Flavors of Northern Italy

Award-winning wine, captivating culture and stunning architecture—aged to perfection

Veneto, Lombardy & Lago di Garda

MAY 21-29, 2022

with optional
CINQUE TERRE PRE-TOUR & VENICE POST-TOUR

100% REFUND GUARANTEE
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Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join our small group for a nine-day journey to the culinary and cultural heart of Northern Italy—a region brimming with exquisite local wines, specialty ingredients, soul-satisfying signature dishes and the wonderful Italians who conjure them with time-honored techniques.

Settle into a beautiful wine estate outside Verona. Within reach is a connoisseur’s pick of centuries-old wineries, artisan producers and extraordinary historic sites.

With each day highlighted by exclusive experiences, access authentic Italy, learn from local Italians and, most of all, revel in la dolce vita—the joyful celebration of food, friends and life!

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at wakeforest.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

Kelly Meachum McConnico ('00)
Assistant Vice President, Alumni Engagement
Wake Forest University
Office of Alumni Engagement

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an on-going initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at orbridge.com/going-green.
Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Verona, Italy / Selva Capuzza (D)
Settle in, welcome dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 3: Selva Capuzza / Tower of San Martino (B,L,D)
Tortellini-making class and lunch, guided tour of the Tower of San Martino della Battaglia; wine presentation and tasting
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 4: Verona / Valpolicella (B,D)
Guided sightseeing, Renaissance Gates, Castelvecchio Bridge, San Zeno Basilica, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet’s balcony, Roman monuments and amphitheater; Giuseppe Lonardi winery (winner of numerous Decanter World Wine awards) tour and tasting, Amarone cooking demonstration and dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 5: Marano / Malcesine (B,L,D)
Dessert cooking class, award-winning de Tarczal winery visit with tasting and lunch, leisure time in Malcesine beside Lago di Garda
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 6: Modena / Mantua (B,L,D)
Balsamic vinegar tasting and lunch at award-winning Acetaia Caselli, Palazzo Ducale UNESCO World Heritage Site inside visit
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 7: Roncà / Soave / Sirmione (B,L,D)
La Casara cheese demonstration and tasting; Soave castle photography opportunity, leisure time in Sirmione
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 8: Sulzano / Lago d’Iseo / Franciacorta (B,L,D)
Boat excursion, Mosnel cellar tour and tasting, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 9: Depart Verona for U.S. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: We expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. On the estate, unpaved roads and pathways separate its various structures, and walking is required to get from one building to another and to reach the restaurant. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
Repose

- With your small group (maximum 19 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at a historic country farmhouse amidst a wine and olive oil-producing estate.

- Join intimate cooking classes with locals who share their families’ histories and favorite recipes.

- Relax during a boat tour around Lago d’Iseo, featuring mesmerizing clear water and stunning mountain scenery, followed by touring on land.

Discover

- Take in the area’s layered history, with visits to Verona’s 2,000-year-old Roman arena and the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio Bridge.

- Admire the panoramic beauty at captivating Lago di Garda—Italy’s largest lake.

- Delight in a cheese-making demonstration and tasting in the heart of Lessinia, home to a delicious variety of Italian cheeses.

- See Palazzo Ducale di Mantova—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—which was the royal residence of the Gonzaga family from 1328 to 1707.

Engage

- Meet a renowned winemaker who specializes in creating Amarone. Then retreat to a nearby restaurant for a polenta-making demonstration, featuring Amarone, and dinner.

- Enjoy a special excursion near Modena for a tasting of aged balsamic vinegar during a convivial meal with the property’s owner and his family.

What’s Included

- 7 nights accommodations

- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine

- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary

- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides

- Private motor coach transportation

- Luggage porterage

- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals

- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Within arm’s reach of the culture-rich Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions lies Borgo San Donino, a charming farmhouse on the Selva Capuzza wine estate—also the 1859 battle site of Italy’s fight toward its independence.

The farmhouse apartments, winery, and nearby restaurant are the result of many years of dedicated work, and provide award-winning wines, delightful accommodations, and generous hospitality for all who visit.

Stroll the grounds and you might see grape vines being carefully tended by hand or olives ripening for the estate’s own olive oil, just steps away from tables where the harvest is reincarnated in signature wines and local dishes. The Selva Capuzza winery produces a wonderful selection of varietals—red, white, and rosé, all under the careful expertise of the property’s skilled vintners.

Visit the nearby San Martino Tower to admire its majesty from the inside and out. Then follow the tree-lined road to the Chapel of San Martino, which guards many of the fallen from the battle.

After a day’s adventures, restore your senses amidst the comfortable atmosphere of your apartment—inspired, as you will be, by the beauty of Northern Italy’s landscapes.

**Classic:** A comfortable apartment with kitchenette and en suite bathroom with shower, overlooking the garden and surrounding countryside.

**Superior:** A spacious apartment with vaulted ceilings, kitchenette, en suite bathroom, and second-floor views of the garden, vineyard, or surrounding countryside.

Each room is equipped with a safe, complimentary Wi-Fi, bathroom sundries (shampoo, shower gel, lotion, toothbrush kit, shaving kit, sewing kit, and shower cap), slippers, and a hair dryer. (Hair conditioner is not provided.)

**NOTE:** This property does not have an elevator.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Italy.
Take advantage of additional time in Italy to explore Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera, an area teeming with meaningful traditions surrounding wine, cuisine, and family. More than food and drink, Cinque Terre is also a National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing visitors to its dramatic coastal scenery and sunset panoramas.

**Pre-Tour Itinerary** (subject to change)

**Day +1:** En route from U.S.

**Day +2:** Arrive in Milan, Italy / Sestri Levante
Leisure time to explore the fishermen hamlet of Sestri Levante
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +3:** Sestri Levante / Cinque Terre / Sestri Levante (B,L)
Guided touring and tastings through Monterosso, Vernazza, Manarola, and Riomaggiore
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +4:** Sestri Levante / Portofino / San Fruttuoso / Sestri Levante (B)
Abbey of San Fruttuoso, guided tour of Santa Margherita Ligure
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +5:** Sestri Levante / Verona / Main Program Begins (B)

**What’s Included**

- 3 nights accommodations at Vis à Vis (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Cinque Terre card for all train transportation within the Cinque Terre
- Guided touring (by English-speaking guides) and tastings through Cinque Terre’s villages
- Luxury motor coach transportation (with unlimited bottled water) for included touring
- Boat excursion to San Fruttuoso
- Entrance fee to San Fruttuoso Abbey
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guides, drivers for included activities and excursions, porters, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
Post-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 9: Depart Verona / Arrive in Venice
Private water taxi city tour down the Grand Canal (see the Rialto Bridge, St. Mark’s Basin, Giudecca, and San Giorgio Maggiore)
Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace

Day 10: Venice (B)
Private gondola boatyard tour, afternoon at leisure
Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace

Day 11: Venice / Mazzorbo / Venice (B,L)
Vineyard visit and wine tasting, leisure time to explore Burano
Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace

Day 12: Depart Venice for U.S. (B)

What’s Included

- Transfer by train (in business class) from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director who will see you to your hotel for check-in, then bid you a fond farewell
- 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided touring accompanied by an art historian
- Private visit to a mask artisan workshop
- Private gondola boatyard visit
- Guided vineyard tour and wine pairing with lunch designed by a Michelin-starred chef
- Water taxi transportation for canal and lagoon tours, and transfers to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
- Luggage porterage
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guides, local drivers for included activities and excursions, porters, and wait staff for included meals
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GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): _____________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
City: __________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________

GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): _____________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________
Class Year: _____________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________
City: __________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________ Alt. Phone: __________________

DEPOSIT PAYMENT:
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Card #: ____________________________________________________
Exp. Date: _______ CVV: __________________________
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Billing Address (if different from above): __________________________________________________________________
City: __________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: ________

CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:
Category Preference: 1st choice _____________________________________________
2nd choice _____________________________________________
# _________ guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) =
# _________ guests joining program ($850/person) =
# _________ guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $_________

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Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card
above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: $850
per person per program and $500 per person for any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Deposits are payable by check, ACH, wire transfer or
major credit card. Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by
check, ACH, wire transfer or major credit card, and is due no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date. If your
reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus
any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH,
wire transfer or major credit card. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time
and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. CST#209875040-40 WST#602628994

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing. If the cancellation notice is received
by Orbridge: (a) more than 90 calendar days prior to the program’s scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main
program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full; (b) between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a
25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded;
(c) between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program,
including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded; (d) within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date,
a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour. In addition to and
not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your
cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30
calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

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of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to AR, DE, KY, MS, OK, RI, UT) or by retailer licensing obligations (IL, MA,
MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, SD, TX, VA, VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. All Wine Gifts are handled by an independent
third party.
FLAVORS OF NORTHERN ITALY

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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than $1,000 per couple**

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