Flavors of Northern Italy
A 9-Day Infusion of Wine, Cuisine & Culture

FLAVORS OF NORTHERN ITALY

Here, cheeses are straight from Parma, balsamics from Modena, and risotto is proudly sourced from the Veronese plain and infused with Amarone. Savor them all, share your table, raise a glass, and join the celebration!

Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join us on an exclusive and intimate 9-day journey to Northern Italy. In a region rich with culture and tradition, find each day’s inspiration in its exquisite local wines, specialty ingredients, soul-satisfying cuisine, and most of all, the Italians who conjure them with time-honored techniques. Relax and settle into a beautiful, historic Italian wine estate outside Verona. Tour centuries-old wineries, taste rare hand-made cheeses, and dine with chefs and producers. Sated by authentic and personal experiences, revel in la dolce vita, the joyful approach to food and life Italians are known for.

Space is limited to just 18 guests. Our rates for UNC guests on this departure represent a significant savings (more than $1,000 per couple) over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today and to share this brochure with friends who may be interested in traveling with you! You may reserve online at http://unc.orbridge.com, by phone at (877) 962-3980, or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Warm regards,

Douglas S. Dibbert ’70
President, UNC General Alumni Association

Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 10/9/2014

Program Highlights:
In the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions, visit picturesque vineyards, discover local varietals, and enjoy exclusive tastings and presentations.

While chefs and producers divulge secrets of their crafts, sample the best of Northern Italy’s specialties like gnocchi di pane, savory spiedini and sweet sbrisolona.

Take in the area’s layered history, with visits to Verona’s 2,000-year-old Roman arena, contrasting with the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio along the River Adige; and the medieval walled city of Soave.

What’s Included: all lessons, tastings, excursion transportation, accommodations, meals including 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners, and more.

Day-by-Day Itinerary*:

Day 1–2: En route from U.S. / Arrive in Verona
Welcome to Italy! Transfer to your historic Italian wine estate in the countryside just outside Verona, where you will spend the next seven nights surrounded by olive trees and vineyards. Meet your traveling companions for a welcome drink and dinner.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (D)

Day 3: Verona
Explore Verona, designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site, a city with a long and colorful history and artistic architectural landmarks. Begin your guided sightseeing with views of the Renaissance Gates of the 16th century, the 14th-century Castelvecchio and Scaliger Bridge, followed by Roman monuments. Continue walking alongside your guide to the city center with stops at the Roman amphitheater, the Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet’s balcony, and more. Lunch is on your own, followed by free time to further experience romantic, bustling Verona. Finish the day by returning to Selva Capuzza for dinner and wine tasting.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,D)

Day 4: Valeggio sul Mincio / Borghetto / Valpolicella
Head southwest to the tiny town of Valeggio this morning to spend time with the family owners of Pastificio al Re del Tortellino, learning the art of preparing fresh tortellini in a pasta-filled shop. After the lesson, sample regional specialties in the home of the owner. Following lunch and a scenic stop in the village of Borghetto, head to the small village of Marano in the hills of Valpolicella to meet winemaker Giuseppe Lonardi, one of the best producers of Amarone in Italy. Daughter Silvia assists in the wine production, while Chef Vittorio runs a tiny bistro near the winery. Enjoy a tasting where he will demonstrate a sumptuous slow-cooked, Amarone-infused risotto. As it’s stirred over a wood fire, observe the finer points of making polenta, learn about other seasonal and regional fare, then sit down to a freshly prepared meal that includes the Amarone risotto.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 5: Vallagarina / Lago di Garda
This morning, head north to the de Tarczal estate in the mountainous Trentino region of Northern Italy. Renowned for centuries for the quality and variety of its distinguished grapes, this prestigious small family vineyard specializes in classic local varietals. Enjoy a tour of the cellars, wine tasting, and lunch in “la Vineria,” featuring the gastronomic products of Trentino. Your leisurely drive takes you along the shores of Italy’s largest lake, Lago di Garda. Later this afternoon, get your sweet tooth ready for a dessert focused cooking class at Selva Capuzza. Sample your hand-made treats after another delicious dinner.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 6: Modena / Mantua
Today, set off for Modena to visit Simone Caselli. This award-winning producer of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena will give us a private tour before we compare the tastes of aged balsamic vinegars and sample a buffet of regional flavors. Afterward, visit beautiful Mantua and its Palazzo Ducale. A UNESCO World Heritage site, the building is one of the most important Renaissance monuments in Italy. Tonight enjoy a light dinner at Selva Capuzza.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Lessinia / Soave
Today discover the culinary delights of the Lessinia region, known for its lush pastures, olive groves, and cherry and chestnut orchards. Visit a family-run artisan cheese maker in the Ronca municipality for a demonstration and sampling of some of the best local products. Make a short stop in the walled medieval town of Soave to see its famous castle, learn about the town’s important position in the region, and its historic relationship with wine. Then, delight in a light lunch and wine tasting at Monte Tondo, a wonderful small winery outside of Soave. Make a visit to the San Martino tower, marking the site of an important historic battle and providing views stretching to the waters of Lago di Garda. Enjoy some free time back at the estate before a dinner featuring a variety of slow foods.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 8: Sirmione
This leisurely morning is highlighted by a pasta cooking class in the kitchen of your estate. Prepare and taste some typical dishes of the region. In the afternoon, you have the option of venturing to nearby Sirmione for last minute shopping or sightseeing. A special farewell dinner and performance marks the end of a fabulous week.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 9: Depart Verona
After breakfast, take your complimentary transfer to the airport for your flight home. (B)

*Itinerary subject to change
• Seven nights accommodation at an historic family-owned country farmhouse amidst a wine and olive oil-producing estate

• 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners incorporating a variety of Northern Italian preparations and ingredients, and—at lunches and dinners—regional wines

• Visits to vineyards and cellars in the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions with exclusive presentations

• Cheese making demonstration and tasting in the heart of Lessinia, home to a delicious variety of Italian cheeses

• A visit to a tortellini producer to learn how to craft tortellini from experts, pasta-making and dessert classes, and a polenta-making demonstration during a visit with a renowned winemaker

• A special visit near Modena for a tasting of fine and aged Balsamic vinegar—and a convivial meal with the maker

• Guided visits to Verona’s famed Roman amphitheater and other important historic sites

• All gratuities, including guides, drivers, porters, and hotel staff

• All lessons, presentations, and tastings, as well as excursion transportation and entry fees

• Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing on the suggested flights

Your Guide(s):

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

As you explore the region’s culinary and cultural flavors, an Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure’s appreciation of food and wine, a local’s knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado’s ability to enrich the beauty of all senses to your discoveries. Whether at a wine tasting, visiting with locals, sightseeing, or raising a glass with you over an exquisitely crafted meal, the contribution of your Travel Director is essential to the intimate and educational qualities that distinguish this program. Catch their enthusiasm and explore the flavors of this wonderful region with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation. Cheers!

Program Accommodations:
Our Home in Northern Italy: Borgo San Donino

Borgo San Donino

Within arm’s reach of the rich Veneto and Emilia Romagna producing regions lies Borgo San Donino, a charming farmhouse on the Selva Capuzza wine estate. Stroll its grounds and you might see grapevines being carefully tended by hand or olives ripening for the estate’s own olive oil, just steps away from tables where the harvest is reincarnated in signature wines and local dishes. You might happen upon stone-built remnants from a forgotten time. Or, after a day’s adventures, consider restoring your senses amidst the comfortable atmosphere of your apartment—inspired, as you will be, by the beauty of Northern Italy’s landscapes. Each room is equipped with a safe, complimentary wireless internet access, bathroom sundries (shampoo, shower gel, lotion, toothbrush kit, shaving kit, sewing kit, and shower cap), slippers, and a hair dryer. Please note that hair conditioner is not provided.

Classic: A charming and comfortable apartment with kitchenette and en suite bathroom with shower, overlooking the garden and surrounding countryside.

Superior: A spacious apartment with vaulted ceilings, kitchenette, en suite bathroom, and second-floor views of the garden, vineyard, or surrounding countryside.

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance. On the estate, unpaved roads and pathways separate its various structures and walking is required to get from one to the other. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at the entrances of hotels and sites. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

What They’re Saying:

“The tortellini were like my grandmother used to make, and my aunt continues to make. The wrapping reminded me of Saturdays at my grandparents home where we made them for Sunday after church.”

–Bruce W., Iowa City, IA

“This was a wonderful itinerary and great trip. Our guide was knowledgeable and well informed about the history and culture of each place making each destination even more interesting. We loved going
to each of the small towns, meeting families who were involved in producing wine, food, balsamic vinegar or olive oil and best of all, being invited to share lunch or dinner with them. We’ll always have great memories of ‘Flavors of Northern Italy’.”

—Ellen and Paul K., Coral Gables, FL

“Selva Capuzza is immaculate and beautiful. Perfect setting from which to connect with the customs, food, wine, agriculture, people and culture of northern Italy. Simply marvelous.”

—Jill and Frank C., Marlton, NJ

Optional Extension:

ADD DAYS 9-12 IN VENICE

With its gloriously romantic atmosphere, a visit to the “floating city” is an enchanting addition to your journey in Northern Italy. A living museum itself, take time to wander and discover Venice’s rich layers of history and art, stopping for bite-sized cicchetti along with the locals, and perhaps enjoying an opera or sunset gondola ride.

Itinerary:

Day 9: Depart Verona / Arrive Venice
After breakfast, enjoy a scenic train ride through Italy’s idyllic landscape to Venice. Next, board your water taxi and arrive at your hotel. After check in, depart on a guided excursion seeing Venice as it was meant to be viewed—from the water! Your private water taxi will take you down the Grand Canal to see the Rialto Bridge, St. Mark’s Basin, and Giudecca. Then stop for a visit to the monastery island of San Giorgio Maggiore to see the church and take an elevator ride up to the tower for great views and pictures.

Overnight: Pensione Accademia (or similar)

Day 10: Venice / Guided Sightseeing
Today, experience Venice as a “local” during a guided walking tour of authentic neighborhoods. Then, the day is yours to continue your exploration of this magnificent city.
Overnight: Pensione Accademia (B)

Day 11: Venice
Day at your leisure. (B)

Overnight: Pensione Accademia(B)

Day 12: Depart Venice
After breakfast, transfer to the airport via water taxi for your flight home. (B)

Accommodations:

Pensione Accademia (or similar)
Relax in this remarkable 17th-century villa, distinguished by its central location, historic charm and restful gardens. Its original painted ceilings, antiques, and other centuries-old details conjure old Venice.

Room Amenities: Air conditioning, satellite TV, phone, wireless internet access (at additional cost), mini refrigerator, mini bar, and en suite bathroom with complimentary sundries and hair dryer.

What's Included:

* Three nights accommodation at the Pensione Accademia (or similar), with breakfast each morning
* See Venice as it was meant to be seen. Glide through canals while your guide shares highlights of the city, stopping at a monastery island of San Giorgio Maggiore to see the church and its sweeping views
* Take a walking tour of Venice's authentic neighborhoods, allowing you to escape the crowds and experience the "real" Venice
* Train ticket from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director
* Water taxi transfer to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
* Concierge service to help you plan your days in Venice
Reservation Form

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MAY 16, 2015 — MAY 24, 2015
EXTENSION: MAY 24, 2015 — MAY 27, 2015

☐ Option 1: Reserve now: online at http://unc.orbridge.com
or by calling (877) 962-3980.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:
Guest #1 (as printed on passport): ____________________________ Class Year __________
Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ____________________________ Class Year __________
Address:__________________________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ____ ZIP: __________
Email: ___________________________ Phone: _______________ Alt. Phone: _______________
Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice_____________ 2nd choice_________________

Deposit:
(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person if applicable) = Total deposit: $ __________

Deposit Payment:
☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover
Card #: ___________________________ Exp. date: ________ CVV: ______
Name (as printed on card):____________________________________________
Billing address (if different than above): ________________________________
City: ___________________________ State: ____ ZIP: __________

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at http://terms.orbridge.com and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature:_________________________ Date:____________________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:
UNC GAA
P.O. Box 660, Chapel Hill, NC 27514-0660
Fax: (919) 843-4144

*Discounted group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy, are in US dollars, and do not include airfare. Rate for single reservations is $5,695; availability limited. **Single extension rate is $2,195. Airfare not included.
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- "Baggage Claim Privilege Wait Time" means the time period during which you wait for your Baggage to be claimed by Orbridge at the airport.
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