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13 Days • 19 Meals: 11 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Italian Lakes Region, Stresa, Wine Tasting, Impact Moment, Italian Riviera, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Tuscan Countryside, Italian Cooking Class, San Gimignano, Siena, Florence, Bologna, Venice

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2-4	Regina Palace Hotel – Lake View Upgrade, Stresa
Days 5, 6	Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Genoa
Days 7 – 10	Hotel Villa Lecchi, Tuscany
Days 11, 12	Ca' dei Conti Hotel, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, October 3, 2025 Overnight Flight Travel along breathtaking landscapes and venture into metropolitan meccas ripe with culture and history. Discover Italy on an unforgettable journey that delves into its most cherished treasures.

Day 2: Saturday, October 4, 2025 Arrive Stresa, Italy - Tour Begins Your tour begins today on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region.

Day 3: Sunday, October 5, 2025 Stresa This evening, cruise to Isola dei Pescatori,* the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (B, D)

Day 4: Monday, October 6, 2025 Stresa In an ancient village nestled in the mountains, a local family welcomes you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. During an **Impact Moment**, have lunch at a social enterprise giving ex-offenders a second chance through the dignity of work. This restaurant trains and employs those who have been through the justice system for a non-violent offense as cooks and servers. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore the piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace,** a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an exotic garden. As the day draws to a close, visit a family-run wine shop and enjoy a cocktail party with some *antipasto* snacks. (B, L)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 7, 2025 Stresa - Portofino - Italian Riviera Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. Spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino, known for its picturesque harbor and vibrant colors, and as a glamorous getaway spot and retreat for the jet set. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 8, 2025 Italian Riviera - Cinque Terre - Italian Riviera Travel by rail today as you discover the colorful Cinque Terre (UNESCO), a string of medieval villages perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards. (B)

Day 7: Thursday, October 9, 2025 Italian Riviera - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's great natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the roads the *cavatori* (quarrymen) carved into the mountains while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his *Pietà* in Rome's St. Peter's Basilica, as well as his legendary statue of *David*. Enjoy some free time to explore Carrara's old town on your own; view the town's cathedral, the *Duomo*, built in white marble, or search for Michelangelo's bust marking his former home. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay.*** (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, October 10, 2025 Tuscany - Florence - Tuscany Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the *Piazza del Duomo* and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the *Palazzo Vecchio*, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa. (B)



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† Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Saturday, October 11, 2025 Tuscany - San Gimignano

- **Tuscany** This morning, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards

and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape, making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Taste authentic Italian gelato from an award-winning ice cream parlor while you wander the cobbled streets and gaze up at the imposing towers during time at leisure in this Tuscan gem. Later, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, October 12, 2025 Tuscany - Siena - Tuscany

Travel south to Siena, a UNESCO World Heritage site where stunning Romanesque and Gothic architecture can be found on every corner. Walk the narrow medieval streets on a guided tour. Get to know the local lifestyle of a *contrada* (neighborhood) whose community Museum is centered

around the colorful *Palio* horse race. Retreat to your Tuscan villa for a relaxing afternoon. (B, D)

Day 11: Monday, October 13, 2025 Tuscany - Bologna - Venice

On a walking tour, discover the culture of Bologna, a city barely changed since the time of the Renaissance and Italy's food capital. Browse the city's specialty food shops and sample local delicacies such as Parmigiano cheese, mortadella - the Italian progenitor of baloney - and lasagna. Arrive later in Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," and settle in for a two-night stay in one of the most romantic cities in the world. (B, L)

Day 12: Tuesday, October 14, 2025 Venice Spend the day in *Venezia*, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano**** for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savory farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 13: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 Venice - Tour Ends

Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

For more information for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1230746>

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Mar 23, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

Travel with just 16-24 guests on this tour where a smaller group setting means a more personal travel experience.

For the Cinque Terre excursion, agility is required to board trains by having the ability to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps and hold on to railings. Agility is also required for boarding local ferry boats, when available.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as the Cinque Terre villages, Siena, San Gimignano, Venice, and Florence. This requires a minimum of 2.5 miles of walking over flat but cobblestoned streets with narrow sidewalks. For your comfort, we recommend bringing comfortable walking shoes.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these programs are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

Days of features are interchangeable.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. We suggest you book a ticket online if you plan to visit the Academy or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

**Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace are open from April 1 to October 31. If you are travelling between November 1 and March 31, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromeo Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead. If you are in Lake Maggiore between April 1-15 the Borromeo Palace might be closed mid-week.

****On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

You should expect large crowds in Cinque Terre, Portofino, San Gimignano, Florence, and Venice.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

***Villas in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region, and we might use different properties on this tour. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from the city center. Others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, has many amenities, and is brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!

Smaller buses, which may not be lavatory equipped, may be used on this program. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.



Our air guests will arrive into Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport. All departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel in May 2025, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS visa waiver, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$1,247 per person(which includes cancellation waiver and insurance) is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of March 16, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by June 17, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until March 23, 2025.

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