THE JEWELS OF VENETO, NORTHERN ITALY
FEATURING TREVISIO, VENICE, VERONA, GARDA AND MILAN
9 DAYS/7 NIGHTS

TOUR FEATURES

- ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION - Air transportation from New York
- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS - Hotel accommodations for 7 nights
- SUPERB CUISINE - 13 included meals consisting of 7 buffet breakfasts and 6 dinners.
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Treviso, Visit to Lake Garda, Tour of Sirmione and Verona, and Tour of Venice. Optional tours available.
- PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- DELUXE MOTORCOACHES - Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS – Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES - Hotel & City taxes and service charges

OPTIONAL MILAN EXTENSION TOUR FEATURES

- FIRST-CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS - Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- SUPERB CUISINE - 2 included meals consisting of 2 buffet breakfasts
- SIGHTSEEING TOUR PROGRAM - Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Visit to Bergamo and Tour of Milan
- PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR - Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS – Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport
- LOCAL TAXES AND SERVICE CHARGES - Hotel & City taxes and service charges

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Day 1 - Depart USA  Depart New York for Italy. Meals and refreshments served on board.

Day 2 – Arrive Italy/Treviso  Your adventure begins upon arrival in the captivating country of Italy. This is one of the few places in the world where you will experience art and life combining so effortlessly. It’s the land of Michelangelo, da Vinci and Botticelli but it’s also the home of Ferragamo, Armani and Zegna, and the birthplace of Ferrari, Maserati, and Ducati. Food, fashion, art and architecture, fast cars, and more – you’ll quickly learn that the root of Italian happiness is a dedication to “la dolce vita” – the sweet life! Departing the airport we head for Treviso, located in northeast Italy’s Veneto region. Treviso welcomes you with her thriving, cosmopolitan allure, rich history and culture, famed architecture, museums, and “old-world meets modern” city life. Enjoy the afternoon at your own pace to acquaint yourself with the city. Treviso is a tranquil oasis where a peaceful walk lets visitors admire the sober elegance that characterizes every corner of this charming “città cortese” (courteous city). Then relish in a scrumptious welcome dinner. (D)

Day 3 – Treviso  Today you will tour Treviso on a half day city excursion, a bustling city with piazzas, the Terraglio River, museums, churches and elegant Renaissance Venetian gardens and villas. In the city center we see the Duomo, surrounded by its old defensive walls; it is a superb example of the complex stratification of architectonic styles. Your afternoon at leisure gives you time to take in the captivating ambiance of Treviso. With easy access to some of the world’s top-rated wineries, be sure to sample the vintages with local Asiago cheese, cherries and truffles. Enjoy dinner at your hotel this evening. (B,D)

Day 4 – Lake Garda/Sirmione/Verona/Treviso  Today you will gaze upon the largest lake in all of Italy, Lake Garda. The lake, located between Brescia and Verona, is surrounded by mountains formed by glaciers from the last Ice Age. On a full-day excursion, you will explore the ancient town of Sirmione, located on the South end of the lake, home to the popular Virgilio and Catullo Spa Complexes. Further along, tour Verona, where Shakespeare’s star-crossed lovers’ tormented relationship Romeo and Juliet is set. Verona enchants with its picturesque cobblestone streets, dozens of churches and world-renowned Arena Di Verona, the Roman Empire’s third largest amphitheater where opera performances are still performed to this day. Tonight dinner will be at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 5 – Treviso – Emiglia Romagna Optional Tour  Day at Leisure. Enjoy an optional tour to the lavish region of Emilia Romagna in Northern Italy today with an exquisite balsamic vinegar tasting experience. One of the richest and most developed regions in Europe, the area is an automotive mecca and home to Ferrari, Lamborghini, Maserati, Pagani and Ducati among others. Visit Reggio Emilia, known as the tri-color town as it was the first town to adopt the green, white and red striped flag in 1797 that thereafter became the official flag of Italy. Bordering the Parma region, this delightful town is known for its gastronomy, many piazzas and its 17th century Basilica della Ghiera. Savor a light lunch at the acclaimed local restaurant Trattoria La Buca during this day of luxury and delish indulgence. The full-day excursion takes you on an exhilarating visit to the Ferrari museum in the afternoon, a dream come true for all aficionados of the amazing luxury cars that don the prancing horse icon. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 6 – Venice/Treviso  Explore the romantic City of Canals on a guided tour through classically elegant Venice. With more than 400 bridges, your water and land exploration will visit the must-see sights including St. Mark’s Square, St. Mark’s Basilica, Doge’s Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. Shop the handmade glass shops before trying on a mask in the masquerade shops that dot the streets under the majestic architecture of this inspired place. Tonight dinner will be at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 7 – Treviso – Grappa and Marostica Optional Tour  Travel on to Bassano Del Grappa, a medieval town situated at the foot of the Monte Grappa (Grappa Mountain). Revel in the birthplace of Grappa, a wine-flavored spirit produced by distilling the skins, pulp, seeds and stems left over from the winemaking process of pressing grapes. This city is also located in the Veneto region of Italy, just like Treviso, known for the world-famous wines that are crafted here. Delight in a tour of the Grappa museum and enjoy a tasting experience. Then visit Marostica in the afternoon, an old world town known for its elaborate human chess game held every other September in the town square, Piazza del Castello. (B)

Day 8 – Treviso – Padua and Vicenza Optional Tour  In Italy’s northern Veneto region, your guided tour of Padua this morning will take you to delve into this picturesque town through arch-covered streets that open to large piazzas filled with shops and restaurants. View numerous churches and chapels of this medieval city as well as the 800 years old University of Padua, the Italy’s second-oldest university. Stroll across one of many bridges spanning the Bacchiglione River. In the town of Vicenza discover the acclaimed Palladian Villas designed by architect Andrea Palladio and protected by UNESCO as part of a World Heritage Site. Take-in the Olympic Theater and stroll the famous Contra Porti Street lined with palaces. Enjoy dinner at your hotel. (B,D)

Day 9 – Treviso to USA or extend your stay with an optional Milan extension  Morning transfer to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

OPTIONAL MILAN EXTENSION

Day 9 – Treviso/Milan  Depart for Milan and stop in Bergamo. Perched atop a hill in Italy’s Lombardy region, the medieval walled city of Bergamo Alta awaits. From the Piazza Vecchia you can take-in the enchanting ambiance of Bergamo’s old town. Here you will uncover beautifully preserved architectural treasures including the city’s well-preserved walls dating back to the fifth century A.D. as well as historic buildings, places, churches and cathedrals. Stretched across the plains below sits Bergamo Bassa, where the modern city pulse beckons in stark contrast to its old town counterpart. You will arrive in Milan and enjoy free time this afternoon and evening to explore Milan. (B)

Day 10 – Milan  Today you will embark on a captivating half day tour of Milan, the fashion and economic capital of Italy. Get to know Milan from its famed landmarks to its embracing entrepreneurial spirit. While soaking in the Italian culture, you will explore this vibrant city with your expert guide. Take-in the vista of its medieval Sforza Castle, built by the 4th Duke of Milan, as you hear intriguing history about Milan. Visit the city’s renowned Duomo, the largest Gothic structure in Italy adorned with 135 marble spires, and see the Golden Madonna that tops the highest spire. View the world-class Scala Opera House. Stroll along this fashion mecca's stylish Galleria Vittorio Emanuele shopping gallery. Continue the visit to Santa Maria delle Grazie Basilica to discover the enigmatic Da Vinci’s “Last Supper.” Tonight you will have time at leisure to savor the flavors of Italy in one of the many exquisite restaurants or cafés that line Milan’s fascinating streets. (B)

Day 11 – Milan to USA  After breakfast this morning, transfer to the airport for your return flight home (B)

(B) – Breakfast, (D) – Dinner; Hotel and itinerary are subject to change

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