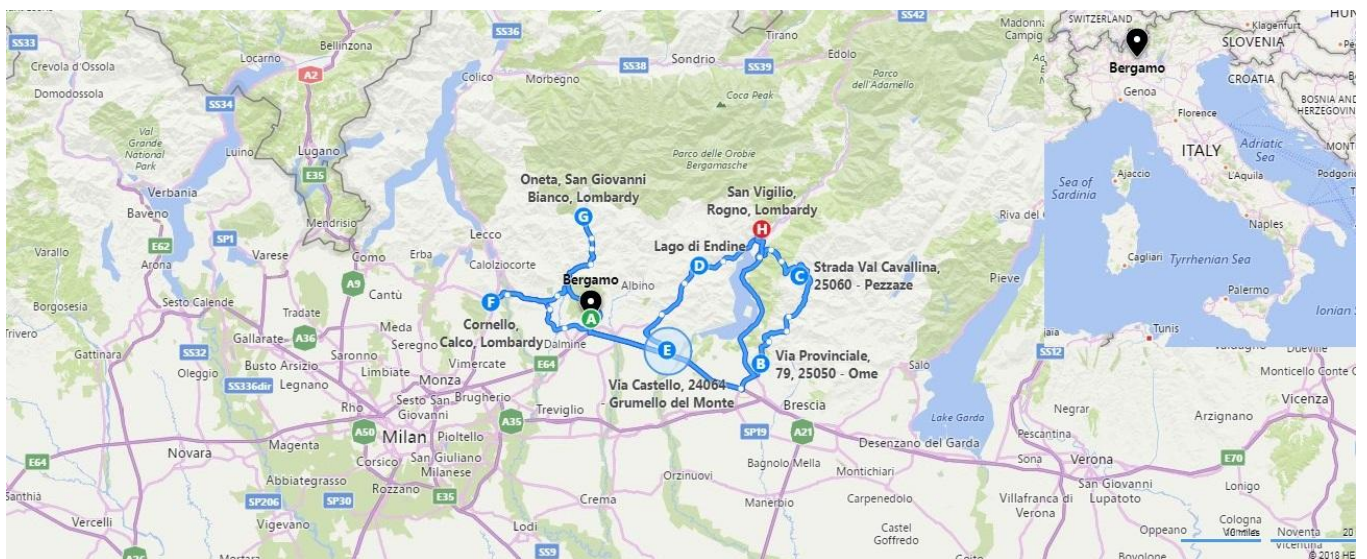




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## **Programme & Itinerary**

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### **DAY ONE**

#### ***Arrival in Bergamo Alta***

- Welcome to **Bergamo Alta**, la *Città Alta* that welcomes you with its *Venetian Walls*, *cobblestone alleyways*, its beautiful *piazzas and monuments* against the jaw-dropping background of the Alps and the plains in the distance
- Check in at your Hotel
- This evening you will meet your splendid Host for a guided walk through town and maybe for a spot of people watching while enjoying an *Espresso or Apertivo* in the *Piazza Vecchia*, sipping on an elegant glass of **Moscato di Scanzo**, Italy's smallest DOCG wine, as the XII Bell Tower famously tolls its 100 chimes, a tradition dating back centuries that used to announce the curfew for the *Bergamaschi* of **Città Alta**

### **DAY TWO**

#### ***Taste of Bergamo Foodie Experience - Bergamo Crafts & Workshops***

- This morning, your Host will introduce you to the **Flavours of Bergamo** on an intriguing and tasty walk to discover the secrets and traditions of *Bergamasco* cuisine.
- Stops will include the best places in Bergamo and its territory where we will taste local food & wine excellence and will also have the opportunity to watch their production.
- Several tasting experiences for a morning full of flavours and delicacies
- To follow, a tour of the **Upper Town** intertwined with a visit to some artisan workshops using old traditions that, despite globalisation, still survive and thrive keeping up the utmost **Made in Italy** quality
- Chance to actually see the artisans at work, as they are immersed in their own high quality creations
- Return to the heart of **Bergamo Alta** for a late afternoon and evening at leisure

## DAY THREE

### *Cookery Masterclass – Antique Fabrics & Vestments Restorer Franciacorta Wine Experience*

- After breakfast, it will be time for ...*sleeves up!* for a morning local **Cookery Masterclass** to prepare and taste some of Northern Italy's staple dishes under the guidance of our *Chef!*
- Lunch to sample the fruits of our labour
- A stroll along Bergamo's *Venetian Walls*, a Unesco World Heritage Site, will lead to a truly unique visit to one of the town's legendary *antique fabrics & religious vestments restorers* in the midst of his busy day in the workshop
- In the late afternoon, a truly special experience as we pay a visit to the **Franciacorta** region, world renowned for its excellent sparkling wines
- Visit to a charming *Franciacorta* winery estate with a tasting and dinner
- Return to *Bergamo Alta*

## DAY FOUR

### *Val Cavallina – Silk Tradition - Lago di Endine - Cheese – Balsamic Vinegar Wines at the Castle*

- **9:30am:** After an early morning breakfast, we set off to visit a small dairy farm and attend the processing stages of award-winning organic dairy products, accompanied by an excellent **cheese tasting**, of course!
- We will then visit an important part of the artisanal tradition of the **Val Cavallina valley**, once of the most important hubs along the **Silk Road** with its prestigious spun silk and fabrics that were exported all around the world for centuries!
- Visit to the **Silk Museum** hosted within the fascinating **Palazzo Re** with an explanation of the production process of one of the most precious fabrics in the world
- Lunch with splendid views in a lovely restaurant along the shores of **Lake Endine**
- **14:30 – 15:00:** This afternoon, yet another treat as you will visit a beautiful **Acetaia**, a **Balsamic Vinegar Estate** owned and run by **Mrs Manuela and her daughters**, a women-only reality featuring an exclusive elegance and attention to detail!
- A walk through the vines and an explanation of their exclusive processing techniques before a delicious tasting
- **17:00-18:00:** This day of discovery is yet to end, as we head towards an *Aperitivo* at **Castello Grumello**, a nearby medieval castle within an amazing vineyard in the very heart of **Valcalepio** (the *Calepio Valley*)
- Our Hosts will walk us through a visit of the Castle and the **wine cellars** accompanied by a tasting of four selected wines and local cheese.
- Return to Bergamo Alta for a good night's rest

## DAY FIVE

### *Val Brembana – Cornello – Oneta – Exploring the Hills*

- After a leisurely breakfast, we reach **Cornello dei Tasso**, a historic and unmodified medieval village, home to the Tasso family, inventors of the Postal system and Stamp, not to mention the first "Taxi"
- Visit to the **Tasso Museum** and **Postal History**
- We will also swing by the tiny village of **Oneta**, famous for the creation and origin of the "**Harlequin Mask**", the most famous servant character from the Italian **Commedia dell'Arte**
- Lunch in a typical restaurant in the area
- Afternoon (time permitting) return to Bergamo for a walk that will take you to the fascinating **Funicular** and with your Host you will reach Bergamo's highest point, **Colle di San Vigilio**, where you will enjoy some beautiful views of the region
- Dinner will either be in *Bergamo Alta* or in the hills at the lovely *Poderetto della Viscarda*

## DAY SIX

### *Temple San Tomè - Wine Tasting - Gala Dinner*

- After breakfast, a leisurely morning in Bergamo
- Today will feature a visit to the fascinating Romanesque **Temple of San Tomé**, to discover the **Agro Almennese**.
- The winery we will visit belongs to a well-known wine producer and is housed in the former 15<sup>th</sup> century convent.
- A member of the family will accompany us on a journey into the wine world, starting from the farm's vineyards and then going into the cellar and tasting the wines.
- We will sample 8 wines; white, red and sparkling, accompanied by delicious tasting plates made with traditional *Bergamasco* products.
- Afternoon return to Bergamo for time at leisure before our *gala dinner*

## DAY SEVEN

### *Meet the Nobles at Palazzo & Lunch – Arrivederci Bergamo!*

- After breakfast, we check out and meet our Host to reach a fascinating **Noble Palazzo** for a visit, hopefully with a member of the family to immerse ourselves in the beauty, art and elegance of the **Palazzo** on a guided tour of the halls and rooms
- Lunch in *Città Alta*
- After lunch...*Arrivederci Bergamo!*



## Highlights & What's included for “Bergamo & Val Brembana & Val Cavallina Experience”

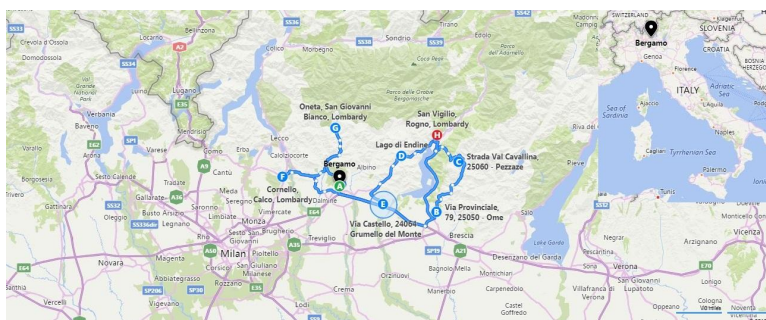
€3350 pp

- **Guests: min 5 / max 7**
- Starting point: Bergamo Alta @ 17:00 on Day One
- Ending point: Bergamo on Day Seven
- Accommodation 7 days / 6 nights in selected 3 Superior and 4 Star venues in medieval *Bergamo Alta*
- **No Single Room Supplement!**
- Fully escorted by our Leader and Hosts
- **An exciting and unique journey of discovery through the very best of Bergamo & the Valley: History, Art, Culture, Cookery, Foodie**
- Walking Tours around Bergamo by day, by night and surrounding hills as per the program
- Private vehicle with Driver and Host to visit: *Val Cavallina, Val Brembana, Lake Endine, etc (as per the program)*
- Castle Visit for Wine Tasting & Dinner
- Silk Road Museum & Tradition
- Craft & Workshops of Bergamo
- Guided Visit to Palazzos and Museums
- Cookery MasterExperience under the guidance of our Chefs
- Guided Visits to medieval villages in the Valley: *Cornello, Oneta, etc*
- Foodie Experiences:
  - Aperitivo with *Moscato di Scanzo*
  - Flavours of Bergamo
  - Cookery Masterclass
  - Cheese Tasting
  - Franciacorta Sparkling Wines Experiences with Dinner
  - Balsamic Vinegar, Olive Oil & Organic Jams Tastings at a beautiful estate
  - Wine Tastings
- 6 lunches + 6 dinners: All restaurants, venues and wines are highly selected and deliver the most special **ItaliaSpeciale Experiences!**

### A word on Tipping

At **Italia Speciale and Abruzzo1** our mission is to assure only the best experiences possible around Abruzzo and Italy through our highly selected network of Partners and Hosts, all committed to delivering the highest standards of knowledge and service to our guests. We do this by nature and soul, as proud as we are of our proposals and our people. Tips are never expected and always come as a nice bonus for our partners.

A token of gratitude. Ideally your Host should collect €75 eur in cash per guest on Day 3 to cover all tips that deserve to be shared among all Partners. Tips are not compulsory by any means, and should be given exclusively for high quality service.



# The Nitty Gritty

## Breakdown & Payment

**Proposal Cost: €3350 pp Eur**

**Payment breakdown:**

- €500 Eur non-refundable deposit due upon booking
- Balance due either before or upon meeting

**Payment method:**

**Deposit:**

- Cash Payment: *please see below*
- Bank Transfer + bank charges
- Credit Card: +3.5%
- Credit Card via Paypal: +4.5%

**Balance\*:**

- Cash payment in FULL: €150 eur DISCOUNT
- Bank Transfer + bank charges
- Credit Card: 3.5%
- Credit Card via Paypal: +4.5%

**\* CASH AMOUNT REQUIRED UPON MEETING: €500 pp**

*Thank you,  
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