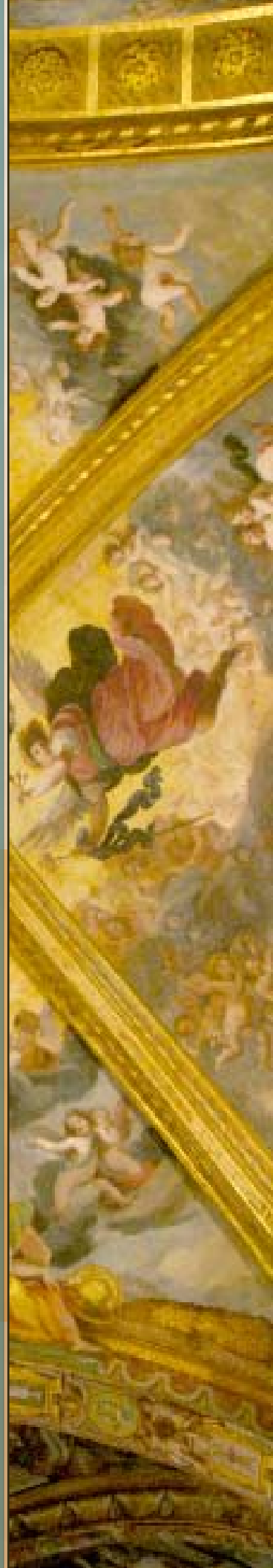


# Venetian Splendors

An exclusive small group guided trip to the stunning Italian Alps, sparkling Lake Garda, memorable Verona, and magnificent Venice.

Enjoy Italy through its traditions, fine wines, authentic cuisine, unique crafts, and historical sites.  
Live Italy's passion with us!



# *Not just a trip, a true Italian experience.*



**Experience a fascinating, warm, and friendly culture, food, wine, and opera in one special trip to remember for a lifetime.**

Perhaps you've been wanting to go to Italy on your own, but worried about things such as the language barrier, challenging driving conditions, and the task of figuring out which places are truly worth visiting and which are the infamous tourist traps. On the other hand, you don't feel quite the tour type and don't want to end up imprisoned with dozens of strangers on a big 'cattle-bus', right? So, here is the chance for the perfect compromise: if you love nature, art, food & wine, but don't want to be rushed during your vacation, this trip for you. You can see and do what you want, shop, walk, visit a museum, or just sit back at a café, while feeling confident you're not missing out on the "good stuff".

## ***Buongiorno!***

Nada Vergili was born and raised in the beautiful 'cradle of the Renaissance', Florence, Italy. While now living in the United States, a big part of her heart remains in Italia (and her stomach too!). Being there for so many years has allowed her to find unique destinations, true gems that are often found away from the typical tourist routes.

### **Not-so-typical tours for not-so-typical-travelers.**

With so many tour companies covering Italy, Nada's mission has always been to be different by offering a memorable experience that travelers would not expect from a tour. In her words: "I want for my guests to feel at home and get to know the wonderful Italian culture first-hand. But at the same time, I realize people love different things, so I found a way to create a trip where everyone is able to enjoy the things they love, while not missing out on the important sites."

**Whether you're a shopper, explorer, a history buff, a wine and food lover, you can finally have it all!**

On Nada's tours you will be able to enjoy the delightful things that Italy is known for, while having a completely worry-free vacation.

**Nada's priority is that you have fun, feel safe, and have the most authentic and wonderful experience in Italy.**

***Nada Vergili* - Owner & Tour Leader**

### **Eat well, drink well, live well.**

That's the 'Italian way'! Thoroughly enjoy the historic towns that Italy is known for at a comfortable pace for any age, no early wake-ups, and no hurried meals in tourist restaurants! Experience authentic local delicacies, people, historic places, and yes, well-deserved relaxation! After all, it's a vacation, isn't it?

### **Have your 'pizza' and eat it too.**

Take fun cooking lessons using family recipes, explore small hill-top towns, visit vineyards and farmhouses, learn how olive oil, wine, cheese, and other local products are made. A small group tour allows you to receive a personal approach to the regional culture, dine in small family-owned restaurants as a local, not a tourist!

### ***Buon Viaggio from Nada's Italy!***



# What makes this trip different?

🍷 **Full-time service** of a professional English-speaking local Italian guide.

🍷 **No Early wake-ups!** Unlike most tours, our typical day-trip departs anywhere between 9:00-10:00am.

🍷 **Free time** on your own during day trips for shopping, exploring, relaxing, etc. so you can do what you want!

🍷 **Calmer pace:** maximum of 3 different hotel stays so you don't have to pack and unpack everyday, and you don't waste time checking in and out of hotels.

🍷 **Less time driving: more time having fun!** Regional tours allow you to experience the local culture without having to drive from place to place to place to place..

🍷 **Smaller vehicles** can access historical centers, so you are right where you want to be, without wasting time getting there.

🍷 **Beverages included** with meals (red and white wine, water, coffee, soft drinks - in limited quantities).

🍷 **Most meals included:** Fine wine, excellent food in top-level locations as well as authentic family owned restaurants, so you can experience only the best food Italy has to offer and not worry about ending up in a lousy tourist 'trap'.

🍷 **Fixed Trip Price & No Hidden Costs:** Once your balance is paid, the trip price is fixed so you don't have to worry about exchange rate fluctuations! Also included in trip price: local VAT (sales) tax, government taxes, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees, and all other travel expenses relating strictly to activities included in tour.

🍷 **Activities Included:** Escorted daily activities such as: museum visits (including entrance ticket), walking tours with local guides, artisan shops, wine tours, excursions by boat, cooking classes, day-trips, and much more!

🍷 **Pre-trip assistance:** travel advice, packing help, and other useful documents & travel gadgets.

🍷 **Personal approach:** family farms, cooking classes, visits to local craft shops, vineyards, and access to other destinations where you will feel especially pampered in an exclusive environment.

🍷 **No luggage limit!** While many other tours have luggage limits, Nada's Italy lets you bring as much or as little as you want. (airline restrictions apply, prepare accordingly)

🍷 **Option to pay by Credit Card:** Nada's Italy is proud to accept Visa, MC, Discover, and American Express.

🍷 **Customer loyalty reward:** after your first trip, you'll receive a \$300 credit on all future trips with Nada's Italy.

🍷 **Materials for trip:** Guide Book & Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, Maps for each town visited during tour, and much more!





# Venetian Splendors Tour

**A beautiful surprise** awaits you as you arrive in one of Italy's last hidden treasures: the Veneto region. As most people speed through this region on their way to Venice, they miss out on its countryside, a truly fascinating treasure trove of art and beacons of fine living, lined with hills adorned with picturesque vineyards and luxurious villas.

Explore elegant Verona, home to Romeo and Juliet, one of the prettiest and most historical cities in the whole country with a outstandingly preserved Roman Arena still used today for opera and theater performances. Gaze at reflections of the majestic, snow-topped Alps onto the silvery waters of Lake Garda, as you walk around the lovely lake-shore villages, and savor the Venetian dishes known around the world for the delicately sophisticated taste.

Enjoy part of your stay in a family-owned Villa overlooking the dramatic Northern shore of Lake Garda, and indulge in well-deserved relaxation by the pool or peaceful walks around the property. Then be ready to travel back in time for three nights in a historical castle, built during the Middle Ages, reserved exclusively for our group. A luxurious experience full of fascinating history, breath-taking sceneries & wide open spaces in nature, astounding art, authentic food & wine. It's your time to rediscover the pleasures of life in one of Italy's most beautiful regions.

## ABOUT VENETIAN CUISINE & WINE

Considered one of most refined and complete of the beautiful Italian peninsula, its cuisine is closely tied to the territory, which features a dramatically diverse landscape within short distances: from the sunny shores of the Adriatic Sea, to the gentle hillside vineyards of Prosecco, to the charming villages along Lake Garda, to the majestic sharp peaks of the Alps and their valleys. The Veneto offers a culinary tradition of rustic and peasant origins, as most Italian regions, but thanks to the



continuous travels, discoveries, and trading of its own people, Venice was in turn greatly influenced by other civilizations, adding the newly-found, "exotic" ingredients into its cooking, resulting in unique dishes and flavors, including: Spices and rice from the Far East, Maize from the Americas (mostly used for Polenta), and Baccalà' (air-dried salt-cured cod) from the North Sea, among others.

Surprisingly enough, the Veneto is the Italian region that produces the majority of D.O.C. wines, with wine-making traditions dating back to the Roman period. Among the more important wines: the sparkling and refreshing white Prosecco, Valpolicella, Soave, Amarone, Bardolino, and the full-bloomed bouquet of dry Tocai Friulano.

# § THE ITINERARY §



(Itinerary is subject to change with or without notice. Sequence of day trips may vary. Final itinerary will be given prior to the start of the trip.)

## 📅 Friday Day 1 | Benvenuto : Welcome!

Welcome to Italia! You will be picked up from the Venice International Airport Marco Polo and taken right away to stunning Lake Garda so you can immediately enjoy its enchanted atmosphere! Tonight you will rest in a beautifully peaceful Villa overlooking the lake. Enjoy a Welcome dinner in a restaurant that is perched up on the steep mountainside with a view that will have your knees buckle.. **D**

## 📅 Saturday Day 2 | L'arte della Vita : The Art of Living

Visit the historical center of Limone sul Garda with free time to explore this fascinating village. Then on to Sirmione, an ancient fortified town on the Southern part of the lake. Group lunch at a local trattoria. Free time to explore the local market, charming alleyways, shops, and take a walk to the famous ruins of the colossal Roman villa,

belonging to Roman poet Catullo who once wrote “Love me when I least deserve it, as it is when I most need

it.” Surrounded by the lake’s blue-green waters, the ruins are an amazing testimony of the importance of Lake Garda since the 1st century BC. Then back on the boat to Salò, known for its beauty and unusual history tied to Italian dictator Benito Mussolini. Dinner on your own in Salò. **BL**

## 📅 Sunday Day 3 | Eleganza sul Lago : Elegance on the Lake

Another relaxing day exploring the delightful lake-shore villages. We board the boat service to Malcesine. As we approach the village, you can admire the Castello Scaligero, with 14th-Century fortifications. Behind Malcesine rises the 6,000ft high Montebaldo. If you’re brave enough, you can reach the summit of Montebaldo by the funivia, a gondola that rotates 360 degrees as you ascend this steep mountain. Enjoy some free time to discover this small scenic town full of arts, crafts, cafés, and history on your own. Then we continue to Riva del Garda, surrounded by imposing mountains, with free time to explore. Dinner in nearby family owned restaurant. **BD**

## 📅 Monday Day 4 | Alpi & Aria Fresca : Alps & Fresh Air

Today’s highlights will not be centered as much around history, but around the awe-inspiring views of the most beautiful areas in the Alps: the Dolomites. Our spectacular drive will be even more pleasant to the eye as we make stops along the way to admire the scenery and charming Alpine villages such as Canazei and Ortisei. Enjoy a group lunch with typical South-Tyrol specialties. Be amazed by these spectacular sites – we are truly on top of the world! A unique group dinner in a Medieval Castle of the Trentino region will frame in the memories of this beautiful day. **BLD**

## 📅 Tuesday Day 5 | Ritorno In Natura : Return to Nature

Today we visit a local cheese farm that makes also fresh yogurt, jams, olive oil, and gelato. Private tour of the facility, followed by a delicious lunch with home made dishes! Relaxing afternoon on your own, group dinner in local restaurant. Final overnight stay at villa. **BLD**

## 📅 Wednesday Day 6 | La Gioia Ritrovata : New found Joy

Check-out from Villa – drive to S. Ambrogio in Valpolicella where we stop for lunch in a family Trattoria. Arrive at the Castle with a private tour of this amazing historical estate dating back to the Middle Ages. After a little time to relax and get settled in, enjoy an elegant dinner in the Castle’s own fine dining Restaurant prepared by its private chef. **BLD**

## 📅 Thursday Day 7 | Romeo & Giulietta

Drive to Valpolicella area, known for its high-level wines. Private tour, lunch, and wine tasting at a historical vineyard that produces the esteemed Amarone and Ripasso della Valpolicella. Our next destination is a true delight to the eye: the romantic city of Romeo & Juliette: Verona, with its splendidly preserved Roman Arena. A local guide will walk us through the main sites of the city, telling us about the Scaligeri (della Scala) family and the impact it had on this area throughout the centuries. Enjoy free time for gelato and a nice stroll in Verona, also a great place to shop! Dinner in the fascinating walled town of Montagnana. **BLD**



### ☼ Friday Day 8 | Passeggiata fra i Ricordi : Stroll among Memories

Today we drive to Mantova, a small Medieval town which flourished under the Gonzaga dynasty for almost four centuries. This was also the birthplace of ancient Roman poet Virgil, in 70BC. Enjoy free time to explore. Then we're off to a family owned farm for a fun cooking class featuring local dishes! **BD**

### ☼ Saturday Day 9 | Incantevole Venezia : Spellbinding Venice

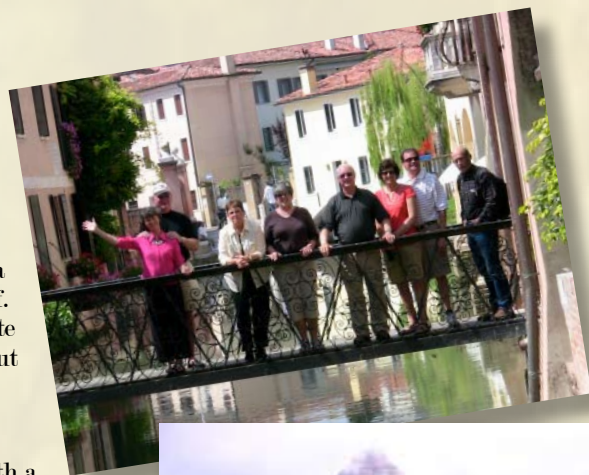
After breakfast, we'll be on our way to sumptuous Venezia, also known as La Serenissima, where we'll be escorted to our hotel for check-in and luggage drop-off. Enjoy a group lunch in a nearby restaurant. In the afternoon we'll meet our private guide who will take us on a unique walking tour of historic Venice, telling us about traditions, culture, and amusing facts of Venetian life through the ages. **BL**

### ☼ Sunday Day 10 | Storia e Mistero : Between History and Mystery

This morning we are taking a trip to the Island Murano by private water-taxi, with a visit to a traditional glass factory, where glass masters create the most intricate designs for chandeliers, vases, and jewelry. Free time to explore and shop around. We continue to Burano, a colorful quaint fishing village that appears to be worlds away from bustling Venice. Burano is very known for hand-made exquisite embroidered linens. Lunch and dinner are on your own and then enjoy a free afternoon in Venice. This will be the last night of the tour - make it a special one! The front-desk will be available to help you with reservations for restaurants, concerts, and events. **B**

### Monday Day 11 | Arrivederci!

Hopefully you will stay longer and explore other beautiful cities of this amazing country! We hope you enjoyed your stay with us and wish to have you back soon. Ciao! **B**



**A luxury journey totaling 10 nights/11 days**, of which 5 nights in a Villa overlooking Lake Garda, 3 nights in a Medieval Castle renovated into a 4-star Hotel in the Venetian countryside, and 2 nights in a historical former Abbey-turned-into-hotel in Venice. **Airfare is not included.** Nada's Italy is available to assist you should you wish to extend your stay in Venice or other Italian cities.

For availability please contact us: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com)

It has been said that a population's cuisine is the single, most exact testimony of its civilization. If this is true, then the cuisine of the Veneto is only a glimpse into its unique and remarkably rich culture, destined to leave a lasting impression on any visitor.





## LUXURY SERVICES INCLUDED

☞ 5 Nights in Villa on Lake Garda + 3 Nights in luxury Castle near Verona + 2 Nights in 3-Star historic hotel in central Venice for a trip totaling 11 Days/10 Nights (Depart US on Thursday and return on Monday).

☞ Small group travel! Maximum of 12 travelers per group.

☞ Pick-up from the Venice International Airport Marco Polo and transfer to Villa on Lake Garda.

☞ Privately escorted day-trips with a full-time service of bilingual tour leader (it's usually Nada Vergili).

☞ **FREE** Travel materials: Venice Guide Book, Italian Travel Phrase book, Luggage Tags, DVD set, and more!

☞ **FREE** pre-trip assistance.

☞ **Day trips to:** Verona, Bolzano (Alps), villages on Lake Garda, Mantova, Venice, Islands of Murano & Burano. (Itinerary & destinations may vary depending on time of year)

☞ **Unique Activities:** Cooking Class in a family farm, Private tour of a historical Vineyard in Valpolicella (Amarone, Ripasso, etc.), Tour of a Cheese Farm in the Alps, Visit to a glass-factory in Murano.

☞ Private Walking Tour of the Historical Highlights of Venice and Verona by licensed local guides.

☞ **Included Meals:** all Breakfasts, plus 6 Lunches and 7 Dinners in traditional local restaurants. (Included meals are shown at bottom of each day's description in itinerary).

Beverages: bottled water, coffee, and wine (choice of red or white, in limited amounts) with included meals.

☞ Private transportation for day trips in a comfortable air-conditioned luxury vehicle (does not include: transfer back to Venice airport at the end of tour, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

☞ Local VAT taxes, government fees, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.



## NO HIDDEN COSTS, NO HIDDEN STRESS

***Please see our website for the price of this tour package.***

\*Based on double occupancy. Rate includes taxes & fees. Single room supplement for this tour is **\$900 (for a double-room for individual use)**. Rate is for land-package only, does not include airfare. Rate is subject to change with or without notice until the deposit and Trip Registration Form & Agreement has been received.

## HOW SOON SHOULD I BOOK?

This is a very special, exclusive, small group tour limited to only 12 travelers. Availability is on a first-come-first-served basis, so don't delay in reserving your spot. No spots are held without a deposit. To register for this tour, please

send your Trip Registration Form and deposit of 50% of the trip. If minimum participation of 8 travelers is not met, your deposit is 100% refundable. **Balance is due 60 days prior to trip.**

## THE JOURNEY DOESN'T END HERE!

Want to stay longer and see more of Italy? Extend your stay with additional nights, tours, transfers, and other custom services offered by Nada's Italy. Contact us by email with your requests: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com) For more information, log on to: [NadasItaly.com](http://NadasItaly.com)

## CANCELLATION POLICY

For details on our Cancellation Policy and our Terms & Conditions, please refer to the Trip Registration Form & Agreement, which can be downloaded from our website or

requested by email and/or mail.

## QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

By phone: 704.877.6232 or email: [info@nadasitaly.com](mailto:info@nadasitaly.com). Find photos, travel tips, packing suggestions, and other information on [NadasItaly.com](http://NadasItaly.com)



## TRAVELING SOLO?

Not being able to find someone to travel with you doesn't mean you shouldn't travel. Nada's Italy is proud to be a safe option for those who wish to see Italy on their own, providing a safe and friendly environment.

**A Single Supplement** is required only if you wish to have an individual room for the duration of the tour. If you wish to be paired up with another traveler to share your room with, please contact us and we will make our best effort to do so. Keep in mind that if you share a room, you will each have a twin-size bed and will share a bathroom.

## NOTE ON PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip. This is not a physically challenging trip, nonetheless there will be plenty of walking uphill and standing for extended periods of time. If you are not interested in some of the scheduled activities, you can stay at the accommodation and relax, or we can plan a different activity for you (additional fees may occur). During the day trips, you will have free time on your own, during which you decide whether you prefer being more or less active. However, this is not a recommended trip for those with mobility issues or health concerns.