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## WINE AND FOOD TOUR IN THE NORTH EAST OF ITALY

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9 DAYS | maximum 12 participants

The influence of Italy on Western and international cuisine and gastronomy is well-known. Despite this, few people are aware that **EMILIA ROMAGNA** is considered a relevant region by culinary experts. Some of its most iconic foods are Lasagne alla Bolognese, Tagliatelle al ragù, Tortellini, Ravioli, Parmigiano Reggiano, Prosciutto di Parma, Mortadella, Culatello, Modena Balsamic Vinegar. The contribution of Emilia Romagna to Italian and Western gastronomy is unparalleled in the world.

For this reason, a first food and wine tour in Italy must include this region, characterized by an authentic atmosphere dating back to Italy's depiction in several movies directed by Fellini (he was from this region). Its cities are popular for their quality of life, for their good standard of living, for the quintessential Italian lifestyle (walking through the streets, dining at trattorias, enjoying aperitifs in squares) and for their lively nightlife particularly in Bologna, Rimini and Riccione..



**VENETO** stands out as one of Italy's top tourist destinations. Attractions and cities like Verona, Jesolo, the Dolomites, Garda Lake, Valpolicella, Valdobbiadene and Euganean Thermal Baths draw millions of visitors each year not only from Italy but also from the entire world. Veneto is renowned for its Renaissance Villas which are situated in some of the most picturesque cities and hills. These villas have influenced the architectural field worldwide. It is not accidental if in Venice there is one of the most important Faculties of Architecture in Europe. Moreover, some of the most visited architectural exhibitions take place here.

What concerns wine, Veneto is mainly well-known for Prosecco and for those Italy's finest red wines produced in Valpolicella.

Last but not least, it is equally relevant to mention the Venetian seafood cuisine which is particularly refined and renowned for its variety around the world.

## 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY: BOLOGNA

Individual arrival in **BOLOGNA**. it is possible to arrange transfers and also flights on arrival and departure but these are not included in the fee. You will have a meeting with the tour leader. Dinner will be on your own. The overnight stay, at [REDACTED] or in a similar accommodation, is provided in double rooms and it includes also breakfast.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY: BOLOGNA

After breakfast, you will visit the historical city centre of Bologna with a guided tour. Lunch will be served in a typical Bolognese trattoria. The afternoon is at your free disposal and dinner will be on your own. Overnight stay at the hotel.

**OPTIONAL** Cooking course / aperitif and light lunch



## 3<sup>RD</sup> DAY: MARANELLO - MODENA

After breakfast, you will leave for **MARANELLO** to visit the **FERRARI MUSEUMS**. It is also scheduled a **FERRARI FACTORY PANORAMIC TOUR** organised with a shuttle.

The Ferrari Museum in Maranello offers to visitors exclusive shuttle bus tours to the Fiorano track and along the Viale Enzo Ferrari boulevard in the factory complex.

A museum guide will explain you the Ferrari headquarter, which constitutes the heart of the factory complex where all the Prancing Horse cars are built, and you will also become aware of the various characteristics of the Ferrari track. Equally interesting is the old part of the factory (included the entrance dating back to 1947), which has been meticulously preserved.

The Panoramic Tour is completely different from the Ferrari Factory Tour: factory visits are only available to clients and F1 sponsors. Visitors are not permitted to leave the shuttle bus, take photographs or videos during the Panoramic Tour.

After this experience, you will have lunch in a typical trattoria and in the afternoon you will visit an historic **ACETAIA** accompanied by a tasting and an Apericena. The overnight stay, at [REDACTED] Modena or in a similar accommodation, is provided in double rooms and it includes also breakfast.

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> DAY: REGGIO EMILIA - PARMA

After breakfast, you will leave for **REGGIO EMILIA**, where you will visit the [REDACTED]. After that you will have lunch in a traditional trattoria called [REDACTED]. During the afternoon, you will participate in a guided city tour that will bring you to the discovery of **PARMA**. In the evening you can enjoy a small Parma specialities tasting. Overnight stay at the hotel.



#### 5<sup>TH</sup> DAY: VERONA - VALPOLICELLA

After breakfast, you will leave for **VERONA** where you will take part in a city tour. Lunch is included. Then you will move to **VALPOLICELLA** to check-in at [REDACTED] or in a similar accommodation.

The afternoon will be at your disposal for spa or other activities. Dinner will be on your own. The overnight stay is always provided in double rooms and it includes breakfast.

**OPTIONAL** A tour around **LAKE GARDA**, which includes also a dinner or an experience on an historical sailing ship with aperitif on board (17.00- 19.00) followed by a dinner.

#### 6<sup>TH</sup> DAY: VALPOLICELLA

After having enjoyed the breakfast at the hotel, you can spend the morning doing whatever you want and lunch will be also on your own. From 15:00 pm to 17:00 pm, you will take part in the [REDACTED].

After that, you will have dinner at the hotel, during which you can taste the famous Risotto all'Amarone. Overnight stay at the hotel.

#### 7<sup>TH</sup> DAY: VICENZA - CHIOGGIA

After breakfast, departure for **VICENZA** where you will visit the **ROTONDA**, a villa designed by Andrea Palladio and declared UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994. It is considered more than just a villa: for over 500 years, it has been a source of beauty inspiring poets, artists, rulers, statesmen, scholars, art lovers and tourists from all the world. It is a place able to transmit inspiration, culture and joy to its visitors. You have to notice

that the Rotonda was the model for various architectural works worldwide, including the White House in Washington D.C.

After the visit, you will take a short walk into the historic city centre of Vicenza. Lunch is also included. In the early afternoon, you will reach the so called **VIA DEL PROSECCO** and you will arrive to

It offers a *Superior Experience* which is perfect for wine lovers who would like to practice their knowledge and learn new ones. It is also possible to visit its centuries-old underground tunnels and cellars. You can enjoy a tasting of Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Brut, Asolo Prosecco Superiore DOCG Brut and Opere Trevigiane Metodo Classico Brut. Wines are accompanied by “pan da vin” and artisanal breadsticks. The visit lasts about an hour and a half and it is organized in groups with other visitors.

After that, you will move to **CHIOGGIA**. Cars are not allowed in the city centre but a short and pleasant walk will bring you to your accomodation. Dinner will be on your own. The overnight stay is provided in double rooms in two different charming bed & breakfasts, close to each other, or in a similar accomodation. Breakfast will be served outside the facilities.



## 8<sup>TH</sup> DAY: CHIOGGIA - PELLESTRINA - VENICE

After breakfast, you will enjoy a tour organized in an old refurbished fishing boat. This amazing experience includes also a visit to **PELLESTRINA**, where bicycles will be available for rental. As soon as you will get back on board, you will have a 3-course lunch with dessert and Prosecco. Then there will be a transfer to the historical city centre of **VENICE** for a typical **BACARO TOUR**.

Return in the evening to Chioggia. Overnight stay in bed and breakfast or in a similar accomodation.

You have to notice that the tour, organized in the fishing boat, is not available from November until March. Instead of this type of experience, we can propose you an overnight stay in **TREVISO** or nearby and a day trip in **VENICE** or an overnight stay in **ABANO (EUGANEAN THERMAL BATHS)** and always a day trip in **VENICE**.

## 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY: CHIOGGIA - VENICE AIRPORT

After breakfast, you will leave for the airport with organized transfers.

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## THE FEE INCLUDES

- Overnight stay in specified hotels or in similar accommodations, in double rooms with breakfast.
- Transports from the 2nd day to the end of the tour.
- 4 *guided tours*: Bologna, Parma, Verona and Villa Rotonda (Vicenza).
- 6 *Lunches in selected facilities for the food and wine experience*: Bologna, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Verona, Treviso, and Venice.
- 3 *Dinners in selected facilities for the food and wine experience*: Modena, Parma and Valpolicella.
- 1 *museum tour*: Ferrari Museum in Maranello.
- 5 *tasting experiences*:
- Medical insurance.

## THE FEE DOES NOT INCLUDE

Flights and transfers on arrival, optional proposals, city taxes, tips and anything else which is not mentioned in the section “the fee includes”.

We're available for those people who would like to add additional nights before or after the organized tour, even in alternative locations.

## ORGANIZED BY

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