



## Rugby Riot Invites You

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### Join the Charlotte Cardinals on the Trip of a Lifetime

#### A Rugby Vacation through Italy

Join us for an unforgettable rugby adventure through Italy next July. This incredible journey combines competitive rugby with iconic sightseeing, taking you from the romantic canals of Venice and Shakespeare's Verona to the ancient wonders of Rome, with exciting stops at Lake Garda and Florence along the way. Experience the thrill of international rugby competition while exploring world-famous landmarks like the Colosseum, Vatican Museums, and Juliet's balcony, all while staying in luxury four-star hotels with premium amenities. Whether you're seeking fierce competition on the pitch or breathtaking adventures off it—from Vespa tours through Rome to white-water rafting at Marmore Falls—this trip offers the perfect blend of rugby camaraderie and Italian culture that will create memories to last a lifetime.

**July 17 - 26, 2026**

**\$2690\* per person, land-only**

\*If at least 100 attend. See page four (4) for more details

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## The Itinerary

*Disclaimer: Items listed in this itinerary are subject to change based on availability at the time of bookings.*

### **Friday, July 17** **Departure**

Departure information and possible group flight options TBD.

### **Saturday, July 18** **Arrival In Italy | Venice Half-day Tour | Overnight In Verona - D**

Morning arrival at Venice Marco Polo International Airport (VCE). Welcome to Italy! After collecting our luggage we will depart for “La Serenissima” - Venice. Often considered the most beautiful city in the world, this island metropolis was first inhabited by those seeking refuge from the 5th century

Barbarian invasions. Over time Venice would become one of Europe’s most powerful maritime city states, and its many artistic and architectural treasures bear witness to its storied past.

Our day in Venice begins with a “bus boat” ride along the Grand Canal, where we will get to see some of the most beautiful and glorious buildings of Venice glide past, culminating with the towering thousand-year-old Byzantine Basilica dedicated to Saint Mark, the patron of the city. Here we will enjoy free time for lunch - relax and sip on a Bellini, go Murano glass shopping, or get romantic on a Gondola ride. In the late afternoon we will transfer to Verona where we will check-in at the four-star Crowne Plaza, which features deluxe amenities, a bar and restaurant, and an indoor infinity pool with views over the city. Dinner and overnight in Verona.

### **Sunday, July 19** **Verona Full-day Tour | Overnight In Verona - B**

Our morning begins with a walking tour of Verona, and what better place to start than the awe-inspiring Verona Arena, an ancient amphitheater that is in better shape than the Colosseum and still to this day hosts concerts and special events. Leaving the ancient gladiators behind, we then move on to explore a medieval castle and the famous bridge that spans the Adige river. Following free time for lunch we’ll step into Shakespeare and visit Juliet’s House, where the famous balcony invites us into Verona’s romantic past. The day concludes with a scenic funicular (mountain train) ride to the gardens of Castel San Pietro, for panoramic views over the city. Free evening and overnight in Verona.

### **Monday, July 20** **Game Day | Overnight In Verona - B, D**

Today offers a leisurely morning, perfect for some well-deserved rest or continued exploration of Verona. As midday approaches, we gather for a team meeting and lunch (not included in price, venue TBD), building excitement

for the afternoon’s highlight: a rugby match facing a dynamic local Italian team. The match promises competitive play, camaraderie, and the thrill of international sport—all overseen by official referees. Following the final whistle, we celebrate and refuel with a post-match dinner, sharing stories and forming new friendships. Overnight in Verona.

### **Tuesday, July 21** **Lake Garda Excursion | Overnight In Verona - B**

Embark on a morning journey to the stunning shores of Lake Garda, Italy’s largest and most spectacular lake. Our base here will be the town of Malcesine, which sits on a beautiful beachline between the lake’s edge and the Alps. The day offers opportunities for both relaxation and adventure: lounge on the beach, wander the storybook streets, or ascend the Alps via cable car for breathtaking mountain views (+\$35). For the more adventurous, seize the chance to return to Malcesine by downhill mountain biking (+\$90) or opt for a scenic cruise to the charming village of Limone di Garda (+\$15). Overnight Verona.

### **Wednesday, July 22** **Travel To Rome With Florence Half-day Tour | Overnight In Rome - B**

After breakfast, we bid farewell to Verona and depart for the Eternal City



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of Rome, journeying through the picturesque heart of Tuscany. Our route brings us to the city of Florence for a memorable half-day stop. We begin with a striking group photo at the panoramic terrace of Piazza Michelangelo, overlooking Florence's Renaissance skyline. You'll have free time to savor lunch and enjoy the bustling streets or, if you wish, join an optional guided visit to the Accademia Gallery (+\$35) to marvel at Michelangelo's masterpiece, David. We then continue on to Rome where we will check-in at the four-star A Roma Lifestyle Hotel, known for its incredible in-house restaurants and oasis-like gardens that feature a large outdoor pool. Welcome to Rome!

### **Thursday, July 23** **Game Day In Rome | Overnight In Rome - B, D**

Optional morning tour of Trastevere, Rome's favorite neighborhood known for its Bohemian feel, bustling markets

and cobblestoned medieval streets. We'll then rendezvous at the hotel before departing for a rugby match against a local Roman club, which will be followed by a post-game dinner with the opposition. Overnight in Rome.

### **Friday, July 24** **Ancient And Renaissance Rome Tour | Overnight In Rome - B**

The day begins with a privately guided tour of the world-renowned Colosseum and Roman Forum. If time allows, we'll arrange for some mock races at the Circus Maximus, the famous racetrack that once hosted chariot races before a crowd of more than 250,000 spectators. Free time for lunch follows, with an optional Vespa tour of Rome available (+\$80), which will whisk you through the city's storied streets (drivers must be at least 18 and hold a valid driver's license). The afternoon features a visit to the Vatican Museums and Michelangelo's awe-inspiring Sistine Chapel. Free evening and overnight in Rome.

### **Saturday, July 25** **Rome Exploration Or Rafting Adventure | Overnight In Rome - B, D**

There are two options for the group today: discover Rome's celebrated landmarks on a guided walking tour—meandering past the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain, and Spanish Steps—or embrace adventure with a white-water rafting excursion to the dramatic Marmore Falls (+\$100, which includes lunch). In the evening we will rendezvous at the hotel for a farewell dinner and overnight.

### **Sunday, July 26** **Departure To USA**

Today our adventure draws to a close. After breakfast and goodbyes, we transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!



## More Details

### ► Final Cost

Depends on the final number of registrants. See below:

40-59 paying = \$2990

60-79 paying = \$2890

80-99 paying = \$2790

100-119 paying = \$2690

### ► Payment Schedule

Registration - Free

First Installment - Due January 9, 2026

Second Installment - Due June March 13, 2026

Third Installment - May 8, 2026

### ► Inclusions

- Rugby Riot coverage of the tour, with one (1) Rugby Riot staff member joining
- 8 nights lodging in four-star hotels (double occupancy rooms)
- Private A/C deluxe motor coach throughout
- One professionally trained tour manager on each bus (max 56 pax per bus)
- Daily breakfast
- Four three-course Italian dinners (no choice of menus and no beverages included)
- All tours, tickets and entry prices listed in itinerary except those listed with pricing

### ► Exclusions

- Airfare (TBD - airfare becomes available in September, 2025)
- Daily lunch and four dinners
- Beverages at included dinners
- Travelers insurance (available for purchase through tour agency)
- Excursions listed with pricing in itinerary



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