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WELCOME TO AN INCREDIBLE
ITALIAN ADVENTURE!

EMILIA ROMAGNA - TUSCANY - LOMBARDY
FROM 22 UNTILL 30 SEPTEMBER 2025



September 22th

to Modena
1st night

Welcome To Italy

Your flights are not included in the package fare. You will need to book a flight arriving at Malpensa Airport on the morning of September 21, 2025, no later than 1:00 p.m. Rest assured, we will be there to greet and assist you upon your arrival.

Allow me to introduce myself—my name is Maurizio Sala, and I'll be your guide on this remarkable journey to explore Italy's rich culture, exquisite cuisine, and exceptional wines. Italy is a country of traditions, where life moves at a slower pace, inviting you to savor the simple yet sophisticated pleasures found in its markets and squares. Alongside Alfredo, I'll ensure you experience the very best of what Italy has to offer.

Here's a glimpse of what awaits:

- 1:00 p.m. Arrival at Malpensa Airport

You'll be welcomed by our English-speaking escort, who will provide an engaging introduction to the region, including insights into the famed Motor Valley and Food Valley as we travel together.

- 3:00 p.m. Acetaia Visit

We'll arrive at a traditional vinegar factory for a warm welcome drink, an informative tour of vinegar production, and a visit to the family-run facility. Enjoy a delicious tasting lunch featuring a rich buffet of Parmigiano seasoned in three ways, mixed cold cuts, two types of ricotta, omelets, gnocco modenese, risotto with Parmigiano, cheesecake, ricotta cake, Lambrusco wine, water, coffee, and bitters.

- 5:00 p.m. Lamborghini Museum

After lunch, we'll depart for a free visit to the iconic Lamborghini Museum. Following this, we'll head to Modena, where more discoveries await.

This is just the beginning of an unforgettable journey, which will continue with a guided tour of a ham and salami factory in Tuscany after breakfast the next day. Prepare for authentic experiences that celebrate the best of Italian heritage!

Tuscany

After breakfast, we'll depart from the hotel for a guided tour of a ham and salami factory. The visit will conclude with a hearty tasting of assorted cold cuts paired with traditional Modenese tigelle, Lambrusco wine, and water.

Next, we'll visit a picturesque wine cellar nestled among the vineyards, where you'll enjoy the beauty and history of the winemaking process. Following this, a traditional lunch will be served before we set off for Tuscany, arriving in the late afternoon.

For the next three nights, we will stay at the stunning Fonte de' Medici or a similar property.

Fonte de Medici

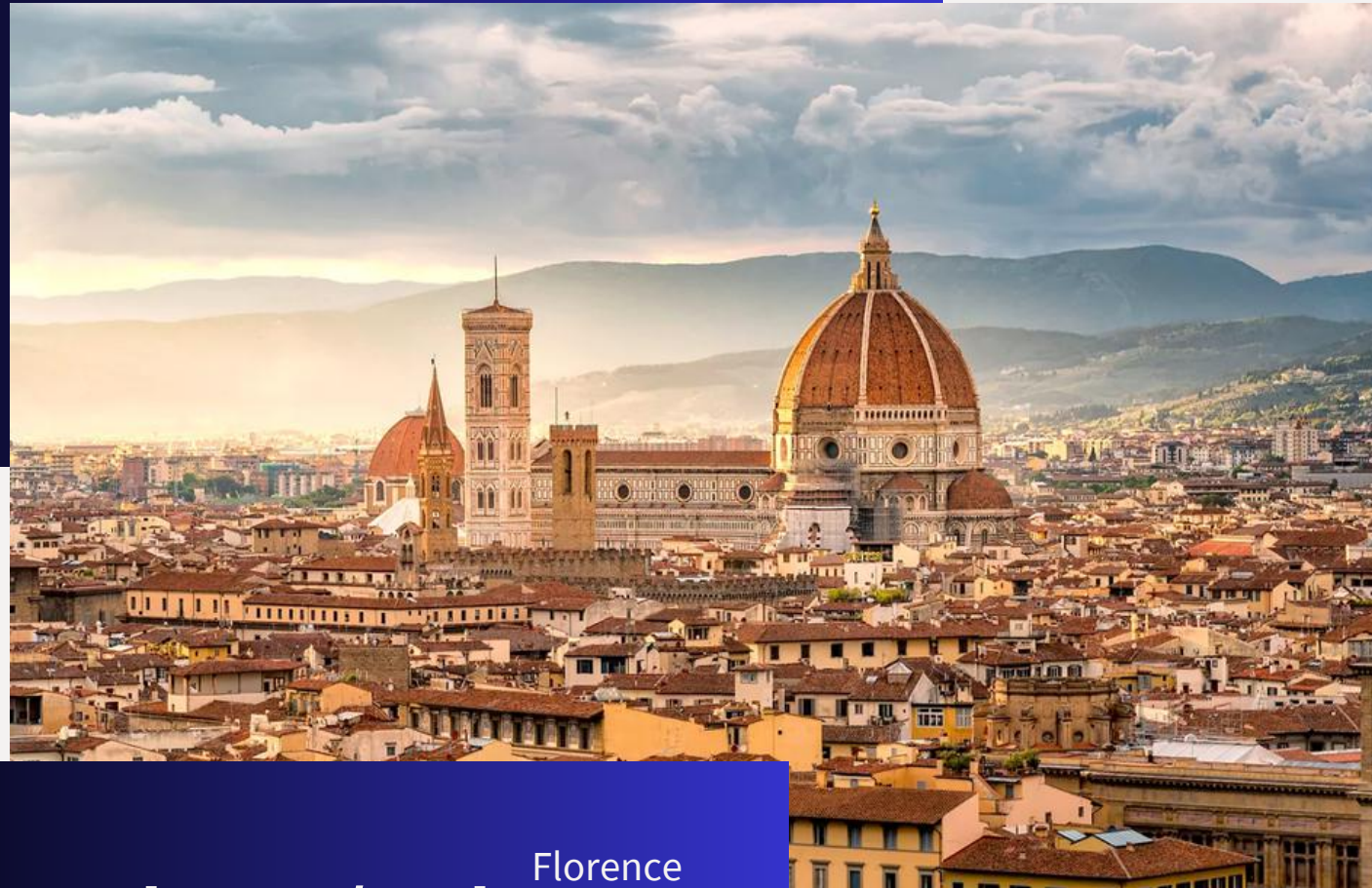
Fonte de' Medici is a charming 15th-century village located in the heart of the Chianti Classico region, surrounded by vineyards belonging to the renowned Antinori family. With a winemaking legacy spanning over 600 years and 26 generations, the Antinori family produces some of their most celebrated wines here, including Tignanello and Solaia.

The village takes its name from an ancient fountain where pilgrims would refresh themselves on their journey from Florence to Rome. The nearby Badia a Passignano, once a powerful Vallombrosian monastery, is a testament to the area's historical significance.

Fonte de' Medici offers a perfect blend of proximity to Florence and Siena, the enchanting beauty of the Chianti countryside, rich eno-gastronomic traditions, elegant furnishings, and warm hospitality, making it a truly unique and unforgettable destination.



September 23th to Tuscany
2nd night



September 23/26th

Florence
Siena
3/4th nights

Tuscanian activities

September 24rd

After breakfast, we'll set off for a full day dedicated to exploring the stunning city of Florence. With so much to see and do, first-time visitors often find it impossible to decide what to prioritize and what to leave for a future visit.

From world-class museums and historic monuments to open-air art, charming squares, iconic bridges, artisan workshops, boutique stores, and bustling local markets perfect for finding souvenirs, Florence offers an endless array of treasures. Even a month-long stay wouldn't be enough to uncover all its hidden wonders.

Our focus will be on giving you a taste of this extraordinary city while embracing our philosophy of slow tourism. Lunch will be enjoyed at a traditional Florentine restaurant. In the late afternoon, we'll return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight stay.

September 25th

After breakfast, we'll depart for Siena, where a guided tour will introduce you to this enchanting city's rich history and culture. We'll then enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on an unforgettable SiChef Cooking Experience in the early afternoon.

This Tuscan culinary adventure is an immersive journey into the heart of the region's cooking traditions. Designed for food lovers of all skill levels, the course will reveal the secrets behind Tuscany's most iconic recipes and techniques, which have made its cuisine famous worldwide.

The experience culminates in a convivial dinner, where you'll savor the dishes you've prepared alongside fellow participants. This shared meal offers not only the chance to enjoy your culinary creations but also an opportunity to connect with others in the spirit of authentic Tuscan hospitality. After dinner, we'll return to the hotel for a restful evening.

From Tuscany To Lombardy

Early in the morning, we'll set off in our private minibus for the breathtaking destination of Lake Como.

On our way, we'll make a stop in Emilia Romagna to visit a prestigious dairy known for producing the world-famous "Parmigiano Reggiano" cheese. Here, you'll gain insight into the cheese-making process and enjoy the unique flavors of this regional treasure. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we'll continue our journey to Lecco, a charming town nestled along the shores of Lake Como, surrounded by the majestic Alps.

Upon arrival, we'll settle into our hotel, followed by dinner and an overnight stay, preparing for the adventures that await us in this stunning lakeside paradise.



September 26th

To
Lombardy
5th nights

Lombardy activities



Hotel Promessi Sposi

Completely renovated in 2023, Hotel Promessi Sposi is located in the historic 19th-century village of Malgrate. Overlooking the serene waters of Lake Como's eastern branch, it has become a hallmark of hospitality in the region. This contemporary retreat, surrounded by nature, offers guests a tranquil paradise.



Water Taxi on the Lake

For those seeking a luxurious and comfortable way to explore Lake Como, the Water Taxi is an ideal choice. Combining passion, reliability, and elegance, this service ensures a memorable journey across the lake's stunning waters.



Deviscio Farm:

“In Goat We Trust”

Nestled on the slopes of Resegone, Deviscio is a charming family-run farm and agritourism destination. Here, relaxation takes center stage, and guests can savor the authentic flavors of fresh goat cheeses crafted with care and tradition.



Como and Villa Carlotta

Our day begins with a transfer to Como, the vibrant capital of the lake and a gem of tourism known for its stunning historic villas. After a quick lunch, we'll journey to the northernmost part of Lake Como to visit Villa Carlotta. Famous for its exquisite gardens, this iconic estate is one of the area's most renowned attractions.



Milan: A Perfect Finale to Our Journey September 29th

Our final day in Italy takes us to the vibrant city of Milan. After breakfast, we'll head into the city to meet our guide, who will provide an insightful tour of Milan's most iconic monuments.

The afternoon will be yours to enjoy at leisure, whether exploring the city's famed shopping districts or simply soaking in the atmosphere. Lunch will be on your own, giving you the chance to savor Milan's culinary delights at your own pace.

Later in the day, we'll transfer to Malpensa Airport, where we'll stay overnight at the Sheraton Hotel, conveniently located just opposite the terminal.

The following morning, you'll board your flight back to Charleston, bringing this unforgettable journey to a close.



Pane e Vino Restaurant



Inclusions and exclusions

Last slide: Accommodation:

- 1 night in a 4-star hotel in Modena or nearby, double room, bed and breakfast.
- 3 nights at Fonte de' Medici or a similar hotel, double room, bed and breakfast.
- 3 nights at Hotel Promessi Sposi or a similar property, double room, bed and breakfast.
- 1 night at Sheraton Malpensa or a similar hotel, double room, bed and breakfast.

Highlights of the Itinerary:

- Meet and Greet: Welcome service at Malpensa Airport.
- Vinegar Experience: Welcome drink, detailed explanation, and visit to a family-run vinegar factory. Enjoy a tasting lunch with a rich buffet, risotto, dessert, and drinks included.
- Lamborghini Museum: Free visit to the iconic museum.
- Ham and Salami Factory Tour: Guided visit with a generous tasting of local cold cuts, accompanied by tigelle and drinks.
- Wine Cellar Visit: Includes appetizers such as Parmesan cheese, breadsticks, and cured meats.
- Florence Experience: Lunch in a typical restaurant and a guided tour of the city.
- San Gimignano Winery: Wine tasting and lunch in a beautiful vineyard setting.
- Villa il Poggiale Dinner: A special dining experience.
- Cooking Class: Hands-on Tuscan cooking experience at SiChef (www.sichef.cooking).
- Arno River Boating: Scenic boating experience on the Arno River.
- Dinner (September 24): Evening meal in Florence.

Lake Como and Surroundings:

- Venetian Taxi Cruise: A 2-hour boat tour from Bellano/Varenna.
- Wine and Food Tasting: Lunch in Varenna featuring local flavors.
- Farm Tour: Visit a goat farm with cheese tasting.
- Como and Villa Carlotta: A half-day sightseeing tour of Como, including a visit to the gardens and villa at Tremezzo.
- Light Lunch: Enjoy lunch in Como or a nearby location.
- Dinner in Lecco: Evening meal in Lecco or its surroundings.