

# Northern Italy & Opera Tour



This tour is crafted specifically to combine the musical, gastronomic and hidden artistic delights of Northern Italy. On the tour you will enjoy fantastic performances in historical theaters in Parma, Busseto and Venice. This region contains beautiful villages that attest to its rich history, including Roman and Renaissance towns. This region is also known for amazing food, wine and balsamic vinegar. It is the homeland of the composer Verdi, the famous luthier, Stradivari, and is the home of Ferrari too. There is something for everyone!



The tour begins in Parma, the birthplace of Parmigiano, and Prosciutto di Parma. Our hotel is in a historic palace located in the heart of the pedestrian area of Parma, offering views on the beautiful cathedral. From here we make our way to the land of Verdi, on our way we witness the production of parmigiano and wine.



We will spend the next two nights on historic, working farm. We will witness their ancient process of producing specialty prosciutto and dine at the Michelin-starred restaurant on the farm. We will visit the hometown of Verdi, Busseto, his home and enjoy a performance at the theater named after him. While in the area, we will spend a day in Cremona, which offers some of the most remarkable treasures of Italy.

Verona will be the next stop. This is one of the most beautiful towns in Northern Italy, rich with history, and famous for love! We will spend a couple of nights in a historic hotel, centrally located so you can discover the depth and breadth of beauty Verona has to offer.

Our final stop will be Venice, we will make our way there visiting one of the special villas with amazing gardens. We will spend two nights in a centrally-located historic hotel in Venice. We will have a local guide show us some of the highlights of Venice and enjoy a performance at La Fenice.



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*(The itinerary is subject to change, with or without notification. The final version will be provided before departure).*

**DAY 1: Let's Meet in Parma!** *We will meet in the afternoon for a leisurely walk around the city to orient ourselves. Along the way we will see some of the principal monuments of the city. We will conclude with a dinner at a typical restaurant. (Dinner)*

**DAY 2: All day Parma** *The morning will be spent enjoying the sites with a private guide in Parma. You will have free time in the afternoon. Evening Opera performance (Breakfast, lunch)*

**DAY 3: Land of Verdi** *On our way to the hometown of Verdi we will stop at a Parmigiano dairy to witness the production of the King of Cheeses, followed by a visit to a local winery and a historic castle. We will be lodging at a historic farm that produces a specialty prosciutto. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

**Day 4: All About Verdi:** *We will get a tour of the historic farm and prosciutto production in the morning and then enjoy a private tour of Verdi's villa and then enjoy an evening performance. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

**Day 5: From Stradivari's home to Romeo and Juliet's !** *We make a day-trip to Cremona, home of Stradivari and other famous luthiers. We will visit the extraordinary cathedral (often called the Sistine Chapel of the north), the bell tower and the beautiful violin museum. We will arrive in the beautiful town of Verona in the early evening. (Breakfast, dinner)*

**DAY 6: Discover Verona**

*Today will be dedicated to exploring Verona. We will spend a part of the day with a private guide to show us the highlights. You will have the rest of the day to enjoy all that Verona has to offer. (Breakfast, lunch)*

**DAY 7: Fall in love with Verona.** *This is your day to dedicate to Verona! (Breakfast)*

**DAY 8: Off to Venice** *We will make our way to the one and only: Venice. Along the way, we will stop to visit one of the famous villas in the area. We will spend two nights in a historic, centrally-located boutique hotel. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

**DAY 9: Discover Venice:** *The morning will include a private tour and then you will have the rest of the day to spend as you please. Evening performance (breakfast and post-performance dessert)*

**DAY 10: Arrivederci!** *Or optional add-on day with visit to Murano and Burano*

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**Cost:** Euro 5700/person (single supplement is Euro 1200)

Included in cost

- 10-day privately guided tour of Northern Italy, including: Parma, Verona, Busseto, Cremona and Venice
- 9 nights in luxury, boutique, historical hotels
- 3 Opera performances
- Private minibus transportation
- Unique tours to famous producers of Wine, Parmigiano, Prosciutto, Balsamic Vinegar, and more
- Entry, with private, locally licensed English-speaking guides, to local UNESCO world heritage sites
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners (beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and 2 glasses of wine with included lunches and dinners)
- Private transportation to Venice airport

Optional add-on experiences:

- Additional days at beginning or end of tour
- Upgrade of hotel room to jr. suite or suite
- Private driving service from airport to Parma
- Test-drive a Ferrari

Note: airfare is not included in price

Prices indicated are for groups of minimum 8 people, maximum 14. Prices for smaller or larger groups will vary. All prices are indicated in Euro. Payments will be made in US dollars (prices will be converted when final payment is due).