



Eat and Drink Like A Northern Italian

"Northern Italy – a paradise for those who enjoy the finer things in life!"

Northern Italy is a beautiful enigma; at times quiet and serene; at times loud and boisterous. We have designed a Northern Italian tour that will let you sample the great diversity of this beautiful corner of the Earth. From the gothic charm of Venice to fashionable chic of Milan, you will enjoy Northern Italy in comfort, in style, and in depth. We'll visit the must see highlights as well as some lesser known but equally intriguing attractions as we journey from the Adriatic to the Alps to the Ligurian Sea. As always with an Eat and Drink Like a European Tour, there are plenty of memorable food and drink experiences. Expect fresh, local, and delicious! And what would a tour of Northern Italy be without art, architecture, history, and natural beauty? You really get it all on this tour. With our tour director taking care of the details, our private coach acting as full-time designated driver, and plenty of free time built in for your own explorations, we know you will love to Eat and Drink like a Northern Italian!

Our Northern Italy Tour Includes:

The full-time services of a professional tour director who is passionate about the history, culture, and beer of Europe All admissions and local tours – no hidden extra charges for any excursions – covering these experiences (and more!):

- ✓ Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Basilica in Venice
- ✓ Venetian Lagoon tour to Murano, Burano, and Torcello
- ✓ Hidden Venice Walking Tour
- ✓ Visit to Ötzi the Iceman at the South Tyrol Museum of Archeology
- ✓ Cable car lift into the high Alps
- ✓ Exploration of the Alpe di Suisi meadows in the grand Dolomites
- ✓ Verona Arena, Castelvecchio Museum, and Juliet's Balcony
- ✓ Cathedral, baptistry, and Teatro Farnese in Parma
- ✓ Cinque Terre Train and Trail pass to explore the five coastal villages
- ✓ The Milan Cathedral Spires and Statues Tour
- ✓ Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II in Milan
- ✓ DaVinci's Last Supper in Santa Maria della Grazie
- ✓ Authentic Venetian Pizzeria/Birreria
- ✓ Venetian wine and chicchetti lunch
- ✓ Tour of Venissa Winery and Gardens in the Venetian Lagoon
- ✓ Lunch and wine tasting at Venissa Osteria
- ✓ Tour and tasting at Soligo Spumante Prosecco Winery
- ✓ Tour, tasting, and dinner at Batzen Bräu Brewery in Bolzano
- ✓ Tour and tasting at alpine cheese maker in Castelrotto
- ✓ Gourmet South Tyrolean feast in Bolzano
- ✓ Cooking class in a villa near Verona
- ✓ Aperitivo (drinks and tapas in the the Veronese style)
- ✓ Brewery tour of Toccolmatto, "The Beer Freak Show"
- ✓ Market visit with authentic Parmigiano-Reggiano tastings
- ✓ A visit to the craft beer mecca of Parma – Birreria Vecchie Maniere
- ✓ Tour and tasting at a winery / balsamic vinegar producer
- ✓ Tour and tasting at Buranco organic winery and distillery
- ✓ Hands on visit to the "Pesto Labratory" in Levanto
- ✓ Gourmet Ligurian feast in a coastal town in the Cinque Terre
- ✓ Brewery tour, tasting and lunch at Birrificio Italiano near Milan

- A small group (average group size 12) • All group transportation from Venice to Milan • 12 nights accommodation in comfortable, centrally located hotels • All breakfasts, 8 lunches and 4 dinners • All tips for driver and guides • Guaranteed pricing on your tour – locked in the moment you make your deposit

What past travellers on our Italy tours have said:

"The trip was well rounded with planned activities/meals and then time on our own. Staying put for a couple of nights to get the feel of the area was great and made for a more relaxing tour. The variety of activities were well planned. We really enjoyed the trip." Laurence and Elaine – 2012 Tour

"This trip was a dream come true. Craig is an enthusiastic, energetic, knowledgeable tour guide. Our days were full with tours and just the perfect amount of time to explore each destination on our own. I went as a single person and I was very grateful to be touring with a group. I felt safe, included and grateful to share my experiences with others. I appreciated experiencing both the busyness of the cities as well as hiking through the variety of nature settings included on this trip. Each day was a gift. Thank you for all the thought and planning that went into this trip as it truly was spectacular!" Carla – 2014 Tour

"Beyond the exceptional organization and itinerary I found that your knowledge of history, geography and art allowed me to not only enjoy the beauty of every location and venue, but to understand how each or these where inter-related. Additionally I very much appreciated the time that we had at each place to explore and take in the history and splendour that we found in Europe. The tour went well beyond our expectations and I very much look forward to future European travel with you." Gary – 2010 Tour

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Partial Daily Itinerary

Day 2: The Most Serene Republic

In the morning we'll walk to St. Mark's Square to get an unsurpassed view of the centre of Venice before the day-trippers arrive. A tour of the inside of the Doge's Palace and the adjoining St. Mark's Basilica will complete our morning. Then your tour director will take you on a tour of "hidden" Venice – bringing you to the Rialto Bridge with several interesting stops along the way (Harry's Bar, Chiesa di San Moisè, La Fenice Opera House, La Scala del Bovolo and more). After our walk we'll lunch together on fabulous cicchetti (Venetian tapas). The rest of the afternoon is yours to explore as you wish – your tour director is available to give you plenty of advice! Your pass to the Doge's Palace includes entrance to the Correr Museum – you may wish to visit this uncrowded museum and learn more about the history of Venice.

Sleep in Venice / Bus: none / Walking: Moderate
Meals provided: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 3: The Wine of the Lagoon

After breakfast we'll board a Vaporetto (Venetian water transport) that will take us on a tour of three of the most beautiful islands of the Venetian lagoon. Our first stop will be Burano, a quiet pastel village with a tradition of beautiful lace-making and its own leaning tower. Crossing a short pedestrian bridge, we will arrive at the Venissa Wine Resort, the only wine-producer in the Venetian Lagoon. A tour of the beautiful vineyards and gardens will precede an amazing gourmet lunch paired, of course, with excellent wine. Then we're back on the water, heading to nearby Torcello, the oldest inhabited island in Venice. Much of this island has reverted back to wilderness – it is a chance to see what Venice would have looked like before the influx of people in the Dark Ages. On Torcello we will visit the oldest church in Venice –The Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta, started in 639 AD, and view its beautiful, ancient mosaics. On our way back to Venice proper, we will stop in Murano, where we will see some historic glass blowing artistry. When we arrive back in central Venice, you will again have some free time to explore. We like to tell our guests to "get lost" in Venice. You'll always find something interesting, and you'll always find your way back to the hotel because of its central location!

Sleep in Venice / Bus: none / Boat: 1.5 hours (total time on the water)
/ Walking: Moderate
Meals provided: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 4: Bubbly before Bolzano

Today we say arrivederci to Venice, as we meet our private coach driver who will take us on the ultimate journey across Northern Italy. A short drive north and we will be in Prosecco country. Prosecco is a sparkling white wine unique to this region of Italy. We will tour a local vineyard and have an exclusive tasting with the winemaker, followed by an Italian countryside picnic. Our driver will then take us up into the nearby Dolomites – the Italian Alps – where we will visit



the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology to see Ötzi – the 5300 year old "Iceman" found in a nearby glacier. Then we're off to a Tyrolean brewery for a tour and tasting followed by dinner. Finally we'll check into our vineyard surrounded hotel to rest for our big mountain day tomorrow!

Sleep in Bolzano (2 nights) / Bus: 4hrs / Walking: Light
Meals provided: Breakfast, Lunch, & Dinner



Full Itinerary, dates, and prices available on our website:

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