



ITALIAN CULINARY
TOURS

DOLOMITE MOUNTAINS TOUR

A PREMIUM EXPERIENCE

A private small group tour in Northern Italy

JOIN US ON A 10-DAY CULTURAL IMMERSION IN NORTHERN ITALY!

Experience a side of Italy that is far different than one thinks about Italy, but just as delicious and wonderful. You will spend one week in a world class chalet with a private chef, nestled in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage designated Dolomite Mountains, and immerse yourself in the beauty of Lake Garda for two nights.

This fun packed tour will provide premium accommodations and feature daily excursions to Verona, Sirmione, the mountain towns of Bolzano, Merano, Caldaro, Selva di Val Gardena, Ortisei, and the enchantment of the Dolomites.



Day 1 Arrive & Verona Tour

Pick up at Venice Airport and delivery to Verona around 11:00 AM. Your private transfer will take you to Verona where your personal tour guide will take you through streets for a food tour, to learn about its ancient history, and the intriguing story behind Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, and the food of Verona.

Verona has a long tradition of good food, and you'll sample typical Verona products like "soppressa" salami and Monte Veronese cheese on your walking food and wine tour.

Then private transfer to AQUALUX HOTEL SPA & SUITES in Bardolino, located in the center of the town for a relaxing evening and dinner at your leisure.

Dinner at guests' leisure in Bardolino.*



Day 2 Boat Excursion & Tour of Sirmione

Enjoy a special tour of the lake with an exclusive boat ride to the beautiful peninsula for lunch in the town and a guided tour of Sirmione. Built on the end of an impossibly thin, appendix-like peninsula sticking out from the southern shore of Lake Garda, pretty Sirmione has drawn the likes of Catullus and Maria Callas to its banks over the centuries, and today millions of visitors follow in their footsteps for a glimpse of Lake Garda's prettiest village and a dip in its only hot spring.

On your return to Bardolino, enjoy walking in the village center for some shopping or a taste of gelato

along the shore. Then dinner recommended at Locanda al Cardellino, nestled in a well-kept olive grove, just a stone's throw from Lake Garda and the historic center of Cisano. Reservations for guests can be made in advance or guests can choose dinner at their leisure.*

Lunch – at guests' leisure in Sirmione.*

Dinner at guests' leisure in Bardolino.*



MANINCOR WINERY

Day 3 Trip to Chalet Sellaronda

You will start your day with a private drive along Lake Garda to see the many towns and castles along the way. Then a stop at Manincor Winery, along the wine road near Lake Caldaro, for a tour and tasting. On your next stop in Caldaro, you will have time to take a stroll and have lunch at your leisure.*

Arriving in Selva di Val Gardena in the heart of the Dolomites, you will be greeted by the staff of Chalet Sellaronda, a brand new chalet just opened in summer 2021. At Chalet Sellaronda one can enjoy spectacular views and elegant yet rustic furnishings with a five-star service in the privacy of this home away from home.

Then enjoy dinner at the villa, prepared by Chef Alessia, featuring local specialties. Each night's dinner provided at the Chalet Sellaronda is created with all local ingredients and wines from producers and growers personally selected by Chef Alessia.

Lunch – at guests' leisure.*

Dinner at the Chalet Sellaronda.

Day 4 Tour the Dolomites

The Dolomites have a very special magic any time of the year. From mid-May to mid-July, a multitude of mountain flowers bloom on the mountain meadows. The wonderful Alpine flora becomes a unique photo subject.

At 7,346 feet, Passo Pordoi is the highest surface road pass in the Dolomites. At more than 9,100 feet, views from the top include the Sassolungo and Sella group of mountains, and even the Marmolada glacier. There is a cable car option that takes you to the Sass Pordoi, often called the "Terrace of the Dolomites." Lunch is at guests' leisure in Pordoi.*



On your return there will be a stop at Lake Carezza for a view of the beautiful lake and Dolomites.

Lunch – at guests' leisure in Pordoi.*

Dinner at the Chalet Sellaronda.



Day 5 Visit to Merano & Trauttmansdorff Castle

Your guided tour starts in the spa town of Merano, which lies in the heart of the region of South Tyrol on the southern side of the Alps. Due to its location, this multicultural city is considered as the gateway to the south of Europe, as well as a meeting place between different cultures.

Lunch – at guests' leisure in Merano.*

Then a stroll through the Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, a botanical garden nestled into a twelve-hectare amphitheater with an altitude differential of 100 meters. Trauttmansdorff offers spectacular views of exotic gardens and breathtaking vistas of the surrounding mountains.

Dinner at the Chalet Sellaronda.



Day 6 Selva di Gardena

Your day starts with a tour of Selva di Val Gardena located at the heart of a beautiful natural landscape, a picturesque valley surrounded by the Dolomite Mountain ranges which have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Then transfer in a private van to Ortisei for a guided tour and woodcarver experience, to watch the woodcarver craftsman sculpt the traditional ornaments and house items.

Lunch – at guests' leisure in Ortisei.*

Dinner at the Chalet Sellaronda.





Day 7 The City Center of Bolzano

Start your day with a guided tour of the city center of Bolzano, your guided tour begins in Bolzano, the gateway to the Dolomites Mountain range in the Italian Alps. In the medieval city center, the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology features the Neolithic mummy called Ötzi the Iceman. Bolzano is considered as a bridge between North and South due to the three spoken languages in South Tyrol (Italian, German, and Ladin) and the confluence of Italian and German-Austrian culture.

You'll visit the market at Piazza delle Erbe, the narrow and elongated square that owes its name to the Viktualienmarkt, which originally allowed the rural population to sell their agricultural products to urban consumers. Then a lunch at the home brewer Hopfen &

Co. to enjoy some home Bavarian brew and local foods. The Hopfen & Co. is a tavern that relies on good food, good beer and a good mood.

Lunch at a typical Home Brew, Tasting of Beers.*

After your tour you will have free time for shopping in the city center.

Dinner at the Chalet Sellaronda.

Day 8 Mountains & Cheese

Guests start their day with a trip to a typical Malga, the mountain pasture/meadow that is the foundation of some of the most famous cheeses in the world. Then guests enjoy a horse carriage ride up the mountain for a visit to Gostner Schwaige, a cheese farmer's house, in the middle of the UNESCO World Heritage Siusi Alps. Owner Franz Mulser will lead guests in a fresh cheese making workshop and have a tasting of an assortment of world class cheeses. Guests end their day with a relaxing walk in the sun-soaked meadow.

Lunch at Gostner Schwaige.

Dinner at Chalet Sellaronda.



Day 9 Relax in the Mountain Air or Bressanone & Novacella Excursion

Guests may relax at the Chalet or the option to purchase an excursion, which includes a visit to Bressanone and Novacella.

Monastery of Novacella was founded by the blessed bishop Hartmann in 1142 as an Augustinian monastery. Thanks to its monastery school it became one of the most important centers of education and art. In 1742 the monastery was the largest in Tyrol, the Romanesque abbey church of Abbazia di Novacella was redesigned in Baroque style.

Bressanone Cathedral is the landmark of the city and the Bishop's Church of the Roman-Catholic Diocese of Bolzano-Bressanone. The Cathedral is also called Basilica minor.

Art, culture and history play an important role in the historic city centre of Bressanone. The South Tyrolean town is over 1,000 years old; it is the oldest in Tyrol and was often a stopover for Emperors on their travels. It later

became a splendid cathedral town. Elephant Soliman had a two-week rest in Bressanone on his journey to Vienna in 1552.

Lunch – at guests' leisure in Bressanone or Chalet.*
Reservation for optional Bressanone and Novacella excursion must be confirmed 60 days prior to tour start date.



Day 10 Farewell Breakfast & Lunch

Breakfast provided at the Chalet Sellaronda.

Enjoy your private transfer by 10 AM from your Villa to the Venice airport or pre-arranged optional hotel.

On the way to Venice, we take a stop at the Ugolini Winery in Valpolicella wine region for wine tastings and lunch.

Itinerary Details

PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- All ground transportation in air-conditioned van.
- Pick-up and drop-off from airport/train station in the Venice area.
- 7 nights at the chalet. Amenities include private hot tub, pool, sauna, and 4-star accommodations.
- 2 nights at a premium hotel in the Lake Garda town Bardolino.
- Breakfasts, lunch, and dinner not noted by*.
- Experienced, local, bilingual tour guide traveling with the group.

NOT INCLUDED

- Roundtrip airfare to and from other airports; airfare tickets must be purchased individually.
- Optional free-day services or excursions.
- Optional admissions to all sites, museums & parks.
- Ski lift gondola rides.
- Wine tasting luncheons.
- Tips for drivers, Italian tour guide, and servers.
- Gratuities for luggage handlers and hotel staff.
- Pre- and post-travel planning expenses.

* Indicates meals not included in price of tour package

** Optional excursions not included



Booking Information

PRICING *Effective July 1, 2023**

This tour is a premium accommodation experience. \$7,250 per person for double occupancy. Single supplement \$1,950**

**Pricing subject to change and subject to a \$200 Currency Exchange Service Fee*

***When available*

CANCELLATIONS

- **90 or more days:** \$250, plus the costs of any non-refundable hotel or ground transportation tickets already purchased by ICT for the guest.
- **89-60 days:** \$150, plus 75% of guest's share of total tour cost, plus the costs of any non-refundable hotel or ground transportation tickets already purchased by ICT for the guest and not covered by the other cancellation charges.
- **59-1 day:** 100% of guest's share of total tour cost.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

Check or credit card with 3.9% PayPal processing fee.

ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE IN WRITING

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REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT DUE DATES

1st deposit: 50% (per person) due at booking (signing of tour agreement)

Final payment: Remaining 50% due 90 days before tour date start. Trip interruption and cancellation insurance available for additional purchase.

ADDITIONAL TRAVEL SERVICES

- Before and after tour travel planning available
- Italian Culinary Tours additional private tour services
- Ground transportation services
- Travel insurance



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