consiste in un maiale intero, svuotato, disossato e condito... Espandi



Altre informazioni su Porchetta



Day 7 - Verona in the morning, Dinner in Venice



A BK in Verona? Where?



We opted for a light snack and beverage.



Jeanne and John saw the Burger King sign and that made them home sick for burger and fries, but since we didn't know where it was in Verona, we opted for a light snack and beverage. I had a Italian Aperol Spritz and John decided on a tall cold glass of Italian beer.

We enjoyed our snack stop at Carmen's. They have been at the same location for over 100 years!





*We had dinner with our tour group at our hotel,
the Grand Albergo Ausonia And Hungaria, Venice.*



Salute!



Our featured wine.



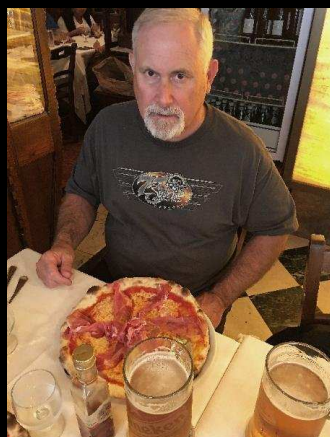
Pesto Risotto



Peas, Carrots, Chicken, and Gravy.

Day 8 - Venice





My lunch in Venice.

Jeanne and John had pizza for lunch.



*Dinner on the Island of Burano
at the
Trattoria Raspo De Ua*





Not a wine cooler, it's an Italian mineral water.



Home made bread and package fette biscottate toast.



Our place setting.



Tuna spread.



Fish Risotto.



Fish Ravioli.



Fresh Fish and Salad.



Calamari.



Shrimp.



Candied Almonds over Lemon Cookies.



Fresh Fruit.



And a after dinner wine to dip the cookies.



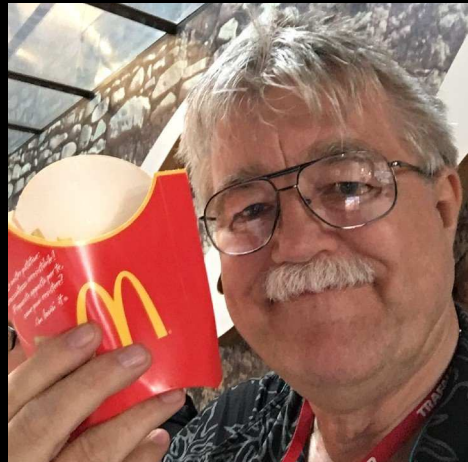
The ultimate in fish dinners!

Our gracious host, the owner of the Trattoria Raspo De Ua

Day 9 - Milan and Lake Maggiore



Happy Birthday Jeanne, Venice in the morning. Milan midday, then to Baveno at Lake Maggiore. John, Jeanne, and I found a McDonald's in Milan. Burger time!





We enjoyed dinner at the Hotel Simplon - Zacchera Hotels, Baveno, at Lake Maggiore.



The menu says it all.



Day 10 - Lake Como and Lake Maggiore Isola Madre



Jeanne, Robert, John, and I enjoyed lunch in the city of Lake Como at the Touring Caffee



Pasta shop at Lake Como.



Bakery shop at Lake Como.



Lunch at the Touring Caffee. That's a pizza!





Dinner at "La Piratera" on Isola Madre Lake Maggiore.



The Owner.



Day 11 - Florence Saraceni Vineyards - Ristorante I Tre Pini



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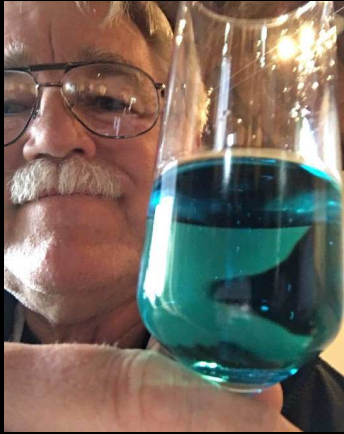


*di Niccolò (1469)
Machiavelli (1527)*

TAVERNETTA - RISTORANTE



DEGUSTAZIONE VINI CLASSICI DEL CHIANTI



Blumond Prosecco - Salute



Volare White Wine



Libero - Super Tuscan



Splendia - Like strawberries



Prosciutto and Genoa Salami



*From the top. Artichoke,
Tomato, and Cavier*



Three different cheeses



Libero - Chianti



Tomato Rice salsa



Spinach Cheese Ravioli



One bite = Love!



Gnocchi and Gravy



*PRIME RIB
ITALIAN STYLE !*



*Prime Rib Roast, Potatoes,
and Gravy*



*Solatio del Tani
Chianti Classico*



Two couples were celebrating wedding anniversaries. The winery presented us with an anniversary cake. Jeanne and I was recognized as being married the longest of the two being celebrated. Thank you for the anniversary cake, the very special evening of food, wine and live music. An enchanted evening to be sure!



The anniversary cake was Tiramisu. The other cake was a strawberry whip cream cake.

Day 12 - Florence



Jeanne, John, and I having lunch in Florence Italy at Note Di Vina.



Note Di Vino - Enoteca Wine Bar

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*June 3, 2016
Happy Anniversary Jeanne and Rich
Dinner at "Outside" Florence, Italy*



Dalla Griglia... (From the grill)

Tagliata di chianina all'olio al rosmarino
Grilled Tenderloin with Durum olive oil and rosemary
€ 22,00

La vera Bistecca alla Fiorentina (minimo 1,4kg)
Fiorentina beef steak (min. 1,4kg)
€ 45,00 al kg

Dall' Hamburgeria...

Hamburger aromatizzato al burro del chianti
con patate chips
Hamburger with sliced tomatoes, onion and crispy potato chips € 14,90

Hamburger al formaggio Cheddar
Cheeseburger with sliced tomatoes, onion and crispy potato chips € 14,00

Hamburger all'uovo bio e pancetta croccante
Hamburger with biological eggs, bacon and crispy potato chips € 15,00

Hamburger di tonno con maionese ai gamberi
Tuna-burger with shrimp mayonnaise and crispy potato chips € 15,00

Day 13 - Sienna and return to Rome



So, at 11:00 AM in Sienna Italy, what are you having?



Ciao Sienna



*Lunch at a road stop between
Sienna and Rome.*





*Our final meal in Rome
A farewell dinner.*



At Locanda dei Massimi



*Pasta, fish, and potatoes,
veggie's and lots of wine.*



Desert and that tiny coffee!



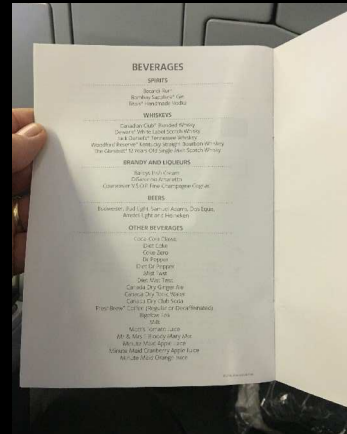
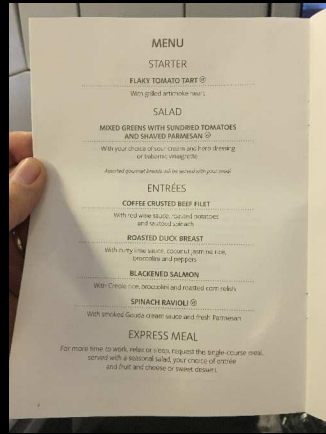
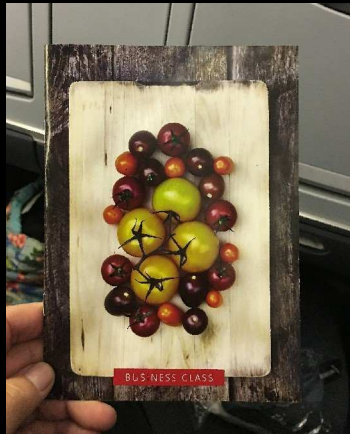


A very special thank you to our tour director Marisa.

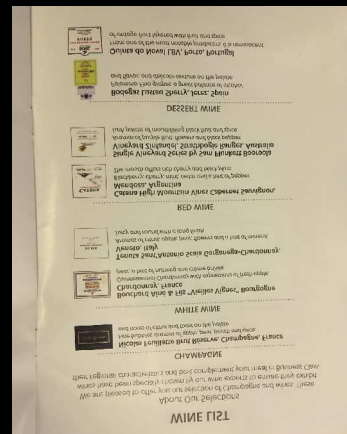
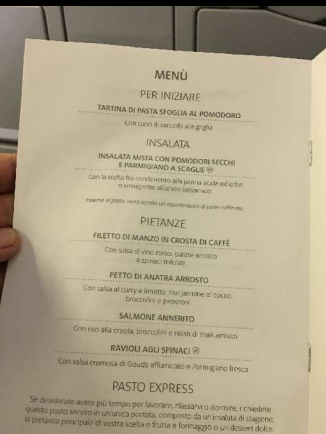
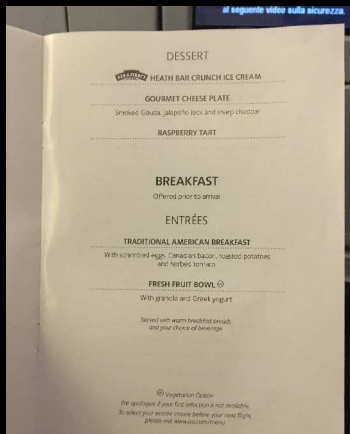
Day 14 - On the flight back home



Going home sparkling wine toast to a wonderful trip to Italy.



What's on the menu, going home?



Nothing like we had in Italy!



