



*Gourmet Northern Italian Food & Wine Tour*  
*Visiting the Regions of Piedmont, Veneto & Friuli*  
*on a 9-day, 8-night Tour*  
***September 29 - Oct. 7***

**Experience a Joy of Italy Tour**

Intimate group tours lead by Uva Imports founder Adam Richard and wife Natalie Richard. Exploring a few of Italy's top wine regions and family producers, learning from the winemakers themselves. We will enjoy a selection of our favorite restaurants including fine dining Micheline-rated gems to hand made fresh pasta. Savor beautiful pairings of local wine with the native grapes of each region. Our goal is to provide a stress-free travel experience allowing you to relax and immerse yourself in the culture while personally connecting you with the people, food and wine of Italy.

**Tour Includes:**

Centrally located, elegant hotels with a focus on your comfort and walkability

● All breakfasts ● 5 exceptional lunches ● 7 memorable dinners  
INCLUDING some of Italy's best wines with each lunch and dinner

***Plus:***

3 winery tours and tasting with the winemaker  
All tours, guides, admissions and excursions  
All transportation – including to and from airports and optional excursions  
Personal wine shipping service

***Not included:***

2 lunches - 1 dinner – Airfare

**\$4,399 per person**

*Optional Single Supplement: \$599*

If you have any trip specific questions  
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## *Itinerary*

### **Day 1 – Viva Italia**

Our tour begins in the Piedmont region, a cultural and culinary gem nestled between the Alps and the Ligurian Sea in northwest Italy. We will meet at Turin's TRN airport and transfer to Alba by private coach to start our tour of Northern Italy. A family style dinner will allow us to get to know each other and ease into our Italian adventure. We will then check into our hotel in the historic center of Alba.

### **Day 2 – Medieval Splendor**

A short walking tour through the streets and piazzas of Alba will help orient you to the gourmet capitol of Italy. A light lunch on the streets of Alba will kick off our adventure of food and wine. The afternoon will be free to shop, relax or take in the city of 100 medieval towers. In Piedmont, food is the historic passion, art and entertainment of the region. There is no better way to immerse yourself in that culture than hunting the region's rare and delicately truffle with our friend Stefano. Prefer to hone your Italian cooking skills? You may choose to spend the day hand-making pasta with Luciana in the kitchen of Mongoletto. This evening we go into the countryside for an intimate dining experience in the wine cellar of a small restaurant. It's the perfect way to cap off the first full day in northern Italy!

### **Day 3 – A Day of Decadence**

Wake up to the toll of Alba Cathedral's bell tower and savor the aromas of roasting hazelnuts at the nearby Ferraro-Roche chocolate factory – home to the popular nut spread Nutella. We start the day with a bus tour through the heart of the Langhe hills, home to the most famous and important vineyards in all of Italy. We will stop in Barolo to admire the endless views of gentle rolling hills that are blanketed with picturesque vineyards, topped with castles and framed by the snowcapped Alps. We will meander through winding cobblestone streets and enjoy a leisurely lunch, as we take in the attraction of this UNESCO World Heritage zone. Then, we sit with winemaker Paolo Demarie for a wine tasting at his family cellar to learn more about the vineyards and wines produced in the area. The day finishes with a remarkable dining experience at one of our favorite Michelin-rated restaurants tucked amid the hills surrounding Alba.

### **Day 4 – A day in the Vineyards**

Today we motor east to the Veneto and the heart of the Valpolicella wine growing area. We will break up the drive by spending the afternoon in the cellar of Le Morette. Here, we are surrounded by vineyards and images sure to make memories. The winery is truly a visual treat with its classic architecture, gothic cellar for barrel aging and romantic courtyard. We will explore the estate with a tour, tasting and a classic lunch with third-generation owner and winemaker Fabio Zenato. Our hotel is nestled in the historic center of Verona and nearby our dinner destination, a real gem specializing in the distinct cuisine of the Veneto.

### **Day 5 – Lake Garda's Grandeur**

We will spend the day exploring a few of the small villages around lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy. We will board our historic Gozzo boat in the village of Bardolino and tour the majesty of the lake and panoramic views of the pre-Alps and Alps. Our village for lunch will take your breath away as we dock in the harbor and find our quaint restaurant. After some time to walk the village we will board our private boat and depart for the historic fortified city of Sirmione. Once off the boat we will cross the draw bridge to discover the castle and village, one of the most unique in the world. This will be a day full of memories not soon forgotten. A stunning dinner with a view will be a grand finale to this day on the lake.

### **Day 6 – Recharge in the city of Romance**

Verona is a city steeped in history with idyllic stone streets and Roman ruins scattered among quaint shops – and there is no better way to discover its lovely people and inherent charm than by taking a walking tour. Every bar, coffee shop and osteria draws you in for a caffè or glass of wine. At the heart of the city is a preserved Roman amphitheater that was one of the largest in all the empire. The afternoon will be free to explore the market in Piazza delle Erbe, to shop or get lost in the city of love. As you explore you will quickly realize why Shakespeare decided to use this city as the setting for Romeo and Juliet. This is a perfect city for exploring the dining scene on your own. We will have lunch and dinner recommendations for you to enjoy at your pace. The city is full of excellent cuisine from 15-course tasting menus to simple osterias that serve delicate small plates. After dinner check out some of the small bars and nightlife this vibrant city offers -- and all within an easy walk from our hotel.

### **Day 7 – A Castle by the Sea**

We bid farewell to the Veneto and move east to the untouched region of Friuli Venezia Giulia. Friuli is a tranquil region full of welcoming locals, boutique vineyards and a backdrop of the Alps that forms the border with Austria and Slovenia. On our drive into the city of Trieste we will stop at Miramare Castle and adjacent botanical gardens. We will start exploring the city with an aperitivo in Piazza Unita', a spectacular piazza nestled in this romantic city by the sea. The rich diversity of Italy's regions will be apparent as we savor the cuisine of Friuli as we dine as a local.

### **Day 8 – Charming Trieste**

The city of Trieste's historical legacy is as a significant port city dating to the Roman Empire. The gentle local people embrace life with a compelling passion that is infectious. We will start the morning with a walking tour to help understand the unique architecture and Roman ruins. Since Trieste is the coffee capitol of the world we will stop for at least one! The afternoon will be free to explore, shop or relax. Optional tour would include a visit to an artisanal producer of the region's signature white wines. Trieste doesn't disappoint shoppers from big name shops to small independent vendors. We will gather for a festive farewell dinner in the heart of the city.

### **Day 9 – Arrivederci**

Morning bus transfer to Venice, VCE airport.

*\*Itinerary subject to change*