

Piemonte & Veneto Wine Tour

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Mosquito Fleet Winery



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Discover the ultimate wine & culinary adventure on a journey through 2 Italian regions:

In the Northwest, Piedmont, and in the northeast, Veneto.

In Piedmont you will have the opportunity to discover the charming city of Turin, which used to be the capital of Italy, you will taste Barolo, the 'king' of red wines, go truffle hunting and visit Canelli, where Italian sparkling wine was created.

Veneto stretched from the Dolomite Mountains to the Adriatic Sea, Venice, its regional capital, is famed for its canals, Gothic architecture. Verona is famous as it is the place where William Shakespeare set his play Romeo and Juliet., And Lake Garda with its picturesque little towns.

The province of Verona is our focal point of this wine and food tour. Many of the wineries and attractions are close to this famous city. Discover the mini wine regions, learn, and taste different wines during our exclusive visits. It includes valpolicella classic, Amarone, Ripasso, Recioto, Soave, Lugana white wine and Prosecco.

savor the rich flavors of the regions with a unique visit to a family-owned cheese and cured meat factory. You will go on a boat ride on lake Garda, you will visit two little gems, the town of Sirmoine and the town of Borghetto, have time for shopping and exploring in Verona. We hope that you will join us on this hand-crafted itinerary of 7 nights and full 8 days of touring for a chock full of fun Italian vacation.

Day 1: Meet in Turin, Transfer, Barolo wineries, Dinner.

Group transfer from Turin to the Barolo wine region. As you know Barolo is considered one of Italy's greatest wines and we get to enjoy this glimpse into the creation of the "wine of kings and king of wines."

We'll visit our first winery of the day and then you'll have some free time to explore one of the charming villages of the Barolo wine region. In the afternoon we'll tour our second Barolo winery for today.

Afterward we'll check into our accommodations. We'll stay at a Tenuta, a hotel villa, in the Piedmont countryside. Tranquility abounds here and it is the perfect place to enjoy the gorgeous scenery all around as you unwind from your adventure-filled day.

You'll enjoy dinner in the hotel's courtyard restaurant.

Day 2: Truffle hunting, Lunch, Barbaresco, Asti

After breakfast we'll go on a truffle hunt! We'll scour the woods for black truffles, the treasured fungi of the region.

Next, it's on to discover one of the villages and have Piedmont style lunch. You'll have an opportunity to see some of these sites on your own.



In the afternoon we'll travel to a Barbaresco winery where we will sample five of the quite celebrated reds paired with salami and cheese. Next, we're off to Asti where you are free to explore and take in the sites of this well-known and once powerful domain known for its many towers. Asti is also easily recognized for the sparkling wine produced in the region and its rich food culture. Enjoy dinner on your own and sample some regional specialties.

We'll meet after your free evening and return to the hotel for the night.

Day 3: Check out, sparkling tasting, transfer to Veneto, dinner.

After breakfast we'll check out of our accommodations and make our way to Canelli where we will visit a sparkling wine producer, learn how these delicious bubbles are created and sample some for ourselves.

Then it's off to Veneto. As we make our way toward our destination, we'll stop along the way in one of the quaint villages so you can enjoy lunch on your own.

Our hotel in Veneto is high atop a hill in a medieval village. The beautiful vista overlooks the valley below and you'll feel quite content to simply take in the splendid views. But we have a wine-tasting to attend!

We will venture to the hotel's very own wine cellar where we will taste and experience some of the unique and flavorful wines of the Veneto region. After our tasting we'll take part in a welcome dinner at the hotel.

Day 4: Breakfast, Valpolicella Classico, Lunch and Dinner

Our day begins with breakfast after which we will depart for an experience-filled day. Valpolicella Classico is the name given to the viticultural zone where grapes that go into the Valpolicella DOC wine are grown.

There are some outstanding and world-renowned wines from this viticultural zone. Amarone is perhaps the most widely known of the Valpolicella wines, but Ripasso and the sweet red Recioto are other well-known Valpolicella wines.

The Valpolicella area is located between Lake Garda and the Adriatic Sea. The sea breezes and crisp lake air make the Valpolicella Classico zone simply lovely. You can see the beauty of this area in the three privately owned wineries we visit today where we will sample the exquisite wines while there and enjoy lunch at a winery along the way.

During our visits we'll have an opportunity to learn all the steps involved in wine production, from fermentation to bottling. More importantly we'll experience a wine tasting of different vintages of the famed Amarone.

In the afternoon we'll visit a winery where we'll have the special opportunity to learn about the indigenous grapes and varieties grown in the Valpolicella viticulture region from the winemakers who grow them.

This evening we'll dine at a local restaurant and experience the regional cuisine of the Valpolicella area.

Day 5: Valpolicella, Regional Cheese Experience, Verona



We depart our hotel and head to visit a winery in Valpolicella. We'll enjoy a culinary experience for lunch as we visit a family-owned artisan shop and workspace where they have been maturing and refining cheeses for more than half a century. This is a beautiful shop that features true artisan delicacies like cured meats, preserves and traditional gastronomic delights you're sure to enjoy.

Next, we travel to Verona, the City of Love, where we will take part in an afternoon walking tour. We'll see the balcony of Juliet's house where she and Romeo pledged their love. We'll stop along the way and browse some of the shops and sample a few of the tasty foods.

Free time is always an enjoyable experience, but Verona makes it more so a treat with so many points of interest. In the very center of Verona, you can't miss the Arena di Verona, the third largest amphitheater of the Roman age.

The Via Mazzini near the Arena and the Piazza Erbe is lined with shops you'll find interesting. Stroll the Via Mazzini to the Piazza Erbe where you'll discover monuments and buildings that mark the history of beautiful Verona.

As you explore this lovely town you'll want to stop and enjoy dinner at one of Verona's local restaurants.

After dinner we will transfer back to our hotel to rest up for the next day's adventures.

Day 6: Breakfast, Soave, Colli Berici Region, Prosecco, Light Lunch, Cooking Class

Breakfast at the hotel and then we're off for more adventures. We begin our day today with a visit to Soave Castle. This castle is a classic representation of a military artifact from the Middle Ages. It's said to be the very best example of castle architecture in all of Veneto.

Next, we'll make our way to a wonderful family-owned vineyard and enjoy a wine tasting atop a hill that overlooks the lush vineyards and the castle. The area throughout Soave is known for its unique terrain. The fossil-rich marl stone soil is ideal for creating some very nice white wines. The passion of our winemakers here is evident in their attention to every detail. From cultivation to harvest, this winemaker believes each and every step should bring the sheer beauty of the grapes to each bottle. It will be a true experience to taste such perfection.

Next, we head for the hills-the Colli (Hills) Berici that is. These ancient hills were born from the warm waters of the sea and the power of volcanoes which brought the lands to the surface. There's a mystical, magical quality throughout the Berici Hills and among these mythical mounds. We'll enjoy lunch and a wine tasting in the Colli Berici region, known for its exquisite wines.

The terrain is so unique given the soil formed by ancient sea and volcanic ash, that only a specific part of the Colli Berici is eligible for DOC designation. We will visit an organic Prosecco producer in the region and sample some delicious sparklers while there.

Next, we make our way back to the hotel for a hands-on cooking class.



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The Tour includes:

7 nights' accommodation
Breakfasts
5 Lunches
5 Dinners
Local Tour guides
Transportation according to the itinerary.
Group transfer from Turin to Piedmont.
Cooking class
Wine tastings
Boat ride on Lake Garda.
Romeo & Juliet courtyard
Tour in Venice.

The Tour Does Not include:

Flights
Travel insurance
Personal expenses
Hotel in Venice
Hotel pre tour
Train tickets
Anything not mentioned in the itinerary.

Flights:

Outbound: From USA to Milan MXP. We suggest that you take a train to Turin and spend the night there to discover this lovely city.

Return: You may choose to return from Milan, Verona, or Venice.

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Day 7: Breakfast, Lugana Day on The Lake, Magical Towns

We'll leave after breakfast and arrive at our destination, Sirmione, for a walking tour. Sirmione is a classic resort town on the southern bank of Lake Garda. This beautiful town is recognized for its famed thermal baths and the medieval castle, Rocca Scaligera, which overlooks stunning Lake Garda. There's much to see in Sirmione including ancient olive trees, an archeological site of a Roman villa and rugged rocky beaches.

After our brief tour we'll board a boat and see the sights from Lake Garda as we meander along the Sirmione Peninsula to the Isola del Garda and back. We'll take some free time to enjoy the shops in Sirmione and then have a delicious tasting lunch at a local winery.

Next, it's on to the very charming and magical town of Borghetto. You'll enjoy wandering this quaint tiny village and seeing all the delightfully unique sites. Make sure to stop in some of Borghetto's artisan shops for a special memento to take home with you.

We'll head back to the hotel for a light dinner on the terrace or enjoy a visit to the local winery bar for drinks and a light meal.

Day 8: Depart home or join on a one-way day trip to Venice.

We will go by train. (1.5-hour ride from Verona) store your luggage and head out for a walking-food tour covering both the major highlights and the hidden corners of Venice. During the tour we will have three stops at a typical Venetian "bacaro", local small wine bars, where you get to taste delicious Venetian "cicchetti" (Tapas/appetizers) accompanied by wines.

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Price: \$4650.00 per person in a double room.

Single Supplement: \$650.00

The tour is limited to 14 guests.

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A \$750.00 deposit per person is required at time of booking to guarantee your space on the tour.

A second payment of \$750.00 per person is required by 11/30/2023.

The balance is due by January 15, 2024.

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