



Northern Italy & the Italian Riviera

12 Days from \$2,699 USD

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Learn to say "the road less traveled" on this 12-day tour through some Northern Italian jewels. Spend time venturing through the streets of Florence, please your palate in Bologna and see where the world's best athletes called home during the 2006 winter Olympics in Turin.

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1 - Lago Maggiore

Begin your journey with an overnight flight on a major airline to Italy.

Day 2 - Lago Maggiore

Welcome to Italy! Arrive in Milan. From there, a Go Ahead representative will escort you to your hotel in Lago Maggiore. Meet the other travelers at tonight's included dinner.

Included meals: breakfast (in flight), dinner

Day 3 - Turin

With the snow-capped peaks of the Alps looming above, Lago Maggiore has long stirred the imaginations of artists and writers. Enjoy the stunning scenery this morning, as you take a boat cruise to Isola Bella, where you'll enjoy a guided tour of this spectacular garden island in the center of the lake (seasonal). After you return to shore, drive to Novara to see its historic Baroque cathedral. Continue to Turin, host city of the 2006 Winter Olympics. Once you've settled in to your hotel, enjoy an included dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Included entrances: Isola Bella cruise

Day 4 - Turin

Before the world's premiere athletes came to town, the elegant boulevards of Turin played host to some of Italy's technological and industrial powers. Discover Turin on this morning's guided tour. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the Royal Palace, Royal Gardens and Palazzo Madama, a mixture of baroque and Renaissance style. In the afternoon, continue exploring Turin on your own or join an optional wine-tasting excursion to Barolo and La Morra D'Alba.

Included meals: breakfast

Included entrances: Royal Palace, Mole Antonelliana



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Barolo & La Morra D'Alba

Venture into the vineyard-laden countryside and head to the Cantina Marchese di Barolo for a tour of its celebrated wine cellars. Sample the delicious results with a tasting of Barolo wine. Continue to the main square of La Morra D'Alba, a beautiful hilltop village with spectacular views.

Day 5 - Italian Riviera

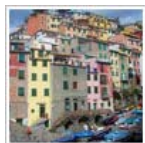
Travel west to the region of Liguria for a taste of seaside luxury. Along the way, stop for guided sightseeing of the medieval town of Asti. Later, reach Liguria, better known as the Italian Riviera, which once drew legions of artists and celebrities to its shores and leisurely lifestyle. Discover for yourself *il dolce far niente*, Italian for "the sweet art of idleness." Dinner is included this evening.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Day 6 - Italian Riviera

Relax on the shores of the Italian Riviera at your leisure today. Or enjoy a full-day optional excursion to the Cinque Terre, a group of five villages dramatically situated in the heart of the Italian Riviera. Travel by boat cruise (weather permitting) or by train to explore two of the villages.

Included meals: breakfast



\$79
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Cinque Terre

A Go Ahead Favorite excursion!

Set off on a full-day trip to the Cinque Terre—a collection of five isolated Italian Riviera villages, each clinging to the rocky coastline.

Day 7 - Bologna

As you bid a fond farewell to the Riviera, rest assured that culinary delights await in your destinations today. First, your tour director introduces you to Parma, where you'll sample local prosciutto and parmesan cheese. You'll also visit a balsamic vinegar factory for a tasting. Then continue on to Bologna, touted for its pasta and mortadella sausage. Save room for tonight's included dinner, as Bologna is

considered the culinary capital of Italy.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Included entrances: tasting in Parma

Day 8 - Bologna

This morning, venture out into the sienna-hued streets of Bologna on a sightseeing tour with an expert local guide. Your tour includes a visit to the University of Bologna, the world's oldest operating university. In the afternoon, partake in an optional excursion to Dozza, including a tasting at the wine exhibition at Enoteca Regionale Emilia Romagna in Dozza.

Included meals: breakfast



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Dozza

Travel to the medieval village of Dozza, known for the brilliantly colored frescoes painted on houses throughout the village. A professional sommelier will lead you on a tour of a wine exhibition, which displays a seemingly infinite number of wines from 200 of Italy's finest wineries.

Day 9 - Bologna

Enjoy a free day to explore Bologna on your own. Follow the world's longest portico uphill to the Basilica of San Luca. Or take in the splendors of Florence with an optional excursion to the birthplace of the Renaissance.

Included meals: breakfast



**\$119
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Florence by Train

In the timeless city of Florence, see where the Italian language was born, travel to the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo lie and shop along the famed Ponte Vecchio.

Day 10 - Verona

En route to Verona today, stop for a guided tour of Ferrara, whose medieval walls encircle Este Castle and several ducal palaces. Finally, arrive in the small northern city of Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet.

Included meals: breakfast

Day 11 - Verona

On a guided walking tour of Verona today, discover the sites that served as the backdrop for Shakespeare's famous drama. Situated by the River Adige, Verona is one of Italy's best-preserved medieval centers. Take a look at the town's Roman amphitheater and Casa di Giulietta, Juliet's house and storied balcony. Then enjoy a taste of the region's wines at an included tasting. Tonight, join your fellow travelers for an included Farewell Dinner.

Included meals: breakfast, dinner

Included entrances: wine tasting

Day 12 - Verona

Extend your stay with two nights in Venice, or board your flight home.

Included meals: breakfast

(In the case of early morning departures, breakfast may not be provided.)

Extend Your Stay

Add 2 nights in Venice for only \$399 USD (Single room: add \$105 USD)

All the picture books in the world won't prepare you for the sight of Venice's gilded palaces rising from the sea. Explore the city's many famous churches and museums, but set aside time to get lost in the maze of canals and streets. Deceptive and mysterious, Venice has a soft spot for wanderers—and to them she will open her heart.

