



A COOK'S TOUR
Culture, Food & Wine Travel Adventures

Northern Italy: Lake Como, Dolomites, Venice

May 28 - June 6, 2024

Day 1

Independent arrivals in Milan, transfer to Varenna, Lake Como. Check into Hotel Royal Victoria in Varenna and enjoy a cocktail overlooking the lake before dinner together overlooking Lake Como at La Vista



Day 2

Cruise Lake Como on the mid lake ferry to visit other villages ...Mennagio, Bellagio, Tremezzo, Lenno. Option to visit several botanical gardens, stroll the lakefront promenade.

Day 3

Private boat ride to visit 18th century mansion, Villa Balbianello and its gorgeous terraced gardens. Several movies were filmed here including A Month at the Lake, Star Wars Attack of the Clones, Casino Royale.
Dinner at Al Prato Ristorante





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Day 4

Private transfer to the quaint town of Bolzano. Check into Hotel Stadt Citta in the main piazza. This afternoon you have the option to take the gondola up to Oberbozen to view the "Earth Pyramids" before dinner.

Day 5

This morning we head to Alpe di Siusi, the largest high-altitude alpine meadow in Europe, in the dramatic Dolomite mountain range, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Option to take several chair lifts, various walks and hikes, rent a bicycle, have lunch with a mountain view at one of the many "rifugios" (mountain huts with great food!). Free evening in the lovely town of Bolzano



Day 6

Today is a free day in the Dolomites. Enjoy the town of Bolzano, visit the archaeological museum to see "Otzi the Iceman", Europe's oldest naturally preserved human mummy from 34th century BC, shop, have a leisurely lunch, more hiking, etc Dinner together on our last evening in Bolzano



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Day 7

We will be met by our private Venetian taxi and guide for a tour of the islands before being dropped off at Hotel Ala, near St Mark's Square.

Cocktails at Hotel Ala's "American Bar" followed by dinner

Day 8

Private guided walking tour of this amazing city followed by lunch Venetian style at a few "cichetti bars".

Free afternoon and evening to explore on your own



Day 9

Guided visits of St Marks's Basilica and Doge's Palace

Dinner this final evening in Venice on the waterfront, followed by a gondola ride

Day 10

This morning after breakfast we say Arrivederci Italia!

We will assist with independent departures to train station or airport, or post-tour planning.

Cost: \$5400 per person double occupancy Single Supplement \$1800