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# Italy's Treasures

Art, Food & Wine of Italy

October 6 – 17, 2018



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**12 Days • 17 Meals:** 10 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 6 Dinners

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## Culinary Inclusions

- Travel by boat to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori.
- Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson given by an expert chef.
- Attend a cocktail party in Stresa, and sample some local products.

## Immerse Yourself

- Explore Lake Orta, one of Italy's hidden treasures.
- Discover the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Experience medieval life at the Palazzo Davanzati.

## Must-See Inclusions

- Spend two wonderful nights in romantic Venice.
- Get to know Florence with a tour of the city's treasures.
- Discover the beautiful Tuscan countryside.

**Highlights:** Italian Lakes Region, Stresa, Italian Riviera, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Choice on Tour, Tuscan Countryside, Florence, Siena, Wine Tasting, Italian Cooking Class, Bologna, Venice

**Day 1: Saturday, October 6, 2018 Overnight Flight** Set out on your overnight flight to Italy!

**Day 2: Sunday, October 7, 2018 Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins** Begin in Stresa, on the shore of Lago Maggiore. Visit a wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party, tasting some local specialties. A boat transports you to your welcome dinner on Isola dei Pescatori,\* the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands. (D)

**Day 3: Monday, October 8, 2018 Stresa** Today, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains where you'll stop at a local farm to sample their artisanally produced cheeses paired with the region's delicious wines. The remainder of your day in Stresa is at leisure. Perhaps you will investigate the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets and lakeside promenades; or, relax on an optional cruise on this scenic lake and take in the breathtaking surroundings. (B)

**Day 4: Tuesday, October 9, 2018 Stresa - Orta - Italian Riviera** Depart the Italian Lakes region for Sestri Levante on the Ligurian coast. Stop at Lake Orta and take a boat to Isola di San Giulio. Walk the grounds of this charming island with its working convent. Experience the outdoor cafés and shops of this lakeside resort.

Continue on to the Italian Riviera. (B, D)



**Day 5: Wednesday, October 10, 2018 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre** Spend your day discovering the colorful Cinque Terre, a UNESCO World Heritage site. **Travel by rail through the medieval villages of the Cinque Terre**, perched on the edge of the sea. Traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards, arriving at this nearly inaccessible string of fishing villages tucked between the mountains and the Mediterranean. Feel like you have stepped back in time. Spend an afternoon independently exploring this magical place. Your Tour Manager will be on hand to help you plan your adventure. (B)

**Day 6: Thursday, October 11, 2018 Italian Riviera - Lucca - Tuscan Villa** Drive to the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Then, **it's your choice!** You decide how you want to **discover Lucca**: on foot or by bicycle. Either way, you'll visit the Cathedral of San Martino, the Piazza Napoleone and the Piazza dell'Anfiteatro. Then, set off to get a taste of the region by sampling some seasonal, local delicacies at specialty food shops. End the day in a historic Tuscan villa and begin a relaxing 4-night stay.\*\* (B, D)

**Day 7: Friday, October 12, 2018 Florence Get to know Florence with a walking tour** of the city's treasures and monuments, including the Piazza del Duomo, the center of religious life in medieval Florence, and the Piazza della Signoria. Visit the Museo della Casa Fiorentina Antica, housed in the 14th-century Palazzo Davanzati. Explore independently before returning to your villa. (B)

**Day 8: Saturday, October 13, 2018 Siena** Travel to Siena for an expert-led walking tour. Visit the town's dramatic cathedral, a stunning example of Romanesque and Gothic architecture. **Stroll through narrow medieval streets** as you experience life in this historic cultural center. Return to your villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)





**Day 9: Sunday, October 14, 2018 Tuscan Countryside Visit a winery in the heart of Tuscany** that showcases the wine cellar, family estate, vineyards and olive groves. **Participate in a Tuscan cooking lesson** given by the winery's own chef. Enjoy an authentic Tuscan lunch expertly paired with wines produced on-site. Return to the villa for some leisure time. At dinner, continue your sampling of Tuscan cuisine in one of Tuscany's traditional restaurants. *(B, L, D)*

**Day 10: Monday, October 15, 2018 Tuscany - Bologna - Venice** Depart for Venice. En route, stop in Bologna where we take a guided walking tour of the center, virtually unchanged since the Renaissance. We'll also sample local delicacies at specialty food shops. Later, **arrive in romantic Venice** for your 2-night stay. *(B)*

**Day 11: Tuesday, October 16, 2018 Venice** Enjoy a boat trip\*\*\* to Murano Island for a fascinating glass- blowing demonstration. Return to St. Mark's Square for a locally guided walking tour featuring the Clock Tower, St. Mark's Basilica, the Bridge of Sighs, and a visit to the Doge's Palace. Tonight, partake in a celebratory farewell dinner. *(B, D)*

**Day 12: Wednesday, October 17, 2018 Venice - Tour Ends** Wake up in Venice and depart for home. *(B)*

#### **Itinerary at a glance**

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
Days 4, 5	Hotel Vis à Vis, Italian Riviera
Days 6 – 9	Hotel Villa Lecchi, Tuscany

For important reservation information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/856988>.  
You can also find this information on your tour documents.

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## Experience It! The Tuscan Countryside

See another side of Italy in the Tuscan countryside. This breathtaking rural area feels like a country unto itself — never-ending green rolling hills, medieval villages, and picture-perfect farm houses dot the landscape, much of which appears as if it has been frozen in time. Experience cultural moments that perfectly encompass the countryside's idyllic beauty. You will visit a family-owned winery to tour its gorgeous vineyards; delight your senses during an expert-led cooking class; and enjoy a sumptuous lunch — which is, of course, paired with wines produced only feet away from you. Lose yourself in the beauty of the Tuscan countryside — these will truly be moments you will remember forever.

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### **Please Note:**

Days of features are interchangeable.

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

Included breakfasts are buffet breakfasts.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Most national museums in Florence, including the Uffizi Gallery and the Academy Gallery, are closed on Mondays.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport- to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

***Travel with just 24 passengers on this Explorations tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.***

**\*\*Note that villas in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this program. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from a city center. Still others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, has many amenities and is brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!**

**\*\*\*On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.**

This tour includes moderate physical activity. The itinerary blends some longer days with shorter days and more leisure time. Walking tours, as well as walking slightly longer distances, up stairs or on uneven walking surfaces should be expected.

Explorations air guests will arrive into Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport. All Explorations departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

**A deposit of \$500 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of February 28, 2018 are based upon availability. Final payment due by August 07, 2018. Deposits are refundable up until March 07, 2018.**

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