

A TASTE OF ITALY

Veneto & Emilia Romagna

Day 1

Upon your arrival at Marco Polo Airport in Venice, you will be greeted by your English speaking assistant who will take you to your boat for a private transfer to your Venetian palace hideaway. The rest of the day is at leisure to relax or do some shopping or sightseeing on your own.



Day 2

After a leisurely breakfast, your English speaking assistant will meet you in the lobby of your hotel to take you on a private cruise of the Grand Canal which is the best way to see the enchanting city of Venice. After your cruise you will walk about the Rialto area and visit a Bacari, a typical Venetian pub where you will enjoy some typical "cicchetti" (appetizers) and a glass of delicious local wine. Your assistant will then escort you through some interesting "calli" or narrow streets to experience the less touristy part of Venice. After your walking visit of this incredible city, you will have the rest of the day at leisure. Your assistant may make some suggestions of restaurants for your dinner in Venice.



Day 3

After breakfast, you will board your private boat for a transfer to terra firma. Here you will meet your personal driver for a full day's outing to the wine regions of the Veneto. We have designed this day's outing to familiarize yourself with this enchanting region in the outskirts of Venice where the famous Prosecco (Venetian champagne) is made. This wine is described as topaz in colour with an intoxicating bouquet. On route you will have an opportunity to stop for some delicious regional cuisine. One of today's highlights is a visit to Astoria Lounge Wine Shop which is located in the rolling hills of the high Trevigiano, the traditional centre of the Prosecco DOC area. In this wine shop you will be welcomed for the visit with a tasting of course. After your day in the Prosecco hills, you will be returned to your Venetian palace hotel to enjoy your last evening in Venice.



Day 4

After a leisurely breakfast, you will board your private boat for a transfer to meet your personal driver who will take you to the city of great food – Bologna, the capital city of the province of Emilia Romagna. Heading out of Venice, the first part of your day will take you driving along the Riviera del Brenta, an old canal which connects Venice to Dolo and offers some beautiful vistas as well as some remarkable examples of Venetian architecture. Villa Pisani, for example, is renowned as one of the most beautiful villas in the world. The Pisani family had it built to celebrate in princely style their rise in political power. In this lovely area of the countryside you will have an opportunity to stop and enjoy a typical regional lunch. From here, your personal driver will continue on to the gastronomic capital of Bologna. Here you will check in to your stylish hotel for a well deserved rest. Evening at leisure in Bologna.



Day 5

After a delicious breakfast, your driver will meet you in the lobby of your hotel to discover the city of Modena. Your first stop is the Ducale dairy where you can see first hand the process of making the world famous Parmeggiano Reggiano. Of course no visit would be complete without a full tasting of this delicious cheese. Your driver will take you via the panoramic route to the nearby hills where vineyards and cherry orchards abound. You will be hosted at a local farm where you are invited to taste some of the local products. Next stop is a visit to a famous “aceteria” where the owner will illustrate the lengthy process involved in producing the balsamic vinegar. Here you will enjoy an informative balsamic vinegar tasting as well. Your last stop on this gastronomic itinerary is a visit to a wine cellar in the hills around Bologna. You will be back at your hotel in time for dinner in town.



Day 6

After breakfast, you will participate in a private cooking class in Bologna. The lessons are friendly and rich in warmth. Each guest will be able to taste the dishes of the Bolognese food tradition. Learn the techniques to prepare hand made pasta, puff pastry as well as other classic recipes. Then you will enjoy a delicious lunch. Upon your return to your hotel, you will have the rest of the day at leisure for shopping or sightseeing. Time to plan your last night's dinner in Bologna. Buon Appetito!



Day 7

Private transfer to the Bologna Airport for your return back home. Arrivederci Italia!

INCLUSIONS:

- 6 nights deluxe accommodations
(3 nights in Venice; 3 nights in Bologna)
- all transfers in luxury vehicle with English speaking driver
- private airport transfers (Venice, Bologna)
- private hands-on cooking class with lunch
- private tastings as per itinerary
- cultural excursions as per itinerary
- daily breakfasts
- all applicable taxes

PRICE PER PERSON: based on double occupancy
\$6595 Cdn. (2 people)