

Switzerland and Italy

September 2006



Thursday, August 31

Matt drives from Akron to Doylestown.

Between 8 and 9 PM, Tom, Katie, Matt, and Rachel depart Doylestown, PA for Cape May, NJ, in order to drop off Rachel with the McArthurs.

Friday, September 1

Tom, Katie, Matt, and Rachel spend the day with the McArthurs in Cape May, NJ

Saturday, September 2

Paul departs from Minneapolis, MN, at 8:00 a.m. on flight CO3273. Arrives in Newark, NJ, at 11:42 AM.

Tom, Katie, and Matt drive from Cape May, NJ, to Newark, NJ. Total driving time = 2:35 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 149 miles.

Tom, Katie, Matt, and Paul depart from Newark, NJ, at 6:50 PM on Continental Airlines Flight 78 (non-stop flight 7 hours and 50 minutes)

Sunday, September 3

Transportation

Rental car reserved at Budget Rental Car in the Zurich airport at Terminal B for 10:00 AM. Confirmation number: 38735705US1. MAZDA 2 1.2 OR 1.4. 332.54 SFR total cost. Sun 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM; Mon - Fri 7:00 AM - 10:00 PM; Sat 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM Phone 41-18-133-131

Tom, Katie, Matt, and Paul arrive in Zurich, Switzerland at 8:40 AM (Continental Airlines Flight 78)

Drive from Zurich to Lauterbrunnen. Total driving time = 1:55 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 89 miles.

Take cable car from Lauterbrunnen to Murren.

Accommodations

Stay at Hotel Alpina in Murren. Reservation for 2 BR family apartment on the 3rd floor with a view of the valley. Price = 280 CHF per night.

Monday, September 4

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Tuesday, September 5

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Wednesday, September 6

Accommodations

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Thursday, September 7

Transportation

Drive from Lauterbrunnen to Florence. Total driving time = 6:00 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 361 miles.

Accommodations

Stay at Residenza dei Pucci in Florence (two double rooms). Price = 130.50 Euros per night. Show the Rick Steves' Italy guide 2006 and pay cash to receive this rate. Front desk open from 9 AM - 8 PM. We kindly ask you to check in from 2 PM - 8 PM. For our Guests who reach Florence by car a garage is available with pick-up and return service (from Euro 22,00 to Euro 30,00 per day).

http://www.residenzadeipucci.com/Engl/ResPucci_index1.htm

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Friday, September 8

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McArthurs drive Rachel from Cape May, NJ to Doylestown, PA in order to leave Rachel with the Leitchs. Expected arrival in Doylestown around noon.

Saturday, September 9

Transportation

Drive from Florence to Sienna. Total driving time = 1:00 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 35 miles.

Accommodations

Stay at Albergo Cannon d'Oro (Cannondoro) in Sienna. Price = 90 Euros per night.

Via Montanini 28

Tel +39 0577 44321

Fax +39 0577 280868

<http://www.cannondoro.com>

HOW TO REACH US BY CAR:

In the Siena 's Ring road exit at “Siena Ovest – Porta San Marco” take the directions “CENTRO – STADIO – FORTEZZA”. (You travelled all Strada di Pescaia, after the Traffic Light keep right in Via Cesare Battisti, after 200 meters left (Via Monte Santo) and right (Viale Vittorio Veneto), then Viale dei Mille and only one hundred meters in Viale Curtatone. On the right you can get in No Traffic Zone “Piazza Matteotti”, you cross the square and after 30 meters of Via Pianigiani, you can find the Hotel on the left side (Vicolo dell'Arco Malavolti – Via Montanini, 28).

HIGHWAY A1 TO FLORENCE :

Exit “Firenze Certosa” and after you get into the Freeway Firenze – Siena (Auto Palio). In the Siena 's Ring Road exit at “Siena Ovest – Porta San Marco”.

HIGHWAY A1 FROM ROME :

Exit “Valdichiana – Bettolle” and after you get into the Freeway Bettolle – Siena . In the Siena 's Ring Road exit at “Siena Ovest – Porta San Marco”.

From the Freeway Grosseto – Siena exit at “Siena Ovest – Porta San Marco”.

Sunday, September 10

Transportation

Drive from Sienna to Castelrotto (Kastelruth). Total driving time = 3:30 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 248 miles.

Accommodations

Stay at Tirlor Hof (Jaider family farm) in Castelrotto (Kastelruth). Price = ~45 Euros per night. It is the first farm a half-mile outside of town on the right on the road to San Michele. Paniderstrasse 44. tel and fax 0471-706-017

Monday, September 11

Hike to Schlernhaus from Castelrotto (Kastelruth). Minimum hiking time = 6:00 (hrs:min). Minimum hiking distance 12 miles.

Accommodations

Stay at Schlernhaus above Castelrotto (Kastelruth). Price = ~20 Euros per person per night.

<http://www.schlernhaus.it/htmluk/index.html>

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Tuesday, September 12

Transportation

Drive from Castelrotto (Kastelruth) to Zurich. Total driving time = 4:00 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 243 miles.

Accommodations

Stay at Etap Hotel Zurich City West in Zurich. Price = 92 CHF per room per night.

Technoparkstrasse 2

8005 ZURICH

Tel : (+41) 01 276 20 00

Fax : (+41) 01 276 20 01

http://www.etaphotel.com/etaphotel/fichehotel/gb/etp/3184/fiche_hotel.shtml



Wednesday, September 13

Transportation

Drop off car at Zurich airport.

Tom, Katie, Matt, and Paul depart from Zurich, Switzerland, at 10:35 AM on Continental Airlines Flight 79 (non-stop flight 9 hours and 5 minutes). The flight arrives in Newark, NJ at 1:40 PM. Tom and Katie are in seats 26A and 26B.

Tom and Katie drive from Newark, NJ to Doylestown, PA. Total driving time = 1:27 (hrs:min). Total driving distance 69 miles.

Currency Conversion (as of August 2006)

1 CHF = \$0.810

1 Euro = \$1.281

Hiking Trails in the Dolomites

<http://www.kastelruth.com/content.asp?L=3&MEN=5611&LEV=2&CHI=0&ORD=190&SUBC=11415>

From Castelrotto (1060)	Time	Path nr.	Ht.diff
Kastelruth – Tusch (1269) – Marinzen (1486) Castelrotto – Tusch (1269) – Marinzen (1486)	2	4 – 4a	+ 426
Marinzen (1486) – Schafstall (1470) – Hexenbänke (2104) – Arnika Hütte/Puflatsch (2061) – AVS-Hütte (1950) Marinzen (1486) – Schafstall (1470) – Banche delle Streghe (2104) – Rif. Arnika/Bullaccia (2061) – Rif. AVS (1950)	2	9 – 8 AVS	+ 575
Marinzen (1486) – Schafstall (1470) – St. Michael (1325)	1 ½	9	+ 265
Marinzen (1486) – Frommer Alm (1700)	2	12	+ 220
Marinzen (1486) – Gstatsch	1 ½	10	+ 120
Kastelruth/Castelrotto – Tisens/Tisana (930) – Tagusens/Tagusa (950)	2 ½	1	- 110
Kastelruth/Castelrotto – Gunserbühl (1154) – Tagusens/Tagusa (950)	2	2	- 110
Kastelruth/Castelrotto – Tamines (1023) – Tagusens/Tagusa (950)	2	2	- 110
Kastelruth – Tiosels (1166) – Hexenstühle (1368) – Schafstall (1470) – Hexenbänke (2104) – Arnika-Hütte (2061) – AVS-Hütte (1950) Castelrotto – Tiosels (1166) – Banchi delle Streghe (1368) – Schafstall (1470) – Ban. delle Streghe (2104) – Rif. Arnika (2061) – Rif. AVS (1950)	3	8 – AVS	+ 1001
Kastelruth – St. Michael (1325) – Panider Sattel (1437) Castelrotto – S. Michele (1325) – Passo Pinei (1437)	2	7	+ 377
Kastelruth – Telfen (1080) – Laranzer Runde (ca. 1150) Castelrotto – Telfen (1080) – giro di Laranza (ca. 1150)	2 ½	5	+ 90
Kastelruth – St. Valentin (1161) – Ratzes (1212) Castelrotto – S. Valentino (1161) – Razzes (1212)	1 ½	6	+ 15
Kastelruth – Seis (1000) – Völser Weiher (1040) Castelrotto – Siusi (1000) – Laghetto di Fiè (1040)	2 ½	6 – 7 – 2	- 20
Kastelruth – St. Valentin (1161) – Seiser Alm (1870) Castelrotto – S. Valentino (1161) – Alpe di Siusi (1870)	3	6 – 11 – 4	+ 810
Kastelruth – Telfen (1080) – St. Oswald (750) Castelrotto – Telfen (1080) – S. Osvaldo (750)	1 ½	5 – rwr	- 310
Kastelruth – Tusch (1269) – Seiser Alm Str. (1305) Castelrotto – Tusch (1269) – Via dell'Alpe di Siusi (1305)	2	4	+ 245
Kastelruth – Runtschun (886) – St. Oswald (750) Castelrotto – Runtschun (886) – S. Osvaldo (750)			
Kastelruth – Tisens (930) – Waidbruck/Trostburg (627) Castelrotto – Tisana (930) – Ponte Gardena/Castelforte (627)	2 ½	1	- 433
Panider Sattel (1437) – Pufels (1484) – Seiser Alm (1870) Passo Pinei (1437) – Bullaccia (1484) – Alpe di Siusi (1870)	3	P – 3	+ 433
Panider Sattel (1437) – St. Ulrich (1265) Passo Pinei (1437) – Ortisei (1265)	1 ½	7	- 172
Kastelruth – Schgagul (1134) – St. Michael (1325) – Panider Sattel (1437) Castelrotto – Schgagul (1134) – S. Michele (1325) – Passo Pinei (1437)	2	2 – 0	+ 377