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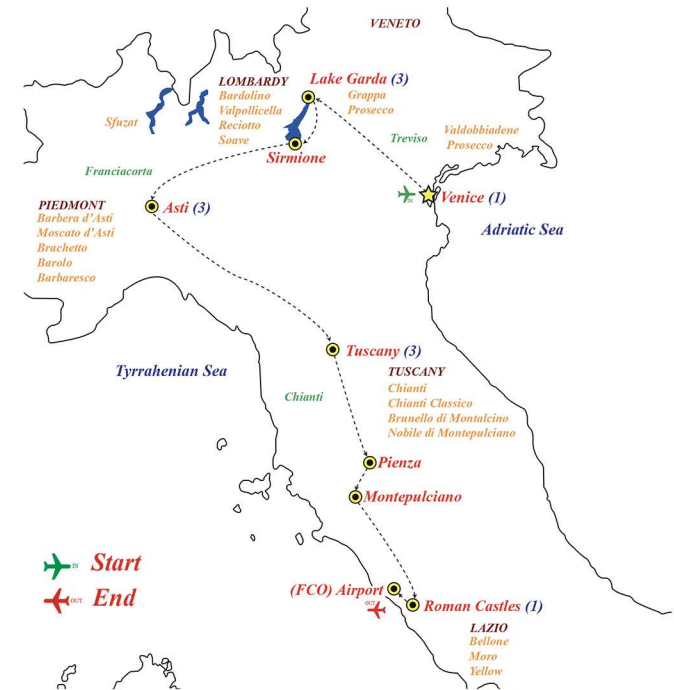
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Great Wines of Italy 2024

12 DAYS TOUR
START IN VENICE - END IN ROME

Small Groups (16 pax) – All Excursions Included
Minimum Two Meals Per Day
Comfortable Departure Time
First Class Hotels - Fully Escorted



Day 1 – Arrive in Venice

Welcome to Venice's Marco Polo Int. Airport (VCE). Your airport transfer will be waiting for you at 11 a.m to take you to your hotel. In the afternoon meet your travel companions and visit a local winery in one of the Venice's island followed by a welcome dinner.

Hotel: Quid, Cannaregio or similar (1 night)

Day 2 – Northeast area “Veneto”

This morning leave the province of Venice to drive to one of the Valdobbiadene winery, the Prosecco land (Treviso) where the typical sparkling wine from this region is made. Later, go to the Bassiano del grappa area to visit a distillery. Then, enjoy a short drive to the beautiful area of Lake Maggiore where we will spend the next three nights. Dinner will then be served in the hotel.

Hotel: Poiano Resort, Baia Verde, or similar (3 nights)

Day 3 – Verona

Today, enjoy a walking tour with our Local Guide in Verona, the city famous for the Romeo & Juliet love story. See the famous balcony & the Arena. In the afternoon visit a local winery. The hills between the Alps & the Mediterranean Sea near the Lake Garda's East Coast are a very prolific region of fine wines. You'll be among the very famous labels of Bardolino & Valpolicella (combination of grape varieties) or Recioto & Soave (delicate white wines). Tonight enjoy dinner in an authentic restaurant.

Day 4 – Sirmione – Lake Garda area

Today enjoy the beautiful village of Sirmione at your own pleasure. In the afternoon, enjoy wine tastings & a scenic drive through the area between Lake Garda & Lake Iseo where they also grow the Chivennasca grape used to create the full-bodied and rich bouquet wines of Sfurzat & Valtellina. Dinner will be served at local restaurant.

Day 5 – Franciacorta – Piedmont

Moving west, we reach the section of Franciacorta in the province of Brescia to visit a local winery. Pinot Bianco, Pinot Nero, & Chardonnay grapes provide the famous Italian sparkling wine made classically “Franciacorta”. In the afternoon reach your hotel in the Piedmont region where you will spend the next three nights. Dinner will be served in the hotel's restaurant.

Hotel: Spinerola, Tenuta la Romana, or similar (3 nights)

Day 6 – Asti

Today enjoy some free time in Asti city center for some shopping. In the afternoon drive through the Asti's area to reach a local winery, where sweet Moscato grapes grow & become Asti Spumante. Right next door is where Brachetto & Barbera grapes come from. Tonight, dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

Day 7 – Northwest Area “Piedmont”

Today excursion day to visit some pearls of this beautiful region of Piedmont. The most common grape variety is Nebbiolo, known in this region since the 13th century, from which Barolo, Barbaresco, and many other wines are created. After the visit of the local winery, lunch will be served at the local restaurant. Free evening to enjoy at your own pleasure.

Day 8 – Tuscany and the Chianti Hills

This morning we leave the region of Piemonte for the beautiful Chianti area in the heart of the Tuscany region. Visit some small villages with free time to visit some wine shops and taste a local wine and food. In the late afternoon, we take a short ride to your hotel where you are sure to enjoy a true Italian dinner.

Hotel: CDH Radda, Tenuta di Ricavo, or similar (3 nights)

Day 9 – Wines of Tuscany

Today visit one of the most beautiful wineries of Tuscany to discover the secret of “Chianti Classico” followed by lunch. Enjoy the evening at your own pleasure.

Day 10 – Montepulciano, Pienza – Montalcino

Today, walking tour through the medieval streets of Montepulciano and its several “cantinas” & not far from here we will go to the little village of Pienza to discover its delicious homemade cheeses that pair perfectly with wine. Two important Tuscany red wines grow in this area; Brunello Di Montalcino, a strong red wine made exclusively of Brunello grapes and has a long life (the first official great vintage was in 1888, 5 perfectly intact bottles have been kept), and Vino Nobile Di Montepulciano made from Prugnolo Gentile grapes, a Sangiovese clone, this wine is strong and sour when young then becomes more and more smooth and spicy with age.

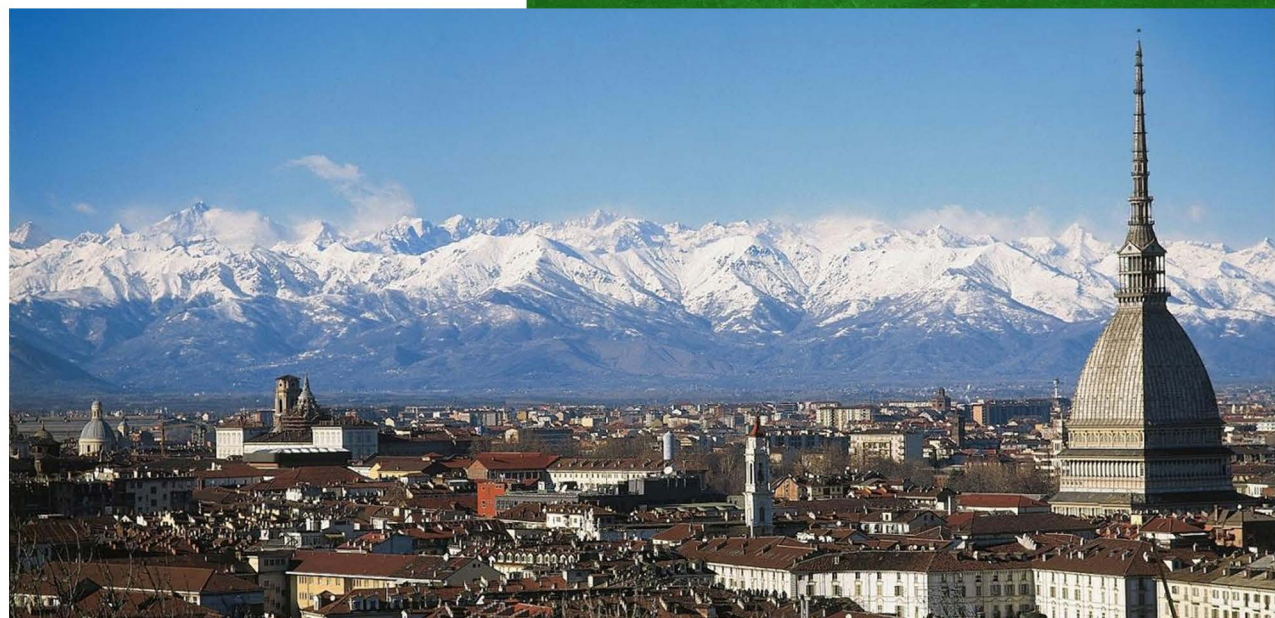
Day 11 – From Tuscany to Roman Castles area

Leave the Tuscan region for the Roman Castle area, a group of villages south-east of Rome where the Pope spends his summers to visit a local winery. Here white grapes varieties are cultivated as Bellone, Arciprete white (a Bellone biotype) and two varieties of Greek grapes, called Moro and Yellow, which had almost disappeared in the territory. In the afternoon check-in in the hotel. Tonight, dinner will be served at a local restaurant to celebrate the success of your Great Wines of Italy tour.

Hotel: Castel Vecchio or similar (1 night)

Day 12 – Leaving for home

Arrivederci Italia! Your transfer will arrive at Rome's Fiumicino Leonardo Da Vinci International Airport (FCO) at 7:00 am



WHAT IS INCLUDED

Transportation:

- Private airport transfer in Venice and Rome as detailed in the itinerary. Should your flights not coincide with these arrival & departure transfer times, please let us know; we can arrange your transfer inexpensively to/from the airport by limousine
- Luxury air-conditioned private min-coach

Hotels:

- First Class Hotel
- All service charges, taxes, overnight tourist tax, & all breakfast buffets
- Baggage handling included when not in airport
- Standard gratuity for hotel personnel

22 Meals:

- 11 American inspired breakfast buffets
- 8 Wine tastings
- 11 dinners/lunches to include: pasta or soup, meat or fish, vegetable or salad, dessert, local wine (1/4), and mineral water
- Standard gratuity for restaurant personnel.

Tour Guide & Tour Driver:

- Your tour will be conducted by our Tour Guide & Tour Driver. They will take the worry out of foreign travel as they manage the intricate details of your tour, keeping you entertained with anecdotes and stories to make sure your vacation is educational, entertaining, fun and safe
- Gratuities for Tour Guide & Driver are at your pleasure.

Equipment:

- Wireless headsets to hear your Guide clearly & distinctly in public places by utilizing our personal audio system for groups of 9+ allowing you to roam and explore sites (within 60 feet) without missing any insight from your Tour Guide or Local Guide.
- One umbrella for each person in case of rain.



View, Visit, Walking tour:

Verona:

- Walking tour through the center city

Sirmione

- Walking tour through the center city with some free time

Asti

- Walking tour through the center city with some free time

Chianti villages

- Walking tour through the center city with some free time

Castel Gandolfo

- Walking tour through the center city with some free time

Suggested attire:

Comfortable shoes are important for walking on the uneven surfaces.

Attire for Italian Churches:

No shorts, skirts, tank tops, or bare shoulders for men or women are permitted. Bermuda shorts are permitted.



LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (USD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 10 - April 21	4410	5513	4190	4102
May 08 - May 19	4600	5750	4370	4278
June 05 - June 16	4600	5750	4370	4278
July 03 - July 14	4600	5750	4370	4278
Oct 16 - Oct 27	4410	5513	4190	4102

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (CAD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 10 - April 21	5954	7443	5657	5538
May 08 - May 19	6210	7763	5900	5776
June 05 - June 16	6210	7763	5900	5776
July 03 - July 14	6210	7763	5900	5776
Oct 16 - Oct 27	5954	7443	5657	5538

LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (NZD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 10 - April 21	7056	8820	6704	6563
May 08 - May 19	7360	9200	6992	6845
June 05 - June 16	7360	9200	6992	6845
July 03 - July 14	7360	9200	6992	6845
Oct 16 - Oct 27	7056	8820	6704	6563

Prices are subject to change according to international currency rates and price changes by distribution channels without further notice.

Price per person in Double, Single, Triple room occupancy
Price include Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee, currency exchange



LAND PRICE FOR PERSON (AUD)

DEPART - END DATE	DOUBLE	SINGLE	TRIPLE	YOUNG (5-12)
April 10 - April 21	6615	8269	6285	6152
May 08 - May 19	6900	8625	6555	6417
June 05 - June 16	6900	8625	6555	6417
July 03 - July 14	6900	8625	6555	6417
Oct 16 - Oct 27	6615	8269	6285	6152

Why our tours are so special?

- **Small group of max. 16 passengers**, means intimate and personalized experience, enjoy authentic local restaurant, learning more with a peace of mind
- **All excursions are included at no additional cost**, which will turn an already amazing experience into the trip of a lifetime (skip the line tickets, restaurants, venues, local guides, transportation, excursions and more). There will be no surprises along the way
- All our tours have been planned with **comfortable morning departure times**. Never leaving your hotel before **8:00 am**.
- **Included every day you will have a minimum of two meals**; our selected family owned restaurants will certainly be unforgettable!
- **You will never feel alone**. Your tour director and tour driver who will be ready to fulfill your needs with the utmost professionalism and safety
- Tour price include **Tax, city night tax, credit cards fee**
- **Travel and connect with locals** “Traveling the Italian Style”