



ITALIAN DELIGHTS

Experience Italy as a Traveller not a Tourist!

2016 DATES

**12 Day Lake Garda and Cultural/Culinary Delights of Northern Italy - April 26th to May 7th /
Oct 4th to Oct 15th**

12 Day Treasures of Tuscany, Umbria and Lombardy Tour – May 24th to June 4th / Sep 6th to Sep 17th

9 Day Classic Hidden Delights Tour - June 15th to 23rd / Aug 24th to Sep 1st

15 Day Fine Food Wine and Wonders Tour – June 9th to 23rd / Aug 18th to Sep 1st

10 Day Seaside to Hilltops Cinque Terre and Tuscany Tour – May 11th to 20th / Sep 21st to 30th

6 Day Piedmont Luxury, Wines and Lakes Tour - Private Tours by Appointment



Treasures of Tuscany, Umbria and Lombardy Tour



This tour is a delightful 12 day exploration of some of the most beautiful scenery and towns/cities that Italy has to offer! Guests will experience some hidden marvels such as the Staffora Valley (Val Staffora), Bobbio in Emilia Romagna and the gorgeous hilltop town of Anghiari in NE Tuscany. Some of the other beautiful places we visit on this tour are Bellagio and Menaggio on Lake Como; Umbria's stunning towns Gubbio, Perugia and Orvieto; and Arezzo, Cortona and Siena in Tuscany.

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station

DAY 2 – Bobbio – Medieval Town, Roman Bridge, Ancient Monastery and Beautiful Scenery.

DAY 3 - Lake Como – Menaggio, Bellagio and the Majesty of Italy's most beautiful lake!

DAY 4 - Varzi Market and the Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Wining and Dining Day

DAY 5 – Pavia - Certosa di Pavia - Vigevano - Classic Architecture day.

DAY 6 – Off to Tuscany! – Lucca – Anghiari (Tuscany) – Agriturismo Il Sasso Farmhouse

DAY 7 – Rest and Relax Day – Arezzo – Rest by pool at Farmhouse

DAY 8 – Umbrian Beauties! – Gubbio – Perugia – Citerna (Dinner)

DAY 9 – Under the Tuscan Sun! - Cortona – Montalcino – Abbey of Sant'Antimo

DAY 10 – Siena Day – Siena – Montalcino

DAY 11 – Return to Umbria – Orvieto – Final dinner together in Montalcino at Il Giglio Hotel..

Day 12 – FAREWELL DAY – Drop off at Rome Fiumicino Airport or Orvieto train station

The Italian Delights Treasures of Tuscany, Umbria and Lombardy Tour costs AUD \$5,050.00 per person, twin share (AUD\$600.00 single supplement) and includes:

- A 12 Day stay Tuesday to Saturday
- 11 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Six evening meals and four lunches
- A mobile phone per couple or single guest which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers from Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station upon arrival and to Rome's Fiumicino Airport and Orvieto train station upon departure.

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The Seaside to Hilltops Cinque Terre and Tuscany Tour



Come along on our intimate 10 day tour of the Northern Italian Riviera and Tuscany! On the Riviera, spend 2 days walking in the stunning Cinque Terre (translated as the “5 Earths”, referring to the charming 5 towns dotting this mountainous stretch of coastline), a National Park and Liguria's most famous international tourist destination. Visit a host of hidden wonders and seaside delights smattered along this breathtaking coastline. We also spend a day in the region's capital of Genoa which includes a fascinating walking tour of the city, a scrumptious lunch in a local restaurant in the heart of Genoa's old town, Europe's largest historical centre. On the Tuscan leg we visit the beautiful walled city of Lucca, San Gimignano, characterised by its numerous towers and set within some of Tuscany's most gorgeous countryside, and the stunning Siena. There are two lodgings on the tour. The first six days guests stay at the charming Villa Agnese close to the lovely seaside town of Sestri Levante. In Tuscany we stay at the family-run Agriturismo Nobile, a short distance from the township of Montepulciano.

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station

DAY 2 - A Day in a Seaside Paradise! – The Cinque Terre (Day 1) .

DAY 3 - A Charming Day by the Seaside – Camogli – Abbey of San Fruttuoso – Leivi

DAY 4 - Historical Port City and Europe's largest Historical Centre – Genoa – Sestri Levante

DAY 5 - Return to Paradise! – The Cinque Terre (Day 2) – Chiavari

DAY 6 - Views, Riviera Opulence and Cooking Class – Rapallo - Portofino – Cooking Class

DAY 7 - Beautiful Tuscany! – Lucca – Montepulciano

DAY 8 - Contrade e La Porchetta ! – Siena –Monte San Savino

DAY 9 - Che Bella Campagna!- San Gimignano - Pienza – Montepulciano

DAY 10 – Farewell Day – Chiusi-Chianciano Train station or Rome's Fiumicino Airport

Tour cost AUD \$4,650.00 per person, twin share (AUD\$550.00 single supplement) and includes:

- 9 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Six evening meals and two lunches
- One cooking lesson/demonstration
- Genoa walking tour and entrance to Palazzo Rosso and Palazzo Bianco in Genoa
- A 2 day rail and Park pass to the Cinque Terre National Park
- Rapallo cable car fare up to the Sanctuary of Montallegro
- A mobile phone per couple which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land-based transport including transfers to Malpensa Airport and Voghera/Sestri Levante train stations.

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Classic Hidden Delights Tour



Guests will not be disappointed by the beauty of the remarkable region of Lombardy, described by Stendahl as - *"This beautiful Lombardy, with all the luxurious appeal of its greenery, its riches and its endless horizons"*. This tour is for those that would like to experience a real slice of hidden Italy and is mainly located in Lombardy, although we also visit Emilio Romagna and Piedmont during the itinerary. Days out in fashionable Milan and the stunning Lake Como are coupled with visits to beautiful, yet lesser known towns and landmarks such as Vigevano, Pavia and The Certosa di Pavia. Additional highlights of this itinerary are the charming hamlets of Varzi, Bobbio, Zavatarello, western Europe's largest Designer Outlet and an optional visit to a spa treatment town once frequented by Julius Caesar! During the entire stay guests sleep at the **Cascina Ca' Bella Farmhouse (Agriturismo)**, near a town a short drive away from Jim's dad's home town of Varzi, which is characterised by its charming bell towers and rustic medieval centre.

DAY 1 - Arrival Day – San Sebastiano al Curone

DAY 2 - Vigevano, Certosa di Pavia and Pavia - Classic Architecture Day

DAY 3 - Varzi and Piedmont (Serravalle and Gavi) - Market and Shopping Extravaganza Day!

DAY 4 – Milan - Fashion and Style Day

DAY 5 - Bobbio - Medieval Town, Roman Bridge, Ancient Monastery and Beautiful Scenery.

DAY 6 - Lake Como – Menaggio, Bellagio and the Majesty of Italy's most beautiful lake!

DAY 7 - Zavatarello and the Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Wining and Dining Day

DAY 8 - Abbey of San Alberto Di Butrio and Salice Terme / Optional Walk - Rest, Walk and Pamper Day

DAY 9 - Farewell Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station.

The Classic Hidden Delights Tour costs AUD \$3,850.00 per person, twin share, (AUD\$250.00 single supplement) and includes:

- A 9 Day stay Saturday to Sunday
- 8 nights accommodation - Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Two evening meals and five lunches
- A mobile phone per couple which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station

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Fine Food Wine and Wonders Tour



The 15 day Fine Food Wine and Wonders tour is a favourite for guests who appreciate quality food, great wine and stunning landscapes! Based in the regions of Lombardy and Piedmont, this tour offers a host of fantastic gastronomical experiences in a wide range of highly respected local eateries. It also includes visits to some of Italy's most beautiful destinations. Among the highlights of this tour are two visits to Lake Como (Menaggio, Bellagio and Varenna); lunch on Isola Bella at Lake Maggiore; a stunning train ride in the Italian/Swiss Alps (coupled with a visit to St Moritz, Switzerland); and a day in Piedmont's Langhe region, famous for its Barolo wine and white truffles! We also spend a day in Milan and a day in Italy's first capital, the elegant city of Turin, also home to the slow food emporium *Eataly*, which will be an absolute delight to the senses of any serious foodie! Accommodation on the tour is San Sebastiano's **Cascina Ca' Bella** (9 days), the charming **Vecchio Torchio** (3 days) and Piedmont's **La Quercia Rossa** in the Monferrato area (3 days).

DAY 1 - Arrival Day (Lake Como - La Valtellina) - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station

DAY 2 - Italian Swiss Alps Train ride and lunch in St Moritz

DAY 3 - Sondrio and Casalinga Cooking Class - "I Pizzocheri"

DAY 4 - Stresa, Lake Maggiore and Piedmont

DAY 5 - Eataly and Turin - "Eataly" - the home of Italian Gourmet food and Turin - The King's capital

DAY 6 - Barolo Wine Region and Alba - Barolo wine country day (optional Truffle hunt)

DAY 7 - Transition Rest and Relax Day - San Sebastiano al Curone

DAY 8 - Vigevano, Certosa di Pavia and Pavia - Classic Architecture Day

DAY 9 - Varzi and Piedmont (Serravalle and Gavi) - Market and Shopping Extravaganza Day!

DAY 10 - Milan - Fashion and Style Day

DAY 11 - Bobbio - Medieval Town, Roman Bridge, Ancient Monastery and Beautiful Scenery.

DAY 12 - Lake Como - Menaggio, Bellagio and the Majesty of Italy's most beautiful lake!

DAY 13 - Zavatarello and the Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Wining and Dining Day

DAY 14 - Abbey of San Alberto Di Butrio and Salice Terme / Optional Walk - Rest, Walk and Pamper Day

DAY 15 - Farewell Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station.

The Fine Food, Wine and Wonders Tour costs AUD \$6250.00 per person twin share, (AUD\$400 single supplement) and includes:

- A 15 Day stay Saturday to Saturday
- 14 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Five evening meals and six lunches
- One cooking lesson/demonstration
- A mobile phone per couple which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land based transport in private vehicles, including transfers to Malpensa Airport and Voghera (Arrival) and Vercelli (departure) train stations.

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Lake Garda and Northern Italy's Cultural and Culinary Delights Tour



This tour is another delightful 12 day exploration of some beautiful scenery and towns/cities of Northern Italy, along with a host of culinary delights that the regions we visit are famous for!! Guests will experience some hidden marvels such as the Castel Toblino, Borghetto sul Mincio, Cremona Mantua and Sabbioneta in Lombardy along with some spectacular better known destinations like Riva del Garda, Verona, Sirmione and Bologna. During this tour we spend our final 7 days in Emilia Romagna, a region described by many experts as the most exciting food destination in all of Italy!

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Malpensa Airport / Verona train station

DAY 2 – Riva del Garda and Castel Toblino – Stunning Lake Garda, Sud Tirol/Alto Adige Medieval Castle lunch and Beautiful Scenery.

DAY 3 - Verona and Valpolicella Wine Region – Verona and afternoon wine tasting experience!

DAY 4 - Lake Garda - Sirmione and Malcesine - Two lakeside jewels!

DAY 5 – Emilia Romagna - A foodie's paradise awaits!!

DAY 6 – Mantua and Sabbioneta – Lombard Treasures!

DAY 7 – Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese Tour and Rest and Relax Day – Reggio Emilia

DAY 8 – Charming Cremona – Cremona, the home of the Stradivarius violin and a charming place!

DAY 9 – Bologna - Monteveglio Lunch and Free afternoon/evening in Bologna

DAY 10 – Ferrari Museum visit and Modena – Ferrari Museum experience and lunch in lovely Modena

DAY 11 – Parma an Balsamic Vinegar Tour – Morning in Parma (walking tour option) and PM Balsamic vinegar tour

Day 12 – FAREWELL DAY – Drop off at Venice's Marco Polo Airport or the Reggio Emilia Mediopadana AV train station

The Italian Delights "Lake Garda and Northern Italy's Cultural and Culinary Delights Tour" costs AUD \$5,050.00 per person, twin share (AUD\$600.00 single supplement) and includes:

- A 12 Day stay Tuesday to Saturday
- 11 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Six evening meals and three lunches
- Balsamic Vinegar and Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese Tours and Valpolicella wine tasting
- A mobile phone per couple or single guest which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers from Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station upon arrival and to Rome's Fiumicino Airport and Orvieto train station upon departure.

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Piedmont Luxury Fine Food, Wine and Lakes Tour

From 2016 Private Tours only by appointment (Min group size 4 guests).



We are very excited about this particular tour offering. The 6 day [Luxury Food Wine and Lakes Piedmont Tour](#) is almost entirely based in the region of Piedmont. The rolling hills and patchwork landscapes of Piedmont are some of the most beautiful in all of Italy! The main highlight of this tour is the beautiful accommodation we are offering at the Villa Sparina Resort (which houses the Villa Sparina winery). The Villa Sparina Resort is an establishment of the highest standard and is located amidst the beautiful vine-laden hills of the Gavi wine area in southern Piedmont. Many of our guests have commented when we visit the resort for lunch and a cellar tour how wonderful it would be if they could spend some more time there to enjoy the ambience of this very special resort in its idyllic location. It is exactly for this reason that we have designed this tour. Other equally lovely highlights of the Piedmont Luxury, Fine Food Wine and Lakes tour are visits to the beautiful Lakes of Maggiore and D'Orta; Alba; lunch at the Fontanafredda winery in the stunning countryside nearby Alba; and an afternoon in Serralunga D'Alba, one of the key wine villages of the Barolo area.

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station

DAY 2 - Lake D'Orta / Degustation lunch / **Stresa**, the jewel of Lake Maggiore

DAY 3 - Rest Morning/Designer Shopping Outlet/ Aqui Terme

DAY 4 - Genoa / Eataty/Villa Sparina Resort

DAY 5 - Serralunga D'Alba / Winery lunch, and morning visit to Alba

DAY 6 - Farewell Day - Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station.

The Luxury Fine Food, Wine and Lakes Tour of Piedmont costs AUD \$3,000.00 per person, twin share, GST inclusive (AUD\$600.00 single supplement) and includes:

- A 6 Day stay Sunday to Friday
- 5 nights accommodation at Villa Sparina Resort Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day
- Two evening meals and three lunches
- A mobile phone per couple which is used for communication with hosts.
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station

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