

Destination:

BEST OF NORTH EASTERN ITALY

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SEPTEMBER 2019
NORTH EAST OF ITALY
ITALY ITINERARY FOR 10 PAX (MIN.)
SEPTEMBER 12, 2019 – SEPTEMBER 23, 2019

VENICE (3 NIGHTS),
PADUA (2 NIGHTS),
TREVISO (2 NIGHTS),
UDINE (2 NIGHTS),
TRIESTE (2 NIGHTS)

VENICE: Hotel Bauer *****- DBL Superior room
PADUA: Hotel Grand Italia ****- Standard room
TREVISO: Hotel Continental****- Standard room
UDINE: Hotel Ambassador ****- DBL Standard room
TRIESTE: Hotel Savoia Excelsior Palace ****- Standard room

Day 01: Thursday 12 of September 2019

– Welcome to Italy!

At your arrival at Venice airport, transfer on their own to your hotel in Venice center.

Welcome dinner including 1/2 wine in a local restaurant. Accommodation and overnight in Venice. (D)

Day 02: Friday 13 of September 2019

– Venice Orientation walking tour and Biennale

Breakfast in the hotel. In Morning meet your guide in hotel and go to visit of Venice (guided private tour 2 hrs). This is a perfect introduction to Venice and its history. After meeting your expert guide in St Mark's Square, you'll explore the streets of Venice, learning about its past, its tradition, the iconic attractions as well as the secret corners. Walk along Piazza San Marco and Rialto Bridge, learn about Doge's Palace and Basilica, admire Teatro la Fenice, Scala del Bovolo and the terrifying Bridge of Sighs. (Your guide will determine the exact itinerary, depending on the day) You may add Basilica Entrance Reservation Ticket. Your guide will deliver the ticket at the end of the walking tour and you will be free to explore Basilica at your own pace. Your ticket will allow you to skip the line.

In the afternoon, Meet your assistance for a private transfer to Biennale. After the Biennale visit, meet your driver and return to the hotel in Venice. Accommodation and overnight in Venice. (BB)

Day 03: Saturday 14 of September 2019

– Brenta riviera from Venice full day tour *(Shared Tour)

Breakfast in the hotel.

- 8.50 am: meeting with our guide in Venice - Riva degli Schiavoni, on the landing stage "Pontile San Zaccaria A", in front of the Pietà Church (Chiesa della Pietà);
- 9.00 am: embarkation and cruise towards the Brenta Riviera; presentation of the various Villas seen from the river;
- arrival in Fusina and navigation towards Brenta Riviera;
- passing through the Moranzani Lock with rising of the water level;

- 10.30 am: stop at Malcontenta for the internal guided tour of Villa Foscari called "La Malcontenta";
- cruising continues between villas, villages and swing bridges and presentation during the cruise of the various Villas seen from the river;
- arrival in Oriago and stop for the lunch at the restaurant "Il Burchiello"; optional lunch or free time;
- after lunch, embarkation and cruise to Mira; stop for the internal guided tour of Villa Widmann or Villa Barchessa Valmarana;
- cruising continues between villas, villages and swing bridges and presentation during the cruise of the various Villas seen from the river;
- passing through the Mira and Dolo Locks with rising of the water level;
- arrival in Stra and stop for the internal guided tour of Villa Pisani;
- 5.30 pm: embarkation and cruise; passing through Stra and Noventa Padovana Locks with rising of the water level;
- cruise along the course of the old Venetian burchielli passing in front of the gorgeous and suggestive Villa Giovanelli of Noventa Padovana; cruise to Padova with arrival to the historical 1500's Burchiello's Stairway at Portello, ancient river port in the historical centre of Padua, around 7.00 pm. The group tour ends in Padua. Return to your hotel in Venice in late afternoon with driver and assistance from Padua. Overnight in Venice. (BB)

Day 04: Sunday 15 of September 2019

– Private Transfer to Padua and walking tour in Padua

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and departure to Padua.

After the accommodation in afternoon, meet your english speaking guide in hotel for explore historic Padua during this 3-hour private walking tour of this beautiful Veneto town. Stroll through the Prato della Valle, one of the largest public squares in Europe. Discover stately Medieval structures. Visit the Basilica of St Anthony, home to a 16th-century botanical garden (garden visit not included). Learn about the ancient university, founded here in 1222. See the famous Caffè Pedrocchi. Dinner including 1/2 wine in a local restaurant. Accommodation and overnight in Padua. (BB, D)

Day 05: Monday 16 of September 2019

– Private pasta-making class with tasting in Padua
Breakfast in the hotel. Immerse yourself in a private pasta-making class, learn the secrets of the region's most famous pasta dishes and taste the fruit of your labour accompanied by a glass of local wine. During the lesson the chef will reveal the tricks of the trade of 3 authentic regional pasta recipes. Have fun putting your cooking skills to the test. Each participant will have a workstation equipped with utensils and all the ingredients to make the dishes. Then, taste everything you have prepared accompanied by a selection of red and white local wines. Free afternoon to explore the city. Overnight in Padua. (BB,L)

Day 06: Tuesday 17 of September 2019**– Asolo and Valdobbiadene winery**

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and departure to Treviso. On the road stop for discover the origins, and tastes, of prosecco during a wine trip to northern Italy's Valdobbiadene region. After leaving Padua, you'll visit a Valdobbiadene Bisol estate or similar to tour its vineyards and cellars before a tasting session. Sample a selection of the finest prosecco, and learn about the beloved sparkling wine that's enjoyed around the world. After the winery visit, continue to Asolo. Arrived in Asolo, savor Veneto cuisine at a local famous Cipriani or similar restaurant and toast your trip with a bubbly glass of prosecco. After lunch, an independent tour of the city of Asolo. Wander the charming medieval streets and gardens of Asolo. After continue your transfer to Treviso.

Accommodation and overnight in Treviso. **(BB, L)**

Day 07: Wednesday 18 of September 2019**– Treviso walking tour**

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your guide at the hotel for a 3-hour guided tour of Treviso. Experience the authentic Veneto life away from the tourist crowds. This mid-sized city will enchant you with its medieval city walls, it's pretty canals, narrow cobbled streets and beautiful frescoed churches. Free afternoon. Dinner including 1/2 wine in a local restaurant. Overnight in Treviso. **(BB, D)**

Day 08: Thursday 19 of September 2019**– Udine with San Daniele del Friuli**

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and departure to Udine. On the road stop in San Daniele del Friuli (city of castles) for a gourmet tour to taste and, why not, to bring home some of the best local and traditional products. The cold smoked trout of Friultrota, the world famous San Daniele prosciutto DOP. Lunch in a historical ham factory and after transfer to Udine. Arrival and accommodation in Udine. In late afternoon, meet your guide at the hotel for a 2-hour guided tour of Udine. Udine like you have never experienced it before. Our guide, with her passion for art restoration, will guide you through the heart of the city: Piazza Libertà, il Castello, via Mercatovecchio, Piazza S. Giacomo. You will encounter many wall epigraphs and statues, often overlooked by most, in the streets and squares of Udine that guide will be more than happy to explain. The tour will end with the visit of the Duomo that contains masterpieces by painters like G.B. Tiepolo e G. Torretti. An unusual way to connect with the past of the city that underlines its everyday life. Accommodation and overnight in Udine. **(BB, L)**

Day 09: Friday 20 of September 2019**– Cividale and visit of Santuario Beata Vergine di Castelmonte full day tour**

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and transfer to visit to Cividale. Meeting point with guide at Train Station in Cividale. Visit of Old Town, Piazza Paolo Diacono, Archaeological Museum, Dome and

Christian Museum, "Lombard Temple; Devil's Bridge. After the tour time for lunch in a local trattoria. After lunch transfer to visit Santuario Beata Vergine di Castelmonte. Return to the your hotel in Udine. Overnight in Udine. **(BB)**

Day 10: Saturday 21 of September 2019 – Panoramic Tour of Trieste and Miramare Castle

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and private transfer to Trieste. Arrival in Trieste and hotel accommodation. In the morning meet your guide in hotel in Trieste. Private walking tour to discover the beautiful city of Trieste from a very interesting historical perspective. This place is - strangely - still quite "ignored" by most of the touristic flows, but it represents a real gem of Italy, although geographically isolated from the rest of Italy. During this tour you will explore the most important places, squares and buildings which still represent the symbols of the strong Habsburg domination of this territory. As a prosperous seaport in the Mediterranean region, Trieste became indeed the fourth largest city of the Austro-Hungarian Empire (after Vienna, Budapest, and Prague). The walking tour will start from the wonderful Piazza Unità d'Italia ("square of the Italian unification"), with its stunning view on the sea and its ancient palaces. You will then visit Borgo Teresiano and spot Piazza della Borsa and the theater dedicated to the worldwide famous Giuseppe Verdi. Walk through the picturesque Canal Grande and continue your visit to the Tergesteo until you reach the elegant Palazzo Gopcevich and Palazzo Scaramangà. Enter Piazza Ponterosso, the heart of the ancient Borgo Teresiano and walk through Via San Nicolò, while you enjoy its pretty boutique and restaurants. Free time for lunch. After the lunch the tour will take you to Miramare Castle; it stands on the tip of the promontory overlooking the sea. The Castle is surrounded by a beautiful park with valuable botanical species where one can relax. After the tour hotel accommodation in Trieste. Farewell dinner in Trieste.

Accommodation and overnight in Trieste. **(BB,D)**

Day 11: Sunday 22 of September 2019 – Aquileia and Grado private full day tour

Breakfast in the hotel. Meet your driver in hotel and transfer to visit to Aquileia. Meeting point with guide at Bus-parking area in Aquileia. Today to visit the wonderful archeological area, and Unesco World Heritage site, of Aquileia. In program Roman excavations, Forum, Roman River Port, Basilica with its crypts, Baptistery, Archaeological Museum. After which a visit of the fishing and resort town of Grado and lunch in one of the snug restaurants of the town center. Grado - Old Town visiting S.Eufemia Basilica and S.Maria Church, Baptistery. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

Overnight in Trieste. **(BB, L)**

Day 12: Monday 23 of September 2019 - Departure

Breakfast in the hotel. Independent transfer from hotel in Trieste to Venice airport. **(BB)**

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- 3 Night in Hotel 5* in Venice
- 2 Night in Hotel 4* in Padua
- 2 Nights in Hotel 4* in Treviso
- 2 Nights in Hotel 4* in Udine
- 2 Night in Hotel 4* in Trieste
- Daily breakfasts
- Lunch and dinner as for itinerary
- Farewell dinner in Trieste
- Venice Orientation walking tour: english speaking guide 2 hrs
- Transfer from Hotel in Venice center to Venice Biennale with 2 water taxi and return
- Shared Tour from Venice on Brenta River (the group of participants may reach 80/90 people): guide, tickets for villas as per itinerary included
- Private transfer from Padua to hotel in Venice (with assistance only in Venice)
- Private transfer from Venice to Padua (with assistance only in Venice)
- 3-hour private walking tour with english speaking guide of Padua
- Private pasta-making class with tasting in Padua: learn the secrets of the regional recipes and have fun by learning how to reproduce the Italian pasta (3 hours), meet the Cesarina at their home, you will receive the exact address once the booking is completed, taste the fruit of your labour and experience the authentic flavors of regional cuisine, enjoy a selection of red and white wines from regional cellars, take the official apron and shopping bag back home
- Private transfer from Padua to Treviso with stop in Asolo and Valdobbiadene winery: bus at disposal fd, visit of Valdobbiadene winery with wine tasting, lunch, independent visit of Asolo
- 3-hour private walking tour with english speaking guide of Treviso
- Private transfer from Treviso to Udine with stop in San Daniele del Friuli: bus at disposal fd, a gourmet tour to taste, lunch in a historical ham factory
- 2-hour private walking tour with english speaking guide of Udine
- Private tour with english speaking guide of Aquileia and Grado: bus at disposal full day, english speaking guide, lunch, entrance to the patriarchal basilica
- Private tour with english speaking guide of Cividale: bus at disposal 6 hrs, english speaking guide full day, lunch, entrance fee to Longboard Temple, visit to Santuario Beata Vergine di Castelmonte
- Panoramic Tour of Trieste and Miramare Castle: bus at disposal from Udine, english speaking guide in Trieste, entrance fee to visit of Miramare Castle
- All tolls and checkpoint fees are included
- Tour leader for 12 day
- in San Daniele del Friuli: bus at disposal fd, a

WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED:

- Everything not mentioned under "what is

included"

- City taxes are not included and must be paid directly in hotel upon arrival in Euro. Approximately €4 per person per night for stays in 5 and 4 star hotels.
- Nightly supplements

COST: USD\$5,913.00 per person twin share/double based on minimum of 10 participants

COST: USD\$6,472.00 single participant

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