



WINE TOUR OF ITALY



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DAY 1

VENICE

Guests arrive at Venice airport and are greeted with a dedicated vehicle at the plane, including fast track and porter service. A private Mercedes vehicle transfers them to the dock, where a private motorboat awaits to take them to their accommodation in the city.

Upon arriving in Venice, you will immediately feel immersed in the city's unique atmosphere. A private guide will meet you and lead you on an enchanting journey through this floating city. The tour will begin at Piazza San Marco, Venice's iconic square, where you will be introduced to the history of the Basilica di San Marco, an architectural masterpiece of Byzantine influences, and the Campanile, the city's tallest structure. As you stroll through the square, your guide will share stories about the Doge's Palace, where the Venetian government once operated, and the mysterious Bridge of Sighs.

From there, you will wander through Venice's winding canals, crossing over charming bridges, and passing hidden courtyards. Your guide will take you to lesser-known neighbourhoods, revealing the true soul of the city. You will visit artisan shops, where glassblowers and mask makers still practice centuries-old crafts and learn about the rich history of Venetian trade and craftsmanship.

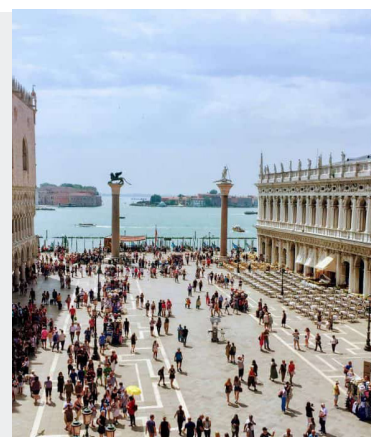
The tour will also include a stop at the Rialto Bridge, Venice's most famous bridge, where you will be able to take in the lively atmosphere of the Grand Canal. The day will end with an optional gondola ride, gliding through the narrow canals and beneath ancient bridges.



TIPS FROM OUR SENIOR GUEST RELATIONS

Sofia's to do list

- ✓ Sip Chianti Classico in Tuscany's scenic vineyards.
- ✓ Taste Barolo and Barbaresco in Piedmont's renowned wine hills.
- ✓ Explore Valpolicella and savor its famous Amarone wines.





DAY 2

VALPOLLICELLA REGION

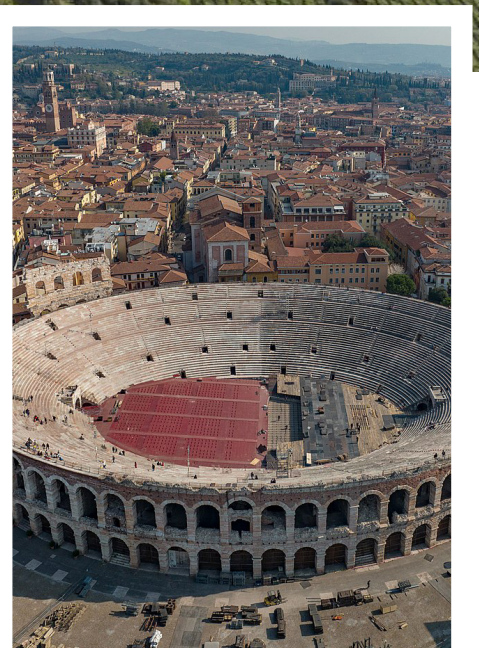
An unforgettable journey to the stunning Valpolicella wine region and the enchanting city of Verona. As you depart from Venice, you will travel along picturesque roads that wind through the lush Italian countryside, offering captivating views of rolling hills, vineyards, and charming villages.

Upon arriving in Verona, you will be welcomed by the city's timeless beauty and rich history. You will begin with a guided visit through the historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you can admire remarkable architecture and vibrant atmosphere. One of the highlights of your tour will be the famous Juliet's Balcony, a symbol of romantic love that inspires countless visitors. Your guide will share the story behind this iconic location, allowing you to appreciate its charm and significance.

Next, you will explore the magnificent Roman Arena, an ancient amphitheatre that has hosted performances for centuries, showcasing the city's deep-rooted connection to the arts. Your guide will provide insights into the arena's history and its role in Verona's cultural landscape. Nearby, the lively Piazza delle Erbe will draw you in with its bustling market stalls, stunning frescoed buildings, and the impressive Torre dei Lamberti, where you can consider climbing to the top for panoramic views of the city.

After your exploration of Verona, you will head to a prestigious winery in the Valpolicella region, celebrated for its exceptional wines, particularly the renowned Amarone della Valpolicella. This rich red wine is crafted from grapes that undergo a unique drying process called appassimento, which concentrates their flavours and sugars.

At the winery, you will embark on a guided tour of the vineyards and cellars, where you will learn about the meticulous grape cultivation, the significance of the region's volcanic soil, and the fermentation techniques that contribute to the wine's complexity. The visit will conclude with a tasting of the estate's finest offerings, allowing you to savour the bold flavours, rich aromas, and velvety textures that define Valpolicella wines. Each sip will enhance your appreciation for this remarkable region and its winemaking traditions before your driver returns you to Venice, ensuring a comfortable and relaxing ride back after a memorable day of cultural and culinary delights.



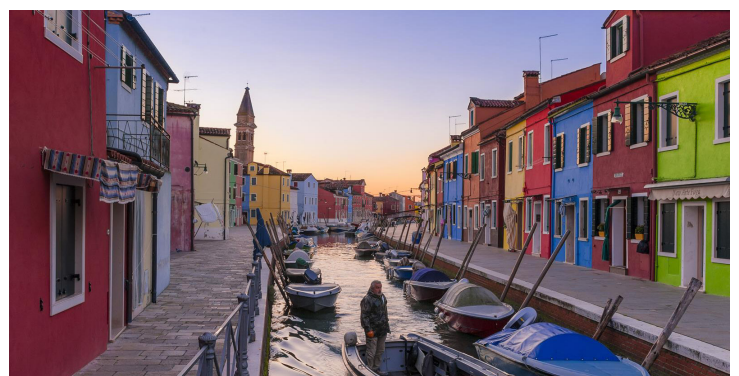
DAY 3

WINE TOUR IN VENICE & LAGOON ISLANDS

Board your private boat and reach Sant'Erasmus Island. The ride will take about 30 minutes and offers stunning views of the lagoon. Sant'Erasmus is known as the Garden of Venice, famed for its agricultural products, especially artichokes and wine. Visit a local vineyard: here you'll receive a guided tour explaining the unique challenges and techniques of winemaking in a lagoon environment. Discover the cultivation methods used to grow grapes in saline soil, which contributes to the unique flavor profiles of the wines. Enjoy a tasting session featuring the island's signature wines, such as Orto di Venezia. This wine, produced from local grape varieties, offers a crisp and refreshing taste, perfect for the lagoon climate. Pair the wines with light bites of local cheeses and cured meats, showcasing the flavors of the Venetian region. After the tasting, take a short boat ride to Mazzorbo Island, connected to Burano by a picturesque wooden bridge. Enjoy another guided tour of a local winery. Learn about their award-winning Dorona di Venezia wine, a rare variety indigenous to the region. After lunch at leisure, take a short boat ride to the colorful island of Burano, famous for its lace-making and vibrant houses. Stroll through the picturesque streets, visiting lace shops and enjoying the scenic views.



Did you know that Sant'Erasmus Island is called the Garden of Venice for its lush farmland and artichoke cultivation?





DAY 4

PIEDMONT

Transfer from Venice to the picturesque Piedmont region, renowned for its stunning landscapes and world-class wines, including Barolo and Barbaresco.

Upon arrival in the Piedmont region, you may first stop in the town of Alba, famous for its white truffles and medieval architecture. Your visit will include a leisurely stroll through the historic center, where you can admire the beautiful Cathedral of San Lorenzo and the Palazzo Comunale. The vibrant streets are lined with local shops and cafes, where you may take the opportunity to sample some regional delicacies.

After exploring Alba, your journey will continue to a prestigious winery in the Barbaresco region, where you will immerse yourself in the world of fine wine.

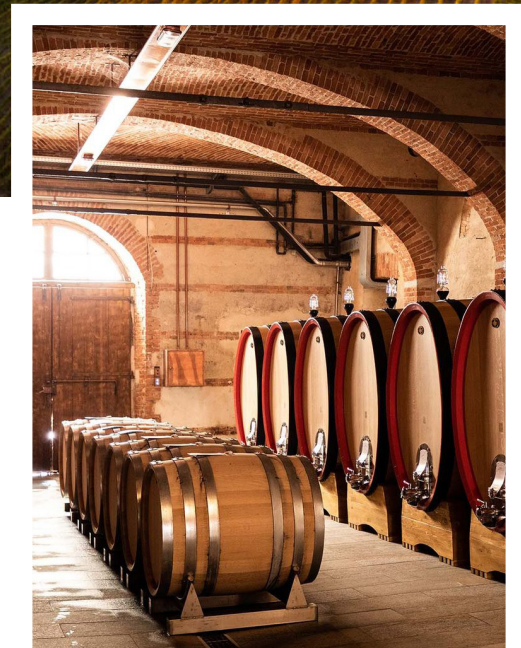
Upon arrival, a knowledgeable guide will welcome you and introduce you to the winery's history and its winemaking philosophy. You will learn about the unique terroir of Barbaresco, where the combination of soil composition, climate, and altitude contributes to the distinctive characteristics of the wines produced here.

Your guide will explain the Nebbiolo grape-growing process, from vine cultivation to harvesting, highlighting the importance of sustainable practices and attention to detail.

Next, you will visit the winery's cellars, where the magic of winemaking happens. Here, you will see the barrels used for aging, and your guide will explain the various aging processes and how they influence the wine's flavours and aromas. This visit will also provide an opportunity to learn about the different styles of Barbaresco wines and how they vary based on the vineyard and vintage.

The highlight of your visit will be a tasting session in a beautifully appointed tasting room or on a scenic terrace overlooking the vineyards. You will sample a selection of Barbaresco wines, including different vintages and possibly some rare selections. As you savour each sip, your guide will provide insights into the tasting notes, ideal food pairings, and the aging potential of the wines.





DAY 5

PIEDMONT

Embark on a captivating tour of the Barolo area, where the rich heritage of winemaking meets stunning landscapes. As you begin your journey, you will drive through picturesque hills adorned with vineyards that produce some of Italy's finest wines. Barolo, often referred to as the "King of Wines," is renowned for its robust, full-bodied character, crafted primarily from the Nebbiolo grape. With its complex aromas of cherry, rose, and tar, Barolo ages beautifully, revealing layers of flavour and sophistication over time.

Your first stop will be at a prestigious winery, where you will enjoy a guided tour of the property. You will learn about the unique terroir of Barolo and the meticulous practices involved in grape cultivation and winemaking. After the tour, you will indulge in a delightful wine tasting, sampling a selection of Barolo wines, including both young and aged varieties.

Following the tasting, you will savour a sumptuous lunch featuring local delicacies, expertly paired with the wines you have just enjoyed. This culinary experience will highlight the harmony between the region's gastronomy and its celebrated wines.





DAY 6

FLORENCE

Transfer from Piedmont to Florence by Mercedes vehicle.

Experience the captivating beauty and rich history of Florence with a walking tour of the city centre, a city renowned for its remarkable art, architecture, and cultural heritage. As you stroll through the historic streets, you will have the opportunity to admire iconic landmarks such as the magnificent Florence Cathedral, with its striking dome designed by Brunelleschi, and the exquisite Baptistery of St. John, adorned with its famous bronze doors known as the Gates of Paradise. Your guide will share fascinating insights into the city's history, including tales of the Medici family, who played a pivotal role in shaping Florence into the cradle of the Renaissance.

As you wander through the vibrant Piazza della Signoria, you will encounter stunning sculptures, including the replica of Michelangelo's David and the impressive Fountain of Neptune. The tour will also take you to the picturesque Ponte Vecchio, a medieval bridge lined with charming shops selling gold and silver jewellery, where you can pause to take in the breathtaking views of the Arno River. With your guide's expertise, you will gain a deeper understanding of Florence's artistic treasures, including works by Botticelli and Leonardo da Vinci, housed in the renowned Uffizi Gallery.





DAY 7

CHIANTI

Travel to the enchanting Chianti region, famous for its rolling hills, lush vineyards, and charming medieval villages. The journey to Chianti offers stunning views of the countryside, with olive groves and vineyards stretching as far as the eye can see. In Chianti, you will have the chance to visit two local wineries, where you can learn about the winemaking process and the region's signature Chianti Classico wines. You may also explore quaint villages such as Greve in Chianti, known for its picturesque piazza and local artisan shops.



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Golfo di Napoli



Embark on a captivating journey through Italy's legendary wine regions. Experience the rich flavors of Tuscany's Chianti, the elegance of Piedmont's Barolo, and the bold character of Valpolicella's Amarone. With Arno Travel, dive into Italy's wine culture, where every glass tells a story of tradition, craftsmanship, and unforgettable landscapes.

