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# NORTHERN Spotlight on Italy

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**\*March – November** Featuring Venice, Verona & the Dolomites – (One Hotel)

Unpack once and take in the vineyards, villas, peaks, and prosecco of Veneto. Settle into a centrally-located hotel in Treviso, the historic mainland outpost for the island-city of Venice. Savor the Venetian inspiration on terraferma, solid ground, so you have the flexibility to explore on land and by water, with time to dive into Venice, Verona, and the Dolomites. Take in the artist haven of Asolo and get a taste of Italy's Prosecco region. Immerse yourself in local culture at a historic villa near Bassano del Grappa, retracing the history of a noble family in Venice. Your opportunity to dive in and truly experience Northern Italy is here.

## Escorted Tour

### Highlights

- Treviso
- Tiramisu-Making Demonstration
- Verona
- Choice on Tour: Verona Painted City or Verona and its Waters Walking Tours
- Murano Glass Blowing Demonstration
- Venice
- Asolo
- Prosecco Winery Tour
- The Dolomites
- Bassano del Grappa
- Venetian Villa Visit
- 1 Handpicked Accommodations
- 14 Meals
- 2 Choice on Tour Options

### Must-See Inclusions:

- Get to know the romantic city of Verona.
- Cruise the waters around Venice and dive into the island city.
- Enjoy an up-close look at The Dolomites, one of the most beautiful mountain chains in the world.

### Cultural Experiences:

- Discover hilltop Asolo, awarded the title of Italy's Most Beautiful Village.
- Explore Bassano, the hometown Italy's renowned schnapps called grappa.
- Tour a countryside villa belonging to one of the most ancient families of the Venetian Republic.

### Culinary Inclusions:

- Master a few tips from an Italian nonna (grandmother) and try your hand at making traditional pasta.
- Tour a winery in the Prosecco hills and sample this delectable sparkling wine.
- Step back in time at a festive farewell dinner in a Venetian villa.



**Hotel Carlton Treviso**  
Nights 1-7

Activity Level

LEVEL 1   LEVEL 2   LEVEL 3   LEVEL 4

LEVEL 3 is highlighted with a green border.

Meals

14 Meals  
7 Breakfasts  
1 Lunches  
6 Dinners





## Pre-Night Option

**Day: 1** Overnight Flight-Venture to vineyards, Venice, and Verona. It's almost time to unpack once in a Venetian villa and journey among the jewels of Northern Italy.

**Day: 2** Treviso, Italy - Tour Begins-Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso. This tour has sweet beginnings: Kick off your travels in Treviso, hometown of Italy's most iconic dessert – tiramisu. Treviso also has a long history tied to the nearby island city of Venice. Founded as a mainland (terraferma) settlement, Treviso was an early outpost with the look and feel of Venice. With your feet on "firm ground," settle into your home for the next seven nights — a recently refurbished hotel in the center of Treviso. After dropping your things in your modern-style room, take some time to explore the lively neighborhood. Work up an appetite because tonight you'll dive into regional foods and Italian wines at a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers.

**Day: 3** Treviso-Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso-Start your day with a walking tour in the city commonly called "Venice on the Mainland." Take in the Old Town's gothic-style windows, marble latticework, and the Sile and Botteniga rivers – humble elements all reminiscent of its famous island neighbor. After your guided tour on foot, take some time to explore more of Treviso at your own pace. Maybe you'll wander through the weekly vegetable and housewares market? Or you can check out the picturesque Canale dei Buranelli and nearby Pescheria, where fishmongers have set up shops for centuries. When you stop for lunch on your own, consider noshing on radicchio trevigiano, an autumnal delicacy consisting of red chicory grilled with a generous helping of extra virgin olive oil. After, reconnect with your fellow travelers. Meet a local pastry chef and learn a few tricks for preparing some sweet tiramisu in its homeplace.

**Day: 4** Verona -Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso-Verona (UNESCO) is for lovers. After a 2-hour bus ride, find yourself in the romantic city of Romeo & Juliet. In Verona, **it's your choice!** Explore Verona's painted houses during a walking tour of the Old Town -OR- stroll along the town's riverbanks in search of its bridges and lesser-known monuments. No matter what you pick, you'll catch a glimpse of the city's must-sees: Juliet's balcony and the impressive exterior of the Arena, the ancient Roman amphitheater. After, enjoy some free time to explore Verona how you'd like. Whether you're following in the footsteps of Shakespeare's most famous dramatic characters or retracing Italian history, savor time wandering in Verona's medieval city center. After having lunch on your own in the city, return to your hotel in the late afternoon to relax before dinner.

**Day: 5** Murano Island – Venice-Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso -Board the coach and head to Venice (UNESCO). You'll trade wheels for water and take a boat to the isle of Murano. Famous for its glass-blowing foundries, Murano's history with glassmaking dates back 1,500 years. A local craftsman will share the intricacies of this age-old trade during a glass-blowing demonstration. After, set sail for the area surrounding St. Mark's Square. Take in the Basilica and the ornate Gothic façade of Doge's Palace. During your free time, consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. Regardless of how you spend your afternoon, pause for an early dinner in town before journeying back to your hotel for the night.

**Day: 6** Asolo -Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso-Get to know a hilltop haven for artists today in Asolo. After your Tour Manager helps you get acquainted with the village during an orientation walk, enjoy some free time. Find inspiration and trace the steps of author Ernest Hemingway, poet Robert Browning, composer Igor Stravinsky, and many other famous virtuosos throughout history. Later, continue your journey into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region (UNESCO), for a visit to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty. Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make a traditional pasta recipe under the expert guidance of a bona fide Italian nonna (grandmother). Enjoy your pasta dish with a tasting of the wines, toasting to la dolce vita - the sweet life - in the Venetian countryside. You'll return to your hotel in the late evening. Rest well tonight; tomorrow will be a full day exploring the Dolomites.

**Day: 7** -The Dolomites-Breakfast & Lunch Hotel Carlton Treviso-Today will be our biggest trek yet. \*You're on your way to what UNESCO says is one of the world's most beautiful mountain chains: The Dolomites. Weave through the winding roads tucked within jagged rocks for a couple of hours en route to your first stop. Beside beautiful Lake Misurina, marvel at the sight of the Three Peaks of Lavaredo and more along a scenic drive. After a typical lunch near the lake, you will reach Cortina, the Pearl of the Dolomites, and enjoy some free time and weather permitting, a cable car ride to the top of Mount Faloria\*\* for fantastic views of Mount Cristallo's peaks. Reminisce about your mountain adventure tonight on your way back to the hotel.

**Day: 8** Bassano del Grappa-Breakfast & Dinner Hotel Carlton Treviso -Begin your day with a trip to the quaint town of Bassano del Grappa. The town's name is associated with the locally produced grape-based schnapps. Explore its cobblestoned piazzas and see the impact the beverage had on the town, including the ancient distillery in one of the pillars of the historic Palladian Bridge. Take some time to wander around the town and grab a bite to eat for lunch (maybe paired with some grappa?). Tonight, step back in time at a classic Venetian villa. You'll tour the sprawling villa and its gardens that's still owned by the descendants of a noble family of Venice. After you follow the family's history within the villa's walls, gather with your fellow travelers and savor Venetian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients at this evening's farewell dinner.

**Day: 9** Treviso - Tour Ends-Breakfast-It's time to say ciao, Italia. Have a buon viaggio back home with fond memories of Northern Italy.

## Post Stay Available



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