

TENTATIVE GOVERNMENT OF CANADA SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

TIME	VETERAN DELEGATION	MINISTER, PARLIAMENTARIANS, OTHERS TBC
Tuesday, November 26, 2019		Sicily Component (in grey) is TBC
AM/PM	Some delegates arrive at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport Hotel in Ottawa	Delegates assemble at Montreal or Toronto airport
		Depart for Rome (approx. 8 h flight)
Wednesday, November 27, 2019		
AM/PM	All delegates assemble at the Hilton Garden Inn Airport Hotel in Ottawa	Arrive in Rome and depart for Catania, Sicily (approx. 1 h 15 m flight)
		Arrive in Catania, Sicily, and transfer to Hotel NH Catania Parco Degli Aragonesis
PM	Rest in Ottawa	Rest in Catania
18:00	Group Dinner at hotel	Dinner on own in Catania
19:00	Delegation Briefing at hotel	
TBC	Luggage in Room TBC to be placed on luggage truck for airport	
Thursday, November 28, 2019		
TBC	Depart for Canada Reception Centre	
7:00	Depart for Rome on DND Airbus - 8 h flight	
9:00		
10:30		Depart for Agira (travel time approx. 1 h 15 m)
		Ceremony of Remembrance at Agira Canadian War Cemetery (45 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 400
12:00	Lunch on flight	Group lunch near Agira TBC
13:30		Depart for Assoro (travel time approx. 30 m)
14:00		Visit monuments at the summit of Assoro Private visit
15:00		Depart for Catania (travel time approx. 1 h 30 m)
Evening	Dinner on flight	Dinner on own in Catania
21:00	Arrive at Fiumicino Airport in Rome and transfer to Edra Palace Hotel in Cassino	

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	(travel time approx.. 2 h) Rest stop if required	
	Light lunch at hotel	
Friday, November 29, 2019 Cassino region – 3 nights		
TBC	Rest in Cassino	Depart Catania for Rome (flight time approx. 1 h 25 m flight)
AM		Arrive at Fiumicino Airport in Rome and transfer to Edra Palace Hotel in Cassino - one rest stop on route (travel time approx. 2 h)
12:00	Lunch on own	Lunch on own
PM	Rest in Cassino	Rest in Cassino
18:00	Meet and Greet with some members of the Canadian Armed Forces contingent	Meet and Greet with some members of the Canadian Armed Forces contingent
19:00	Group dinner at hotel in Cassino	Group dinner at hotel in Cassino
Saturday, November 30, 2019 (3 h 30 m and 2 h day for Veterans; from time of departure to arrival at hotel)		
8:30	Load coaches	Load coaches
9:00	Depart for Pontecorvo (travel time approx. 30 m) (Note: 30 m always required to unload and time to use washrooms upon arrival)	Depart for Pontecorvo (travel time approx. 30 m)
10:00	Ceremony at Pontecorvo Monument (45 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 300	Ceremony at Pontecorvo Monument (45 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 300
11:15	Load coaches	Load coaches
11:45	Depart for hotel (travel time approx. 30 m)	Depart for hotel (travel time approx. 30 m)
12:30	Group lunch at hotel	Group lunch at hotel
13:30	Rest	Depart for Abbey of Monte Cassino
14:00		Visit Abbey of Monte Cassino
15:00	Load coach	Load coach
15:30	Depart for Cassino War Cemetery (travel time approx.. 10 m)	Depart for Cassino War Cemetery (travel time approx. 15 m)
16:00	Visit to Cassino War Cemetery (Note: Sunset at 16:37) (45 m visit) Private visit	Visit to Cassino War Cemetery (Note: Sunset at 16:37) (45 m visit) Private visit

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17:00	Load coaches	Load coaches
17:30	Depart for hotel (travel time approx. 10 m)	Depart for hotel (travel time approx. 10 m)
18:30	Group dinner at hotel in Cassino	Group dinner at hotel in Cassino
Sunday, December 1, 2019 (4-5 h day for Veterans; from time of departure to arrival at hotel) Ortona region – 2 nights		
9:00-11:00	Rest in Cassino	Historical Briefing by Professor Blassi including - Visit to the plaque honouring Major J.K. Mahony, VC, at Roccasecca - Visit to the Governor General Horse Guard monument Private visit
11:30	Group lunch at hotel in Cassino	Group lunch at hotel in Cassino
12:30	Load coaches	Load coaches
13:00	Depart for Ortona, includes two rest stops on route (travel time approx. 4-5 h)	Depart for Ortona, includes two rest stops on route (travel time approx. 4-5 h)
PM	Check into Hotel Mara in Ortona	Check into Hotel Mara in Ortona
18:30	Group dinner at hotel in Ortona	Group dinner at hotel in Ortona
Monday, December 2, 2019 (4 h 45 m day for Veterans; from time of departure to arrival at hotel)		
8:45	Load coaches	Load coaches
9:15	Depart for Price of Peace Monument (travel time approx. 15 m)	Depart for Price of Peace Monument (travel time approx. 15 m)
9:30		Visit of Indigenous Plaque at Town Hall (2 m walk to Price of Peace monument) Private visit
10:00	Ceremony of Remembrance at Price of Peace Monument/Canadian Heroes Square (45 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 400	Ceremony of Remembrance at Price of Peace Monument/Canadian Heroes Square followed by (45 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 400
11:00	Load coaches	450 metres 10 m walk to the Civilian Monument for wreath-laying (Veterans do not participate) (10 m ceremony)
11:20	Depart for Civilian Monument to pick up others (travel time approx. 2 m drive)	Load coaches
11:30	Depart for Moro River Canadian War Cemetery (travel time approx. 15 m)	Depart for Moro River Canadian War Cemetery (travel time approx. 15 m)
11:45	Visit to Moro River Canadian War Cemetery (45 m visit) Private visit	Visit to Moro River Canadian War Cemetery (45 m visit) Private visit

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12:30	Load coaches	Load coaches
13:00	Depart for hotel	Depart for hotel
13:30	Group lunch at hotel	Group lunch at hotel
14:30	Rest in Ortona	- Visit to the plaque honouring Captain Paul Triquet, VC, at Casa Berardi - Visit to Cider Crossroads Private visit
19:00	Group dinner at hotel in Ortona	Group dinner at hotel in Ortona
Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (6 h day for Veterans; from time of departure to arrival at hotel) ** Ravenna region – 3 nights		
AM	Depart for Ravenna – box lunch and two rest stops on route (travel time approx. 6 h)	Depart for Russi – box lunch and two rest stops on route (travel time approx. 5 h)
PM	Check into Grand Hotel Mattei in Ravenna	Plaque unveiling at Russi Anticipated attendance: 200
PM	Rest in Ravenna	Check into Grand Hotel Mattei in Ravenna
Evening	Group dinner at hotel in Ravenna	Group dinner at hotel in Ravenna
Wednesday, December 4, 2019 (8 h day for Veterans; from time of departure to arrival at hotel)		
8:00	Load coaches	Load coaches
8:30	Depart for Ravenna town square (travel time approx. 15 m)	Depart for Ravenna town square (travel time approx. 15 m)
9:30	Ceremony at town square (At 9:15, CAF marches through Porta Sisi arch to town square for ceremony) (20 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 400	Ceremony at town square (At 9:15, CAF marches through Porta Sisi arch to town square for ceremony) (20 m ceremony) Anticipated attendance: 400
10:00	Load coaches	Load coaches
10:30	Depart for Ravenna War Cemetery – light breakfast ((muffins/croissants) en route (travel time approx. 20 m) – 250 m from entrance to ceremony site (possible use of golf carts)	Depart for Ravenna War Cemetery Cemetery – light breakfast ((muffins/croissants) en route (travel time approx. 20 m) – 250 m from entrance to ceremony site (possible use of golf carts)
11:30	Ceremony of Remembrance and visit to Ravenna War Cemetery (45 m ceremony and 45 m visit) Anticipated attendance: 300	Ceremony of Remembrance and visit to Ravenna War Cemetery (45 m ceremony and 30 m visit) Anticipated attendance: 300
13:15	Load coaches	Load coaches
13:45	Depart for hotel	Depart for hotel

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	(travel time approx. 15 m)	(travel time approx. 15 m)
14:00	Group lunch at hotel	Group lunch at hotel
PM	Rest in Ravenna	Rest in Ravenna
19:00	Group Dinner at hotel in Ravenna or dinner on own	Group Dinner at hotel in Ravenna or dinner on own
Thursday, December 5, 2019 (no travel day - Rest day)		
10:00-11:30 TBC	Youth Exchange and Meet and Greet with Ravenna School to present gifts to Veterans (1 h 30 m event) Anticipated attendance: TBC local school children	Youth Exchange and Meet and Greet with Ravenna School to present gifts to Veterans (1 h 30 m event) Anticipated attendance: TBC local school children
12:00	Group lunch at hotel in Ravenna	Group lunch at hotel in Ravenna
14:00-16:00	Rest in Ravenna	- Visit to the plaque honouring Private Ernest "Smokey" Smith, VC, in Cesena - Visit to Gothic Line plaque in Tavullia or Rimini TBC Private visit
19:00	Farewell Dinner at hotel in Ravenna (2 h dinner)	Farewell Dinner at hotel in Ravenna (2 h dinner)
Friday, December 6, 2019		
TBC	Load coaches	Load coaches
TBC	Depart for Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (travel time approx. 2 h)	Depart for Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport (travel time approx. 2 h)
9:00	Depart for Canada on DND Airbus – 9 h flight	Depart for Canada on DND Airbus – 9 h flight
12:00	Arrive at the Canada Reception Centre in Ottawa	Arrive at the Canada Reception Centre in Ottawa
PM	Delegates depart for home or check into Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Ottawa to depart for home cities the following day.	Delegates depart for home or check into Hilton Garden Inn Hotel in Ottawa to depart for home cities the following day.