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HIGHLIGHTS... Treviso, Tiramisu-Making Demonstration Verona, Choice on Tour: Verona Painted City or Verona and its Waters Walking Tours, Murano Glass Blowing Demonstration, Venice, Asolo, Prosecco Winery Tour, The Dolomites, Bassano del Grappa, Venetian Villa Visit

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2 – 8	Grand Hotel Carlton, Treviso
	<i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>

Day 1: Thursday, May 22, 2025 Overnight Flight Venture to vineyards, Venice, and Verona. It’s almost time to unpack once and journey among the jewels of Northern Italy.

Day 2: Friday, May 23, 2025 Treviso, Italy - Tour Begins This tour has sweet beginnings: Kick off your travels in Treviso, hometown of Italy’s most iconic dessert – tiramisu. Treviso also has a long history tied to the nearby island city of Venice. Founded as a mainland (terraferma) settlement, Treviso was an early outpost with the look and feel of Venice. With your feet on “firm ground,” settle into your home for the next seven nights — a recently refurbished hotel in the center of Treviso. After dropping your things in your modern-style room, take some time to explore the lively neighborhood. Work up an appetite because tonight you’ll dive into regional foods and Italian wines at a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, May 24, 2025 Treviso Start your day with a walking tour in the city commonly called “Venice on the Mainland.” Take in the Old Town’s gothic-style windows, marble latticework, and the Sile and Botteniga rivers – humble elements all reminiscent of its famous island neighbor. After your guided tour on foot, take some time to explore more of Treviso at your own pace. Maybe you’ll wander through the weekly vegetable and housewares market? Or you can check out the picturesque Canale dei Buranelli and nearby Pescheria, where fishmongers have set up shop for centuries. When you stop for lunch on your own, consider noshing on radicchio trevigiano, an autumnal delicacy consisting of red chicory grilled with a generous helping of extra virgin olive oil. After, reconnect with your fellow travelers. Meet a local pastry chef and learn a few tricks for preparing some sweet tiramisu in its homeplace. (B, D)

Day 4: Sunday, May 25, 2025 Verona Verona (UNESCO) is for lovers. After a 2-hour bus ride, find yourself in the romantic city of Romeo & Juliet. In Verona, it’s your choice! Explore Verona’s painted houses during a walking tour of the Old Town -OR- stroll along the town’s riverbanks in search of its bridges and lesser-known monuments. No matter what you pick, you’ll catch a glimpse of the city’s must-sees: Juliet’s balcony and the impressive exterior of the Arena, the ancient Roman amphitheater. After, enjoy some free time to explore Verona how you’d like. Whether you’re following in the footsteps of Shakespeare’s most famous dramatic characters or retracing Italian history, savor time wandering in Verona’s medieval city center. After lunch on your own in the city, take a short drive to Soave to visit Coffele winery, where you will have a tasting. Return to your hotel in the late afternoon to relax before dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, May 26, 2025 Murano Island - Venice Board the coach and head to Venice (UNESCO). You’ll trade wheels for water and take a boat to the isle of Murano. Famous for its glass-blowing foundries, Murano’s history with glassmaking dates back 1,500 years. A local craftsperson will share the intricacies of this age-old trade during a glass-blowing demonstration. After, set sail for the area surrounding St. Mark’s Square. Take in the Basilica and the ornate Gothic façade of Doge’s Palace. During your free time, consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice’s most famous pastime. Regardless of how you spend your afternoon, pause for an early dinner in town before journeying back to your hotel for the night. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, May 27, 2025 Asolo Get to know a hilltop haven for artists today in Asolo. After your Tour Manager helps you get acquainted with the village during an orientation walk, enjoy some free time. Find inspiration and trace the steps of author Ernest Hemingway, poet Robert Browning, composer Igor Stravinsky, and many other famous virtuosos throughout history. Later, continue your journey into the rolling hills of Italy’s Prosecco region (UNESCO), for a visit to a local vineyard where you’ll taste the region’s sparkling specialty. Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make a traditional pasta recipe under the expert guidance of a bona fide Italian nonna



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(grandmother). Enjoy your pasta dish with a tasting of wines, toasting to la dolce vita - the sweet life - in the Venetian countryside. You'll return to your hotel in the late evening. Rest well tonight; tomorrow will be a full day exploring The Dolomites. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 The Dolomites Today will be our biggest trek yet.* You're on your way to what UNESCO says is one of the world's most beautiful mountain chains: The Dolomites. Weave through the winding roads tucked within jagged rocks for a couple of hours en route to your first stop. Beside beautiful Lake Misurina, marvel at the sight of the Three Peaks of Lavaredo and more along a scenic drive. After a typical lunch near the lake, you will reach Cortina, the Pearl of the Dolomites, and enjoy some free time and weather permitting, cable car ride to the top of Mount Faloria** - where you will see fantastic views of Mount Cristallo's peaks. Reminiscence on your mountain adventure tonight on your way back to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, May 29, 2025 Bassano del Grappa Begin your day with a trip to the quaint town of Bassano del Grappa. The town's name is associated with the locally produced grape-based schnapps. Explore its cobblestoned piazzas and see the impact the beverage had on the town, including the ancient distillery in one of the pillars of the historic Palladian Bridge. Take some time to wander around the town and grab a bite to eat for lunch (maybe paired with some grappa?). After lunch, visit the Poli Distillery. Tonight, step back in time at a classic Venetian villa. You'll tour the sprawling villa and its gardens that's still owned by the descendants of a noble family of Venice. After you follow the family's history within the villa's walls, gather with your fellow travelers and savor Venetian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients at this evening's farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 9: Friday, May 30, 2025 Treviso - Tour Ends It's time to say *ciao, Italia*. Have a *buon viaggio* back home with fond memories of Northern Italy. (B)

Experience It! The Dolomites

The Dolomites are a mountain chain with UNESCO distinction, noted as one of the most beautiful mountainous regions in the world. Eighteen of its peaks reach to over 10,000 feet tall. Composed of volcanic and dolomitic rock, these Italian Alps have a grey appearance that can fade into a pink color at dusk. The mountains have multiple resort towns nestled among the peaks, with Cortina earning the nickname "the Pearl of The Dolomites." Cortina has played host to the 1956 Olympics, is queued up as a co-host for the 2026 Winter Olympics, and has played the backdrop for notable feature films including *The Pink Panther* and the James Bond movie *For Your Eyes Only*.

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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. Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Verona, Venice, Asolo and Bassano which all require the ability to walk over cobblestoned streets. Venice is not accessible to vehicles and requires navigating large crowds, narrow streets and climbing over multiple bridges with steps up and down. Agility is required to board the gondola boats if participating in the optional tour.

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.

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

Days of features are interchangeable.

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

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.

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.

Air passengers will arrive and depart from Venice airport.

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/>

*You will depart the hotel at around 8:00 a.m. and return around 7:00 p.m. The day includes approximately 6.5 hours of driving, of which approximately 4 hours will be on scenic, but winding mountain roads. Travelers prone to motion sickness should take adequate precautions. When operating, the cable car ride will take you to an elevation of 7,000 feet above sea level (2120 meters). The weather in The Dolomites is changeable and prone to strong winds, sudden fogs, low clouds, and downpours. The average temperature in The Dolomites ranges from 41 Fahrenheit (5 Celsius) in spring and fall, to 65 Fahrenheit (18 Celsius) in summer. Temperatures can drop suddenly to below freezing point. For your comfort we recommend packing a warm fleece, scarf, hat, and a pair of gloves.

**The Faloria cable car is closed for maintenance between the 2nd weekend of April and the last weekend of May, and again between the 3rd weekend of October and the last weekend of December. If travelling during those periods, you will spend additional time in Cortina.

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

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the deposit due date of October 23, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 23, 2025. Deposits & insurance payments are refundable up until October 23, 2024. A \$100.00 processing fee to SeaLandAir Travel, Inc. will be charged to your credit card for all cancellations. Penalties will apply for any changes or cancellations after October 23, 2024.

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