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## Northern Italy's Highlights & Cinque Terre



Friday, September 8 – Sunday, September 17, 2023

Parmesan and prosciutto. Ferraris and Fiats. Ruins and the Riviera. Some of Italy's greatest indulgences can be found up north. Italy's "Fabulous Five," the pastel-hued cliffside fishing villages along the Mediterranean, start the count of the numerous joys you'll experience on this Undiscovered Tour of Northern Italy. In addition to finding the freshest seafood along the coast, you'll relish a balsamic vinegar tasting in the epicurean city of Modena, a parmesan cheese tasting near Verdi's hometown of Busseto, a risotto lunch at a Vercelli rice factory, and a wine tasting in vineyard-dotted Gabiano. To spice things up, you'll speed over to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello, cruise to the yacht-filled harbor of Portofino, and strut your stuff down the streets of Milan. Leading you to the fabulous, the famous, and the fashionable, this tour is the way to see Northern Italy.

***Please note this tour is being operated by Globus Tours and Vacations. Pauwels tour leaders Vince and Jan Sacilotto will be accompanying the group.***

**Land Only Tour Cost \$4165.00 per person** sharing a double room. Single Supplement \$700.00

**Book early and save!! Book before May 5th and save \$200.00 per person.**

## Itinerary

### **DAY 1, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 8, 2023**

### **MILAN**

Independent arrival in Milan. Welcome to Milan! At 5 pm, meet your Tour Director and travel companions for a welcome dinner at the hotel. (Dinner)



### **DAY 2, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 9, 2023**

### **MILAN–**

### **BUSSETO–PARMA**

Breakfast followed by a guided walking tour of Milan. Highlights include Sforzesco Castle, the Galleria, La Scala Opera House, and the Duomo. Following the tour we make our way to Busseto where we will see the birthplace of composer Giuseppe Verdi. Rime for lunch followed by a Parmesan cheese tasting at a local caseificio (cheese-making factory).

(Breakfast)

99 mi / 160 km

**LOCAL TASTES** Bite into 1,000 years of Italian tradition with a Parmesan cheese tasting in Busseto. Learn about the rich history that has passed the test of time with authentic ingredients of passion and perfected recipes in local caseifici (cheese making factories) of the Italian pastoral landscapes.



### **DAY 3, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2023, PARMA.**

### **EXCURSION TO MODENA & MARANELLO**

Today's sightseeing begins with a guided tour of PARMA including the cathedral with its, bell tower, and octagonal baptistry. Continue to MODENA where you will enjoy a Balsamic vinegar tasting at the renowned Acetaia Leonardi before finishing with a visit to MARANELLO to visit the Ferrari Museum. Free time this afternoon and evening. (Breakfast)

112 mi / 180 km



#### LOCAL FAVORITE

**CULTURE & TRADITION** Creating classic Balsamic Vinegar requires the patience learned through four generations of devotion and respect for the 18th-century traditions at Acetaia Leonardi farm. The farm sits on 27 acres of vineyards where Trebbiano and Lambrusco grapes are grown to produce this delicate balance of sweet and sour Modena specialty.

**DAY 4, MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023**

**PARMA–LUCCA**

Breakfast followed by departure for Lucca. Orientation walk, followed by free time this afternoon and evening. (Breakfast)  
99 mi / 160 km

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

**CULTURAL GEMS** Within the walls surrounding the medieval city of Lucca, the modern world fades away. Whilst you walk. See the Piazza Anfiteatro, San Michele Square, the Roman Amphitheatre, the soaring clock tower, and the Guinigi Tower topped with a hanging garden roof – just to name a few of the impressive sights you'll find in this historic city in Tuscany.

**DAY 5, TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**

**LUCCA–CINQUE TERRE–GENOA**

**CINQUE TERRE** Take a guided boat ride (weather permitting) to Monterosso. Free time before continuing the journey by train. (Breakfast, Dinner)  
124 mi / 200 km

#### TOUR HIGHLIGHT

**EPIC RIDE** Take a stunning cruise on the coast of Cinque Terre and take in fascinating views of the sea, sky, and centuries old seaside villages on the rugged Italian Riviera coastline.



*Portofino (photo by J. Rosier free of copyright c/o Wikimedia Commons)*

**DAY 6, WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2023**

**GENOA. EXCURSION TO PORTOFINO**

Today we set our course for the glamorous Italian Riviera with a cruise to the fishing village of Portofino. Here the cobblestones and luxury boutiques share the views of the Ligurian Sea with pastel-painted houses, seafood eateries, and yachts moored in the picturesque seaport. Return to Genoa following the tour. (Breakfast)

**DAY 7, THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2023**

**GENOA–GABIANO–TURIN**

Carafes at the Castle **GABIANO**. Gracing the hills above the Po Valley, the Castello di Gabiano has made history as early as the 8<sup>th</sup> century. Once the site of sieges and wars, the castle has passed



through noble families through time to become one of the oldest and largest manors in Monferrato. Today, its tradition of winemaking is shared with tastings of vintages aged in its cellar barrels in the tradition passed down since the 12th century. Enjoy wine tasting and lunch at the castle before continuing to Turin. Check in to the hotel followed by free time. (Breakfast, Lunch)  
143 mi / 230 km



*panorama of Turin with the Mole Antonelliana on the right, photo taken from Monte dei Cappuccini (From Wikimedia Commons, the free media repository)*

#### **DAY 8, FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2023    TURIN**

Turin abounds of a wealth of Baroque, Rococo, Neo-classical, and Art Nouveau treasures. Stroll the elegant squares to see the monument of Mole Antonelliana – a former synagogue with its 87-meter-high panorama deck. Visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, which houses the most holy relic in the Catholic Church – the Shroud of Turin. (Breakfast)

#### **DAY 9, SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2023    TURIN–VERCELLI–MILAN**

Visit Vercelli, the heart of Europe's rice production, where the tradition of delicious risotto is born. It's here that the round rice grain called japonica is grown. This round grain keeps its shape during the cooking process to release that beautifully creamy texture of risotto that we all know and love. The fine art of rice farming in Italy now combines tradition with technology to tend these fields with loving care. Continue to Milan and check into the hotel. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner)

130 mi / 210 km

#### **DAY 10, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 2023**

#### **MILAN**

Safe travels until we meet again! Your vacation ends with breakfast this morning. (Breakfast)

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#### **Included in the tour price are:**

- Accommodation based on double occupancy, in 4-star/first-class hotel and three 3-star/superior tourist-class hotels; the supplement for a single room is \$700, but only a limited number of singles are available;
- Breakfast daily (mostly if not all buffet-style) 1 lunch and three dinners;
- Overland transportation by private coach;
- All visits and sightseeing as outlined in the itinerary, including admission to museums and monuments mentioned;
- Hotel taxes and gratuities.

**Not included are:**

- Flights and transfers (can be arranged after booking)
- Tips to Tour Director and bus driver
- Travel insurance
- Optional activities
- All items of a personal nature
- Beverages with dinners, and meals other than those outlined above
- Travel Insurance - - available upon request

**TERMS & CONDITIONS****RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:**

Reservations should be made as early as possible. We request you send your registration together with a deposit of \$750.00 per person. No reservations will be accepted without a signed registration form and a cheque, credit card or e-transfer of the deposit.

**REFUND OF UNUSED ARRANGEMENTS:**

Because the rates of Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. are based on group participation, no refund can be made for any tour accommodation or tour service or tour feature not taken. If cancellation occurs while the tour is in progress, no refund can be made for the tour portion not taken. We strongly suggest that to allow for any unexpected contingencies, you purchase the all-inclusive insurance.

**CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Refund of deposit is made if cancellation is received in writing by Pauwels Travel Bureau Ltd. more than 90 days prior of the departure date. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 61 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

60 to 31 days before departure: 50% of tour cost

Within 30 days prior to departure: 100% of tour cost

**RESPONSIBILITY:**

The acceptance of the initial service to be provided under the tour shall be considered an acceptance by the tour member of those conditions. We also reserve the right to decline, to accept or retain any person as a member of the tour. We reserve the right without notice, to withdraw any part or all of the tour. Factors such as airline schedule changes, hotel overbookings, inclement weather, travel warnings by the Canadian Government etc. may necessitate changes in the itinerary. There may also be other circumstances in which changes become necessary or advisable. By commencing the tour, I agree to the release and agreement as included below.

**RELEASE & AGREEMENT:**

By placing my deposit and commencing the tour I understand and agree to the following:

1. That all tours are delivered in conjunction with other service providers, including but not limited to travel agent and booking services, airlines, hotel and accommodation providers, transportation providers including but not limited to coach, train and ferry services, restaurant providers, and local guides. We shall not be held responsible for the failure by any person or company to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour. All hotels, transportation and other travel services are provided subject to all the terms and conditions under which they are offered to the public generally.

2. I know that tour programs include walking and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potentially hazardous activities associated with them. I should not participate prior to approval by my physician. I assume any and all other risks associated with these events included but not limited to falls, contact with other participants, the effects of the weather including high heat and/or humidity.

3. To release, indemnify and hold harmless Pauwels Travel Bureau and their affiliates (which term shall include parents, subsidiaries, officers, directors, shareholders, agents and employees of Pauwels Travel Bureau as well as Pauwels Travel themselves) (the "Released Parties") from, and agree not to sue the Released Parties for, any claims that I may have arising from, or in connection with, any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from any cause whatsoever related in any way to my participation in this tour. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, I release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from, and agree not to sue them for any personal injury, bodily injury, mental anguish, emotional distress, physical, property or other damage that I may suffer from the Released Parties' negligence other than from intentional or reckless acts by such parties. I further agree to release, indemnify and hold harmless the Released Parties from any and all acts of God, war (whether declared or undeclared), terrorist activities, incidents of politically motivated violence, illness or quarantine, strikes or government restrictions or the acts or omissions of any other agents over which the Released Parties have no direct or indirect control, including, without limitation, airlines, railways, bus companies, hotels, shipping companies, guides and sub-contracted agents or tour operators. This release also includes activities not offered that may be considered risky. I further release any Tour Directors, bus drivers or other individuals involved in my tour.

4. That the air carrier's liability for loss of or damage to baggage or property, or for death or injury to person, is limited by their tariffs, or the Warsaw Convention, or both.

5. That Pauwels Travel Bureau shall have no liability or responsibility for me when I am absent from activities, such as visits to friends or relatives or during stay-ahead/stay-behind option periods if the stay-ahead/stay-behind period does not include the services of a Tour Director.

6. To abide by directions of my Tour Director or other leadership personnel during my tour. Failure to do so may result in my termination from tour immediately. I understand that to disobey such rules or directions are to waive the right to any refund, and that I may be sent home at my own expense. The participant and family undertake full financial responsibility for any damage caused by the participant and agree to pay his/her return home on the first available flight, should his/her behavior be deemed detrimental to the welfare of the group.

7. To abide by all local laws when in Canada and abroad, including those concerning drugs and alcohol. (Minors must have parents' permission to use alcohol even if the local law would otherwise permit them to.) I understand that if I abuse or disobey such laws, even unintentionally, I waive my right to a refund, and Pauwels Travel may send me home at my own expense. I also understand that should local authorities be involved; I will be subject to the laws of the country I am visiting.

8. That if I become ill or incapacitated, Pauwels Travel and its employees, or a designated chaperone may take any action they deem necessary for my safety and well-being, including securing medical treatment (at my own expense) and transporting me home. Pauwels Travel retains the right, in its sole discretion, to contact the traveller's parent(s) and/or guardian or emergency contact with regard to health issues or any matters whatsoever that relates to the traveller's tour. These rights transcend any and all privacy regulations that may apply. In the event of a medical emergency, Pauwels Travel will attempt to cause appropriate treatment to be administered, and the traveller authorizes Pauwels Travel to do so. Pauwels Travel, however, makes no warranty that it will be able to cause effective (or any) emergency treatment to be administered.

9. That Pauwels Travel may use any film likenesses taken of me and any of my comments while on a tour for future publication and also use my contact information for future Pauwels Travel communications.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Please book \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s) on the "Northern Italy and Cinque Terre" tour departing September 8, 2023. Enclosed is my/our deposit of \_\_\_\_\_ (\$750 per person, plus insurance premium if taken.)  
I wish to book on group flights \_\_\_\_\_ OR land only \_\_\_\_\_. (If booking land only please send the office a copy of your flight details).

Deposit and insurance premium, if taken, are due with registration. You will be invoiced for the balance due 45 days prior to departure.

WE REQUIRE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (INFORMATION PAGES ONLY) VALID 3 MONTHS AFTER TOUR TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

PASSPORT NAME(S): Please indicate the appropriate title (Mr., Mrs., Miss, Dr., Ms.)

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

If applicable, give your commonly used first name as you would like it to appear on your name tag: (e.g. "Liz" for "Mary Elizabeth") \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

If traveling alone, is a SINGLE ROOM REQUIRED? YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin (2 beds) \_\_\_\_\_ double (1 bed) \_\_\_\_\_?

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: We find the earlier a request is made, the more success we have in filling it, so please list any dietary requests, allergies, any special physical needs or frequent flyer numbers etc., here. We cannot ensure requests made 30 days or less prior to departure will be possible.

**Insurance:** Please call the office for premiums then record it on application and add premium to deposit.  
I/we would like to purchase (please check and record your rate):

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

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All-inclusive Package \_\_\_\_\_ Non-medical Package \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_ OR Decline Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

PAYMENT: ☐ Cheque payable to Pauwels Travel ☐ E-transfer to tours@pauwelstravel.com ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard  
☐ American Express

Amount Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

"I/we agree to the terms and conditions attached to the program, have indicated our insurance choice, indicated any special requests and included payment".

Date \_\_\_\_\_ (Signature) (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Please forward this completed and signed form, copy of passport and payment to:

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