“The Treasures of Lombardy and Piedmont 6 Day Tour”
A Fully Escorted Intimate Land-Based Tour of Northern Italy

2018 Tour Dates

June 19th to June 24th
August 21st to September 26th

2019 Tour Dates

April 30th to May 5th
June 25th to 30th
August 27th to September 1st
Our Itinerary

Legend for Meals provided

breakfast | lunch | dinner

Day One - (Arrival Meet and Greet Day)

Arrival: Milan/Voghera to Piedmont and Varzi

You will be met by your guide at Milan’s Malpensa Airport between 12.30 and 1pm, or alternatively at the Voghera train station between 3 and 3.30pm. A well-appointed private, air-conditioned 9 seater vehicle will transfer you to the Agriturismo "La Tenuta Terensano", near the sleepy Piedmont towns of Monleale and Volpedo, in time to unwind in your room or the farmhouse grounds (or in the pool!) for the afternoon. In the evening we head off for aperitivi in Varzi and dinner back at Tenuta Terensano or in and around Varzi.

Day Two - (Winery Visit/Lunch and Natural Beauty Day)

Oltrepo Pavese / Colline Piancintini Wine Regions - Rovescala Lunch

Today begins with a scenic drive to Castello di Luzzano, an historical winery situated in the midst of a stunning natural landscape that straddles the border of the Oltrepo Pavese (Lombardy) and Colline Piacentini (Emilia Romagna) wine regions. Here we will have a cellar tour, wine tasting and lunch at the winery's restaurant. After our slow lunch we will make our way back to Tenuta Terensano for a free afternoon/evening.

Day Three - (Lake D'Orta Villa Taranto and Lake Maggiore)

The Majesty of two of Italy's most Beautiful Lakes - Scrumptious Pizza Dinner!

Today we visit two of Italy's most beautiful lakes - Lake D'Orta and Lake Maggiore. First up we spend a free morning and lunch in the gorgeous medieval town of Orta San Giulio on the shore of Lake D'Orta. A couple of highlights here are the little island of Isola di San Giulio, and the hillside chapels of the Sacro Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage site that offers stunning views of Lake D'Orta. Of course whilst here you can also take a leisurely lakeside passeggiata, or simply explore the narrow alleyways of this charming town. After lunch we head to
the stunning gardens of Villa Taranto. Established from 1931-1940 by Scotsman Neil McEacharn, the gardens are on the edge of Lake Maggiore and offer a dazzling variety of plants and plant combinations. It is pretty much in full of colour from spring to autumn but the display in spring/early summer is particularly astonishing! Prior to our return to Tenuta Terensano we will enjoy a delicious pizza at one of Jim and Lynette's favourite local pizzerias.

Day Four - (Classic Architecture Day)

Vigevano - Stunning Piazza Ducale and Castello Sforzesco.

This morning we visit the beautiful town of Vigevano, known throughout Italy and the world as a centre of shoe-making excellence, and for its stunning renaissance piazza - The Piazza Ducale. Prior to lunchtime guests can enjoy a relaxing stroll around the castle and Vigevano's classy shopping precinct, visit the shoe museum, or climb Bramante's Tower for a bird's eye view of the piazza and rooftops of the town. Whatever choice is made the ambience of this town's charming piazza will undoubtedly stay in your memories for many years to come! We return to Tenuta Terensano in the mid afternoon for a free evening.

Day Five - (Local Market- Fine Dining Lunch - Artist's Studio Visit

Local Market - Fine Dining Lunch - Optional Giuseppe Pellizza Studio Visit

Today we spend the morning visiting a nearby town's local market. Here we have the opportunity to see the delicious produce on offer, along with an interesting assortment of wares. Markets, or "mercati", were traditionally produce markets, where farmers from the surrounding hills would congregate once a week, not only to trade in their produce, but also to meet with their friends and fellow farmers. For lunch we dine at Tenuta Terensano where we sample some delicious local wine in conjunction with local dishes specially prepared by the owner, Valentina, who is a veritable expert in local wine and produce. After lunch guests have the option of a free afternoon and evening to relax on the grounds (or in the pool!) of Tenuta Terensano, or to visit the museum (former home) of Giuseppe Pellizza, one of Italy's famous neo-impressionist painters.
Day Six - (“Ciao Tuscany!/Farewell Day”)

(Lucca, Tuscany)

This morning we say arrivederci to Piedmont and the Tenuta Ternsano and head southwards towards the stunning region of Tuscany where we end our tour in the city of Lucca. Here guests can continue their independent travels in Tuscany or another Italian destination. Guests will be dropped off at the Lucca train station during the mid-morning (or early afternoon if you choose to spend a few hours in Lucca prior to your drop off at the station).

Arrivederci !!!!!!
Accommodation

Tenuta Terensano Agriturismo (Piedmont)

Situated a short 10-15 minute walk from the charming towns of Monleale and Volpedo, this rustic and immaculately maintained farm house is managed by the husband wife team of Valentina and Luigi. The grounds are absolutely gorgeous and immaculately maintained, and Valentina and Luigi ensure that guests are always extremely well looked after. Whether you’re eating a lovely al fresco lunch or dinner in their beautiful outdoor dining area, or simply lazing by the pool enjoying the stunning natural landscape surrounding the property, you will love every minute here whilst on tour with us! The rooms are modern, clean and very comfortable and there are numerous outdoor common areas where guests can sit and relax with a book, or have a chat about the wonderful places that you have visited whilst with us.
The Owners of Italian Delights Tours

Italian Delights is owned by Lynette and Jim Romagnesi. They returned to Australia in 2007 after a two year period living in Southern Lombardy. Lynette and Jim had many friends and family members visit them during their stay and it was their feedback and love for this area that helped Lynette and Jim realise how wonderful it would be if more people from outside Italy could have the opportunity to discover this magical place.

Jim was born in Melbourne, Australia and is also a dual citizen of Italy and Australia. His father was born in Varzi, the small medieval village in the heart of the area where some of our tours are undertaken. Jim is a true “Italophile”. He soaks up any information he can gather about Italy and longs for all things Italian – its wine, food, the blessed football or "calcio", motor cars and of course the coffee!!

Lynette is also a dual citizen of Australia and Italy. She is very keen to employ her skills in the area of teaching, communication and cooking, so that she can be the best possible host for her guests when participating in Italian Delight’s tours! She first travelled to Italy on her and Jim’s honeymoon. Put simply, she fell in love with all things Italian and always dreamed that one day she would return. Ten years later her dream came true when she spent two years in the region of Lombardy with Jim and their two sons, Jason and Marcus. During this time her love for Italy grew as she was able to watch and learn from the local people in the little town near to where they were staying in.
Guest Testimonials

"I can absolutely recommend this unique tour! Every day was different, fun and interesting. Best of all was the undivided vitality, knowledge and caring guidance of our host and hostess, Jim and Lynette. They are such a caring and helpful couple. Our needs were their desire!"

Sue – Sydney - Australia.

“This has been such a good tour with you Jim. We know now why you love this part of the world so much. It is beautiful! Thank you for taking such good care of us. Grazie mille!”

Adi and Roger - New Jersey, US

“Our Italian Delights tour was a great opportunity to have an “inside” look into local Italian life and really explore Italy. The tour was intimate, and the hosts, Jim and Lynette were very caring, attentive, punctual and knowledgeable. They always went the extra mile to ensure that our tour was memorable. Great driving too Jim!”

Anthony - Canberra, Australia.

“Jim's attention to detail and desire to help out when we had a problem was exceptional.”

Graham - Melbourne, Australia

“This tour allowed my friends and I to experience the beauty and different cuisines relative to each different town we visited in Italy. Various people in our party had already been to Italy and all of the obvious popular cities, but this trip allowed them to experience something totally out of the box and see parts of Italy that were amazing and unexpected. Thank you Jim.”

Joanne - Melbourne, Australia

“Our Italian Delights Classic Tour exceeded all our expectations! The great thing was that each day was different. We loved the Abbey of Sant Alberto di Butrio and also our time at the Terme di Salice. But our best day was visiting the wonderful Piazza Ducale in Vigevano followed by the delightful trip to Pavia. Another highlight was the special wines and special people we met along the way!”

Anne and Rosemary - Melbourne, Australia.

"The best parts of my Italian Delights tour were the lovely countryside, wineries, and some very good food! I also loved the beautiful buildings of Pavia and Milan along with all the knowledge we gained from Jim, our tour guide!"

Barbara - NSW, Australia.

"We particularly enjoyed Jim and Lynette's company and appreciated the effort they both put in to making our stay in Italy a memorable one; Their passion for and knowledge of areas we visited was quite evident"

Barb and Pete - Melbourne, Australia.

“I would recommend this Italian Delights tour to all my friends and family and anyone who wants to see the real Italy and its people. Thanks Jim you were great company and very professional at all times.”

Dianne - Melbourne, Australia

“I loved the whole local experience. There was enough culture and shopping as well. The lakes area is just beautiful and the experience of travelling across the lakes to other towns was great. A very enjoyable tour Jim! You were an excellent and well informed tour guide.

Bev - Adelaide, Australia

“I really enjoyed the tour and hope to return one day. My husband would have also loved it, hope to be back. Wonderful experience, jam packed with the best views, friendly people, great food and memories to keep forever. Thanks Jim!”

Maree - Melbourne, Australia

“If you want an immersion in Italian food, wine and culture of the Lombardy region this is for you! If you want a genuine caring and helpful host with loads of local knowledge this is for you! If you're looking for an "intimate" Italian experience this is for you! Colin and Lesley - Gold Coast, Australia.
Tour Prices and Conditions

THE Italian Delights Treasures of Lombardy and Piedmont Tour costs AUD $2,860.00 per person, twin share (AUD$330.00 Single Supplement) and includes:

- A 6 Day stay Saturday to Wednesday
- 5 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- The Italian Delights’ arrival “Welcome basket”
- Breakfast every day
- Two evening meals and three lunches.
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers from Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station upon arrival and to Lucca train station upon departure.

EXCLUSIONS:

- Airfares
- Items of personal nature, phone calls, passport and Visas (if applicable), laundry or tips.
- Personal transport, excess baggage, security and government taxes, travel insurance.
- Meals not specifically mentioned in itinerary or which are referred to as "free lunches or dinners".
- Entry fees to all places either mentioned or not mentioned in itinerary.
- Optional excursions or activities that may be offered which are not included in the tour price.
- All personal expenditure

Tours for 2018/2019

Tours for 2018/2019 commence in May and operate through to October. Our tour groups will not exceed 14 guests (average group size is 5-7 guests). This ensures that your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority. Tours and tariffs are subject to change.

PRICES, DEPOSITS, AND PAYMENTS

Prices shown are per person, double occupancy.

The deposit is 15% of the overall tour price, or as listed on the tour registration form. This deposit is required before a booking can be confirmed by us. Payment instructions will be sent after we have received the Booking Confirmation and Guest Details form. No booking will be reserved until the prescribed deposit is received.

Balance of the payment will be due within 90 days of booking confirmation (30 days if the date of the tour you are hoping to participate in is less than 90 days after the Booking Confirmation date). Full payment is due 5 days after booking date is within 30 days of the commencement of the tour. Payment instructions will be sent to you after we have received your Booking Confirmation and Guest Details form. After your deposit has been deposited we will send you an invoice with the due date for the balance of payment. Should your final payment fail to reach us by the date specified on your invoice, we reserve the right to cancel your booking without refund.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

If you cancel your tour reservation for any reason at any stage, your first deposit of 15% is non-refundable. If cancelling more than 60 days before the tour starting date 60% of your total tour cost will be refundable.

If cancelling more than 30 days, but less than 60 days before the tour starting date, 50% of your total tour cost is refundable for physician documented emergency medical reasons or for police documented cases of accident, flood, fire, or crime.

If cancelling less than 30 days from the tour start date, a cancellation fee equal to 100% of the tour cost will apply. We do not provide refunds for: non-medical personal problems; air carrier delays or cancellations; inability to obtain passports; business problems or emergencies; etc.

In the unlikely event that we would cancel your tour, you would be entitled to a 100% refund within 2 weeks after the tour's cancellation. Italian Delights reserves the right to cancel tours at any time for any reason such as lack of client numbers etc.
INSURANCE
You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses. In order to keep our tour prices low it is not possible for Italian Delights to provide protection coverage of any sort and you agree to travel at your own risk.

LUGGAGE
You are allowed one suitcase and one small carry-on bag. If you exceed this limit there may not be space in the vehicle(s) to transport your excess luggage and it will be at your own expense to have it transported throughout the tour. We suggest that you bring a day pack for carrying water, guide books, jacket, rain gear, etc.

IMPORTANT ARRIVALS/DEPARTURES INFORMATION
It is your responsibility to take note and enquire with us about the time we arrive at our arrival (pick up) and departure (drop off) points, prior to the beginning / after the end of our tours. This should be done prior to you making any flight or train bookings so that it is clearly understood that the arrangements will fit in with our times. Your train should arrive at least half an hour prior to the designated pick up time, and your flight should arrive at least two hours prior to the pick-up time. Upon your departure from the tour your train should leave no less than an hour after our intended arrival, and your international flight should leave no less than 3 hours after our arrival times (2 hours for Italian domestic flights and Europe-bound flights).

HOW PHYSICALLY FIT DO YOU HAVE TO BE?
Our tours are not athletic events. To comfortably complete them you should be able to do some moderate walks over hills and be able to climb a number of stairs. We will also be doing a lot of walking in the towns we visit. If you are planning a tour with us it wouldn’t hurt to prepare yourself by starting a moderate walking program at least 2 months before the tour.

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS
Please advise us of any special requirements such as Special Meals, Medical Requirements etc, as soon as possible. If you get motion sickness, it is advisable to bring with you motion sickness pills, as we will be travelling along mountainous roads at times.

LIMITATION OF LIABILITY
No responsibility is accepted for any loss, expense, accident, injury, or damage to any person or property due to the actions or omissions of any person, or any cause, including but not limited to acts of God, acts of terrorism, war, strikes, defects in machinery, breakdown of equipment, weather, quarantine, negligence, loss of baggage, or other causes beyond our control, such losses being the responsibility of the guest.

PERMISSION FOR PHOTOS AND VIDEOS OF GUESTS
You agree that our Tour Directors or Representatives may take photographs and films of you while you are on holiday and that these may be used in our Group brochures and/or advertising or publicity material without obtaining any further consent or payment in respect of such photographs and/or films.

MEMBERSHIP ON TOUR AND TOUR CHANGES
Italian Delights reserves the right to accept, reject, or not retain any person as a tour participant whose condition or general deportment impedes the operation of the tour or, in the opinion of the tour manager, affects the rights and enjoyment of other guests. A guest not retained on tour shall have no cause for complaint or refund, and shall bear any and all extra expenses that ensue.

All information contained in this document is, to the best of our knowledge, correct. However, we reserve the right to make changes in accommodations, visits, and itineraries at any time should it become necessary or desirable. Delays or itinerary changes caused by strikes, bad weather, traffic, or other unforeseen circumstances are beyond our control and we are not obliged to pay guests compensation.
REGISTRATION FORM
Italian Delights Tours

I/We would like to participate in the Italian Delights Tour below (Please insert both the name and date of the tour you are interested in participating in below - For commencement dates please see the front cover of this publication.)

Tour Name: ............................................................................................................................
Tour Start Date: ........................................................................................................................

Please acknowledge that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions referred to in this document and on our web site at - https://www.italiandelights.com.au/terms-and-conditions-for-our-italian, by signing the acceptance below (one person can sign on behalf of all passengers listed in the guests details section.

[Signature] Dated / / .

*Payment details will be forwarded to guests upon receipt of this completed and signed registration form. A 15% deposit is required to confirm a place on tour. Please note that due to the very small group sizes on our tours, allocations will be given to early bookings and deposits received.

GUEST DETAILS

GUEST ONE: GUEST TWO:

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr,Other ................................................................. .................................................................
Surname: ................................................................. .................................................................
Given Names: ................................................................. .................................................................
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Emergency Contact Person: ...........................................................................................................................................
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