



Northern Italy:

Charming Diversity, Amazing Food

Best For:

Solo Travelers & Couples

When to Go:

May—June, September—October



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Itinerary at a Glance

Date	Activities	City Hotel
13Sep	Welcome to Bologna!	Bologna Grand Hotel Majestic
14Sep	Half Day Tour of Bologna	Bologna Grand Hotel Majestic
15Sep	Private Transfer to Verona Modena + Maranello	Verona Hotel Due Torri
16Sep	Full Day Tour of Verona + Private Transfer to Sirmione	Sirmione Hotel Villa Cortine
17Sep	Day at Your Leisure	Sirmione Hotel Villa Cortine
18Sep	Private Transfer to Milan Cremona + Piacenza	Milan Hotel VIU Milan
19Sep	Full Day Tour Galleria Umberto + Last Supper	Milan Hotel VIU Milan
20Sep	Transfer to Airport + Say Addio! To Milan	Overnight Flight

Welcome to Northern Italy!

Bologna fuses haughty elegance with down-to-earth grit and one beautifully colonnaded medieval grid. On one side Bologna is a hard-working, high-tech city located in the super-rich Po valley where suave opera-goers waltz out of regal theatres and into some of the nation's finest restaurants. While on the other side it is a bolshie, politically edgy city that hosts the world's oldest university and is famous for its graffiti-embellished piazzas filled with mildly inebriated students swapping Gothic fashion tips.

Verona attracts tourists from all over the world to its pretty piazzas and knot of lanes, most in search of Romeo, Juliet and all that Shakespearean lore. But beyond the heart-shaped kitsch and Renaissance romance, Verona is a bustling city center, its heart dominated by a mammoth, remarkably well-preserved 1st-century amphitheater, the venue for the city's annual summer opera festival. Add to that countless churches, a couple of architecturally fascinating bridges over the Adige, regional wine and food from the Veneto hinterland and some impressive art, and Verona shapes up as one of northern Italy's most attractive cities. And all this just a short hop from the shores of stunning Lake Garda.

Sirmione is a picturesque resort destination on the shores of Lake Garda in northern Italy. The small historic town is located on the tip of a long peninsula protruding from the southern shore of the lake between Desenzano del Garda and Peschiera. Sirmione has thermal springs and was a spa destination even in Roman times - you can visit some impressive Roman ruins at the end of the promontory.

Milan is a fast-paced metropolis where style and creativity are big business and after work drinks are compulsory. The city currently has the largest post-war re-development project in Italy. Zaha Hadid and other prominent architects have designed plans for an impressive futuristic skyline. *Cucina povera* (peasant cooking) may be the cry of the south, but Milanese cuisine is a product of a rich urban culture. Milan pushes Italy's culinary boundaries, making sushi and dim sum their own, and holding the second highest number of Michelin stars in the country.



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Day 1 | Welcome to Bologna!

The adventure begins today! In the morning, catch your departing flight from VIE to BLQ. Enjoy your flight – a big adventure awaits! Upon arrival at Bologna Guglielmo Marconi Airport you will be met by your driver and transported to the Grand Hotel Majestic. After checking in to your room you will have some leisure time. Later in the afternoon, your driver will meet you at the hotel lobby and take you to visit the new FICO EATALY fair. FICO EATALY WORLD is the largest agri-food park in the world. Here you will find selections of the finest excellence in Italian food and wines, a real collection of authentic made in Italy products. The offerings here are envied all over the world. Once you have had your fill at the food park your driver will take you back to your hotel. From there you may enjoy the rest of the night at your leisure.

Overnight: Bologna @ Grand Hotel Majestic | **Meals:** None

Day 2 | Half Day Tour of Bologna

After breakfast, you will embark on a half day walking tour of Bologna. Starting from Piazza Maggiore, the beating heart of the city of Bologna, which is overlooked by some of the most important buildings in the city: The Palazzo dei Banchi, the Palazzo del Podestà, the Palazzo dei Notai and the Palazzo del Comune, with its beautiful courtyard and the staircase which leads to the monumental Farnese Chapel. A few steps from here the Ex Sala Borsa allows us to admire the archaeological area of Bologna and to trace the early history of the city. Anecdotes and legends will liven up the sight of the King Enzo's Palace and of the Neptune Fountain, a wonderful baroque composition. The unfinished facade of the Basilica of San Petronio, dedicated to the patron saint of Bologna, tells of an overly ambitious project and bears witness to the pride and the desire for independence of the city. We continue to reach the Archiginnasio, the world's oldest University founded in 1088, decorated with thousands of coats of arms of ancient students and professors from

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all over the world. A stroll through the animated alleys of the medieval market, passing the historic shops with their cascades of mortadella, tortellini, lasagna, cured meats, fruits and multicolored vegetables, leads us to the Palace of Merchandise, flanked by the 13th century homes with wooden porches and the famous Two Towers, Asinelli and Garisenda, planted crooked in Ravegnana Square, the symbol of Bologna. Both towers date back to the Middle Ages but it is the Asinelli tower that is the most impressive. The tour ends with a visit to the complex of Santo Stefano, which the Bolognese call “the seven churches”, which is the religious heart of medieval Bologna. From there you will return to your hotel. You will have the rest of the evening at your leisure.

Overnight: Bologna @ Grand Hotel Majestic | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 3 | Private Transfer to Verona | Modena + Maranello

Breakfast is available in the morning. Your private driver will meet you at the hotel lobby for your transfer to Verona. During the trip, which will last about 3 hours, there will be a couple of interesting stops along the way. First you will visit the Modena countryside, where you'll enjoy a unique experience in the Parmigiano Reggiano world at the **4 Madonne di Modena dairy**. Once at the dairy, a knowledgeable private guide will be waiting for you. Your tour will start with a short visit to the farm and ending in the tasting room where a tasting of different agings of Parmesan cheese and other local products will be explained and offered. After that we will take you to the Ferrari Factory in Maranello. Here you have the opportunity to visit the Ferrari museum, try a virtual F1 driving experience in the professional driving simulators and buy souvenirs of all kinds at the Ferrari store. Then your driver will take you to the Hotel Due Torri. The rest of the evening is to be spent at your leisure.

Overnight: Verona @ Hotel Due Torri | **Meals:** Breakfast





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Day 4 | Full Day Tour of Verona + Transfer to Sirmione

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel. Today your private guide will meet you in the hotel lobby to start your walking tour of the city and discover the symbols of Verona. We usually think of Verona as the tragic setting of the Romeo and Juliet love story. Shakespeare's drama has certainly made a fortune for Verona. Visit Juliet's House and the city's look. After this amazing visit, spend some time touring another symbol of the city, the Roman Amphitheater. The theater is better known as the "Arena". Along with Romeo and Juliet, the Arena is renowned worldwide as the symbol of Verona. Probably built around the 1st century CE, the Arena hosted gladiatorial spectacles. Today it has become a grand stage of important musical performances and continues to preserve its ancient function of entertaining the masses. After this tour, you will meet our private driver and go to Verona countryside. In the countryside, you'll have the incredible experience of learning about Amarone wine at a wonderful villa dating back to the 16th century. At Villa Della Torre, a special private guide will accompany you through a private tour of the villa, continuing with a sampling of the best Amarone wines and ending with a light lunch in one of the most opulent halls of the villa. After the light lunch, you will receive a copy of the book about Villa Della Torre. From there your private driver will transfer you to Lake Garda where you will check-in to the Hotel Villa Cortine. Enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure!

Overnight: Sirmione @ Hotel Villa Cortine | **Meals:** Breakfast

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Day 5 | Day at Your Leisure

After breakfast, you have the day at your leisure to explore Sirmione and Lake Garda. This is one of the most beautiful parts of Italy, take a romantic stroll and take in the sights near the lake. You're off to Milan tomorrow!

Overnight: Sirmione @ Hotel Villa Cortine | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 6 | Cremona + Piacenza | Private Transfer to Milan

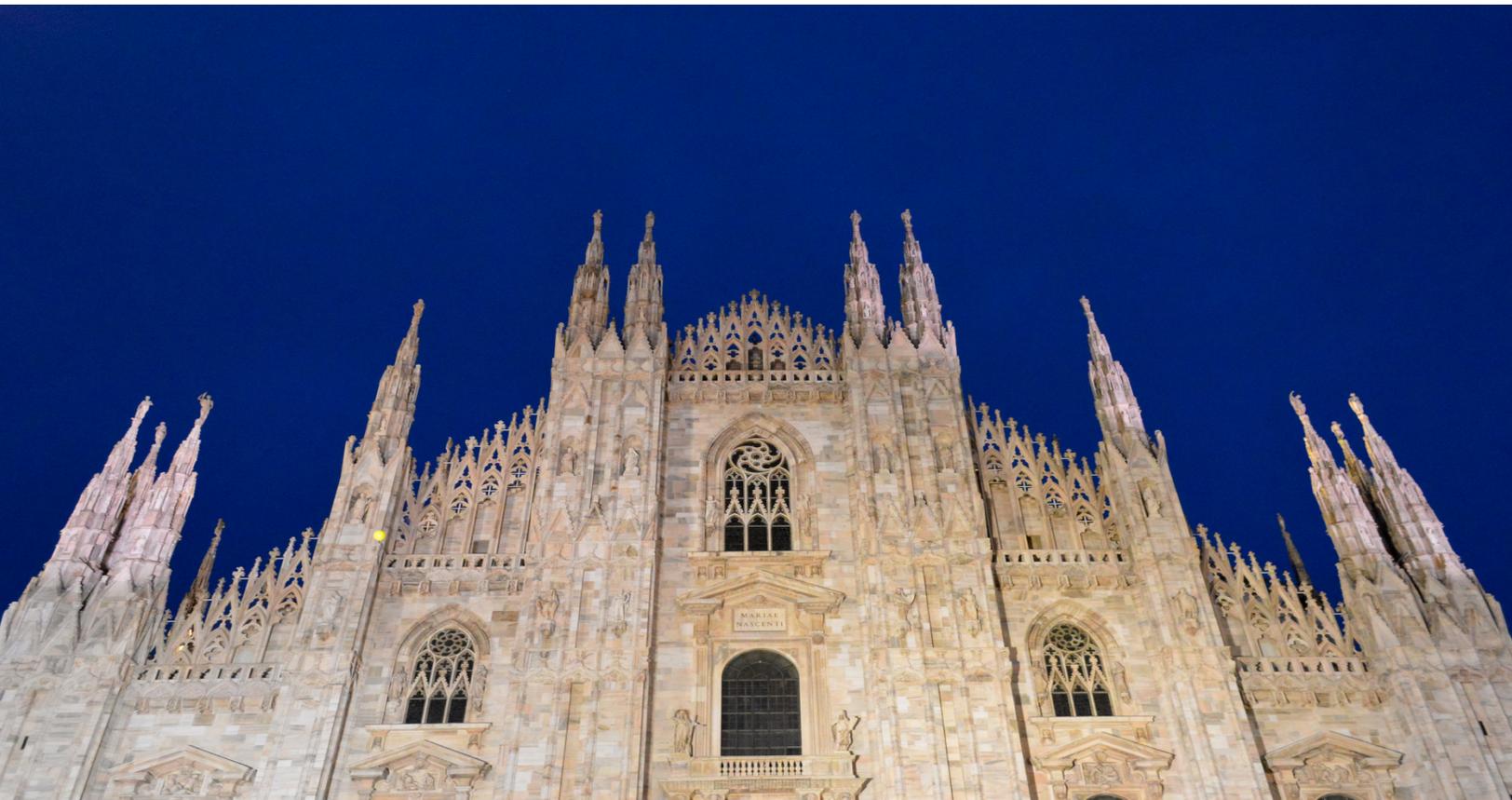
After breakfast, your driver will meet you at the hotel lobby to take you to Milan. During the trip, which will last about 3 hours, there will be two interesting stops. First, we will visit the Museum of Violin (Cremona is Stradivari's town) and a handcrafts shop where violins are still produced by the ancient methods of Stradivari. You will relive the history of the violin through the unique pieces of history in the museum collections. Next, we will take you to Piacenza, where after a short visit of the city we will stop at a local restaurant to taste some local gastronomic specialties. At the end, culinary tasting we will continue the journey to Milan. You will have the evening in Milan to enjoy at your leisure.

Overnight: Milan @ Hotel VIU Milan | **Meals:** Breakfast

Day 7 | Full Day Tour | Galleria Umberto + Last Supper

In the morning, your driver will pick you up from the hotel and take you to the center of Milan where you will meet our private guide for a walking tour. On the tour, you will visit the Milan Cathedral with the Galleria Umberto I and finally the Pinacoteca di Brera. At the end, our car will take you back to the hotel. After a short break our driver will take you to the Santa Maria delle Grazie church. Here you can admire the historic Last Supper painting. After that you will visit Leonardo's vineyard. A forgotten story binds Leonardo da Vinci to the city of Milan, the story that is told in this vineyard. Once you finish the tour your driver will take you back to your hotel. Get some rest – Your flight back to Vienna departs tomorrow.

Overnight: Milan @ Hotel VIU Milan | **Meals:** Breakfast





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Day 8 | Transfer to Airport + Say Addio! to Milan

In the morning, your driver will pick you up from the hotel and transport you to Milan MXP airport for your flight home. Safe Travels!

Overnight: Flight | **Meals:** None

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Accommodations & Lodging

Bologna @ Grand Hotel Majestic | Days 1–3 (2 Nights)

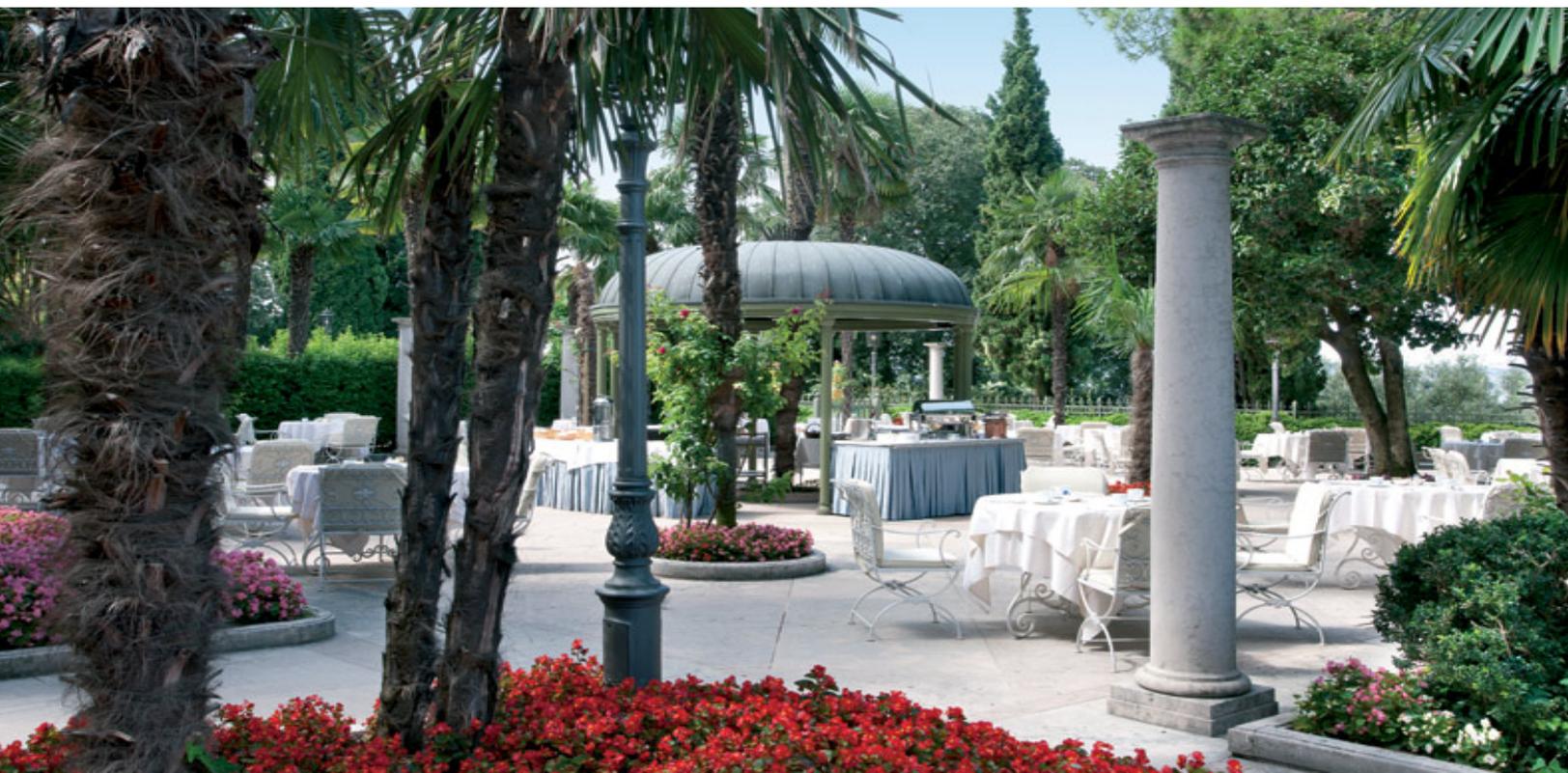
The Grand Hotel Majestic is the oldest and most prestigious hotel in Bologna. Situated in the heart of the city on Via dell'Indipendenza, the hotel is within walking distance of Piazza Maggiore and the famous Due Torri. The rooms have a mix of antique furniture with modern amenities, a perfect blend of classic Italian style, elegance and hospitality. The hotel is famous for its I Carracci Restaurant with its frescoes, which is rightly regarded as among the most elegant in Bologna. Here you may enjoy traditional recipes from the Emilia region whilst seated under authentic Italian masterpieces. The restaurant was recently awarded with the prestigious Three Forks Micheline rating and included in the last Espresso Italian Restaurants Guide.

Verona @ Hotel Du Torri | Day 3–4 (1 Night)

The Due Torri Hotel is situated in the historic center of Verona near the church of Saint Anastasia, a stone's throw from Juliet's famous balcony, Piazza Bra and the Arena. The superb quality of the furnishings and the professional service are highly valued by its illustrious Italian and international clientele, making it the most renowned five-star hotel in Verona. Rooms are different from each other: spacious and practical spaces with unique and selected furnishings of rare prestige. Rooms are personalized with extreme care and passion for details. Entirely hand-crafted marble in warm tones, mosaic decorations, precious and refined textiles, pure linen bed sheets under hypoallergenic duvet and white, light cotton satin quilt covers: details designed for the pleasure of the senses.

Sirmione @ Hotel Villa Cortine | Days 5–7 (2 Nights)

The Villa Cortine Palace Hotel has been open as a 5 stars luxury Hotel since 1953. The Villa is a precious House on the hill where you can come and spend your time relaxing, searching for your inspiration and then find your charge. The ambience and beautiful nature surrounding this hotel are known to cheer up anyone's mood and help them to discover their romantic soul. This is the perfect place to celebrate important anniversaries and special occasions to make them unforgettable moments in your life.





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Milan @ Hotel VIU Milan | Days 6—8 (2 Nights)

The first hotel in Milan dedicated to the bleisure traveler. An innovative and new location where everything is designed to combine business and leisure. An unconventional hospitality and luxury vision. A mix of innovation, luxury and simplicity, high quality service, a relaxing atmosphere and the Italian lifestyle always at the heart of our philosophy. Suites equipped with every comfort, perfect areas for small meetings, a rooftop panoramic terrace with a swimming pool and restaurants by Michelin Star Chef Giancarlo Morelli are just some of the things you will love about Hotel VIU Milan.

Inclusions

What Is Included

- Austrian Airlines ticket VIE > BLQ
- Private transfer from BLQ Airport > Grand Hotel Majestic
- 2 nights in Bologna @ Grand Hotel Majestic
- Private vehicle with English speaking chauffeur
- Half Day Bologna Tour
- Private transfer Bologna > Verona
- Private tour of Valley of the Temples
- Private tour of 4 Madonne di Modena
- 1 night in Verona @ Hotel Du Torri
- Full Day Verona Tour
- Private transfer from Verona > Sirmione
- 2 nights in Sirmione @ Hotel Villa Cortine
- Private transfer from Sirmione > Milan
- 2 nights in Milan @ Hotel VIU Milan
- Full Day Tour of Milan
- Private transfer from Hotel La Plage > PMO Airport
- Private English-speaking guide throughout the trip
- All meals listed on the itinerary
- Entrance fees to experiences

What Is Not Included

- Meals not listed on the itinerary
- Dinner transfers
- Additional city taxes provided by hotels
- Items of a personal nature + souvenirs
- Tips & gratuities for guides / staff
- Any additional expenses not listed above

Price:

Pricing varies based on group size, trip length, time of year, and activities and experiences selected. Please contact Nomad Hill for a quote.

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