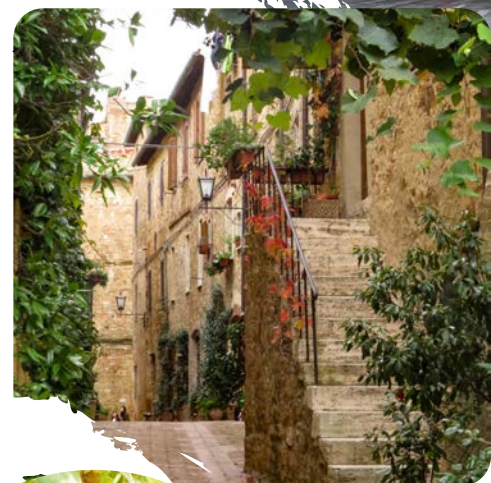


3 DAY / 2 NIGHT PRE - TOUR



MAY 26 – MAY 28, 2023

**Milan is a mecca for Italian fashion.
See da Vinci's famous Last Supper painting.
Visit Verona, the hometown of Shakespeare's
Romeo & Juliet. Stop for lunch in Valpolicella
wine country.**



Day 1: Milan

Arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport. You will be greeted by a Uniworld representative and transferred to the Rosa Grand hotel.



Day 2: Milan

Milan is a mecca for Italian fashionistas, famous for its innovative design and stylish flair. Venture inside the city's hulking Gothic cathedral, as well as its cathedral to capitalism, Europe's oldest shopping arcade. The highlight today is Da Vinci's revolutionary "The Last Supper" mural.



Featured excursion

MILAN HIGHLIGHTS CITY TOUR

Your hotel is in the heart of the city, so it's easy to see the highlights of the neighborhood on a short, guided walk. II Duomo, the magnificent cathedral, was born in the 14th century yet finished 500 years later. The last part to be finished, one of its five great doors, wasn't installed until 1965 and offers one of the most spectacular Gothic façades in the world. Step inside with a local expert for a tour of the ravishing interior, then walk across the square and under the splendid triumphal arch that welcomes visitors and shoppers into the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele. Learn a bit about the history of this area as you stroll through the beautiful 19th-century glass-covered arcade; it's the oldest shopping mall in Europe and is still wildly popular, housing the flagships of leading fashion designers and trendy restaurants.

You'll emerge in Piazza della Scala, home to the internationally celebrated opera house whose name comes from the square, Teatro alla Scala. Directly opposite Piazza della Scala is Milan's city hall. A stunning Renaissance palace, it is just one of the palaces and fortresses that were the heart of medieval civic power, where the Viscontis and then the Sforzas reigned, each ruler adding to the city's splendor and tumultuous history.

With so many highlights, it's hard to pinpoint just one, but Santa Maria delle Grazie, a beautiful Gothic and Renaissance church, offers you a sight you will never forget. The Last Supper is not in the church itself; it adorns the walls of a modest adjoining building that was the Dominican refectory. Your tour ends after you've had an opportunity to admire Da Vinci's revolutionary work or spend some free time exploring the area on your own.

Note: The order of sightseeing varies according to the availability of time slots at Santa Maria delle Grazie.

DAY 3: Milan (Verona/Valpolicella), Transfer to Venice (Embark)

En route to Venice, you'll stop in the literary hometown of Shakespeare's famously star-crossed teen lovers to see the sights. Later, enjoy lunch at a historic wine estate owned by descendants of Dante and learn about one of the most unique Italian wines, Amarone di Valpolicella.



Featured Excursions:

VERONA, "CITY OF ROMEO AND JULIET"

Discover the real roots of Shakespeare's tragic tale with a visit to the fair city of Verona. The Scaligeri family ruled the city for two centuries, routinely murdering one another to gain power; an echo of these savage family feuds found their way into the Bard's tragedy. Your walking tour passes the house where Romeo purportedly lived, as well as the pretty 14th-century stone house where legend says Juliet listened to her Romeo's vows. It's certainly a romantic destination for lovers now as visitors leave love notes on the walls. Stop by the imposing Scaligeri tombs, and ramble along Via Mazzini and through Piazza delle Erbe—the bustling city square laid out where the ancient Roman forum once stood. After the tour, you'll have a little free time to explore on your own. You might step into one of the beautiful and historic churches nearby or take an elevator up to the top of Torre dei Lamberti for a great view of the old city and its surroundings.



VALPOLICELLA WINE ESTATE LUNCH

Your journey continues from Verona through the lovely vine-clad hills of the Valpolicella wine country. These vineyards grow Corvina, Rondinella and Molinara grapes—and even Garganega, the grape used for Soave wines. While the everyday Valpolicella red wine is popular and easy-drinking, the region also produces Amarone, a lush and unmistakable red that is the result of a unique wine-making process: Grapes are air-dried on bamboo racks for several months before being crushed for fermentation, giving the wine a luscious depth of flavor. Modest farmhouses and great estates alike produce delightful wines, but the Serego Alghieri estate, which belongs to descendants of Dante Alighieri, is one of the oldest and loveliest. The stately villa stands amid gracious gardens and fertile vineyards, welcoming you in for a tour of the grounds and cellars. You'll see the drying racks and learn about the process before savoring a delectable three-course lunch carefully paired with Serego Alighieri wines.

This evening you'll arrive in Venice and embark. Unpack, relax and enjoy your first evening on the Venetian Lagoon. A compulsory safety drill and briefing, along with the welcome briefing, will be organized shortly before dinner, but this will be a quick and easy part of your journey.

Tour Includes:

- Airport to hotel transfer from Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) only
- 2 nights hotel at the Rosa Grand Hotel (or similar)
- Transfer to ship at the end of tour
- Featured excursions:
- Day 1: Leonardo da Vinci's "The Last Supper" Day 2: Milan
- Highlights City Tour
- Day 3: Valpolicella Wine Estate Lunch
- Local host, portage and breakfast



Not Included:

- Gratuities

Prices:

\$1,199 CAD per person double occupancy
\$1,799 CAD single occupancy

Non-refundable deposit of \$250 per person required at time of booking. Final payment due by January 24, 2023 at which time it is 100% non-refundable.

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