

*Full Itinerary*

## TASTING ITALY: THE ULTIMATE WINE JOURNEY



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TRAVELLED TEAM OF  
EXPERTS

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Monday to Friday 09:00 - 18:00  
GMT



### JOURNEY SNAPSHOT

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:**

Level 2

**DESTINATION:**

Tasting Italy: The Ultimate Italian Wine  
Adventure

**DURATION:**

10 Days, 9 Nights

**FLIGHT INFORMATION:**

Please arrange your flights to arrive at Venice  
Marco Polo Airport [VCE], on Day 1 and return  
from Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport [FLR]  
on Day 10.

**PICKUP LOCATION:**

Venice Marco Polo Airport [VCE],

## OVERVIEW

Choose your own departure date for your group

Italy's renowned wine regions, stunning landscapes, and rich cultural heritage await. Join us on the ultimate wine adventure as we journey through Italy, discovering its world-class wineries and indulging in the flavors that have made Italian wine famous worldwide.

Set off on a captivating Italian wine tour through the charming regions of Treviso, Verona, Parma, and Montecatini.

Experience Treviso's enchanting vineyards and storied winemaking tradition, savor Verona's celebrated wine culture, and indulge in Parma's exceptional wines and culinary delights. Conclude your journey in Montecatini, a picturesque town known for its tranquil atmosphere and vibrant wine scene.

Join us as we explore Italy's scenic landscapes, sample exquisite wines, and immerse ourselves in the unique character of each region.

## ITINERARY SUMMARY

**DAY 1** - Welcome to Treviso

**DAY 2** - The Prosecco Wine Route

**DAY 3** - Venice, City of Dreams

**DAY 4** - Padua, Valpolicella & Verona

**DAY 5** - The Romance of Verona

**DAY 6** - Parmesan, Parma Ham & Authentic Italy

**DAY 7** - Balsamic, Bologna & Tuscany

**DAY 8** - Olive Oil & Tuscan Cooking Class

**DAY 9** - Pisa & Wine Tasting in the Luccan Hills

**DAY 10** - Farewell to Tuscany - Or extend your stay and join us in Naples!

## FULL ITINERARY

### DAY 1 - WELCOME TO TREVISO

Begin your journey with a warm Venetian welcome as you arrive individually at Venice Airport. You'll stay in a delightful hotel for 3 nights, situated in the heart of the Veneto region—home to world-famous fashion brands like Benetton and Geox, and Italy's finest wine regions.

Kick off your adventure with a fabulous welcome dinner to allow you to meeting your fellow travellers.

**Included meals:** Dinner

### DAY 2 - THE PROSECCO WINE ROUTE

Today is all about Prosecco! Buckle up for a scenic full-day coach tour through the rolling hills of Veneto. Sip your way through some of Italy's best sparkling wines, made from Glera grapes cultivated since Roman times.

Our first stop is the historic Villa Maser, where you'll enjoy a guided Prosecco tasting in a gorgeous ancient barn.

Continue along Italy's famous Prosecco Wine Route, winding through 47 kilometers of vineyards and postcard-perfect landscapes.

Return to Treviso for a magical evening at your own pace. Explore the quaint canals, visit local shops, or simply enjoy dinner with the backdrop of this enchanting city.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 3 - VENICE, CITY OF DREAMS

After breakfast, board a regional train bound for the legendary Venice! Arrive at Santa Lucia Station and embark on an unforgettable adventure. We'll cruise along the Grand Canal in a Vaporetto (water-bus), soaking in the sights of elegant palazzos and the iconic Rialto Bridge, before arriving at St. Mark's Square.

The rest of the day is yours to lose yourself in the labyrinth of Venice's winding streets. Explore world-famous landmarks like St. Mark's Basilica, or discover hidden gems and quaint cafes.

Return to Treviso by train and enjoy an evening of relaxation or continued exploration.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 4 - PADUA, VALPOLICELLA & VERONA

After breakfast, we head to the vibrant city of Padua. Wander through its medieval streets on a guided tour, marvel at the frescoes of Scrovegni Chapel, and visit the magnificent Basilica of St. Anthony.

From Padua, we journey into Valpolicella, one of Italy's most celebrated wine regions. Experience a tasting at the breathtaking Serego Alghieri estate, a 650-year-old vineyard producing rich, full-bodied wines.

Arrive in Verona, the city of love, and check into your hotel for two nights. Explore the streets immortalized by Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet," and enjoy a relaxing evening at your leisure in this captivating city.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

### DAY 5 - THE ROMANCE OF VERONA

After breakfast, meet our guide for a stroll through the ancient streets of Verona. Visit Juliet's iconic balcony and immerse yourself in the charm of this romantic city. End the tour at the stunning Roman Arena, where world-class opera is performed under the stars.

Spend the rest of the day exploring Verona on your own—visit a cozy cafe, wander the charming piazzas, or shop for unique souvenirs.

A special surprise awaits—a "pop-up" opera performance at dinner! Picture this: a tenor rising from the crowd to serenade you with timeless Italian arias, creating a memory you'll never forget

**Included meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 6 - PARMESAN, PARMA HAM & AUTHENTIC ITALY

Travel south to the lush countryside of Parma, where the world's best Parmesan cheese and Parma ham are crafted. At the renowned Nonno Fereoli, you'll get an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at how these delicacies are made—and yes, there will be tastings!

Arrive in Parma, a city brimming with history, culture, and delicious food. Enjoy a leisurely evening in this picturesque town, exploring its cobbled streets or dining at a quaint trattoria

**Included meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 7 - BALSAMIC, BOLOGNA & TUSCANY

Dive into the flavors of Modena with a visit to an authentic balsamic vinegar producer for a private tasting. Then, it's off to Bologna, where food reigns supreme!

Wander through Bologna's vibrant food markets with our guide, discovering fresh produce, handmade pasta, and an array of tempting delicacies. After lunch, cross the Apennine mountains as we make our way to Tuscany.

Arrive in Montecatini for a 3-night stay, and enjoy a delightful group dinner at the hotel to toast to your Tuscan adventure.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

## DAY 8 - OLIVE OIL & TUSCAN COOKING CLASS

Start the day with a visit to an olive oil estate in the heart of Tuscany, where you'll learn the secrets behind producing the finest extra virgin olive oil.

Channel your inner chef with a hands-on cooking class at a rustic Tuscan farmhouse. You'll prepare a traditional two-course meal—think homemade pasta and savory meat dishes—followed by a delicious lunch with local wine.

Explore charming Tuscan villages like Radda and Greve on the way back to Montecatini, or relax with a glass of wine in the hilltop village of Montecatini Alto.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

## DAY 9 - PISA & WINE TASTING IN THE LUCCAN HILLS

Our final full day starts with a visit to the world-famous Leaning Tower of Pisa. Snap the perfect photo and explore the Field of Miracles.

Head to the idyllic hills near Lucca for a wine-tasting experience at the stunning Tenuta Maria Teresa estate. Savor the rich flavors of Tuscany as you enjoy four exquisite wines.

Return to Montecatini for an unforgettable farewell dinner—a candle-lit feast with fine wine, delicious food, and great company.

**Included meals:** Breakfast & Dinner

## DAY 10 - FAREWELL TO TUSCANY - OR EXTEND YOUR STAY AND JOIN US IN NAPLES!

After breakfast, it's time to bid farewell to Tuscany.

Why not join us in Naples for our 4 day extension - We depart from Montecatini with our Tour Manager and take a private coach to Florence's Santa Maria Novella Station.

Board the First Class High-Speed train for a scenic 3-hour journey to Naples Centrale Station.

**Included meals:** Breakfast

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Arrival Venice Marco Polo Airport [VCE] - hotel transfer/Return departure hotel- Amerigo Vespucci Airport [FLR] transfer
- Accommodation as detailed in the itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary
- All transfers/touring and excursions in air-conditioned deluxe motor vehicles.
- All entrances/guides (English speaking) and visits as indicated in the programme.
- Services of a Big Journey Company Tour Director throughout

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Please arrange your flights to arrive at Venice Marco Polo Airport [VCE], on Day 1 and return from Amerigo Vespucci Airport [FLR] on Day 10.
- Additional food and beverage unless otherwise included in the programme
- Personal expenses
- Personal Travel & Medical Insurance
- Optional excursions/entrances
- Gratuities
- Any COVID tests or related entry & exit requirements

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Please let The Big Journey Company know prior to travelling if you have any medical needs or take any medication that we need to be made aware of to ensure that you have a safe and pleasant tour.
- Check in is after 2:00-3:00pm and check out is before 10am unless otherwise specified in the itinerary.
- Cancellation 90 – 0 days prior to departure cancellation fee is 100%. It is your responsibility to ensure the correct travel insurance in place to protect you against the need to cancel your holiday. Deposits are required on booking and are non-refundable.
- Further terms and conditions apply and will be provided upon request or at the time of booking. The Big Journey Company reserves the right to withdraw any offer prior to accepting a reservation request. This does not affect your statutory rights. This offer is subject to availability and space is limited.

## BOOK YOUR JOURNEY

*Choose from the list of dates below*

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