

Pasadena City College Extension presents...

Explore Northern Italy

May 8 – 16, 2025



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9 Days • 14 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Treviso, Tiramisu Cooking Class, 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 Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese, Treviso
On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, May 8, 2025 Overnight Flight Venture to vineyards, Venice, and Verona. It’s almost time to unpack once in a Venetian villa and journey among the jewels of Northern Italy.

Day 2: Friday, May 9, 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 charming villa nestled in the suburbs of Treviso. After dropping your things in your modern-style room, take some time to explore the property’s lush, green garden. 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 10, 2025 Treviso Start your day with a short ride to downtown Treviso. Embark on 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 try your hand at preparing some sweet tiramisu in its homeplace. (B, D)

Day 4: Sunday, May 11, 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, return to your villa in the late afternoon to relax before dinner. (B, D)

Day 5: Monday, May 12, 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 villa for the night. (B, D)

Day 6: Tuesday, May 13, 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. Toast to *la dolce vita* - the sweet life - in the Venetian countryside. You’ll return to your hotel in the late afternoon to relax



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and sit down for dinner together. Rest well tonight; tomorrow will be a full day exploring The Dolomites. (B, D)

Day 7: Wednesday, May 14, 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: the village of Alleghe. Venture into the village to catch a glimpse of Monte Civetta – a mountain noted for its rugged appearance and massive northwestern rock face. When in season,** pause at the Flazarego Pass for a cable car ride to get a unique perspective on the surrounding peaks. Take some time to have lunch on your own before returning to the coach for a trip to Cortina — the Pearl of The Dolomites. Your Tour Manager will show you around on foot and then you can enjoy a short break to explore this resort town on your own. Reminisce on your mountain adventure tonight on your way back to the villa for a late dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Thursday, May 15, 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 the town and grab a bite to eat for lunch (maybe paired with some *grappa*?). 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 16, 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*.

PLEASE NOTE:

Book Now rates valid until Nov 09, 2024, valid on air inclusive packages only. 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. In particular 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 accommodations are 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/>

Due to the suburban location of your hotel, the tour includes 5 dinners at the hotel and 2 in local venues.



*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. The Falzarego Pass is located at 6,900 feet above sea level (2,100 meters). When operating, the cable car ride will take you to an elevation of 9,000 feet above sea level (2750 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 Falzarego 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 Alleghe and 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 November 02, 2024 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 09, 2025. Deposits are refundable up until November 09, 2024.

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