



Coast to Coast Northern Italy May 4-14, 2022

times are approximate and may adjust daily

Day 1 Wed, May 4

Depart U.S. for Italy

**May 5-9, Costa degli Ulivi
wine estate (5 nights)**

Day 2 Thurs, May 5

Mid-day arrival [Verona](#)

Explore property, relax

6:30 welcome reception

7:00 dinner

Meal service: reception, dinner

Day 3 Fri, May 6

breakfast

9:00 tour [Verona](#) – arena, art, history

Afternoon and lunch at leisure – shopping, explore

7:30 wine-tasting, dinner

Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 4 Sat, May 7

breakfast

7:30 depart for Verona train station

8:30 train to [Venice](#) – take water taxi to St. Mark's Square

11:00 private walking tour through this magical island-village

Afternoon at leisure: gondola ride, tours, boats, shopping, church-hopping

7:30 meet at train station

7:50 high-speed train and a picnic; return to Verona. Back to villa about 9:30.

Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 5 Sun, May 8

breakfast

11:00 depart for Custoza winery tour and wine-

tasting lunch - including local specialty, tortellini

2:00 go to Lasize on the shores of [Lake Garda](#), take private boat to Sirmione to see lakeshore villas

7:00 dinner on the lake in Desenzano

9:00 return to Verona

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 6 Mon, May 9

breakfast

10:00 depart for the renowned [Ferron Rice Farm](#) for tour and risotto lunch

2:30 return to villa

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

Day 7 Tues, May 10

breakfast, pack

9:00 depart for [Viareggio](#) (beach resort town on the Ligurian Sea)

11:30 stop in [Modena](#) for tour of [Malpighi](#) balsamic producer, lunch

3:30 arrive at boutique Hotel Katy, get settled, explore promenade

7:30 dinner

Meal service: breakfast, lunch, dinner

May 10-15 Hotel Katy (3 nights)

Day 8 Wed, May 11

breakfast

9:30 depart for [Lucca](#) and Chef Gianluca's cooking school

1:30 lunch as prepared in class

3:30 go into historic center for private guided tour

Afternoon/evening at leisure; dinner, shopping, bike the wall

8:30 return to Viareggio

Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 9 Thurs, May 12

8:00 breakfast

9:00 depart for truffle hunt experience

1:30 lunch featuring truffles

3:30 return to Viareggio, beach time

7:30 dinner

Day 10 Fri, May 13

breakfast

9:00 depart for [Cinque Terre](#); hike, beach, explore little villages by train, ferry

6:00 return to Viareggio

7:00 farewell dinner

Meal service: breakfast, dinner

Day 11 Sat, May 14

Morning departure from Pisa or Florence

Special note:

Italy is beautiful, rich in history and culture – and fairly unpredictable. Italians are lovely, generous people, but they don't necessarily run the "tight ship" we're used to. I will manage everything I can, and I expect that everything is set. But things do happen after a plan has been made! I encourage flexibility – and being open to the magic of serendipity. You will likely hear this more than once during your trip: "It's all part of the adventure!"

