



Wine&Art Tour: March 29-April 2

Venice city of art and love,

Verona City of wine and lovers.



In the land of Prosecco and Amarone

Tuesday, March 29, Venice: Water, Earth and Sky

Private boat transport from Venice airport to San Marco: approaching the city from the sea is a moving experience

Welcome to one of the most prestigious five star hotels of the city; 'Best Charming Hotel in Europe 2011'. Housed in a stylish palazzo, overlooking the Grand Canal, that dates back to 1500. Guests have included the likes of Marcel Proust, Sigmund Freud and Thomas Mann when he was writing *Death in Venice*, while present-day clients would never guess that the exotic Moorish bar where they are sipping their Bellinis was once a chapel where Vivaldi taught music. You will have the delightful feeling of being elsewhere in time and space '.



Afternoon: The Banquet in Venetian art; artistic and cultural journey through churches, museums and art galleries following the theme of 'the banquet' as painted by artists such as Paolo Veronese, Tintoretto and Bellini. A surprising and enjoyable journey across the history of Italian art that ... will make your mouth water!



Dinner: the theme of the banquet 'materializes' at the banquet prepared for us in one of the most well-known, prestigious and innovative restaurants in Venice (one Michelin star).

After-dinner: The pleasure of staying in the heart of Venice lies mainly in the privileged feeling of enjoying the quiet charm of the night under the stars of the lagoon, when Piazza San Marco unfolds in all its beauty...



Wednesday, March 30 A tour of the lagoon, by private boat, up to the small island of Mazzorbo, well hidden in the lagoon and thankfully overlooked by hoards of tourists; a haven of peace, silence and greenery sheltering the only michelin-starred restaurant on the islands of the Lagoon. Here we will visit an old and unique vineyard, a true monument of oenological archeology. Here, a famous wine-maker produces one of the most expensive white wines in the world (each bottle is labelled with a gold leaf!).



Wine tasting and lunch at the Osteria of the restaurant.

Later in the afternoon: Visit to the the island of Burano, home to world famous cheerful and colourful fishermen's houses . Here, every day, the embroiderers on the island, inheritors of a centuries-old tradition, patiently work at the most famous examples of embroidery inItaly. Return to San Marco, by private boat.



Free Evening: 'andar per cicheti', In Venice, the custom called andar per cicheti, or stopping by the bàcaro for a glass of wine or food and some small bites of a delicious appetizer, is considered essential to life and well-being.

Thursday, March 31: Start the day with an unmissable classic of Venetian 'dolce vita': a ride in a gondola, to enjoy an aquatic perspective along the quieter back canals of Venice



Around noon: Check-out from the hotel and transport by private boat to land where a private shuttle will bring us to the countryside, to an old prosecco vineyard dominated by a magnificent Palladian villa. Walk through the vineyards to admire this masterpiece of one of the greatest Italian architects of all times, Andrea Palladio.



Here, long time ago a sumptuous red wine was created, included in the top 100 legendary wines, which has a very original history and a special label made by a famous Italian artist.



Wine tasting and lunch at the winery.

Afternoon: Discovery of Bassano del Grappa, capital of the Italian distillery, a pretty little town at the foot of the mountains and symbolic place of the heroism of Italian soldiers in both World War I and World War II.



Walk in the city (also famous for its majolica) and visit of the oldest 'grapperia' in Italy, founded in the eighteenth century.

In the underground galleries of this historical place, near the famous 'Ponte degli Alpini' symbol of the city, we will taste a few different grappas.

Late afternoon/early evening: private transport to a charming wine-relais situated between a natural park and Amarone of Valpolicella's vineyards. Surrounded by vineyards treated according to biodynamic principles, olive trees and white rocks, this lodge with spa and pool is conceived on the basis of original architectural choices and is 100% eco-friendly. The spa will be available throughout the duration of the stay.





Musical evening - dinner

An evening which will follow three sensory journeys: the food, the wines, the music. Along the lines of the great successes of the Arena di Verona, a duo of 'Anteprima Opera' will accompany us throughout the dinner in the exceptional setting of a magnificent wine cellar.



Friday, April I: Verona, Verona, forever Verona

Morning: Private transport to Verona, the charming symbolic city of Italian wine (The most important Italian wine fair, Vinitaly, is held here every spring).

Guided walking tour of the city centre: the church of San Zeno, the Arena, Piazza delle Erbe, Castelvecchio, Juliet's house ...



Lunch and afternoon free for shopping, discovery, art exhibitions, museums

17.00: Visit to a famous Valpolicella winemaker. Cooking class at the locanda of the estate where a team of local chefs will introduce us to the secrets of regional cuisine. Afterwards, winetasting of valpolicella wines and dinner based on the dishes prepared during the cooking class.

Transfer back to the hotel

Saturday, April 2:

Morning of relaxation at the hotel, walks in the gardens and vineyards or treatments in the Spa.

Check-out and transfer by private shuttle to Venice airport

Please note that all participants will be able to buy, at a very special price, the wines tasted during the tour. The wines will be delivered in Luxembourg or in Brussels.

The group will be composed of a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 25 people.

Price for the owners of a DIL-Card: 1185 euros each (in couple)

Ordinary Price: 1250 euros each (in couple);

Extra cost for single rooms: 350 euros

The price includes: All the transfers between the places mentioned in the program above, and from and to Venice airport and the hotels. A guide specialized in both art and enology, speaking English, French and Italian. All the meals except the dinner on March 30 (“andar per cicheti”) and the lunch in Verona on April 1. All the visits and the trips mentioned in the program above.

What the price doesn't include: The flights to and from Venice airport; the drinks during the meals, with the exception of the meals at the wine-estates, the tickets for museums and archeological sites, city taxes in Venice and Verona, personal shopping and everything not mentioned in “The price includes”.

The booking fee is of 350 euros and the deadline to book is the 12th of February.

However due to the very limited number of places available if you are planning to join us, please let us know as soon as possible.

All wire transfers must be send to :

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The booking fee is not refundable.

Payment of the balance will have to be made 20 days before departure.

*Our team reserves the right make some **slight** changes in the planning, should they be necessary for any reason independent from their will.*

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We draw your attention to these flights

From Luxembourg ¹

29/03/2016: Luxembourg (Findel) – Venice (Marco Polo), 12.15 – 13.50 (Luxair)

02/04/2016: Venice (Marco Polo) – Luxembourg (Findel), 14.45 - 16.30 (Luxair).

From Brussels:

29/03/2016 Bruxelles - Venice (Marco Polo) 13.50 -15.25 (Brussels Airlines)

02/04/2016 Venice (Marco Polo) - Bruxelles 12.00 - 1340 (Brussels Airlines)

From London:

29/03/2016 London (LGW) - Venice (Marco Polo) 14.00 - 17.05 (British Airways)

29/03/2016 London (LTN) - Venice (Marco Polo) 7.00 - 10.05 (Easyjet)

02/04/2016 Venice (Treviso) - London (STN) 16.35 - 17.45 (Ryanair)

02/04/2016 Verona - London (LGW) 16.50 - 17.50 (Easyjet)

¹ As the prices of flights always change, we recommend you to book your ticket as soon as possible, after having received confirmation from DIL of your reservation.