DAY 1 – HARTFORD~NEW YORK~MILAN: Board the motorcoach at the University of Hartford for transfer to New York’s JFK international airport. Depart JFK on our transatlantic, non-stop flight to Milan’s Malpensa airport. Full meal and beverage service is offered while in-flight, as well as stereo headsets for our listening pleasure.

DAY 2 – MILAN~BASSANO DEL GRAPPA: Upon arrival in Milan, we will board our private motorcoach. From here, we will transfer to the Hotel Plaza (or similar) for check in. The remainder of the day will be at leisure. This evening, enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – PALLADIO VILLAS: This morning, following breakfast, we will depart for a visit to a local art academy (high school) with Prof Ezio Lunardon, as well as a bus tour of Palladio villas. During our time, we will enjoy a visit to the hospice care center, and view the hospice photography exhibit, as well as meet with health care professionals. Later, we will enjoy a special group dinner at Castello di Marostica. Return to Bassano for overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – VENICE: After breakfast, we will board our motorcoach and depart for Venice. Upon arrival, we will meet our guide who will introduce us to the floating city. We will see a number of sights and architectural highlights of the city, including St. Mark’s Square and entrance to the Doges Palace. We will have some time at leisure in Venice for shopping and browsing prior to returning to the Bassano. Dinner and overnight at the hotel in Bassano. (B, D)

DAY 5 – BASSANO~SASSUOLO~FLORENCE: Following breakfast and hotel check out, we will depart Bassano for Florence. En route, we will stop in Sassuolo in the province of Modena. Here, we will tour Sassuolo Hospital, meet health professionals. Lunch in hospital cafeteria. Upon arrival in Florence, we will check in to our hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 6 – FLORENCE~ROME: After breakfast at the hotel, we will check out of the hotel and head out for a guided tour of Florence. Our tour will bring us to all the major sights of the city, including ospedale degli innocenti and entrance to the Academia Museum, home of Michelangelo’s The David. After our tour, we will continue on to Rome where we will check in to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ROME: Breakfast at our hotel, followed by an ancient Rome sightseeing tour, featuring the most famous monuments and sites of Ancient Rome. By the time our day winds to a close, we will have seen the Colosseum (outside view only), the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, and so much more! The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure to explore Rome on our own. Dinner is on our own tonight. Overnight. (B)

DAY 8 – VATICAN CITY: After breakfast, we will depart to Vatican city where we will meet our local guide for visit the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. The remainder of the day will be at leisure. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Rome. Overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 9 – ROME~NEW YORK~HARTFORD: Following breakfast and hotel check out, we will be transferred to the airport. Here, we will board our non-stop return flight to New York. Upon arrival at JFK, we will board our bus for transfer back to the University of Hartford. (B)