Where else, but in Northern Italy—where passion for local foods and soul satisfying cuisine easily rivals the other famous love affair from Verona. Here, cheeses are straight from Parma, balsamics from Ambrosia. Savor them all, share your table, raise a glass, and join the celebration!

Settle in and celebrate Northern Italian culinary traditions con gusto. A key ingredient of this signature journey is the luxury of unpacking once and dedicating our days to the rich cultural opportunities unique to this region.

What’s included:
• Seven nights at our wine estate
• Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
• Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests on suggested flights
• Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and porters
• Most meals, including each day’s breakfast, 5 lunches, and dinner, with breakfast each morning
• Water taxi transfer to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
• Train ticket from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director

Your 9-Day Itinerary*

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Day 3: Verona (B,D) Charme di Verona
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Day 5: Valeggio / Lago di Garda (B,L,D) Balsamic Vinegar, Prosciutto di Parma, Parmigiano-Reggiano
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Day 7: Lessinia / Soave (B,L,D) Ronca cheeses, Soave winery
Day 8: Sirmione (B,L,D) Pasta and a special farewell
Day 9: Depart Verona (B)

Optional Extension

Day 10: Depart Verona / Arrive Venice (B)
Day 11: Venice (B)
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Activity Level
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Insider, Interpreter, Eupicure, Host

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Settle into a beautiful family-owned wine estate outside Verona. Each day is a celebration of food, friends, and life. Artisan producers, and extraordinary historic sights. With each day highlighted by exclusive experiences, access authentic Italian, learn from local farmers, and most of all in it drive us—the joyful celebration of food, friends, and life.

Space is limited to just 18 guests. For MaryLand alumni savings of up to $1,000 per couple (family and friends are eligible as well), please reserve today online at http://land.umd.edu.com, by phone at (301) 405-7938, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warm regards,

Angela

Angela C. Depouilly, CTP
Assistant Director of Events and Marketing

Free Wine Subscription

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