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Italian inbound tour operator

Italy North East offers a mix of well known destinations and places out of the crowd. Discover **Verona**, the City of Love; the deep red color of **Valpolicella wines**; **Sirmione**, the pearl of Lake Garda; the local markets of **Padua**. And let the waters of **Venice Lagoon** lull you to discover the romantic islands which surrounds Venice downtown.

PROGRAM (8 days for small groups - 15/20 pax)

Day 1 - Arrival

Arrival in Italy. Meeting with tour leader, transfer by private bus to Verona area.

Check-in at the Hotel in Verona and welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Verona and cooking class

The day starts with a guided tour of Verona, the romantic city of Romeo and Juliet. Besides of the famous balcony and the Arena, the Roman amphitheater, a fully licensed guide will introduce us the most beautiful hidden corner of this city, that boasts more then 2,000 years of history, but also the local gastronomy traditions: some of the most traditional dishes are included in the lunch in a renowned restaurant in the city center. After lunch everybody can enjoy some free time: either if you are a shopping lover or a fan of history, there is a lot to do and see in Verona!

The day ends with a captivating cooking class: challenge your fellow travelers cooking traditional and innovative dishes. Overnight in Verona.

Day 3 - Lake Garda and olive oil

In the morning, transfer to Lake Garda, the largest Italian lake. Lazise – a charming medieval town that boasts beautiful narrow allays and a picturesque port – is the starting point for a relaxing and panoramic boat trip that leads to Sirmione. This town, that lies on the top of a narrow peninsula, is rightly considered as the "pearl of Lake Garda". After lunch, that includes lake fish, transfer to a farm that produces high quality olive oil: there, surrounded by olive

groves, we learn how to taste olive oil and the secrets of its production. Dinner in local restaurant. Overnight in Verona.

Day 4 - Valpolicella and Venetian Villa

This day focuses on the Valpolicella wines and its beautiful territory. Valpolicella, a beautiful land made of rolling hills covered with vineyards, cherry trees and olive groves, hosts some of the best wineries of the region. We visit a winery with a long tradition on the wine-making and we taste their wines, including the famous Amarone.

After the lunch in a typical agriturismo, we stop in the charming village of San Giorgio, that boasts a great view over the hills, and we visit a Venetian Villa, a majestic and elegant building that dates back the Venetian time. They produce wine here, let's enjoy a second tasting! Overnight in Verona.

Day 5 - Padua and cheese

Transfer day towards the land of Venice. In the morning, visit of the city of Padua, famous for the beautiful frescos of Giotto and its churches. The city also features one of the most beautiful and vibrant historical markets in the Veneto, where the best seasonal products are shown under the porticoes of elegant Venetian buildings.

The cheese is the star of the second half of the day. We learn how the most local cheeses are produced, including a visit to the aging room and the tasting of their best products. After the visit, transfer to the Hotel in the countryside of Venice, check-in and dinner.

Day 6 - Venetian Lagoon by boat

The beauty of Venice lies not only in its magnificent historic center, but also in the fascinating islands of the lagoon. A private boat tour is the best way to explore this charming land that is not affected by the mass tourism like the city of Venice. The tour initially explores the island of Mazzorbo, where the "agricolture side" of Venice lies, as it is characterized by vineyards and artichoke groves. Mazzorbo is linked with a little bridge with Burano, famous for the typical colorful houses: it is the perfect place for a typical Venetian fish-based lunch.

The itinerary also includes the island of Torcello, where the Cathedral of Santa Maria Assunta stands out. The day ends in a agriturismo hidden among the marshes, where it is possible to experience the real life of the inhabitants of the lagoon and eat their local products. Transfer back to the Hotel.

Day 7 - Venice downtown

A private boat tour leads us to the island of San Giorgio, where we stop for the visit of the church: the panorama from the top of its high belltower is one of the best over Venice.

We explore the foody side of Venice by visiting the market of Rialto, where the best products of the lagoon are shown. This is the right place where to find some of the best "bacaro" of Venice, where to enjoy the classic cicchetti – local tapas. The afternoon is free, it is hard to choose what to visit in Venice!

Farewell dinner in special location. Last overnight in the countryside of Venice.

Day 8 - Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and end of services. Arrivederci!

Services included

- 7 overnights with breakfast in 4* Hotel or Agriturismo (4 in Verona, 3 in the countryside of Venice)
- All accommodation taxes
- All ground transfers
- 6 Lunches with local wines
- 6 Dinners with local wines
- 1 Cooking class Dinner
- Guided visit of Verona, Padua and Venice
- 2 hours boat tour on Lake Garda
- 1 EVO mill visit with tasting
- 2 Valpolicella winery visits with tasting
- 1 food tour in Padua
- 1 visit to dairy with cheese tasting
- 2 days by boat on the Venice Lagoon
- 1 food tour in Venice
- English-speaking personal guide daily
- Private bus with dedicated driver
- Airport Pick up on arrival day
- Airport drop off at departure

Does not include

- International flights and all associated fees
- Meals other than those specified in the specific tour itinerary
- Visa and passport fees
- Travel insurance (medical travel insurance is highly recommended)
- Free time activities and sightseeing and all personal expenses
- Items of a personal nature







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