

# The Italian Cultural Society of Sacramento Presents:

## ITALY THE BEAUTIFUL TOUR

Lakes Como, Lake Maggiore, and Lake Garda, Milan, Genoa, Rapallo, Portofino, Santa Margherita Ligure, Portovenere, Le Cinque Terre, Modena, Maranello's Ferrari Museum, Parma, Verona, islands of Murano and Burano and Venice.



HOSTED BY  
PATRIZIA

**September 0%1\$, 2026 - 10 days in Italy**  
**\$6,599/\*double occupancy**

☆☆ Tour Includes:☆☆



- ♥ 9 nights in VIP 4+ ☆Star Hotels
- ♥ Private motorcoach, private boats and skippers, bus and ferries
- ♥ Full buffet breakfasts daily
- ♥ Gourmet Multi Course Dinners daily
- ♥ Full time Tour Director 24/7 and expert local city guides
- ♥ Wine tasting and Cellar Tour
- ♥ Sightseeing Tours and all Museum Admissions
- ♥ Parmigiano factory with tasting
- ♥ Balsamic Vinegar and tasting
- ♥ Countryside Lunch and wine
- ♥ Ferrari Museum, La Scala Opera House
- ♥ Welcome Cocktail and much more

*\* Price per person is based on double occupancy. Single Supplement for Private Room is \$1250. Price includes all the above plus portorage for one large bag, local hotel and city taxes. Not included: Airfare, drinks and \*tips (\*300 Euro per person). Please read terms and conditions.*



**See Italy at its Best with the**  
**Italian Cultural Society**

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## Italian Cultural Society Exclusive Northern Italy Tour: "Italy the Beautiful!"

Discover the incredible beauty of the Italian Riviera, the history of Genova, the elegance of the Italian Lake Region, the Sophistication of Milan, and the Romance of Verona and Venice with this exceptional Italian Cultural Society tour. Travelers often call this tour is "the vacation dreams are made of" and "the vacation of a lifetime". Every day of our 'Italy the Beautiful Tour' brings new discoveries and spectacular natural beauty, architecture, culture, gastronomic delights, and Italian art and history. We will visit the lakes and the Venetian Lagoon by private boat with local skippers and guides. We will be special guests at an exquisite Valpolicella Wine Estate and meet a Balsamic Vinegar producer whose family has produced this magic elixir for 10 generations. We will go inside a famous Parmigiano factory to see each stage of production. We will visit the incredible FERRARI MUSEUM in Maranello where it is possible to take one of these beautiful machines for a drive! Experience many more of Italy's most wonderful treasures with our Italy the Beautiful Tour of Northern Italy. **BUON VIAGGIO!**

Beautiful Tour of Northern Italy. **BUON VIAGGIO!**

### ITINERARY Fantasy VIP Tour September 1-10, 2026



**Departure:** Our tour starts in Genova and ends in Verona. You will depart the US for your flight to Genova, Italy. Italy is 9 hours ahead of California time so you must plan to arrive in Genova, Italy by the tour start date of 02 SEPTEMBER 2026. We will arrange to have you transferred from the airport to our hotel on the start date. We can help with flight arrangements, or you book on your own.

**Welcome to Italy: Day 1: 01 September 2026: Tour starts in Genova, Italy Arrival at Cristoforo Colombo Genova Airport** and transfer to our beautiful Hotel, where you will be privileged guests for the next 3-nights. Enjoy welcome cocktail and a delicious four-course dinner at the hotel. Welcome to the Italian Riviera!! And to the Dolce Vita!!

#### Day 2: 02 September 2026: Italian Riviera: Portofino & Santa Margherita Ligure



Today we tour two gems of the Italian Riviera: Portofino & Santa Margherita Ligure. This area is called the Gulf of Tigullio, and for decades it has been the most desirable destination for the world's rich and famous. But this area is also a Natural Park with breathtaking scenic beauty. Extensive beaches with well-equipped bathing establishments, avant-garde sport facilities and refined, top quality hotels blend with beautiful sea landscape, and lively town centers to create a magical experience in one of the world's most popular resort areas. Visit enchanting Portofino, a magical backdrop where culture and nature fuse. The name *Portofino* means "port of dolphins". Today the port is lined with celebrity yachts, but Portofino was originally a fishermen village. Its whimsically colored tall houses create an amphitheater around the famous (little square). ~ Breakfast & Dinner at our hotel.

#### Day 3: 03 September 2026: Cinque Terre



After breakfast, we will enjoy a full day excursion to the famous Cinque Terre. We will travel to La Spezia to board a ferry boat and visit this area called the *Il Golfo dei Poeti* (the Bay of Poets). We will visit the charming villages of Le Cinque Terre and the little-known jewel of Portovenere (the Port of Venus). Our first stop will be Portovenere which is dominated by the castle, and a lovely chapel with breathtaking views. Our second stop will be at lovely Vernazza, which is considered the most beautiful village of the Cinque Terre. Monterosso will be the last village that we will visit. The village is surrounded by olive-trees, lemon-trees, and above all vineyards which produce an excellent DOC white wine called simply "Le Cinque Terre". An incredible optional lunch in a breathtaking venue in Monterosso and a swim in the Mediterranean make this a perfect day! ~ Breakfast & Dinner at our hotel.

**Day 4: 04 September 2026: from the Italian Riviera to Lake Maggiore -Milan**

After breakfast, departure to Milan where we will enjoy a private guided tour of this vibrant, elegant city. The visit starts from the Castello Sforzesco, the imposing fortress built by the noble families of the Visconti and the Sforza, seat of one of the most magnificent courts during the Italian Renaissance.

Our next stop is the La Scala Opera House, worldwide famous shrine of classic music. A lovely walk along the Vittorio Emanuele Galleria, the beautiful gallery nicknamed by the "milanesi" the city's "living room" will take us to the Duomo square. We will enter the Duomo, the cathedral of the city, built by the Lords of Milan in medieval gothic style and the third largest church in the world. Enjoy some free time to discover the Milan fashion district considered the most important fashion center in the world. This center is known as the "quadrilateral of fashion", because it is formed by four main roads: Via Montenapoleone, Via Sant'Andrea, Via Manzoni and Via della Spiga. This high-class shopping district characterized by the presence of numerous boutiques and related retail outlets, which represent the world's most prestigious fashion houses. Check in at our lovely hotel on Lake Maggiore where we will stay for the next 2 nights. ~ Breakfast & Dinner at our hotel.

**Day 5: 05 September 2026: Stresa: Isola Bella & Borromeo Palace**

After breakfast, depart by private motorboat and skipper for Lake Maggiore. We enjoy a lovely private cruise to reach the Isola Bella (beautiful island). Stresa is an elegant internationally famous holiday resort located on the shore of Lake Maggiore. We will visit the Borromeo Palace and Gardens on Isola Bella, whose construction began in 1632, transforming the tiny fishing village into an elegant residence, which occupies two thirds of the island. The Italian style baroque gardens are like a giant ship, firmly anchored in the waters of the lake. We will have free time for shopping and lunch on this incredibly picturesque island. Breakfast & Dinner at our hotel.

**Day 6: 06 September 2026: Como Lake drive & cruise: Tremezzo & Bellagio**

Today we enjoy an amazing all day excursion to discover Italy's most famous lake: Lago di Como and the charming villages of Tremezzo and Bellagio. We will drive along the lake's western shore to admire Cernobbio with the famous Renaissance Villa d'Este; then we will pass by Laglio where George Clooney has his marvelous Italian estate. Tremezzo has a magnificent position on Lake Como and is home to some of the world's most lush estates, gardens and villas. In Tremezzo we will board on a private motorboat to reach the village of Bellagio, considered the "pearl of Lake Como". The cruise will offer us splendid views of the incredible villas and the natural splendor of this area. The village of Bellagio will charm you with its century-old buildings, stone streets and picturesque cobbled stairways filled with shops highlighting the finest Italian wares. Enjoy free time for lunch, shopping and individual visits. Check into our exquisite resort hotel on Lake Garda's shores where we will enjoy privileged stay for the next 4 nights! ~ Breakfast and Dinner at our hotel.



**Day 7: 07 September 2026: Verona and the Valpolicella wine country** Today we will discover the city of Verona with a private city guide. Verona is considered the most Roman of the Italian cities because of the presence of the famous Arena, a beautifully preserved Roman Amphitheatre. Our tour will start with a panoramic drive along the river Adige and through the hills overlooking Verona. We will stop at the Sanctuary of Santa Maria of Lourdes to admire breathtaking views of Verona. We will enjoy some of the most beautiful monuments of Verona: the Roman Bridge, the Roman Theater and the monumental 16th century walls and gates, and the Scaligeri Castle. We will stroll through the city squares and monuments: Piazza delle Erbe (the old Roman center and now Market Square), Piazza dei Signori (the political center in Middle Age Verona), and finally Piazza Bra with the Arena, (a wonderfully preserved Roman amphitheater). Of course, Juliet's house will be part of our tour!

We will then proceed to the Valpolicella wine country to visit a winery estate and taste the famous. Amarone is one of the greatest wines among all the fabulous Italian wines. If you like red wines, this will become your favorite! After this most splendid day, we will then reach the Lake Garda peninsula, and the beautiful town of Sirmione. which is right on the lake. It is a tiny walled city with a castle, and it has a fairytale appeal. Will can have a lovely stroll through its picturesque alleys and visit the charming shops. Sirmione has more gelato shops than any city I have ever visited. Each shop tries to outdo the others by serving up enormous mountains of lusciousness! ~ Breakfast & Dinner at your hotel in Lake Garda.



#### **Day 8: 08 September 2026: Venice & its Magical lagoon**



Today we visit Venice, a magical city which you will never forget! The Queen of the Adriatic! Venice is an enchanting series of charming islands in a lagoon. A lovely cruise by private motor boat will take us to Murano. Since 1921 this tiny Venetian Island has been the home of Venice's glassmaking industry. Glass production moved to Murano Island from the main part of Venice because its production posed a fire hazard. The glass production here is the best in the world, and we will visit a famous glass factory and see the masters at work. These museum quality works of art are breathtaking. After our visit to Murano – the Glass Island, we will travel by private motorboat to Burano, (the colorful lace Island) known as the photographers' paradise. Here you may enjoy an optional

seafood lunch among Burano's colorful houses and green waters channels. Burano is often called "the lace island" famous for lace embroidery done on a tombolo. These islands seems to be paradise! It is a wonderful relaxing way to visit these jewel cities. In the afternoon, we will enjoy some free time in Venice for shopping and private exploration. ~ Breakfast & dinner at your hotel in Lake Garda.



#### **Day 9: 09 September 2026: Italian Food & Ferrari - A DAY TO REMEMBER!**

This entire tour is incredible, but I think I have saved the best day for last. But then, I am both a gear head and a foody! Today we will discover Italy's Food and Motor Valley, and venture into the region of Emilia Romagna. We will see the making of Parmigiano-Reggiano: known as the KING OF CHEESES. Parmigiano-Reggiano is strictly bound to its place of origin. The origin of Parmigiano is strictly guarded. We will learn how the milk from a very specific region becomes this delectable cheese. Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese is not manufactured, but "it is made" today as it was made eight centuries ago. Our visit to the dairy will be followed by a tasting. The tour will continue with the visit to a traditional balsamic vinegar producer. Known since the Roman time, balsamic vinegar is produced by the natural fermentation process called 'acetification' of cooked grape must (freshly pressed grape juice that contains the skins, seeds and stems) and aged in small casks made of different kinds of

precious woods. The minimum age for the traditional balsamic vinegar is 12 minimum years, but we will also taste the 25 and 40-year-old ones! We will enjoy a wonderful farm style lunch at this agriturismo. Today we will visit the Ferrari Museum located near the factory and the celebrated Fiorano test track. The museum traces the history and heritage of the world's premier automobile marquee and features multimedia displays, exhibits, trophies – and, of course, Ferraris!! ~ Breakfast & Dinner at your hotel.

#### **Day 10: 10 September 2026: Departure Arrivederci Italia!!**

Our tour ends in the city of Verona. After breakfast at the hotel, we will offer transfers to the Verona airport for the flight home or your next destination Say "**Arrivederci**" (see you again!) to Italy

**\* All Sightseeing subject to changes\* Hotels may be substituted with similar accommodations.**

**Note Bene:** Guest must be able to walk approximately 2.5-3 miles over uneven and cobble stone surface, inclines and up to 65 steps. Comfortable walking shoes are necessary. Due to the nature of this tour, it is not recommended for guests using walkers or wheelchairs. If you have any questions please contact us!

**Note Bene:** If you plan to travel with us, or are considering international travel within the next year, now is the perfect time to check your passport and make certain that it is valid for 180 days after your return dates.

**<sup>1</sup>Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips, Sacramento**  
**Application, Terms and Conditions for Travel**  
**ITALY THE BEAUTIFUL 2026 Tour**

**IMPORTANT:** Please print your name EXACTLY AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR PASSPORT!

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|--|--------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| First:   | Middle:      | Last:            | __Mr. __Mrs.<br>__Ms. | Nickname:        |
| Date of Birth:                                       | Citizenship: | Passport Number: | Issue date:           | Expiration date: |
| Address:   |              | City:            | State:                | Zip:             |
| Phone: (       )                                     |              | Cell: (       )  | e-mail:               |                  |
| Emergency Contact: of person not traveling with you: |              | Phone: (       ) | Cell: (       )       | Relationship:    |
| Rooming with: First:                                 |              | Middle:          | Last:                 | Nickname:        |

**PLEASE PROVIDE A COPY OF THE PHOTO PAGE OF YOUR PASSPORT!!**

**The tour will include:**

9 nights lodging in premium four-star Villa Hotels and Historic Inns

All daily buffet breakfasts,

All daily dinners

Special Farmhouse lunch with wine

Full time English and Italian Speaking tour director and guide

Local, Expert licensed city tour guides

Private Motor coach transportation, ferries, private boats with skippers, private and semiprivate cars or vans with professional drivers

Accommodation based on double occupancy (single supplement is \$1250 for private room)

Sightseeing, tours, museum admissions and reservations

Porterage fees one large suitcase per passenger at each location

Transfers from Genova Airport on tour start date and to Verona airport at tour end date

Orientation and Cocktail Party

Various food, wine, and Olive Oil tasting as described

City taxes for each traveler

**The tour does not include:**

Air transportation

Drinks except where specifically included.

Lunches except where specifically included.

Travel insurance (**COMPREHENSIVE TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY URGED!**)

Telephone, incidentals, laundry and room service

Tips to City Guides and Tour Director are NOT included

Gratuities of 300 euros per person are collected in EURO currency to cover the restaurant staff for 9 breakfasts and 9 dinners, special lunches, bus driver, reception and hotel staff, and porters. 300 tips will be collected in euros in Italy.

Anything not specifically named in the TOUR WILL INCLUDE SECTION ABOVE:

Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips, Sacramento

**Terms and Conditions for Travel ITALY THE BEAUTIFUL 2026 Tour**

**Passports and Visas and Vaccines:** Each traveler who is a U.S. citizen must possess a valid U.S. passport with an expiration date **not less than six months after the tour return date**. US citizens **may (start date has not been announced.)** need to apply for travel authorization through the European Travel Information and Authorization System (ETIAS) to enter Italy and about 30 European countries. Make sure your passport details match those in your ETIAS authorization – you will be refused boarding and entry at the border if they do not match. To apply for the ETIAS please visit <https://etias.com/etias-application>. ETIAS will be valid for three years or when your current valid passport expires (whichever comes first). Travelers of other nationalities must contact the embassy or consulate of the destination country for entrance requirements. Passport and visa information may be obtained by contacting the Travel Advisory Section of the U.S. State Department at (202) 647-5225 or [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov). To obtain additional medical information, travel alerts and other information contact the Centers for Disease Control at (404) 332-4559 or [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). [ETIAS is currently not in operation and no applications are collected at this point. It is due to start 6 months after EES.](#) Children under 18 and Adults over 70 still need to apply but will be exempt from the application fee

**Traveler Notice:** Walking, climbing stairs and inclines is required and is an important part of experiencing this tour. Travelers cannot require special mobility care. Travelers' mutual enjoyment of the tour requires no egregious, disruptive behavior. After first notice of such behavior, a second notice will be grounds to excuse the traveler from the remainder of the tour with no refund or credit.

**Balance of Tour Fees:** To secure a reservation for the tour, the traveler shall make a non-refundable initial deposit of \$500 per person. Deposit payment shall be payable to Ships and Trips Travel by check. **\*All credit card payments are subject to a 4% charge. No fees are charged for payments by check or debit card.**

**Balance of Tour Fees:** \*The balance of tour cost is due 90 days prior to departure date. Note that tour costs are based upon the current monetary exchange rate and double occupancy. There is a one-time charge of \$1250 for a single traveler, private room supplement. If final payment is not received by the due date, the Italian Cultural Society may cancel the traveler's reservation; and the **non-refundable initial deposit will be forfeited.**

**Traveler Cancellation:** If the traveler cancels the reservation for this tour, cancellation fees apply. In addition to forfeiture of the \$500 initial deposit, the following forfeitures apply:

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 76 – 90 days prior to departure | \$750                    |
| 45 - 75 days prior to departure | 50% of deposited amount  |
| 44 – fewer prior to departure   | 100% of deposited amount |
| No show at tour start date      | 100% of deposited amount |

**Minimum Traveler Requirement:** The tour price and these terms are based on a minimum of 16 travelers. In the event the minimum of 16 travelers is not met, the Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel reserve the right to cancel the tour. In such a case, the initial deposit and all other payments shall be refunded.

**Intermediary:** The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel are intermediaries between the Suppliers and the travelers. The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel do not own or operate any of the hotels, transportation providers, vessels, airlines, travel insurance companies, or other travel-related Suppliers who provide goods or services for the travelers' trip.

**Travel Insurance:** The Italian Cultural Society **STRONGLY URGES** all travelers to purchase comprehensive travel insurance, with coverage including trip cancellation, baggage loss, health and medical coverage, accident, and repatriation. **TRAVEL INSURANCE RECOMMENDED AND IS VERY IMPORTANT!**

Ships and Trips Travel offers insurance coverage through certain carriers but cannot compare all the policies or companies currently in the marketplace. The traveler is free to purchase insurance from any source and is solely responsible for researching and finding the coverage that best fits the traveler's needs.

**Traveler Acknowledgements:**

1. By not obtaining appropriate travel insurance, the traveler acknowledges and accepts liability for any cancellations, forfeitures, damages and/or out-of-pocket expenses incurred prior to, during or after the tour.
2. Traveler acknowledges and accepts all responsibility for arranging and paying for any treatment in case of medical emergency while traveling, including transportation or repatriation expenses.
3. Traveler acknowledges and agrees that The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel shall not be responsible for any loss, damage, delay, inconvenience, or injury to the traveler because of a breach of contract, act, or omission whether willful or negligent, criminal or otherwise of any person other than The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel or their direct employees.

**Limits of Liability:** Without limitation, the traveler assumes the risk of, and agrees that The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel are not liable for, any damages arising from or related to any act of God or public enemies, arrest, restraints of any government or rulers of people, piracy, war, revolution, extortion, terrorist activity, threatened or actual rebellion, political upheaval, civil unrest, riots, fire, lockouts, explosion, collision, weather conditions, dangers incident to the sea, mechanical or construction failures or difficulties, diseases, local laws, abnormal conditions or developments, closure of airports/seaports/hotels/train stations, carrier flight cancellations and delays, or supplier logistical problems, computer problems,

stranding, food or water poisoning, illness, grounding, perils of the sea, rivers, canals, locks or other waters, perils of navigation of any kind, theft, accident to or from machinery, or lost/damaged/delayed luggage or any other actions or omissions. The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel shall not be responsible for any personal injuries, personal and/or property damages, or losses caused by or to the traveler. By embarking on this trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler acknowledges being warned of such risks and being strongly advised to obtain the appropriate insurance coverage for such risks.

Signature: I have read, and I understand and accept the above Terms and Conditions and agree to hold harmless The Italian Cultural Society and Ships and Trips Travel for any injury, damage, and/or loss I may sustain traveling on this tour.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Traveler's \_\_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Please \_\_\_\_\_ print)

Traveler's \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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