Flavors of Northern Italy

Award-winning wine, captivating culture and stunning architecture—aged to perfection

SEPTEMBER 4-12, 2021

Featuring Bart D. Ehrman,*
James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies

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Veneto, Lombardy &
Lago di Garda
Dear Carolina Alumni and Friends,

Join fellow Tar Heels and friends for a nine-day journey to the culinary and cultural heart of Northern Italy—a region brimming with excellent local wines, specialty ingredients, delicious signature dishes and the wonderful Italians who create them with time-honored techniques.

Settle into a beautiful wine estate outside Verona. Within reach is a connoisseur’s pick of centuries-old wineries, artisan producers and extraordinary, historic sites.

Each day is highlighted by exclusive experiences that provide access to authentic Italy. Learn about life in the region from the locals and enjoy the chance to experience la dolce vita—the joyful celebration of food, friends and life.

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than $1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Book this experience today by calling (877) 962-3980 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Yours at Carolina,

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

As we embark on this new world of group travel, the health and well-being of our guests, our team, and the communities we visit remain our top priority. For a detailed listing of the enhanced safety measures and hygiene protocols specific to our tours, please visit orbridge.com/wellness.

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Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Day 2: Arrive in Verona, Italy / Selva Capuzza (D)
Settle in, welcome dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 3: Selva Capuzza / Tower of San Martino (B,L,D)
Tortellini-making class and lunch, guided tour of the Tower of San Martino della Battaglia, wine presentation and tasting
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 4: Verona / Valpolicella (B,D)
Guided sightseeing, Renaissance Gates, Castelvecchio Bridge, San Zeno Basilica, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet’s balcony, Roman monuments and amphitheater, Giuseppe Lonardi winery (winner of numerous Decanter World Wine awards) tour and tasting, Amarone cooking demonstration and dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 5: Marano / Malcesine (B,L,D)
Dessert cooking class, award-winning de Tarczal winery visit with tasting and lunch, leisure time in Malcesine beside Lago di Garda
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 6: Modena / Mantua (B,L,D)
Balsamic vinegar tasting and lunch at award-winning Acetaia Caselli, Palazzo Ducale UNESCO World Heritage Site inside visit
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 7: Roncà / Soave / Sirmione (B,L,D)
La Casara cheese demonstration and tasting, Soave castle photography opportunity, leisure time in Sirmione
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 8: Sulzano / Lago d’Iseo / Franciacorta (B,L,D)
Boat excursion, Mosnel cellar tour and tasting, special farewell dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino

Day 9: Depart Verona for U.S. (B)
(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)

Activity Level: We expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can 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 building to another and to reach the restaurant. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.
Repose

- With your small group (maximum 19 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at a historic country farmhouse amidst a wine and olive oil-producing estate.
- Join intimate cooking classes with locals who share their families’ histories and favorite recipes.
- Relax during a boat tour around Lago d’Iseo, featuring mesmerizing clear water and stunning mountain scenery, followed by touring on land.

Discover

- Take in the area’s layered history, with visits to Verona’s 2,000-year-old Roman arena and the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio Bridge.
- Admire the panoramic beauty at captivating Lago di Garda—Italy’s largest lake.
- Delight in a cheese-making demonstration and tasting in the heart of Lessinia, home to a delicious variety of Italian cheeses.
- See Palazzo Ducale di Mantova—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—which was the royal residence of the Gonzaga family from 1328 to 1707.

Engage

- Meet a renowned winemaker who specializes in creating Amarone. Then retreat to a nearby restaurant for a polenta-making demonstration, featuring Amarone, and dinner.
- Enjoy a special excursion near Modena for a tasting of aged balsamic vinegar during a convivial meal with the property’s owner and his family.

What’s Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Within arm’s reach of the culture-rich Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions lies Borgo San Donino, a charming farmhouse on the Selva Capuzza wine estate—also the 1859 battle site of Italy’s fight toward its independence.

The farmhouse apartments, winery, and nearby restaurant are the result of many years of dedicated work, and provide award-winning wines, delightful accommodations, and generous hospitality for all who visit.

Stroll the grounds and you might see grape vines 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. The Selva Capuzza winery produces a wonderful selection of varietals—red, white, and rosé, all under the careful expertise of the property’s skilled vintners.

Visit the nearby San Martino Tower to admire its majesty from the inside and out. Then follow the tree-lined road to the Chapel of San Martino, which guards many of the fallen from the war.

After a day’s adventures, restore your senses amidst the comfortable atmosphere of your apartment—inspired, as you will be, by the beauty of Northern Italy’s landscapes.

**Classic:** A 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.

Each room is equipped with a safe, complimentary Wi-Fi, bathroom sundries (shampoo, shower gel, lotion, toothbrush kit, shaving kit, sewing kit, and shower cap), slippers, and a hair dryer. (Hair conditioner is not provided.)

**NOTE:** This property does not have an elevator.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your 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 gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Italy.
Take advantage of additional time in Italy to explore Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera, an area teeming with meaningful traditions surrounding wine, cuisine, and family. More than food and drink, Cinque Terre is also a National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing visitors to its dramatic coastal scenery and sunset panoramas.

Pre-Tour Itinerary (subject to change)

**Day +1:** En route from U.S.

**Day +2:** Arrive in Milan, Italy / Sestri Levante
Leisure time to explore the fishermen hamlet of Sestri Levante
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +3:** Sestri Levante / Cinque Terre / Sestri Levante (B,L)
Guided touring and tastings through Monterosso, Vernazza, Manarola, and Riomaggiore
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +4:** Sestri Levante / Portofino / San Fruttuoso / Sestri Levante (B)
Abbey of San Fruttuoso, guided tour of Santa Margherita Ligure
Overnight: Vis-à-Vis

**Day +5:** Sestri Levante / Verona / Main Program Begins (B)

What’s Included

- 3 nights accommodations at Vis-à-Vis (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Cinque Terre card for all train transportation within the Cinque Terre
- Guided touring (by English-speaking guides) and tastings through five Cinque Terre villages
- Boat excursion to San Fruttuoso
- Entrance fee to San Fruttuoso Abbey
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guides, local drivers for included activities and excursions, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times
Revel in the gloriously romantic and enchanting atmosphere of the *Floating City*. Your small group will delight in exploring classic cultural treasures of this remarkable region. Guided tours for sightseeing, meeting with artisans, and learning about wine making reveal Venice’s rich layers of history, art, and dedication to good food and drink.

**Post-Tour Itinerary** *(subject to change)*

**Day 9:** Depart Verona / Arrive in Venice  
Private water taxi city tour down the Grand Canal (see the Rialto Bridge, St. Mark’s Basin, Giudecca, and San Giorgio Maggiore)  
Overnight: Hotel Pensione Accademia

**Day 10:** Venice (B)  
Private gondola boatyard tour, afternoon at leisure  
Overnight: Hotel Pensione Accademia

**Day 11:** Venice / Mazzorbo / Venice (B,L)  
Vineyard visit and wine tasting, leisure time to explore Burano  
Overnight: Hotel Pensione Accademia

**Day 12:** Depart Venice for U.S. (B)

**What’s Included**

- Transfer by train (in business class) from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director who will see you to your hotel for check-in, then bid you a fond farewell
- 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Pensione Accademia (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided touring accompanied by an art historian
- Private visit to mask artisan workshop
- Private gondola boatyard visit
- Guided vineyard tour and wine pairing with lunch
- Water taxi transportation for canal and lagoon tours, and transfers to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guides, local drivers for included activities and excursions, and wait staff for included meals
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GUEST INFORMATION:
Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): ______________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________________________
City: ______________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________
City: ______________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): ______________________________
Email: ______________________________________________________
Home Phone: ____________________________________ Alt. Phone: ______________________________
City: ______________________________________________________ State: _______ Zip: _____________
Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

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Category Preference: 1st choice __________________________________________
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# guests joining pre-tour ($500/person) + 
# guests joining program ($850/person) + 
# guests joining post-tour ($500/person) = TOTAL DEPOSIT: $________________________

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July 23, 2021
to receive six bottles of wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit on this program.**

Special Faculty Host: Bart. D. Ehrman

Bart D. Ehrman is the James A. Gray Distinguished Professor of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he has taught since 1988. Professor Ehrman has published extensively in the fields of New Testament and Early Christianity, having written or edited 32 books, including six New York Times Best Sellers. He has also recorded eight lecture courses for The Great Courses (The Teaching Company). More than two million copies of his books and courses have been sold, and his books have been translated into 27 languages.

*Professor Ehrman will accompany the tour with a minimum of 15 participants.