



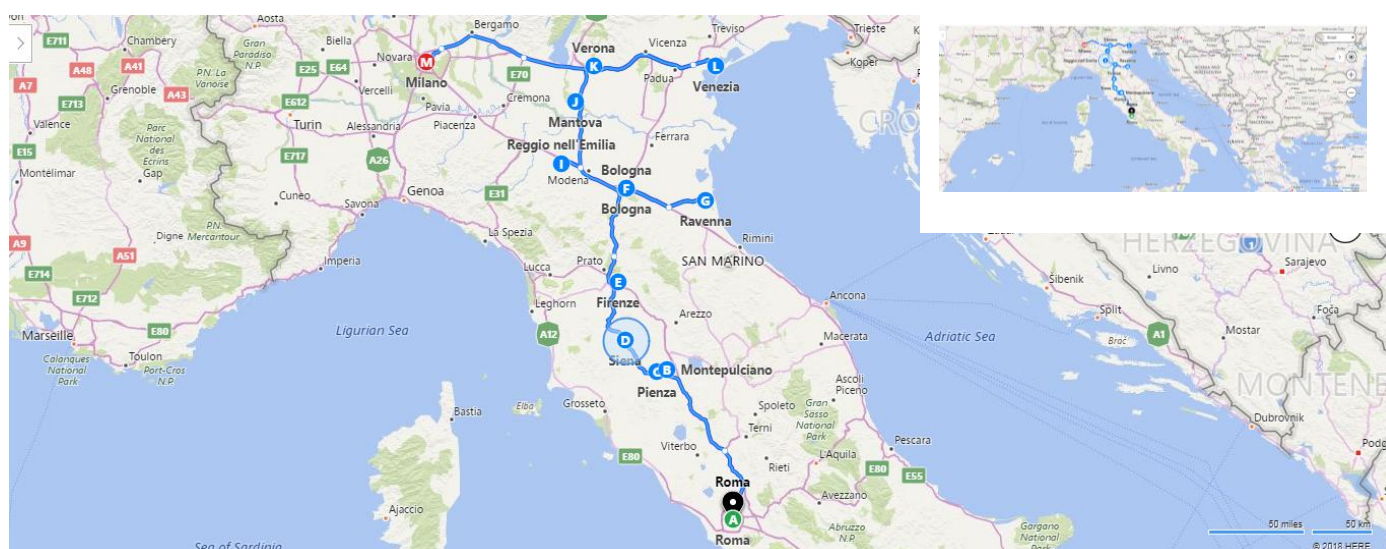
Italia Speciale

Northern Italy Discovery, Cookery & Foodie Experience

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DAY ONE

Rome – Montepulciano – Pienza – Montalcino&Brunello – Siena & Val d'Orcia

- **9:00 / 9:30am:** Very special drive from Rome to Tuscany with your Host as you will visit a marvellous part of Italy!
- Our first destination will be the town of **Montepulciano**
- Visit to the impressive **Underground City** and the ancient **Etruscan cellars** owned by the a local wine maker with a tasting and chance to purchase typical products
- Visit to the *Church of San Biagio*
- Lunch at our special local venue with great views over **Val d'Orcia**
- After lunch, carry on towards the **Val d'Orcia** region of Tuscany with a visit the tiny but charming town of **Pienza**
- **Cheese tasting** in one of the town's numerous cheese boutiques, as Pienza is considered the capital of *Pecorino cheese*
- This afternoon we will reach our beautiful family-run winery near the town of **Montalcino** for a wine tasting of one of the world's most exclusive wines: **Brunello di Montalcino**
- Late afternoon arrival at our lovely **accommodation** near Siena overlooking the wonderful Tuscan countryside of *Chianti and Val d'Orcia*
- Welcome drink aperitif as our hosts welcome you to the peace of the Tuscan countryside,
- Once you have settled in and absorbed the beauty of the surrounding area, typical dinner at your accommodation will follow
- Good night's rest

DAY TWO

Foodie Discovery – Firenze Vecchia - Bologna

- This morning you will head out on a unique **"Explore & Nibble"** experience with your host
- Our destination will be Florence's most authentic food market with a selected Cheese tasting with Truffled pecorino "tartufone" and other different aged pecorinos, fresh ricotta, mozzarella etc., followed by a transfer to Florence's most authentic quarter for a **Bread tasting** in a famous local bakery
- We will also look out for our favourite butcher for a tasting of *typical finocchiona, salame di cinghiale, prosciutto, coppa, etc.*
- This afternoon will feature a driving tour to **Piazzale Michelangelo** and to the **Church of San Miniato**, including a drive through the city centre and surrounding area for a taste of the art, history and sites of Florence, including the **Oltrarno** area to explore Florence's old "botteghe", where the artisans will be working away creating masterpieces of silk, bronze, mosaic, gold, leather, hand-made shoes and carved wood!
- Departure to reach Bologna in the early evening for a typical dinner, where the locals go!
- Evening walk in the centre and a good night's rest

DAY THREE

Bologna – Foodie - Cookery Experience

- After breakfast, it will be time to explore **Bologna** in all its ancient and fascinating beauty on a lovely walking tour
- Your Host will walk you through the history and architecture of Bologna and to see the *University of Bologna*, the oldest University in the world that has been operating since the year 1088, all beautifully combined with a foodie experience under the famous **Portici** that will also lead you to discover Bologna's culinary tradition, typical dishes and its flavours as you taste excellent *Parmigiano*, *Balsamic Vinegar*, *local cheeses*, *olive oil*, *Mortadella Bolognese* and typical dishes and breads
- Lunch will be with the locals, followed by *Italian gelato*
- After lunch, time at leisure for a *passeggiata* before... **sleeves up** for a cooking session at an exclusive Bolognese venue
- The fruits of our labour will feature at our dinner
- Evening at leisure in Bologna

DAY FOUR

Ravenna & Mosaics – Bologna Hills & Wine Tasting Dinner

- After breakfast, morning to discover the beauty of Ravenna and its superb byzantine mosaics in the *Basilica of San Vitale*
- Both a former capital of the Roman and the Byzantine Empires, Ravenna is a fascinating discovery of art, architecture and history with its Unesco World Heritage Sites of ***Basilicas of San Vitale*** and ***Sant'Apollinare in Classe*** and ***Mausoleums***
- Typical lunch by the Adriatic Sea at *Marina di Ravenna*
- After lunch, return to *Bologna* to further discover the town at leisure, with an excursion into ***the rolling hills of Bologna*** to enjoy panoramic views and a ***wine tasting*** followed by dinner
- Evening at leisure in Bologna and a good night's rest

DAY FIVE

Modena & Tastings & Ferrari Museum – Parmigiano Reggiano – Parma Mantova

- This morning we say goodbye to our Hosts in *Bologna* and start a ***Foodie Day*** of tastings and visits to the staples of the *Emilia-Romagna* region
- We head towards Modena, the town famous for its highly appreciated balsamic vinegar and for Ferrari
- Visits will include the ***Ferrari Museum*** and a ***Traditional Balsamic Vinegar*** producer
- Lunch will be in the ***Emilia Romagna countryside***, where our Hosts will welcome us to their estate with a sumptuous lunch featuring their very own **authentic Parmigiano Reggiano** and **Prosciutto di Parma**, the real exquisite Italian flavours of the region
- After lunch, visit to the cheese factory before heading off to reach **Mantova** for the evening
- Dinner and evening at leisure in **Mantova**

DAY SIX

Mantova – Verona – Piazza Erbe – Arena - Romeo & Giulietta

- This morning, walking tour of **Mantova** with your Host through the beauty of *Piazza Sordello* as we approach *Palazzo Te* and *Palazzo Ducale*
- Visit to the *Palazzo Ducale* of the **Gonzaga Family** to admire the masterpieces painted by Renaissance artists *Pisanello* and *Mantegna*
- After a typical local lunch, departure to reach **Verona**, the town of *Romeo & Giulietta* of *Shakespearean* fame
- Evening walk with your Host through the elegant *Piazza delle Erbe* of the charming *Verona Antica*
- If available and based on the official Lyrical Calendar, possibility to attend a fascinating opera at the *Arena di Verona*
- Dinner in the heart of Verona followed by a good night's rest

DAY SEVEN

Verona – Padova - Venice

- After breakfast, a walking tour of **Verona** to discover the *Arena Amphitheatre*, the *Casa dei Capuleti* and *Juliet's Balcony*, among the highlights
- Lunch either in *Verona* or en-route to **Venice**
- En-route visit to **Padova** and its famous *Basilica of S. Antonio*
- In the late afternoon, we reach stunning beauty of **Venice** and its *Lagoon*
- Check in at Hotel and evening walk around before dinner

DAY EIGHT

Piazza San Marco & Basilica – Palazzo Ducale Basilica Santa Maria della Salute & Canal Grande

- This morning, meet your Host in **Piazza San Marco** to start a full-day insightful immersion in the history and culture of *Venice*
- Guided visit of:
 - **Piazza San Marco**
 - **San Marco Basilica**
 - **Palazzo Ducale**
- This morning will continue with a visit to the **Basilica of Santa Maria della Salute**, either by a pleasant walk along the *Canal Grande* or by water-taxi
- A quick lunch break before reaching the **Island of Murano** this afternoon
- Guided visit and chance to admire Murano's world-renowned glass-art craftsmen
- Return to Venice for an evening at leisure

DAY NINE

Venice – Airport or Optional Activities

- After breakfast, transfer to airport Venice / Milan OR **Optional Activities** please to assist with:
 - Extension in Venice
 - Drive along the Coast to **Abruzzo** for an amazing MasterExperience in the region
 - Any other idea before *arrivederci Italia!*

Highlights & What's included:

€3650 eur

- **Guests: min 5 / max 7**
- Starting point: Rome Airport @ 9:00am on Day One (please contact us for arrangements)
- Ending point: Milan Airport on Day Eight (please contact us for arrangements)
- Fully escorted by our Tour Leader and Hosts
- Accommodation 9 days / 8 nights: SINGLE/DOUBLE EN-SUITE ROOM ACCOMMODATION (NO single room supplement!) in selected venues that deliver a true feeling for the town & area
 - 1 night in the sweeping hills of the Tuscan countryside and Val d'Orcia near Siena or Florence
 - 3 nights in Bologna
 - 1 night in Mantova or surrounding area
 - 1 night in Verona
 - 2 nights in Venice
- **An exciting and unique journey of discovery through the very best of Northern Italy**
- Hands-on Cookery Classes at our exclusive venue in Bologna
- Foodie Experiences:
 - Markets in Florence in the lovely *Oltrarno* quarter of Florence
 - Cheese Tastings
 - Wine Tastings & Winery visits
 - Balsamic Vinegar - Parmigiano Reggiano & Parma Prosciutto Tastings
- Accompanied visit through the beauty of Florence
- Visit to several beautiful towns and sights in the
- All restaurants and venues are highly selected and offer the most special **ItaliaSpeciale Experiences!**
- All meals included as per the program with selected wines

Not included

- Flights
- Gratuities

Exclusive Add-ons: Ferrari & Lamborghini or Vintage car (see below)

A word on Tipping

At **Italia Speciale** our mission is to assure only the best experiences possible around 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.

Should you feel the need to share 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.

Payment: Bank Transfer + bank charges | Credit Card: +3.5% | Cash: €100 eur discount

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Add-on Experiences for *Northern Italy Speciale Experience 2018*

Italy by Supercar



Ferrari & Lamborghini

This experience can feature a **Ferrari Experience** behind the wheel of our ***Ferrari and Lamborghini Supercars***.. You will have the chance to drive along winding panoramic roads of Tuscany and reach nearby villages to explore. **Fully escorted.**

Duration: from 1 day to 7 days - tailored.

Quote tailored on request.

Please enquire for quote.

Italy by Vintage Fiat 500 & Classics



Vintage Fiat 500

This holiday can feature a **vintage car experience** behind the wheel of one of our **classic Fiat 500s or Italian Vintage Classics!** You will have the chance to drive along relaxing panoramic roads and reach nearby villages to explore. Fully escorted.

Quote Tailored on request.

Please enquire for quote.

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Breakdown & Payment

Proposal Cost: €3650 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: €100 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,
Leonardo*

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