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Italy Private Luxury Tour | Fragments of North

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ABOUT THIS TOUR

Overview

Fine wines, Majestic views, Rich Culture and History, Iconic Cuisine, Shakespearean Setting — The country of Italy is known for many things but above all it is an icon of many wonders, earning the nickname *Bel Paese* which means "The Beautiful Country". Every where you go, there's always something to look forward to.

The Northern part of Italy consists of eight administrative Regions, all of them bearing great significance and beauty that one will take one's breath away. From the City of Milan, Verona, Venice, Bologna, and so much more — What better way to explore Italy than to embark on a Luxury Tour! Bask in the beauty of Northern Italy while staying in high end hotels and relaxing under the gorgeous amenities!

DAY BY DAY

Your Itinerary

DAY 1

MILAN

As you arrive at the airport, a dedicated concierge awaits to whisk you away in a private transfer, enveloping you in an ambiance of sophistication. The city of Milan unfolds before you, a tapestry of historic architecture and vibrant culture, inviting your senses to awaken with every glimpse of its storied streets. Depending on your arrival time, you may savor a first taste of the old town, where enchanting piazzas and artisanal boutiques beckon with their charm.

Finally, the evening leads you to the exquisite Bulgari Hotel Milano, where elegance meets comfort.

DAY 2

MILAN

Awaken to a sumptuous breakfast before you meet your private guide and embark on a captivating journey to the grand Castello Sforzesco.

As you traverse the ancient patrol paths along the fortress battlements, the panoramic views of Milan unfold, revealing a city steeped in history. Stroll down the charming Via Dante, where the air is rich with the aromas of local cuisine and the vibrant buzz of small boutiques, leading you to the magnificent Piazza Duomo, a sight that Mark Twain revered as a daily ritual of beauty.

DAY 3

MILAN

After breakfast you will meet your personal shopper. Your day will be dedicated to shopping into the so-called Quadrilatero della Moda, set up of Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga up to Corso Vittorio Emanuele II. You will have Free lunch.

In the evening, meet with the guide in the hotel and transfer to the Navigli area. You will have dinner on a charming boat that will sail through this attractive channel full of bars and restaurants on its sides made more charming by the moon light. At the end of the tour you will be brought back to the hotel for an overnight stay.

DAY 4

VERONA

Have breakfast at the hotel and depart for the city of Verona. It is also called “Porta d’Italia” because it reveals, to those coming from the North, all the peculiarities and beauties of the country. In the morning, the panoramic guided tour of the city allows you to see the Renaissance Doors, the Basilica of San Zeno, the Castle and the Ponte Scaligero, the Arch of Gavi and the Porta Romana dei Borsari, the Stone Bridge, and the Roman Theater. You will climb on the hill of San Leonardo from where you can enjoy an exciting view over the City.

After a break for lunch in an elegant restaurant of the historic center, the tour continues with a walking tour though the streets of the center with a stop for a visit in the Casa di Giulietta, a site linked to the famous Shakespearean tragedy and the Arena di Verona, the city symbol which has made it famous all over the world. In the end of this day, the tour leads to Venice.

*Accommodation: Dinner and Overnight stay at Baglioni Luna Hotel 5 * or Similar.*

DAY 5

VENICE

After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet the guide before heading to Piazza San Marco from where your tour starts. It will take you to discover the most suggestive corners of Venice. You will admire the monuments and beautiful buildings surrounding this spectacular Square, considered one of the most famous in the world. The tour will go on to Santa Maria Formosa, whose story is mixed of anecdotes and real historical events, we will see the church and the homonymous Campo around it. Thereafter we will head to the place where Marco Polo's home once was, there we will also admire the exterior of the famous Malibran Theater. For a long time it was considered as one of the most extravagant stages in Venice. You will walk through the Mercerie, the old shopping streets of Venice, where once were exchanged precious goods coming from the farthest countries of the world. Culinary break in a typical Venetian tavern to taste the delicious regional dishes.

The tour will end with the visit inside the Doge's Palace, guardian of the Venetian history, one of the symbols of the City. Before going back to the hotel, we will stop on the Ponte Dei Sospiri, the condemned to prison spent their last moments of freedom before entering the jail.

*Accommodation: Dinner and Overnight Stay at Baglioni Luna Hotel 5 * or Similar.*

DAY 6

VENICE

After breakfast at the hotel, you will meet with the guide and depart on water taxi to Murano. Today's tour will allow you to closely observe the techniques of ancient Venetian Artisans of glass. You will have a visit tour inside the laboratories of a company that represents an Italian excellence in the world.

Visit Murano and have lunch in an old tavern to taste the traditional Venetian cuisine in an intimate and refined atmosphere. Transfer to Burano for a relaxing visit of the most hidden corners of this picturesque island that will allow you to get in touch with history and ancient traditions of one of the most beautiful islands in Venice.

Upon returning to Venice, you will meet with the guide in the hotel and visit St. Mark's Basilica in the evening, which includes a crypt built during the 9th century to host the body of St. Marco — accessible only with this evening tour. A special experience offered behind closed doors and away from the crowd that will allow you to experience a moment of deep spirituality as well as enjoy art and culture.

At the end of the tour you will have dinner in an elegant water restaurant with spectacular views of the lagoon.

*Accommodation: Baglioni Luna Hotel 5 * or Similar.*

DAY 7

BOLOGNA

After breakfast at the hotel, you will depart to the city of Bologna. Many cities are remembered with names but Bologna overcomes them all. The city has been defined “Dotta” for the presence of one of the oldest Universities of Italy, “the Red” for the color of its roofs and house façades, “the Grassa” for the tasty and sublime gastronomy, “the Turrita” for its many towers. Bologna needs to be discovered slowly, on foot, walking through the streets of one of the most extended city centers in Europe.

You will make a guided tour of the old town and a special visit of the medieval towers. After having Lunch in a restaurant, you will experience a guided tour of the medieval market, where you will have the opportunity to plunge into the atmosphere of ancient market with the possibility to buy typical gastronomic products. In the evening, you will have a cooking course to learn how to prepare a special Bolognese pasta according to the traditional recipe in a historically famous area for restaurants and taverns. After the lesson, you will eat the prepared dishes accompanied by a glass of wine in a pleasant context of conviviality.

Accommodation at the Grand Hotel Majestic Previously Baglioni 5* or Similar.

DAY 8

CASTELVETRO

Today you will visit Castelvetro, a small charming hamlet on the hills of Modena for a visit to an ancient Acetaia, housed inside a 16th century tower. It is one of the rare vineyards still housed in towers and open to the public. A very exclusive place, loaded with charm and history.

The tour begins with a visit of the vineyards from where the grapes come from, and then it goes on with the tasting visit of an Acetaia to learn the production method of the Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena DOP. You will then have a brief break for a refreshing Aperitivo — offered to let you taste the wines of Castelvetro accompanied by typical products of the Modena tradition. Afterwards, you will be transferred by Bus to Maranello where you will visit the Ferrari Museum, a unique and engaging trip through the cars that have made the history of motors on the slopes and roads around the world.

You will continue to Castelli del Ducato of Parma and Piacenza where a dinner will be waiting for you in the Rivalta Castle Hotel or Similar, where you will stay for the night as well.

DAY 9

CASTELVETRO

The day is dedicated to shopping. After breakfast at the hotel, there will be a brief guided tour to the Borgo and the Rivalta Castle. You will then Depart to Fidenza Village, a luxury Outlet in the middle of the Food Valley. As you arrive, there will be free time for shopping. It is also possible that you'll get to stop by in Barlumeria, a concept restaurant of slow and typical food inside the mall, a welcoming and evocative stage where the main character is Parmigiano Reggiano. Here in addition to tastings, it is possible to buy the typical products that represent the excellences of this area.

In the late afternoon, you will depart for Parma.

*Accommodation: Dinner and Overnight stay at the Grand Hotel de la Ville 5 * or Siimilar*

DAY 10

CINQUE TERRE

After breakfast at the hotel, you will transfer to the haven of La Spezia via Private Bus. You will then meet with the guide and depart for a luxury boat excursion — a wonderful visit to the Cinque Terre from the sea, a unique way to enjoy this wonderful Riviera and its Picturesque Villages.

The first part of this fascinating tour will be Portovenere's splendid seaport, which is part of the UNESCO World Heritage Sites. You will continue towards Cinque Terre, with a lunch break in Vernazza in a restaurant with a terrace overlooking the sea. You will then sail to the Gulf of Tigullio with a visit to the abbey of San Fruttuoso and Portofino. Afterwards, a boat transfer to Santa Margherita Ligure.

Accommodation: Dinner and Overnight Stay at the Hotel Santa Margherita Palace & Portofino Suite 4 or Similar.*

DAY 11

LANGHE

On this day you will journey to the Langhe region; a unique place of charm that captures the attention of anyone passing by. Hills and Vineyards alternating with Castles and Old Villages— this is the landscape that welcomes every visitor, declared part of the Unesco Heritage of Humanity.

The entire day is dedicated to visiting the canteens following the path of the Barolo and Nebbiolo Wines. Enjoy your lunch in an elegant eighteenth-century farmhouse among the Vineyards.

At the end of your tour, you will be hosted in the Relais San Maurizio Luxury Spa & Resort 5 * or Similar, where you can relax in a Spa, Dine, and spend the night.

DAY 12

TURIN

After Breakfast, you will meet with the guide to discover Turin; a city with a thousand faces with its immense heritage inherited from centuries of history and the dynamism of a city open to the world. The Tour begins at the Duomo in Turin where the Holy Shroud is preserved — the relic is only taken out on public occasions — and continues to Piazza Castello, the city center, also known as the “living room of Turin”. Here you can admire, overlooking this beautiful square, the Royal Palace, the Madama Palace, the Church of San Lorenzo and the Regio Theater, among the most important opera theaters of Italy.

You will have your lunch in a typical restaurant to enjoy a cuisine made with local ingredients. In the afternoon you will visit the Mole Antonelliana and the Museum of Cinema, the symbol of the city of Turin and home to the National Museum of Cinema. It is the only Museum dedicated to the seventh art in Italy. You can spend a few hours among memorabilia, optical lanterns, ancient and modern cinemas and climb to the top of the Mole with the panoramic lift to enjoy a stunning view of the city.

In conclusion, we finish the day with romance: the long love story between Turin and Chocolate. You cannot finish a tour in Turin without having tasted the so-called “Food of Gods”. A journey through the secrets behind the unique Chocolate flavor inside a laboratory of one of the most famous chocolate manufacturers of Italy with tasting.

Accommodation: Dinner and Overnight stay at the hotel Principi di Piemonte 5 or Similar*

DAY 13

COMO

Your journey to the enchanting city of Como unfolds in the comfort of a private bus, where the anticipation of discovery fills the air. Upon arrival, a knowledgeable guide unveils the treasures of this ancient lakeside gem, founded by the Romans. Stroll along the picturesque promenade, where the gentle lapping of water accompanies your gaze as it drifts over exquisite villas and intimate squares, each echoing stories of the past, from the grandeur of the Broletto to the breathtaking Duomo.

<pAs the day unfolds, indulge in a delectable light lunch featuring local specialties aboard a private taxi-boat, where the luxurious ambiance is matched only by the stunning vistas during your panoramic cruise across the shimmering lake. With the sun casting a golden glow over the water, you savor every moment before retreating back to Milan, your heart full of the rich culture and beauty of Como. This enchanting day concludes with an exquisite dinner and an overnight stay at the opulent Bulgari Hotel Milan, where elegance

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DAY 14

MILAN

Your day begins with a sumptuous breakfast at your luxurious hotel, where the aroma of freshly brewed Italian coffee mingles with the sweet scent of pastries, inviting you to indulge in a feast for the senses. As you savor each bite, the elegant surroundings offer a glimpse of Milan's rich cultural tapestry, a perfect final taste of your journey through Italy.

After breakfast, you receive personalized assistance for your last formalities, ensuring that every detail is flawlessly managed. You are then gracefully escorted to the airport, where the echoes of the vibrant city linger in your heart, a reminder of the exquisite moments spent amidst Milan's timeless beauty.

Tips & Travel Guide

Notes: This program may be modified to suit your specific customer needs. For operational reasons, the program and the hotels may be subject to change and is subject to reconfirmation when booking. Availability and prices may vary in certain times of the year corresponding to fair events, holidays and high season periods and are subject to reconfirmation. These rates are subject to possible VAT and general tax increases.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Terms & Conditions

The rate includes:

"¢ 13 nights in double room at the Hotels mentioned in the program (hotel category 5 * with the exception of the day 10 hotel category 4 *) with half board - drinks excluded (BB treatment for the days 02,03,06,07);

"¢ Private tour guide for visits as per program;

"¢ Service assistance as indicated in the program;

"¢ Private bus transfers as per program (included in the quota: motorway tolls, food and driver's expenses, parkings where provided, ZTL entry passes in the Cities where provided);

"¢ Monument entry tickets for the visits provided in the program;

"¢ Visits and Tastings as per program;

"¢ Meals at elegant restaurants as specified in the program "“excluded wines;

"¢ Historical Timetable Milan Evening Touring Dinner day 02;

"¢ Navigli boat ride;

"¢ Dinner at Navigli Milano day 03;

"¢ Taxi boat transfer to the Murano and Burano Islands;

"¢ Dinner at Venice Restaurant with Lagoon view day 06;

"¢ Bologna cooking course and dinner-tasting day 08;

"¢ Reinforced aperitif Acetaia of Castelvetro day 07;

"¢ Fidenza Village benefit (Welcome to the VIP Lounge with Welcome Drink, Welcome Kit Including Special Promotions; Hospitality Hands Free Shopping Service, Concierge Access throughout the day, to enjoy a hot tea or coffee in a relaxing and relaxing space design);

"¢ Full day excursion by boat for exclusive use in the Ligurian Riviera - fresh fruit and soft drinks included, excluding wines and champagne;

"¢ Lake Como boat ride;

"¢ Lunch on board water taxi Lake Como day 13;

"¢ Obligatory travel insurance;

"¢ Group Assistance 24/24 h;

"¢ VAT.

The rate does not include:

"¢ Lunches for the days 02, 03, 09; City tax; Porterage, tips, free, extra in general and not specified in the program and "rate includes".

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COMMON QUESTIONS

Frequently Asked Questions

How long is the Fragments of North Italy luxury tour and what is the route?

> Fragments of North is a 14-day, 13-night luxury tour that starts and ends in Milan. The route covers Milan, Verona, Venice with Murano and Burano, Bologna, Castelvetro near Modena, Parma, the Cinque Terre and Portofino, the Langhe hills, Turin and Lake Como.

Which hotels are used on Fragments of North?

> Hotels named in the itinerary include the Bulgari Hotel Milano 5-star and Relais San Maurizio Luxury Spa and Resort 5-star in the Langhe, or similar, with further luxury hotels in Venice, Parma and elsewhere. For operational reasons hotels may change and are reconfirmed when booking.

What is special about the Milan city tour?

> On day 2 you start at Castello Sforzesco with an unusual tour along the battlements on the ancient patrol paths. You then walk Via Dante to Piazza Duomo and tour the Duomo including its terraces, where you walk on the cathedral roof among its spires.

Is there a personal shopper in Milan?

> Yes. Day 3 is dedicated to shopping with a personal shopper in Milan's Fashion Quadrilateral, including Via Montenapoleone and Via della Spiga, up to Corso Vittorio Emanuele II. Lunch is free, and in the evening you enjoy dinner on a boat along the Navigli canals.

What does the Verona visit include?

> On day 4 a panoramic guided tour shows you Verona's Renaissance gates, the Basilica of San Zeno, Castelvecchio and its bridge, the Arco dei Gavi, Porta Borsari, the Stone Bridge and the Roman Theatre, with a climb to San Leonardo hill for city views. After lunch you continue on foot through the historic centre of the city of Romeo and Juliet.

How much time is spent in Venice?

> You spend two full days in the Venice area. Day 5 is a guided walking tour from Piazza San Marco to Santa Maria Formosa and the area of Marco Polo's house. On day 6 you travel by water taxi to Murano to watch master glassmakers at work, then on to Burano's colourful quiet corners.

Is there a cooking experience in Bologna?

> Day 7 is dedicated to Bologna, home to one of Italy's oldest universities and famous for its towers, red roofs and cuisine. After a guided tour of the old town and its medieval towers and lunch, you tour the medieval market and learn about making traditional Bolognese pasta.

What is the Acetaia visit in Castelvetro?

On day 8 you visit Castelvetro in the hills of Modena, where an acetaia housed in a 16th-century tower produces Traditional Balsamic Vinegar of Modena DOP. You see the vineyards the grapes come from and learn the traditional production method during a tasting.

What happens on the Parma and Rivalta day?

Day 9 begins with a short guided tour of the village and castle of Rivalta, then free time for shopping at a luxury outlet in the heart of the Food Valley, where you can also taste and buy Parmigiano Reggiano and other local specialities. In the late afternoon you continue to Parma for the night.

Does Fragments of North visit the Cinque Terre?

Yes. On day 10 you board a luxury boat at La Spezia for a sea tour of the Cinque Terre, starting at Portovenere, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Lunch is at a terrace restaurant in Vernazza, then you sail to the Gulf of Tigullio to visit the abbey of San Fruttuoso and Portofino, ending at Santa Margherita Ligure.

What is the Langhe region?

The Langhe in Piedmont is a UNESCO World Heritage landscape of hills, vineyards, castles and old villages. On day 11 you spend the day touring the area with lunch in an elegant 18th-century farmhouse, and stay at a luxury spa resort where you can relax in the spa.

What will I see in Turin?

On day 12 a guide shows you Turin's Duomo, where the Holy Shroud is kept, and Piazza Castello, known as the living room of Turin, with the Royal Palace, Palazzo Madama, the Church of San Lorenzo and the Teatro Regio. Lunch is at a typical restaurant serving local cuisine.

How does the tour end on Lake Como?

On day 13 you travel by private bus to Como for a guided tour of the old town, the lakeside promenade, the Broletto and the Duomo. A light lunch of local specialities is served aboard a private taxi-boat during a panoramic lake cruise, before returning to Milan for the last night.

Which meals are included on Fragments of North?

The itinerary describes breakfast daily, lunch on most touring days and dinner on many evenings, including dinner on a Navigli canal boat in Milan and a light lunch on a Lake Como taxi-boat. Lunch on the Milan shopping day is free. Ask us for the exact meal plan for your dates.

Are airport transfers included in Milan?

Yes. On arrival you receive assistance and a private transfer to central Milan, with a first look at the old town or a direct hotel transfer depending on your arrival time. On day 14 you receive assistance and a transfer to the airport. International flights are not included.

Can the Fragments of North itinerary be tailored?

Yes. The programme may be modified to suit your specific needs, from adding nights to swapping visits. For operational reasons the programme and hotels may change and are reconfirmed when booking.

Do prices for Fragments of North vary by season?

> Yes. Availability and prices vary during trade fairs, holidays and high season and are reconfirmed when you book. Rates are also subject to any VAT or general tax increases, and the exact fare for your dates is shown on this page or in your quote.

How much deposit is required for Fragments of North?

> A 25% deposit confirms your booking, and the balance is due 65 days before departure. The exact fare for your dates is shown on this page or confirmed in your written quote before you pay.

Can children or solo travellers book Fragments of North?

> Yes. Child pricing uses two bands based on age at departure: 0 to under 5, and 5 to under 12. Single occupancy is available on request, so let us know who is travelling and we will quote accordingly.

How do I ask a question or book Fragments of North?

> Email travel@palacetours.com, call 786-408-0610, or message us on WhatsApp at https://wa.me/17864080610, where a travel specialist or our AI assistant will answer. Any departure dates listed on this page can be booked directly online; if none suit you, tell us your preferred dates and we will send a quote.

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