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12 Days • 18 Meals: 10 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches, 6 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Stresa & Lake Maggiore, Italian Riviera, Portofino, Cinque Terre, Carrara Marble Quarries Off-Road Excursion, Tuscan Countryside, Italian Cooking Class, San Gimignano, Florence, Balsamic Vinegar Tasting, Venice

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa
Days 4, 5	Grand Hotel Torre Fara, Chiavari
Days 6 – 9	Villa Godenano, Tuscany
Days 10, 11	Ca' dei Conti Hotel, Venice

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Friday, April 30, 2027 Overnight Flight Travel along breathtaking landscapes and venture into metropolitan meccas ripe with culture and history. Discover Italy on an unforgettable journey that delves into its most cherished treasures.

Day 2: Saturday, May 1, 2027 Stresa, Italy Begin on the arresting shores of Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the peaceful beauty of the Alpine lakes region. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. Spend the day as you wish, exploring independently and admiring the views. This evening, cruise to Isola Pescatori,* the most picturesque of the Borromean Islands, where you'll engage with new friends at a dinner welcoming you to Italy. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, May 2, 2027 Stresa During an **Impact Moment**, visit an ancient village nestled in the mountains, where a local family is actively working to preserve local traditions and historic buildings. After a tour of the village, they invite you to sample their very own artisanal cheeses, paired with the region's best wines. The remainder of the day in Stresa is at your leisure. Explore its piazzas, flower-lined cobblestone streets, and lakeside promenades. Or, enjoy your breathtaking surroundings during an optional cruise to Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Here, an expert will guide you into the Borromeo Palace,** a lakeside Baroque beauty adorned with an enchanting garden. (B, L)

Day 4: Monday, May 3, 2027 Stresa - Portofino - Chiavari, Italian Riviera Journey to the Italian Riviera and discover its immeasurable grandeur along the Liguria coast. Spend some free time in the famous village of Portofino, known for its picturesque harbor and vibrant colors, and as a glamorous getaway spot and retreat for the jet set. Early this evening, arrive in Chiavari and settle in for your two-night stay in this charming coastal town. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, May 4, 2027 Chiavari - Cinque Terre Travel by rail today as you discover the colorful Cinque Terre, a string of once-upon-a-time fishing villages, perched on the edge of the sea. Feel like you have stepped back in time as you traverse the rugged coastal area dotted with terraced vineyards and hop off to visit two of these fabled locales. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, May 5, 2027 Chiavari - Carrara Marble Quarries - Tuscany Veer off the beaten path to visit one of Italy's natural wonders: the Carrara marble quarries. During an off-road drive in the Apuane Mountains, you'll follow the pathways carved by quarrymen while extracting the precious stone. Over the centuries, Carrara marble was used by artists such as Michelangelo to carve his legendary statue of *David*. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany, ending the day in a historic Tuscan villa for a rejuvenating 4-night stay.*** (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, May 6, 2027 Tuscany - San Gimignano This morning, take in Tuscany's landscape, a spectrum of verdant vineyards and endless groves en route to San Gimignano. Nicknamed the Manhattan of the Middle Ages, San Gimignano's 14 towers soar distinctively over the landscape, making this iconic hilltop village stand out against the rolling hills. Later, journey into the heart of the Chianti countryside, where a family-owned villa welcomes you. After a tour of the house and grounds, engage in a hands-on cooking lesson. Break bread during an authentic Tuscan dinner and toast to your host with local Chianti wine. (B, D)

Day 8: Friday, May 7, 2027 Tuscany Spend a relaxing day of *dolce far-niente* (sweet do-nothing) at your Tuscan villa. Stroll the surrounding countryside or just take in the views from your favorite spot in the garden. This afternoon, embark on an optional truffle hunt, led by a local expert and trained truffle-sniffing dogs. As you wander along unpaved trails, learn about the fascinating world of truffles and the techniques used to forage them. Indulge in a truffle-themed dinner before returning to your villa in the evening. (B)



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IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 9: Saturday, May 8, 2027 Tuscany - Florence Welcome to Florence – the birthplace of the Renaissance and the beloved home of the Medici family, Galileo, Botticelli, and da Vinci. Set out on a walking tour of Florence's treasures and monuments, highlighting the *Piazza del Duomo* and the famous Gates of Paradise on the Baptistery. You'll also wander past the *Palazzo Vecchio*, the Signoria and Santa Croce squares. Enjoy some time to explore Florence independently before returning to your villa in the early evening. (B, D)

Day 10: Sunday, May 9, 2027 Tuscany - Venice A morning transfer takes you from Tuscany to the Emilia region for a visit to a family-owned *acetaia*. Tour the attic, where balsamic vinegar has been produced for five generations, and discover this generational process, which spans 12 to 25 years. Enjoy a light lunch infused with balsamic vinegar, before continuing to Venice, the "Queen of the Adriatic," for a two-night stay in one of the world's most romantic cities. (B, L)

Day 11: Monday, May 10, 2027 Venice Spend the day in *Venezia*, the floating city home to lavish art collections, wonders of architecture, and where marbled palaces tower over gondola-laden canals. A local guide takes you on a walking tour of its incredible sites, including the Bridge of Sighs, the Bell tower, and St. Mark's Square. Then, travel by boat to Murano**** for an expert glass-blowing demonstration, a renowned tradition on the island. Enjoy the afternoon at leisure to explore more of Venice on your own. Consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's

most famous pastime. This evening, say *arrivederci* to Italy at a savory farewell dinner. (B, D)

Day 12: Tuesday, May 11, 2027 Venice - Tour Ends Wake up in Venice and depart for home. (B)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Oct 01, 2026, 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 appropriate for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, and other mobility assistance devices.

Travel with an average of 19 people (maximum of 24).

You'll visit 2 of the 5 Cinque Terre villages, chosen based on conditions like weather and crowds. Expect overcrowding and standing in lines. The Cinque Terre villages are pedestrian-only with steep inclines, cobblestones, and steps. Extensive exploration requires good mobility. There are no benches available during the walking tour. You will be walking around very crowded areas.

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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In Florence, you must be prepared to walk a minimum of 2.7 miles. From the bus drop-off point onwards, the tour is entirely on foot, involving up to 4 hours of walking and standing with only one restroom stop. There is no seating available, and the areas are crowded with cobblestone streets and narrow sidewalks.

For the Cinque Terre excursion, you must be able to walk and stand for 5 hours with only two breaks (30 minutes and 1.5 hours). The tour involves walking a minimum of 2.5 miles throughout the day, 0.8 of which will be on cobblestone streets with steep inclines, steps, and no handrails. Transportation includes public trains and occasionally ferry boats. The trains we use to visit the villages are extremely crowded, and there are up to 40 steps to reach the platforms. Be prepared to board 3 or 4 trains, some of which will require climbing up and down 2 or 3 one-foot-tall steps. At train stations, you must be prepared to stand and wait for 15-30 minutes without shelter or seating. Restroom facilities are limited and often dirty. Trains are subject to delays and to public transportation strikes. Seating cannot be reserved. Ferry boats are boarded via gangways with handrails.

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation and mandatory drop-off and pick-up points, especially in historic or protected areas such as Stresa, Portofino, Cinque Terre, San Gimignano, and Florence. Venice is entirely pedestrianized and only accessible by motorboat. All these areas require navigating large crowds, extensive walking over cobblestones, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel.

The included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at the time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these tours are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

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

Days of features are interchangeable.

*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

****On occasion, due to inclement weather, your boat trip to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice.

**Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace & Gardens are open from March 15 to October 31 (though there are small differences every year based on when the closest weekend falls). If you are traveling between November 1 and March 14, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromean Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead. If you are in Lake Maggiore between March 15 and April 15, the Borromeo Palace might be closed mid-week.

You should expect large crowds in Cinque Terre, Portofino, San Gimignano, Florence, and Venice.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi, as are other state museums. Most state museums in Florence require reservations to access. We suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

Modest dress (covering your knees and shoulders for women and long trousers for men) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

***Villas in Tuscany are dotted throughout the region, and we might use different properties on this tour. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from the city center. Others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, has many amenities, and is brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

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

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are smaller in size and beds are usually cot-sized.

Travelers with dietary restrictions or food allergies should be aware that included meals may feature pre-set menus showcasing local cuisine. Dietary needs may be shared with restaurant staff when possible; however, accommodations cannot be guaranteed. Travelers are encouraged to discuss their needs with their Tour Manager while on tour. Due to local ingredients and food preparation practices, options may be limited and cross-contamination may occur.

Smaller coaches, which may not be lavatory-equipped, may be used on this tour. In this case, frequent stops are made during travel periods.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip 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.

Our departure transfers will depart from Venice city center to the Venice airport.

Our air travelers will arrive at Milan airport and depart out of Venice airport.

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.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

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

Travel Requirements:

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's 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.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

ETIAS is not currently active and has been postponed for visitors traveling to countries within the Schengen Area. The European Union will provide several months' notice before implementation. For the latest information about ETIAS, including who needs to apply and when it will be required, please visit the official ETIAS website: <https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias>

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 24, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by January 30, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until October 01, 2026.

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