

ITALIAN JOURNEYS

Grand Tasting Tour of Northern Italy

12 Days · Private Journey

Milan · the Langhe & Piedmont · Parma & Bologna · Udine & Friuli · Trieste · Venice

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THE JOURNEY

Some journeys you sightsee; this one you taste. Twelve days across northern Italy built around the table — hunting truffles in the Piedmont woods, eating culatello in the village where its story began, watching Parmesan being made, and working your way from the great reds of the Langhe to the crisp whites of Friuli. In between: Milan's elegance, Bologna's food-obsessed streets, and a final evening gliding through Venice by gondola. Private drivers, expert local guides, hand-picked 4- and 5-star hotels, and every tasting arranged in advance — you simply show up hungry.



DAY BY DAY

Day 1 — Arrive in Milan. Private driver from Linate or Malpensa Airport to your centrally located hotel; the rest of the day at leisure — a first Milanese aperitivo, a stroll through the fashion streets, or simply unwind after your flight.

Day 2 — Milan at leisure. The Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, hidden courtyards and refined cafés — the city at your own pace. *Options: half-day Milan tour with the Last Supper; Lake Como boat tour.*

Day 3 — Rice fields & countryside charm. An educational morning devoted to Italian rice — its farming, history and place in the kitchen — then onward to the Langhe, settling in among vineyards and rolling hills.

Day 4 — Truffles, grappa & the wines of Piedmont. Truffle hunting alongside a professional guide and his trained dog, followed by a rustic lunch at a local estate; a traditional grappa producer in the afternoon, then a wine tasting at a

boutique winery in the Piedmontese hills.

Day 5 — Slow living in the Langhe. A full day at leisure at your relais — hilltop villages, a long lunch, the slow rhythms of world-renowned wine country. *Option: full-day Langhe wineries experience.*

Day 6 — Culatello & culinary heritage. Into Emilia-Romagna for a guided visit and lunch in the birthplace of culatello, one of Italy's rarest cured meats, at the trattoria where its story begins; then the secrets of balsamic vinegar on a private tour of a historic producer. Overnight in Parma.



Day 7 — From Parmigiano to Bologna's heart. A morning visit to a Parmesan cheese producer, learning the art behind one of Italy's greatest exports; then a private food-and-history walking tour of Bologna, and north to Udine, where Alpine and Venetian influences meet.

Day 8 — Udine & wine country. A private walking tour of Udine, a town of quiet charm and refined culture; then two distinct wine experiences — a tasting and lunch at a prestigious estate, and a second local varietal for a deeper understanding of Friuli's wine scene.

Day 9 — Prosciutto, Palmanova & Trieste. A full day of discovery: prosciutto tasting at a traditional producer, the star-shaped fortress town of Palmanova — a unique UNESCO site — and a tour of Trieste, where you spend the evening.

Day 10 — Venice bound. Transfer to Venice, the floating masterpiece; a private walking tour through its quiet corners and iconic beauty, and a private gondola ride to end the day.

Day 11 — La Serenissima at leisure. Hidden artisan shops, a lagoon-side lunch, a café in Piazza San Marco — Venice at your own rhythm. *Options: Verona & the vineyards; Treviso & the Prosecco Hills; the Three Islands — Murano, Burano & Torcello.*

Day 12 — Departure. Private transfer to Venice Airport.

E X T E N D T H E J O U R N E Y

Not ready to say goodbye? Add Verona, Lake Garda and Lake Como, and the journey runs to fifteen days:

Day 12 (extension) — Venice to Verona via Treviso & the Prosecco Hills. A private guided walking tour of Treviso — canals, frescoed façades, relaxed elegance — lunch at a traditional local restaurant, and a winery tour and tasting among the rolling vineyards of Valdobbiadene. Evening in Verona.

Day 13 (extension) — Verona, wine & the waters of Sirmione. A private guided walking tour of Verona's romantic streets and Roman heritage; a winery tour, tasting and lunch just outside the city; then two hours in Sirmione, the lakeside jewel of Lake Garda. Onward to Lake Como for the night.

Day 14 (extension) — Lake Como at leisure. Waterfront strolls, elegant shops, a boat ride to the lakeside villages — a day to relax and savor the Italian lifestyle. *Option: Lake Como boat tour.*

Day 15 (extension) — Departure. Private transfer to Milan Airport.

Included throughout: private airport and intercity transfers, a private driver as listed, private guides as listed, all scheduled entries, the tastings and experiences named above, and 11 nights in 4- or 5-star hotels with breakfast (14 nights on the extended journey). Optional experiences are quoted separately, and every journey can be tailored — longer stays, different hotels, extra days wherever your palate leads.



Every journey begins with a conversation. Tell us where northern Italy has been calling you, and we will design the rest — privately, personally, and entirely around you.

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GOOD TO KNOW — A deposit of 20% confirms your journey, with the balance due two months before arrival. Payments by bank wire or Zelle carry no surcharge; credit card payments add a 5% surcharge. Flights are not included, though we are glad to arrange them on request. Optional experiences and upgrades are quoted separately. Pricing is on request — every journey is tailored.