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The Wine and Food of Northern Italy

April 3 – 12, 2018



> Verona, Italy

Tour cost: \$4,995 land only; single supplement (limited space) \$845

Join Canadian sommelier TJ Harstine and food tour host Lori Chisholm on a 10-day/9 night tour of the Piedmont and Veneto regions of Italy. Fine wines and fantastic food will be the focus of this exclusive, small-group excursion. Limited to 16 participants.

*Itinerary is subject to change.

B = breakfast; L = lunch, A = aperitives with substantial food tastings; D = dinner

Day 1 – Tuesday, April 3 – Milan to Piedmonte

A, D

Participants will meet at Milano Linate airport (LIN) where we will board our private coach to travel southwest to Alba, the main city of the Piedmont region. After check-in at our 4 star hotel (<http://www.hotelcalissano.com/en/>), we'll gather to enjoy an aperitivo and welcome dinner. (Overnight Alba)

Day 2 –Wednesday, April 4 – Barolo

B, L

We've come for the wine. Let's get to it! Barolo is considered by many to be the king of wines and this will be our first opportunity to taste for ourselves. After breakfast this morning, we'll be off to a unique winery - at the highest altitude in the Barolo region – to visit the cellars and taste the wines of the Vaira family. From here, we'll visit the town of Barolo itself for lunch in a typical osteria. After lunch, we'll regroup for a VIP visit to the Lirano hills, 400 meters above sea level, to discover four more wines of the Barolo region, these ones organic. Dinner on your own. (Overnight Alba)

Day 3 – Thursday, April 5 – Barbaresco

B

Often called the younger brother of Barolo, Barbaresco will be our focus today. We'll visit a family-run winery in the highest township of the region with stunning views of the Langa hills. We'll enjoy a vineyard walk, cellar tour and tasting here, then make our way to the main piazza of Barbaresco for a visit to the Enoteca Regionale del Barbaresco – in a 19th century church. After lunch on our own, we'll make one final stop at a four-generation *Green Experience* vintner to learn about their production methods to preserve the biodiversity of the region. And of course, there will be tastings. Dinner on your own. (Overnight Alba)

Day 4 – Friday, April 6 – Alba to Asti to Cavaion Veronese

B, L, D

After breakfast this morning, we'll check out of our hotel and finish our Piemonte tour with a stop in Canelli to visit a winery with a UNESCO World Heritage designation. 150 years old, the cellars here are spectacular - as are the sparkling wines and artisanal vermouths. We'll have lunch at the lovely wine bar associated with the winery, then we'll make our way to the Lake Garda region to the 5 star luxe Villa Cordevigo (<http://villacordevigo.com/mattino.html>) for a relaxing couple of nights. Tonight, we'll enjoy aperitivo and an 8-course tasting dinner at *Oseleto*, a Michelin-starred restaurant on the property. (Overnight Cordevigo)

Day 5 – Saturday, April 7 – Villa Cordevigo

B, L

Today, we can choose between several activities at the resort. Villa Cordevigo's wines, from the Villabella vineyards, are considered to be some of the best and we have a private vineyard walk and tasting with the winemaker. Then, we have 2 options to participate in a hands-on cooking class with Chef D'Aquino or Nonna Aldo and sit down to dine on the results! This Relais Chateau property also has a spa. Dinner on the property at *Oseleto* or at *Bistrot Cordevigo*. (Overnight Cordevigo)

Day 6 – Sunday, April 8 – Cavaion Veronese to Verona

B, L

After breakfast this morning, we depart for lovely Verona. On the way, we have an exclusive visit to one of the most stunning and renowned estates of the Italian wine world. The gardens, park, villa and cellars will all be part of our tour and we'll finish with tastings accompanied by cheeses and charcuterie produced exclusively for this estate. Then, after checking in at our 4+ star, centrally-located hotel (<http://www.hotelaccademiaverona.it/>), we'll take a private orientation tour, walking, to learn the history of this beautiful, romantic city. Our guide will leave us at an osteria where TJ will offer some fine wines. You'll be on your own for the rest of the day to explore, relax, shop and dine. Lori will be happy to suggest restaurant possibilities. (Overnight Verona)

Day 7 – Monday, April 9 – Lake Garda

B, L, A

We'll have a leisurely morning in Verona, and then make our way to Lazise on Lake Garda for a seafood lunch in a lovely small town. Renowned for their fresh fish, significant wine cellar and outstanding hospitality, this family has been serving its devoted locals since 1951. TJ will recommend our wines. After lunch, we have a private visit to a winery with an interesting twist. At the top of TJ's list of vineyards to visit, this winery is "proud to present the Olfactory Gallery, a new eno-sensory tasting, which is the first of its kind in Italy. In this tour you can put your olfactory memory to the test, an all-embracing experience, where this neglected sense becomes leading character again." We are going to add additional tastings with finger food to enhance this whole wine adventure. (Overnight Verona)

Day 8 – Tuesday, April 10 – Veraggio sul Mincio & Sirmione

B, L, A

Late this morning, we make our way out of Verona southwest to the small town of Veraggio sul Mincio for the sole purpose of a pasta lunch. This town is responsible for providing tortellini to the Pope; they even send a chef to the Vatican to make sure these special morsels are prepared properly! We'll have a light lunch here, with TJ advising us on our wine selections, before moving on for an afternoon on Lake Garda.

Sirmione is a delightful town on a peninsula extending up into the lake. We'll board our own private boat for a lake tour featuring Isola del Garda and complete with aperitivo and buffet. Upon return to Verona, you'll be on your own for dinner. (Overnight Verona).



Day 9 – Wednesday, April 11 – Verona

B, D

Today, TJ will offer some options for further wine-tasting. Lori has a list of day tours available from Verona. You'll otherwise have the day free but we will meet later in the evening for an aperitivo followed by a short walk to our farewell dinner at a beautiful restaurant built in a former church. This will be our chance to retell the week's best stories, drink our last Northern Italian wine and indulge in some of the best food Verona has to offer. (Overnight Verona)

Day 10 – Thursday, April 12 – Verona to Venice VCE

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After breakfast and check-out, all participants will be driven, in our private coach, to the Venice airport, where you can catch your flight or extend your vacation!

Arrivederci e buon viaggio!

Tour Cost: \$4,995 CAD per person based on double occupancy (*does not include airfare*)

Single Supplement: \$845 (very limited)

Included in tour cost:

- ~ 9 nights' accommodation in 4 and 5 star hotels
- ~ breakfast daily
- ~ 6 lunches
- ~ welcome dinner with wine, farewell dinner with wine
- ~ aperitivo and 8-course tasting dinner at a Michelin-starred restaurant
- ~ welcome aperitivo, farewell aperitivo
- ~ comfortable, private transfers from tour starting point to end point
- ~ two hosts: an experienced tour director and a certified sommelier, at your side for the entire tour
- ~ private tours and tastings at 8 exceptional wineries
- ~ cooking class with a chef or a nonna (spaces limited in each; first-come, first-served)
- ~ olfactory experience with wine and food

- ~ private walking tour in Verona with a glass of wine
- ~ all entrance fees as per itinerary
- ~ private boat excursion on Lake Garda with wine and food
- ~ all city taxes, guide gratuities, driver gratuities
- ~ portering in Verona

Not included in tour cost:

- ~ airfare, transfers and accommodations pre- and post-tour
- ~ beverages with meals unless mentioned in the itinerary
- ~ items of a personal nature
- ~ any optional activities on day 9
- ~ travel insurance, medical and cancellation insurance (Please contact Pauwels Travel)



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Terms & Conditions

RESERVATIONS AND DEPOSITS:

Reservations should be made as early as possible to ensure the departure of your choice. A deposit of \$750.00 is required at the time of registration. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your deposit and registration form. No reservations will be accepted without a signed application form.

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 of the tour less a \$500.00 non-refundable administrative fee per person. For cancellation received in writing 90 days prior or less the following cancellation charges apply:

90 days to 46 days before departure: 25% of tour cost

45 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, and 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 hotel, 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 further understand that travel involves certain risks to personal health, safety and property. Many foreign countries do not have the safety and health standards that are present in Canada. I am willing to accept the associated risks and understand that Pauwels Travel Bureau cannot guarantee the health and safety of travellers in a foreign trip or eliminate the risk from a foreign environment.
3. I know that tour programs include walking, and may including hiking and fitness programs that have potential 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.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. 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 is 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.
8. 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.

9. 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.

10. 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.

A WORD ABOUT GROUP AIR:

Please note that when booking one of our air inclusive tours, Pauwels Travel has negotiated reduced rates with the airline that we are able to confirm and lock in up to 359 days before travel. While it is wonderful to share the savings and flexibility this provides with you our valued guests, the privilege does come with some restrictions. In some cases it may not be possible to collect frequent flyer miles, in some cases you may not be able to check in online 24 hours before travel or you may need to try checking in with your ticket number rather than your booking reference and, in **almost ALL cases we are not able to offer advanced seat selection.**

It is the airline that makes the live reservation and has control over the booking so it is their policy not ours that prevents us from assigning you specific seats. I assure you if a request is made it is followed up on by our staff when they submit the names 30 to 60 days prior to departure. Calling us several days before you go will not change this fact nor will getting upset with our staff.

If the ideal seat is an absolute must for you we suggest you book our tour land only and make your own air arrangements so you can better control the individual booking. Pauwels would be happy to assist you with that reservation at absolutely no additional charge. We will offer you the best fare we can find but note this can only be done once a tour is a guaranteed departure and the rules and booking conditions of the applicable airfare will apply.

We thank you in advance for your kind understanding of the above.

APPLICATION FORM

Please book ___ seat(s) on “The Wine and Food of Northern Italy” from April 3 to 12, 2018.
Enclosed is my/our deposit of _____ (\$750 per person, **plus** insurance premium if taken.)

Please indicate with an X if you would like us to book your flights _____ or land only _____.

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 RETURN DATE TO BE SENT IN WITH YOUR APPLICATION.

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 _____

Postal Code: _____ PHONE: _____ (Email) _____

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

If sharing, what is your bed preference: twin _____ double _____?

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 ☐ 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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