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Level 2 - Moderate
Activity

Villages of Italy – short small group tours

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Villages of Italy

Odyssey offers easy, convenient, and relaxed escorted small group tours across Western Europe and beyond. We explore Italy's incredible natural beauty, its ancient Roman heritage, its World Heritage Sites, and world famous postcard perfect villages, all with some truly spectacular scenery along the way. This and more is all waiting to be explored on one of Odyssey's small group tours of Italy, designed for the senior traveller, and led by experienced, and enthusiastic like minded people

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The Villages of Italy is our short, small group tour for seniors. The Mediterranean nation of Italy is as mature and aged as many of its red wines. However, in terms of nationhood, it is even younger than New Zealand. This can be hard to believe, because Italy gave rise to Europe's first global empire, which endured for approximately 2,000 years. While taking a tour of Italy, you will see how the new constantly brushes with the old, generating sparks that make the journey a deeply textured, memorable travel experience. A small group tour is a great way to get to know Italy, or reacquaint yourself with its beauty and hidden gems.







Small Group Tour: Italian Villages

Northern Italy is famous for its sunny coastlines, mountainous landscapes, and delicious cuisine. This small group tour showcases the country's wine, cheese, and art, along with its magnificent architecture and countryside. You will learn about the production of Prosecco, and of course have a chance to taste it. You will tour a Balsamic vinegar factory in Modena. Also included are guided tours of Trento and Castelfranco. We'll also uncover the amazing scenery of Tuscany during a tour of Florence. In addition, highlights include a trip to a Parmesan cheese producer in Parma, visits to the magnificent Trento Cathedral and Buonconsiglio Castle, and an excursion to the picturesque Venetian fishing port of Chioggia. Throughout the trip, local guides will bring Italian culture and history to life.

For more details about the Villages of Italy – short, affordable small group tours for seniors, please click the 'Top 5' or 'Itinerary' buttons above! If you're keen to experience this tour, please call or send an email. Or, to book, simply fill in the form on the right hand side of this

page.







Tour Notes

- Group size will be a maximum of 18 participants.

Highlights

1. Appreciate the works of Michelangelo and Brunelleschi and learn how this style underpins everything Italian.
2. Enjoy a full-day excursion to the scenic Dolomite resort of Moena.
3. Roam the villages of the northern Dolomites, home to more than 40 glaciers.
4. Visit Parma and learn about the local ham and parmesan cheese production.
5. Sample the famous balsamic vinegar in Modena.

Itinerary

Day 1

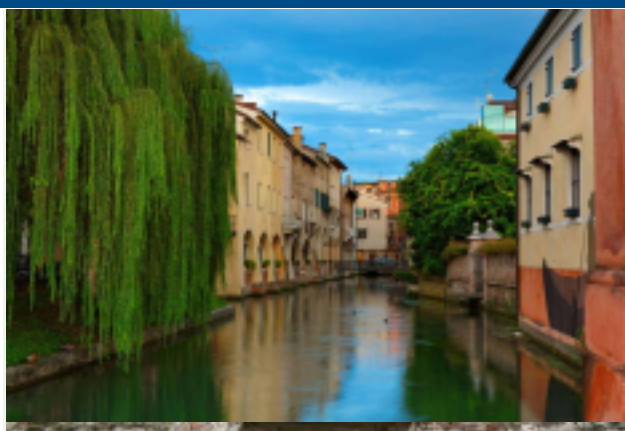
Locations: Milan

Overview:

We come individually to our hotel in Milan. Tonight we come together for our welcome meeting and dinner.

Accommodation:

1 night at Antares Concorde Hotel or similar.



Day 2

Locations: Milan -Trento

Overview:

In the morning we have a short tour in Milan. Later on we depart Milan and head for Trento along the scenic route. We will stop regularly along the way. This evening a local alpine choir will perform for us.

Accommodation:

3 nights at Grand Hotel or similar.



Day 3

Locations: Trento

Overview:

This morning we have a guided tour of Trento, including visits to the cathedral and the Castle of Buonconsiglio. After time for lunch at leisure we head out of town and visit a local vineyard for a tour and tasting. We return to our hotel for some time to relax at leisure before we walk to a local restaurant for dinner.

Accommodation:

Grand Hotel or similar.



Day 4

Locations: Trento

Overview:

Today we have a full-day excursion to the scenic Dolomite resort of Moena. We will explore the area with our leader in the morning before having lunch at a local restaurant. After lunch we take an afternoon cable car ride from Campitello di Fassa to Col Rodella. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements.

Accommodation:

Grand Hotel or similar.

Day 5

Locations: Trento - Castelfranco

Overview:

We have a free morning to explore Trento at leisure. This afternoon we depart Trento bound for Castelfranco. En route we pause at San Michele all'Adige where we will visit the Museum of Mountain Traditions. We continue on to Castelfranco and check in to our accommodation. We will have dinner tonight at a local restaurant.

Accommodation:

4 nights at Albergo al Moretto or similar.

Day 6

Locations: Castelfranco

Overview:

This morning we have a guided tour of Castelfranco. Following that, we visit the Conservatory di Musica A Steffani for a tour followed by a piano recital. We then travel to Treviso where we will have lunch at a local restaurant. Following lunch we have a guided tour of Treviso. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements.

Accommodation:

Albergo al Moretto or similar.

Day 7

Locations: Castelfranco

Overview:

We have a full-day excursion to explore the wonders of the charming Venetian fishing port, Chioggia today. We will have lunch at a restaurant offering the local fare before an afternoon free to explore at leisure. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements.

Accommodation:

Albergo al Moretto or similar.

Day 8

Locations: Castlefranco

Overview:

This morning we visit the Prosecco wine school in Conegliano for a tour, a taste, and the chance to learn about how Prosecco is produced. A local guide will then give us a tour of the town of Conegliano before we have time for lunch at our own arrangements. We transfer to the town of Asolo for a guided tour before we carry on to Bassano del Grappa for a guided tasting of the local product. We have dinner at a local restaurant in Bassano del Grappa before returning to our accommodation in Castelfranco.

Accommodation:

Albergo al Moretto or similar.

Day 9

Locations: Castelfranco to Correggio

Overview:

After checking out of our accommodation early, we head for Correggio by way of Venice. We meet our local assistant and board the vaporetto to Piazza San Marco. Our local guide then gives us a guided tour of Venice and we'll see the attractions of the city, such as the Doge's palace from the canals before we have a fish and wine tasting. After some free time we jump back on the vaporetto and meet up with our

coach to continue the journey to Correggio. We arrive at our hotel in time for dinner.

Accommodation:

4 nights Best Western Hotel Dei Medaglioni or similar.

Day 10

Locations: Correggio

Overview:

Our day begins with a free morning to relax and stroll around Correggio. At noon we head for Modena, where we have lunch at own arrangements before our local guide gives us a guided tour of the highlights of the city. We have a tour of a local balsamic vinegar factory where we learn what work goes into producing this Italian staple. We will have dinner at a local restaurant in Modena before we board our coach for our return to Correggio.

Accommodation:

Best Western Hotel Dei Medaglioni or similar.

Day 11

Locations: Correggio

Overview:

Parma is the destination for our full-day excursion today. This morning we meet our local guide and visit local cheese and prosciutto producers where we learn about the local Parmesan and Parma ham. Naturally, some tasting will be involved. We have lunch at a local restaurant to sample more of the local produce before our local guide gives us a tour of the city. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements.

Accommodation:

Best Western Hotel Dei Medaglioni or similar.

Day 12

Locations: Correggio

Overview:

This morning we explore Comacchio Natural Park in the area of the Po Delta. We have a guided boat tour of the wetlands where we gain an understanding of the local flora and fauna. We have lunch at a local restaurant in Comacchio. After lunch we visit Ferrara where our local guide will take us on a walking tour including a visit to the local castle. Dinner tonight is at own arrangements.

Accommodation:

Best Western Hotel Dei Medaglioni or similar.

Day 13

Locations: Corregio-Florence

Overview:

We check out of our hotel and depart Correggio bound for Florence, where we spend half the day with our local guide showing us the highlights of this fabulous city.

The tour concludes after the city tour of Florence.

Inclusions / Exclusions

What's included in our Tour

- 12 nights of hotel accommodation.
- Meals as indicated on the itinerary.
- Transport and field trips as indicated.
- Applicable entry fees and services of local guides.
- Tipping and gratuities.
- Services of an Odyssey Tour Leader.
- Detailed tour information booklet.

What's not included in our Tour

- Return international airfares including taxes.
- Comprehensive travel insurance.
- Items of a personal nature such as telephone calls and laundry.

Level 2 - Moderate

Participants must be able to carry their own luggage, climb and descend stairs, be in good health, mobile and able to participate in 3-5 hours of physical activity per day, the equivalent of walking/hiking up to 8 kilometres on uneven ground.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any requests for further information about this tour or any others offered by Odyssey Travel.