UNCOVERING THE HIDDEN DELIGHTS OF ITALY...TOGETHER!!

2020 TOUR BROCHURE
2020 Small Group Experiences

ITALIAN SEASIDE & SOUTHERN DELIGHTS
8 DAY SOUTHERN TREASURES & SECRET DELIGHTS OF BASILICATA & PUGLIA TOUR
7 DAY FLAVOURS AND DELIGHTS OF THE AMALFI COAST TOUR
10 DAY ABRUZZO TOUR - ITALY'S LAST HIDDEN TREASURE

THE ALPS & NORTHERN LAKES
15 DAY FINE FOOD, WINE AND WONDERS TOUR
12 DAY LAKE GARDA & NORTHERN ITALY CULTURAL AND CULINARY DELIGHTS TOUR
8 DAY VENETIAN DELIGHTS FOODIES TOUR
6 DAY PIEDMONT LUXURY, WINE AND LAKES TOUR

HILLTOPS OF TUSCANY, UMBRIA AND CENTRAL ITALY
12 DAY TREASURES OF TUSCANY, UMBRIA AND LOMBARDY TOUR
113 DAY 'TI AMO' ROME, NAPLES AND HIDDEN DELIGHTS OF SOUTHERN LAZIO TOUR
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8 DAY VENETIAN DELIGHTS FOODIES TOUR
6 DAY PIEDMONT LUXURY, WINE AND LAKES TOUR

Italian Delights TOURS
2020 Extended Stay Tour Dates

15 Day Fine Food, Wine and Wonders Tour - June 4th to 18th / Aug 27th to Sep 10th
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12 Day Treasures of Tuscany, Umbria and Lombardy Tour - May 19th to 31st / Sep 15th to 27th
(See Page 6)

8 Day Southern Treasures & Secret Delights of Basilicata & Puglia Tour - Oct 12th to 19th
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12 Day Lake Garda and Northern Italy Cultural & Culinary Delights Tour - Sep 29th to Oct 10th
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10 Day Abruzzo tour- Italy's last Hidden Treasure! - Sep 14th to 23rd
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8 Day Classic Hidden Delights Tour - June 11th to 18th / Sep 3rd to 10th
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13 Day 'Ti Amo' Rome, Naples and the Hidden Delights of Central & Southern Italy Tour - Oct 14th-26th
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8 Day Venetian Delights Foodies' Tour - Private Tours by appointment (Min. 4 guests)
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7 Day Flavours and Delights of the Amalfi Coast Tour - Private Tours by appointment (Min. 4 guests)
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ALL OF OUR TOURS CAN BE TAKEN AS PRIVATE TOURS WITH A GROUP SIZE OF 4 OR MORE GUESTS

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2020 Short Stay Tour Dates

5 Day Lake Como, Italian/Swiss Alps and Rustic Valtellina Delights Tour -
May 11-15 / June 29 - July 3 / Sep 14-18 (See Page 11)
PRIVATE & TAILORED TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

5 Day Cinque Terre, Italian Riviera and the Walled Wonder of Lucca
Tour - April 27th to May 1st / Oct 12th to 16th (See Page 12)
PRIVATE & TAILORED TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

5 Day Delights of Lake Garda, the Valpolicella Wine Region and Veneto
Tour - Jun 1st - 5th / Jun 22nd - 26th / Aug 24th - 28th (See Page 13)
PRIVATE & TAILORED TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

5 Day Lakes D’Orta and Maggiore Treasures of Lombardy and Piedmont
Tour - May 5th - 9th / June 23rd to 27th / Oct 5th to 9th (See Page 14)
PRIVATE & TAILORED TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

5 Day Lake Maggiore and Piedmont Fine Food and Vino Tour - May 18th -
22nd / July 6th - 10th / Sep 28th - Oct 2nd (See Page 15)
PRIVATE & TAILORED TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

CLICK HERE FOR OUR SHORT STAY 5 & 6 DAY TOUR OFFERINGS!!
If you love great food, great wine and gorgeous views, then this is the tour for you! Apart from many hidden delights, experience the stunning Lakes Como and Maggiore. Be swept away by the dizzying heights of St. Moritz and the Italian and Swiss Alps! Enjoy the big bold reds of the famous Barolo wine region and go truffle hunting with our friend and truffle grower Giorgio and his lovely wife Grazia.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Lakes Como (Bellagio and Varenna) and Maggiore (Stresa and Isola Bella), Milan, Western Europe’s largest Designer shopping outlet, Oltrepo Pavese wine region, St. Moritz, Barolo wine region and many more hidden delights!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Pick up at Malpensa Airport/Voghera train station - Varenna (Lake Como) - Valtellina.

DAY 2 - Italian /Swiss Alps Train ride to St Moritz and Traditional Valtellina Cooking Class “I Pizzocheri”.

DAY 3 - Tirano free time and Provided Lunch-Sondrio/Rest afternoon.

DAY 4 - Lake Como – Menaggio, Bellagio and the Majesty of Italy’s most beautiful lake!

DAY 5 - Stresa, Lake Maggiore and Monferrato, Piedmont.

DAY 6 - Eataly and Turin - “Eataly” - the home of Italian Gourmet food and Turin - The King’s capital (Turin walking tour option).

DAY 7 - Barbaresco Winery visit & tasting - Langhe lunch - Barolo township (PM - Optional Truffle hunt).

DAY 8 - Transition Rest and Relax Day - San Sebastiano & Varzi

DAY 9 - Varzi and Piedmont - Local Market and Designer Shopping Day and Dinner amongst the Vineyards!

DAY 10 - Pavia and Certosa di Pavia - Classic Architecture Day. Lunch on the banks of the Ticino River.

DAY 11 - Bobbio - Medieval Town, Roman Bridge, Ancient Monastery, Beautiful Scenery. Lunch at local restaurant where tradition has been passed down for four generations.


DAY 13 - Milan - Fashion and Style Day.

DAY 14 - Zavatarello and the Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Wining and Dining Day with our favourite locals and farewell lunch!

DAY 15 - Farewell Day - Drop off at Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station.
Let all your Italian dreams come true! Our Treasures tour takes you on an intimate journey through the lush hills and plains of Lombardy and Piedmont, down to the ancient hill top towns of Tuscany. Eat with the locals, drink with the locals and live like the locals whilst enjoying the most beautiful landscapes in the world!

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS** - Lake D’Orta, Lake Maggiore, Siena, Lucca, Arezzo, Montalcino, San Gimignano, Greve in Chianti, Siena and many more hidden delights!

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1**  Arrival Day - Pick up at Malpensa Airport/Voghera train station - Agriturismo Tenuta Terensano. Varzi visit and aperitivi -Dinner in medieval hamlet.  

**DAY 2**  Winery visit to Castello di Luzzano in the gorgeous Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Provided lunch and free afternoon. B L

**DAY 3**  Lake D’Orta and Villa Taranto (Lake Maggiore) - The Majesty of two of Italy’s most beautiful lakes - Scrumptious Pizza dinner. B D

**DAY 4**  Vigevano - Free morning and lunchtime in majestic Vigevano with its Piazza Ducale - Free afternoon/evening relaxing at Tenuta Terensano B

**DAY 5**  Morning town market visit - Tenuta Terensano winery tour and lunch - PM option to visit the home of famous Artist Giuseppe Pellizza - Free evening. B L

**DAY 6**  Lucca - Anghiari - Off to Tuscany! - Settle into Il Pratomagno Farmhouse for the next seven nights. B D

**DAY 7**  Arezzo - Anghiari - Wine Tasting - Visit two medieval treasures. Enjoy a wine tasting in the Chianti Aretino region. B D

**DAY 8**  San Gimignano - Volterra - Exploring the City of Towers with lunch at a family winery. B L

**DAY 9**  Cortona - Montalcino - Lunch in Cortona and quick stop to see location of Frances Mayes’ Casa Bramasole - Montalcino and Evening visit to the beautiful Abbey of Sant’Antimo. B L

**DAY 10**  Orvieto - Civita di Bagnoregio. Return to Umbria and Lazio’s dying town! B

**DAY 11**  Siena (walking tour option) - Monteriggioni Fortress Town visit! Farewell dinner together. B D

**DAY 12**  Farewell Day - Drop off at Rome Fiumicino Airport or Chiusi-Chianciano train station. B

**The Treasures of Tuscany and Lombardy Tour costs AUD $5,500.00 per person, twin share GST inclusive(AUD$700.00 Single Supplement ) and includes:**
- A 12 Day stay Tuesday to Saturday
- 11 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
- Breakfast every day except day 1
- Five evening meals and four lunches
- All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers from Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station upon arrival and to Rome’s Fiumicino Airport and Chiusi-Chianciano train station upon departure.

(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
8 Day Southern Treasures & Secret Delights of Basilicata & Puglia Tour

2020 START DATES
OCTOBER 12TH - 19TH
PRIVATE TOURS BY APPOINTMENT (MIN. 4 GUESTS)

Italian Delights Tours invites you to take part in a unique and immersive experience staying at a beautiful agriturismo farm with an Italian family, and experiencing a range of cultural and culinary experiences that take you deep into Lucanian and Southern Italian culture. This tour will let you discover an Italy Undisturbed, with opportunities to visit special places in Basilicata and Puglia, meet local artisans, musicians and people and eat organic, zero kilometre, farm to table food.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - (Benvenuti al Sud! Welcome to Puglia and Basilicata!)
Arrival: Bari Airport to lodging for welcome dinner

Day 2 - (A Day in Matera, Europe’s 2019 European Capital of Culture)
Guided tour of the Sassi di Matera (Rock-cut dwellings thought to be continuously inhabited for at least 9,000 years!)

Day 3 - (A Day with the Local Lucani!)
Fresh mozzarella workshop and a fun day on the farm!

Day 4 - (A Day in the Dolomiti Lucani!)
The Dolomites of the South - Castelmezzano

Day 5 - (A Day at the seaside in Puglia - Polignano a Mare)
A fun day out in the vibrant and spectacular Polignano a Mare

Day 6 - (Return to Puglia - Alberobello’s Trulli and the charming village of Locorotondo)
Trulli - Alberobello - Locorotondo

Day 7 - (A Day with the Lucani)
Fresh Pasta Workshop, relaxing afternoon by the pool and Matera option

Day 8 - (Farewell day)
AM Transfer to Bari Airport

The Southern Treasures & Secret Delights of Basilicata & Puglia Tour costs AUD $3,650.00 per person, twin share (AUD$500.00 Single Supplement) and includes:

✔ An 8 Day stay
✔ 7 nights accommodation - Twin Share or Double
✔ Breakfast every day
✔ 7 evening meals and 3 lunches
✔ Guided tour of Sassi di Matera
✔ Fresh mozzarella workshop
✔ Fresh pasta workshop
✔ All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Bari Airport .
(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
If you get excited about exploring smaller off the beaten track locations where the treasures of history, art, culture and fabulous food and wine abound, then you will love this tour! Guests will experience some hidden marvels such as: the magic of Stradivarius in the Cremona Violin Museum, historical Mantua (the home of Virgil, and the first ever opera), beautiful Lake Garda, lunch in a lake-side castle, visiting the balcony of Romeo and Juliet in Verona and many more hidden delights. During this tour we also spend our final 7 days in Emilia Romagna, a region described by many experts as the most exciting food destination in all of Italy!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Verona, Valpolicella Wine Region, Lake Garda, Sirmione, Bologna, tours of Parmigiano Reggiano cheese and Balsamic producers, Pavarotti’s farmhouse museum plus the opportunity to go for a spin in a Ferrari!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Pick up at Verona train station, Welcome dinner and accommodation at Ca’ Dei Maghi. D
DAY 2 - Riva del Garda and Castel Toblino – Stunning Lake Garda, Lunch in Lakeside Medieval Castle. B L
DAY 3 - Verona and Valpolicella Wine Region – Verona (Walking tour option) and afternoon historic villa tour and wine tasting experience! B
DAY 4 - Lake Garda - Sirmione and Garda - Two lakeside jewels! B
DAY 5 – (Il Borghetto, Mantua & Emilia Romagna - a Foodie’s Paradise!) Transition Day - Borghetto sul Mincio - Mantua - Reggio Emilia. B
DAY 6 - (Reggio Emilia Rest and Relax Day) Reggio Emilia. B
DAY 7 - (Bologna) Bologna - (Optional Walking Tour) - Reggio Emilia - Pizza Dinner B D
DAY 8 - Cremona - the home of the Stradivarius violin and the Ancient hamlet of Castell’Arquato B
DAY 9 - (Transition Day - Parma and its Perfect Prosciutto - Farmhouse Lunch and Views Glorious Views!) B L
DAY 10 - (Marvellous Modena - Franceschetta58 Lunch and Luciano Pavarotti’s Museum/Farmhouse!) B L
DAY 11 - (Parmigiano Reggiano Cheese Tour - Ferrari Museum / Optional Ferrari Drive - Balsamic Vinegar Attic tour - Farewell Dinner) B D
DAY 12 - (Farewell Day) Reggio Emilia AV train station. B
10 Day Abruzzo Tour - Italy’s Last Hidden Treasure!

2020 START DATE
SEP 14TH

Abruzzo is Italy’s undiscovered gem! Even the tourists are Italian! Put simply, Abruzzo is authentic, serene and stunning. With the mountains and the coast within a 30 minute drive, it makes for some spectacular and unanticipated scenery. This tour is a foodies heaven with wineries, artisan producers and cooking classes. We are convinced that you will fall in love with Abruzzo’s rustic charm, just as we have!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Cooking class with local produce, saffron master class, truffle experience, cheese making, olive oil tasting in ancient olive oil press, wineries & wine tasting, seafood lunch on trabocco, alfresco lunch in alpine plateau, farmer’s market, Grand Sasso National Park, Campo Imperatore, Costa dei Trabocchi, Pescara, Roccamorice and many more hidden gems!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Pick up at Rome’s Termini Train Station - Hidden Hermitages in the Foothills of Abruzzo.  LD
DAY 2 - Cooking Class and Artisanal Produce.  B L D
DAY 3 - Wine and dine like the locals- Delicious Porchetta with local beer and wines.  B L D
DAY 4 - A Special Seafood Lunch out on the Beautiful Adriatic Sea.  B L D
DAY 5 - Living like a local in Gran Sasso National Park.  B L D
DAY 6 - “Italy’s Little Tibet” - Views, Wildflowers and Shepherds.  B L D
DAY 7 - The Secrets of Saffron! Plus Cheese, wine and salumi tasting.  B L D
DAY 8 - Walk with the Shepherds in the Alpine Fields and learn the art of their highly revered Ricotta and Pecorino Cheese!  B L D
DAY 9 - A Chance to see an Apennine Mountain Wolf Pack and a day of Beautiful Views.  B L D
DAY 10 - Artisan Jewellery and Farewell Lunch - Drop off at Rome’s Termini Train Station  B L

The Abruzzo - Italy’s Last Hidden Treasure Tour cost AUD $6,210.00 per person, twin share, GST inclusive (AUD$621.00 Single Supplement ) and includes:
✔ 9 nights accommodation Twin Share or Double
✔ Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day
✔ One cooking classes
✔ One cheese making class
✔ Two wine tastings
✔ One olive oil tasting
✔ One saffron masterclass
✔ All land-based transport including transfers to Rome’s Termini train station.
(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
Experience the real ‘La Dolce Vita’! On this tour you will be living life like a local. Explore picturesque towns, the famous city of Milan and the stunning Lombardy and Piedmont countryside! Enjoy the gastronomic delights of Lombardy and Piedmont and marvel at charming medieval towns and castles, monasteries and local markets!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS - Jim’s dad’s home town of Varzi, the stunning Oltrepò Pavese wine region, Bobbio, Pavia and its stunning Certosa, Milan, Western Europe’s largest designer shopping outlet, and a host of hidden, genuine delights!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Pick up at Malpensa Airport/Voghera train station - Agriturismo Cascina Ca’ Bella. Welcome dinner in medieval hamlet near Varzi. D

DAY 2 - Varzi and Piedmont (Serravalle and Gavi) - Market and Shopping Extravaganza Day/optional walk for non-shoppers! - Dinner amongst the vineyards in the Gavi wine region. B D

DAY 3 - Pavia and the Certosa di Pavia - Classic Architecture Day. Lunch on the banks of the Ticino River. B L

DAY 4 - Bobbio - Medieval Town, Roman Bridge, Ancient Monastery, Beautiful Scenery. Lunch at local restaurant where tradition has been passed down for four generations. B L

DAY 5 - Abbey of San Alberto Di Butrio - Picnic Lunch - Salice Terme / Optional Walk - Rest. Walk and Pamper Day. B L

DAY 6 - Milan - Fashion and Style Day. B

DAY 7 - Zavatarello and the Oltrepo Pavese wine region - Wining and Dining Day with our favourite locals and farewell lunch! B L

DAY 8 - Farewell Day - Drop off at Malpensa Airport / Voghera train station. B

The Classic Hidden Delights Tour costs AUD $3,800.00 per person, twin share. (AUD $300.00 Single Supplement) and includes:
✓ An 8 Day stay Wednesday to Thursday
✓ 7 nights accommodation - Twin Share or Double
✓ Breakfast every day except day 1
✓ Two evening meals and four lunches
✓ All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station. (See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
This tour takes us on a journey to three of the most beautiful places in the world. One is the world famous Lake Como. The other two are relatively hidden delights that only a lucky few have experienced - the Valtellina Valley and the Bernina Express. Lake Como is truly one of the most beautiful lakes in the world. With a faded veneer of old money gentility, picturesque Victorian gardens and lakeshore restaurants, it will immediately put you under its spell! The Bernina Express, or as the locals call it the Trenino Rosso or Little Red Train, is one of the most beautiful train rides in the world. The included return journey from Tirano to St Moritz takes you on a dramatic climb through picture perfect Italian and Swiss mountain landscapes, and will leave you with indelible lifelong memories of the stunning beauty of this area. The Valtellina is situated in a stunning, steep, valley. The unpretentious Valtellinese people are steeped in their local traditions dating back hundreds of years. The geography of the area is characterised by a myriad of ancient churches and the hills are adorned with beautiful terraced vineyards on its southern oriented slopes. It’s a truly hidden Italian delight!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
- Lake Como (Varenna, Menaggio and Bellagio) - The Stunning Bernina Express Train Ride from Italy to St Moritz
- Valtellina-Wine Tasting
- Cooking Class and Many More Hidden Delights!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Pick up at Malpensa Airport / Lecco train station - Varenna (Lake Como) - Valtellina.
DAY 2 - Italian / Swiss Alps Train ride to St Moritz and Traditional Valtellina Cooking Class- “I Pizzocheri”. B D
DAY 3 - Tirano AM free time and PM Wine Tasting & Aperitivi B/Aperitivi
DAY 4 - Lake Como – Menaggio, Bellagio and the Majesty of Italy’s most beautiful lake! B D
DAY 5 - Farewell Day - Drop off at Malpensa Airport / Lecco train station. B

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL BROCHURE & ITINERARY OF THIS DELIGHTFUL SHORT STAY TOUR!
5 Day Cinque Terre, Italian Riviera and the Walled Wonder of Lucca Tour

2020 START DATES
APRIL 27TH TO MAY 1ST / OCT
12TH TO 16TH (& PRIVATE TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - MIN. 4 GUESTS)

Immerse yourself into the stunning landscapes of the Italian Riviera, and enjoy a small slice of Tuscan beauty to boot! This small group tour takes in the spectacular Ligurian coastline, with a full day spent enjoying the Cinque Terre. You’ll also enjoy a fun-filled Pesto and fresh pasta making class. On top of the other gorgeous destinations on offer on this tour you will also experience a delightful day out in Lucca, Tuscany.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS
Cinque Terre, Lucca (Tuscany), Portofino, Camogli, San Fruttuoso, Sestri Levante.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - (Arrival Day and Fun-filled Cooking Class!)
Arrival: Genoa Airport / Sestri Levante Train Station D

Day 2 - (A day in a seaside Paradise!)
Cinque Terre B

Day 3 - (Lucca – Fascinating Tuscan Walled City) B
Lucca - Guided Walking Tour and Free Afternoon – Sestri Levante

Day 4 - (A charming day by the seaside!)
Camogli – Abbey of San Fruttuoso – Portofino – Leivi B D

Day Five – Farewell Day) B
Departure: Sestri Levante train station and Genoa Airport B

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL BROCHURE & ITINERARY OF THIS DELIGHTFUL SHORT STAY TOUR!
This tour of Northern Italy takes you on a fascinating journey through the beautiful Veneto, Lombardy and Trentino Alto Adige regions. From the stunning Alps north of Lake Garda to the rolling hills of the Valpolicella wine region and fertile plains of Lombardy and Veneto, this tour is truly a feast for the senses! Enjoy some of Italy’s finest landscapes and food on this delicious itinerary. Spend a day in Verona (including a guided 2 hour walking tour). Stay in a boutique hotel set amongst olive groves and vineyards that produces award winning Valpolicella wine. Dine at an historic lakeside castle and enjoy a Villa Tour and wine tasting at one of the Valpolicella’s most famous award winning wineries.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Lake Garda, Riva Del Garda, Sirmione, Malcesine, Verona, Valpolicella Wine Region, Wine Tasting and Villa Tour in Valpolicella’s Most Prestigious Winery, Lunch in a Beautiful Lakeside Castle.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - (Arrival / Meet and Greet Day)
Arrival: Milan Malpensa Airport / Verona to Valpolicella Wine Region

Day 2 - (Lake Garda, Castle Lunch & stunning Trentino Alto Adige)
Riva del Garda - Castel Toblino Lunch - Malcesine

Day 3 - (Vibrant Verona and Valpolicella Wine Tasting)
Verona - Valpolicella Wine Tasting

Day 4 - (Return to the Shores of Beautiful Lake Garda)
Lake Garda - Sirmione - Free afternoon

Day 5 - (Farewell Day)
Verona Porta Nuova train station

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL BROCHURE & ITINERARY OF THIS DELIGHTFUL SHORT STAY TOUR!

The 5 Day Delights of Lake Garda, the Valpolicella Wine Region and Veneto Tour costs AUD $2,450.00 per person, twin share (AUD$300.00 Single Supplement) and includes:
✔ A 5 Day stay Monday to Friday
✔ Two evening meals and one lunch
✔ Valpolicella Villa Tour and wine tasting
✔ All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers from Malpensa Airport and Verona train station upon arrival and to Verona's Porta Nuova Station upon departure.

(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
5 Day Lakes D’Orta and Maggiore Treasures of Lombardy and Piedmont Tour

2020 START DATES
MAY 5TH - 9TH / JUNE 23RD TO 27TH / OCT 5TH TO 9TH (& PRIVATE TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - MIN. 4 GUESTS)

On this tour you will be living life like a local. Enjoy the gastronomic delights of Lombardy and Piedmont and marvel at charming medieval towns and castles. Explore the picturesque Lake D’Orta and experience Lake Maggiore from the elegant gardens of the lakeside Villa Taranto. This Italian small group tour will leave you coming back for more!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Lake D’Orta - Lake Maggiore (Villa Taranto) – Fabulous wine tasting experience at historic winery – A visit to Jim’s dad’s Home town of Varzi – Genuine off the beaten track experiences – Vigevano’s hidden Jewel - the Piazza Ducale and its Castle.

ITINERARY

Day 1 - (Arrival Meet and Greet Day)
Arrival: Milan/Voghera to Piedmont/Varzi Dinner D
Day 2 - (Winery / Fine Dining and Natural Beauty Day)
Oltrepo Pavese/Colline Piacentini Wine regions - Rovescala lunch B L
Day 3 - (Lake D’Orta and Villa Taranto-Lake Maggiore) B
The Majesty of two of Italy’s most beautiful lakes
Day 4 - (Classic Architecture Day)
Walking tour of Vigevano and its stunning Piazza Ducale B D
Day 5 - (Farewell Day)
AM Depart for Milan Malpensa Airport and Voghera train station B

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL BROCHURE & ITINERARY OF THIS DELIGHTFUL SHORT STAY TOUR!
5 Day Lake Maggiore and Piedmont Fine Food and Vino Tour

2020 START DATES
MAY 18TH - 22ND / JULY 6TH - 10TH/ SEP 28TH - OCT 2ND (& PRIVATE TOURS BY APPOINTMENT - MIN. 4 GUESTS)

Are you looking for a small group tour of the hidden delights of Italy with fantastic food and equally great wine experiences? Are you exalted by gorgeous views? If you are, then this is the tour for you! Experience Piedmont from its rolling hills to its fertile plains. Tick off the grand and regal city of Turin and beautiful Lake Maggiore from your bucket list. Stay in a boutique and unique ‘Agriturismo’ or farm stay. Experience a truffle hunt, the wines of the Langhe region, and last but not least immerse yourself in the local foods of these delightful regions!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
Lake Maggiore (Stresa and Borromean Islands) - Turin, Alba, the Barolo wine region and many more hidden delights!

ITINERARY

Day 1 - (Arrival Day - Malpensa Airport – Asti Train Station) D
Arrival: Moncalvo

Day 2 - (Alba/Barolo or Barbaresco Region Wine Tasting) B | Wine Tasting
Alba - Winery Visit & Tasting - PM Optional Truffle Hunt

Day 3 - (Lake Maggiore) B
Lake Maggiore - Stresa – Isola Pescatore – Isola Bella

Day 4 - (“Eataly” the home of Italian Gourmet food and Turin - The King’s Capital) B | D
Eataly – Turin (optional walking tour) – Moncalvo

Day 5 - (Farewell Day) B
Depart for Asti Train Station & Milan Malpensa Airport - End of Tour

CLICK HERE FOR THE FULL BROCHURE & ITINERARY OF THIS DELIGHTFUL SHORT STAY TOUR!
This tour is a smorgasbord of the hidden delights of inland and coastal Central/Southern Italy: coupled with intimate experiences of the grand Italian cities of Rome and Naples! It is a true feast for the senses in every way. Intimate gatherings with local food and wine producers, delicious meals in gorgeous locations and guided visits to a host of fascinating places. This tour has all the ingredients to satisfy the most intrepid and culturally curious travellers!

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS** - Rome, Naples, Lazio’s stunning Valle di Camino with its lush green countryside, the Island of Ponza or Sperlonga, The ancient region of Molise, optional visit to Pompeii, Abruzzo National Park, Truffle Hunt and Tasting, Guided visit to Montecassino and a host of other hidden delights!

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 - Arrival Day** - Tour commences at a boutique Rome Hotel - Optional afternoon guided stroll of Rome - Welcome wine and Cheese dinner  D

**DAY 2 - Rome** - Private Guided History & Archaeology Tour (Colosseum & Forum or Vatican Museums or Testaccio district or Ostia Antica) - Optional guided stroll in the Jewish Ghetto and Trastevere B

**DAY 3 - AM Guided Culinary Tour of Historical Rome with Lunch PM Free afternoon or Optional Museum tours available B L**

**DAY 4 - Medieval town of Anagni (famous for its 4 Popes!) - Veroli - Picinisco (in the heart of the beautiful Valle di Camino!) B L**

**DAY 5 - Organic Farm & Cheese producer visits - Lakeside lunch with local producers - Posta Fibreno Nature Reserve visit - La Ferreira Winery Tour and Tasting B L**

**DAY 6 - Free morning or optional guided walk in Abruzzo National Park - Guided Truffle Demonstration and Tasting - Cooking Lesson/Dinner B D**

**DAY 7 - Day out in Stunning Sperlonga or the beautiful Island of Ponza B**

**DAY 8 - Beneventi a Molise! Venafro - WWII Montecassino Guided Tour and Lunch - Guided visit to Venafro and the Winterline WWII Museum B L**

**DAY 9 - Rest Day - Venafro - optional PM visit to the thermal spa resort of Castelpetroso B**

**DAY 10 - Venafro - Farmhouse Cooking Lesson and Lake Excursion B D**

**DAY 11 - Depart Venafro for Naples - Guided visit to Naples’ Castel Sant’Elmo. Optional visit to Pompeii. B**

**DAY 12 - Guided visit to one of Italy’s most majestic and famous Theatres - Il Teatro San Carlo! - Naples Culinary Walking Tour and Lunch - Optional stroll in Naples and Naples’ Metro visit B L D**

**DAY 13 - Farewell Day - Drop off at Naples Centrale train station or Rome’s Fiumicino Airport B**

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The Italian Delights’ “Ti Amo” Rome Naples and Hidden Delights Tour costs AUD $6,400 p/p twin share $725.00 (Single Supplement) and includes:

✔ A 13 Day stay
✔ 12 nights accommodation
✔ Breakfast every day
✔ Five lunches
✔ Four Dinners
✔ 1 winery tour/tasting - 1 cheese tour and 1 Organic Farm Tour
✔ 2 Cooking classes and a Truffle Hunt Demonstration/Tasting
✔ 10 Various Guided Visits or Walking Tours
✔ Boat trip to Ponza. All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to Rome’s Fiumicino Airport or Naples Central Train Station at end of tour. (See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions.)

Note: All optional activities require extra payment during tour unless stated otherwise.
Conducted by local expert guides and drivers, and managed by our good friend and passionate Treviso local, Marianna, this magical itinerary provides an intimately local experience of the hidden Venice, the artisans of the Veneto, the unique beauty of the Dolomites and the ancient villages and food and wine traditions of Friuli Venezia Giulia!

**TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:** Walking tour of the hidden Venice, Local Treviso Market shopping experience followed by Cooking class. Cheese making Class, The Dolomites, Prosecco Wineries, walking tour and winery visit in the ancient town of Aquileia.

**ITINERARY**

**DAY 1 - Arrival Day** - Arrive and settle into Locanda San Tomaso before exploring the city of Treviso and enjoying provided 'Cichetti'.

**DAY 2** - Treviso Cooking class - Tour of open-air fish and farmers market with your personal chef. Cooking class, lunch and a taste of the specialty of Treviso - Tiramisu!  **B L**

**DAY 3** - Venezia - Exclusive walking tour of Venice. **B**

**DAY 4** - Prosecco in the Valdobbiadene Region - Tour through the heart of Prosecco countryside. Lunch with the locals at a charming agriturismo. **B L**

**DAY 5** - The Dolomites and Alpine Cheese making Class - Visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Cortina D'Ampezzo and experience a cheese making class in a real alpine hut. Lunch in the mountains. **B L**

**DAY 6** - Free Day - Rest and relax or revisit beautiful Venice, Treviso or the surrounding towns of Vicenza or Padua. **B**

**DAY 7** - The Ancient town of Aquileia. Unique winery tour – Walk the ancient Forum and Roman roads with your local guide. Visit a unique winery in the Collio wine region, where the wine is fermented in Amphoras buried in the ground!  **B**

**DAY 8** - Farewell Day - Drop off at Venice’s Marco Polo Airport. **B**

The Italian Delights’ Venetian Delights Foodies Tour costs AUD $5,200.00 p/p twin share, GST inclusive (AUD $610.00 Single Supplement) (Discounts available for groups of 6 or more) and includes:
- A 8 Day stay Monday to Tuesday
- 7 nights accommodation at Locanda San Tomaso Twin Share or Double
  - Breakfast every day
  - Three lunches
  - Two wine tours
  - Cooking class and cheese making class
  - Walking tour of Venice and Aquileia
  - All land-based transport in a private vehicle, including transfers to the Marco Polo Airport. (See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of tour exclusions)
7 Day Flavours and Delights of the Amalfi Coast Tour

This delightful itinerary of the marvellous Amalfi coastline is conducted by our expert local guides, Lisa and Claudia, who are an aunt and niece team based in the gorgeous fishing village of Minori, just south of Amalfi. They are passionate about their local area and their promise is to provide quality service and undivided personal attention, along with imparting their local knowledge to all of our guests in order to create a memorable holiday experience! This amazing itinerary provides an experience into the lives of the local population, along with all the major highlights that this stunning region has to offer!

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:
- Cooking class inc. lunch overlooking sea and lemon groves with local family - Pompeii private guided tour - Tramonti wine tasting and lunch - Limoncello making workshop and tasting - private boat tour to the island of Capri - Amalfi, Ravello and a host of other delights!

ITINERARY

DAY 1 - Arrival Day - Naples to Amalfi Coast, Minori - Welcome to the Amalfi Coast!  D
DAY 2 - Amalfi Coast, Minori - Cooking with a local family!  B L
DAY 3 - Pompeii, Ravello and Tramonti vineyard - Private Pompeii tour, the Wines of the Amalfi Coast and a stop in Ravello!  B L
DAY 4 - Amalfi - Minori - Limoncello Making and Amalfi Delights!  B D
DAY 5 - Capri - The Divine Coast and the Island of Love!  B
DAY 6 - Amalfi Coast - Free day at your leisure (Positano /Paestum options) and Farewell dinner at a local restaurant  B D
DAY 7 - Amalfi Coast, Minori to Naples Airport - Arrivederci!  B

The Italian Delights’ Amalfi Delights Tour costs AUD $5,600.00 p/p twin share (AUD $600.00 Single Supplement) (Discounts available for groups of 7 or more) and includes:
- 6 nights’ accommodation in a 4 star hotel in Minori with breakfast daily
- 2 lunches, 3 dinners with drinks (1/4 bottle local wine ½ bottle water )
- Return private bus transfer from Naples to Minori
- Welcome cocktail on arrival with briefing on week itinerary
- Private excursion to Pompeii with English speaking guide and earphones
- Wine tasting in Tramonti Winery with lunch
- 1 limoncello tasting and making
- 1 cooking lesson hands on in Minori
- Private boat tour of Capri & private open taxis on the Island
- Entrance fees where required
- Private transfers throughout
- Local representative assistance

Not included: - Local hotel taxes where required
- Entrance fees to Blue Grotto
- Everything not mentioned in inclusions

(See Terms and Conditions section at rear for list of general tour exclusions)
Owners and operators of Italian Delights Tours

Jim and Lynette Romagnesi are passionate travellers and both have proud Italian backgrounds. They have an extremely close affinity with Italy, after having lived there with their children for 2 years from 2005. Put simply Lynette and Jim love all things Italian! They have developed Italian Delights tours over the past 10 years or so, based on their sound knowledge of what intrepid small group travellers (both singles and couples) are looking for in their guided Italian experiences. On the top of Jim and Lynette’s priority list for prospective guests is ensuring that their small group tours are exactly that - genuine small group tours! Italian Delights Tours have a maximum group size of 14 guests and the average group size is between 5-7 guests. Within a small group guests are able to blend into local life better and as a result really feel immersed in the Italian life and culture. Also, and most importantly, in our small groups guests are very well looked after from the first point of contact to our final goodbye. All guests really need to do whilst on tour is relax and enjoy their experiences!

Italian Delights Tours provide guests with a genuine, intimate and informal experience of Italy, covering its culture, food, wine, and stunning natural and man made landscapes. All accommodation and eateries are handpicked by Jim and Lynette and are nearly all family-run small businesses, where the proprietors take pride in their work, because their business is often a legacy that has been passed down over numerous generations. There is no packing and unpacking of bags every day, or even every second day. All of the stays on all tours are three nights or longer. There are very few early morning starts and we tend to take guests out to provided lunches, hence late evenings are rare on our tours also.

Italian Delights Tours aren’t like the usual tours where guests march around following the guide with the coloured flag at every stop they make. Our experiences allow guests to explore hidden places in their own time, and importantly also at their pace. We have developed itineraries for independent exploration of towns, and we offer optional guided tours on certain days of the tours for those seeking more detailed information about some of the fascinating places that we visit.

Contact us now at info@italiandelights.com.au for your unique and intimate Italian tour experience. We guarantee you won’t be disappointed!
Jim and Lynette are the owners of Italian Delights Tours. Born in Australia and of Italian heritage, they pride themselves on being available to guests at all times whilst on tour, and also ensuring that their experiences are as worry-free and enjoyable as possible. Jim is passionate about contemporary Italian culture. His interests range from Italy’s economic, sporting and political spheres, whilst Lynette is absolutely passionate about Italian cooking. Jim and Lynette take particular pride in introducing guests to Jim’s dad’s home town, the cute little medieval village of Varzi in Southern Lombardy.

Claudio is a native of Gavi, Piedmont. He loves being with our guests and making sure that their needs are met and that they are having a great time whilst on tour! He takes great pride in his home country and understands that our guests are in Italy to seek authentic cultural experiences.

Marco and Katri are a husband and wife team. Marco was born in Pescara, Abruzzo in Italy and moved to Melbourne, Australia at a young age with his parents and two younger siblings. Although he has lived most of his life in Australia, his passion for his Italian culture has stayed strong. Katri grew up on the cost of Western Australia, moved to Melbourne as an adult and has always had a passion for Italian culture and cuisine. They began to travel to Italy together and their united love and passion for Italy and all things Italian grew. They now enjoy showing people the hidden delights of the Abruzzo region.

Marianna is the tour director on our Venetian Delights Foodies tour based in the gorgeous town of Treviso. Her knowledge of Treviso, the Veneto and Friuli Venezia Giulia regions is second to none. Marianna’s team of professional guides and drivers are perfect travel companions for our guests, who typically love to explore Italy like the locals. On this tour guests will have fascinating first-hand local experiences and also get to taste the unique regional flavours of these beautiful regions!

Vanessa was born in the south of Lazio and spent her entire childhood and youth in the same idyllic part of rural central Italy, before moving to Rome and spending time abroad. However, Vanessa’s passion has always been Italy, and she loves to share it with guests! Visiting beautiful Italian villages and exploring their hidden cultural treasures is always a revealing and emotional experience for Vanessa, and one which she loves sharing with guests.
Italian Delights Tours Terms and Conditions

Exclusions from all tours

- Airfares
- Everything mentioned in specific tour itineraries as being an option/optional/excluded.
- 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

Maximum group size 14 guests - average size is 5-6 guests and tour groups rarely exceed 8 guests. This ensures that your comfort and enjoyment are our top priority. Tours and Tour Prices/Tariffs are subject to change.

ADVERTISED TOURS
Prices shown are per person, double occupancy. The deposit is 15% of the overall tour price (25% for Venetian Delights Tour), 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 3 calendar months prior to the commencement date of the first tour date booked (50 days after Booking Confirmation Date if the date of the tour you are hoping to participate in is less than 90 days after the Booking Confirmation Date, and upon booking if tour commences within 50 days of booking date). 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.

PRIVATE TOURS
Italian Delights Tours reserves the right to develop specific Payment Terms and Conditions for each individual private tour. Private tour guests will be made aware of these specific conditions prior to making their deposits. Prices for our Private Tours are always dependent upon the number of participants on tour. If participants in a private group withdraw from a tour at any stage prior to making their full payment, Italian Delights Tours reserves the right to increase the per person price of the tour for all remaining group members, to reflect the additional costs associated with conducting a tour with a smaller group than was initially agreed upon.

CANCELLATIONS INSURANCE AND REFUNDS:
If you cancel your tour reservation for any reason at any stage, your deposit 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.

You are required to purchase your own travel insurance to cover cancellation coverage, airline tickets, trip delay, lost luggage or any potential medical expenses.

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).

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.

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 hilly and 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
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.

TOUR CHANGES
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.
Guest Testimonials

"This has been the best 12 Days of my life!" Marjorie, NSW, AUS.

When you want a delightfully delicious and marvellous introduction to Italian living, this is it! Out of the way meandering through country lanes and unusual, historic towns provide adventure and surprises. Heartily, deliciously recommended. Lynn, Sydney, AUS.

'I can absolutely recommend Italian Delights tours! Every day of our tour was different, fun and interesting with full days exploring hidden delights. Sue – Sydney, AUS.

"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 were very caring, attentive, punctual and knowledgeable. They always went the extra mile to ensure that our tour was memorable. Great driving too!" Anthony - Canberra, AUS.

For the travellers who enjoy to experience good food wine and friendly people, this is the tour for you. Maree, Melbourne, AUS.

For my first experience as a single traveller in Europe your tour provided everything and more than my expectations. Locations - absolute delightful tour guide! -The weather (perfect), accommodation - and lengths of travel and free time were well planned. I have expressed to all my family and friends my recommendation for Italian Delights. Rosie, Vic, AUS.

"The best parts of my Italian Delights tour were the lovely countryside, wineries, and some very good food!" Barbara - NSW, AUS.

A wonderful experience and varied tour. Great hosts and a friendly small group. Ready to book next tour. Margaret, VIC. AUS.

We would say in all of our travels this must be the tour that offers the most diverse experiences! Tony and Sue, WA, AUS.

I would recommend Italian Delights Tours to anyone wanting to see the other parts of Italy unspoiled by tourists. Perfect! Leonie, Melbourne, AUS.

Our guides attention to detail and desire to help out when we had a problem was exceptional. Graham, Melbourne, AUS.
REGISTRATION FORM
Italian Delights Tours

I/We would like to participate in the Italian Delights Tour(s) below (Please insert both the name and date of the tour you are interested in participating in below - For commencement dates please see our web site)

Tour Name(s):

Tour Start Date(s):

Please acknowledge that you have read and accepted the terms and conditions of our tours (found 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.

Signed

Dated / / .

*Payment details will be forwarded to guests upon receipt of this completed and signed registration form. Please Email completed forms to info@italiandelights.com.au, or post a printed copy to PO Box 95, Bentleigh, VIC 3204. 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:

Title: Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr,Other ............................. ..............................
Surname: .......................................................... ..............................
Given Names: ...................................................... ..............................
Date of Birth: ...................................................... ..............................
Special Dietary Requirements ........................................ ..............................
Address No. Street ...........................................................
Suburb: ..........................................................
State: ...................................................... Postcode ..........................

Phone: B/H ..........................................................
Mobile: ..........................................................
Email: .................................................................................................
(Please print Clearly)

Emergency Contact Person:


Phone Contact: B/H ..........................................................

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