

EXCLUSIVE OPERA-THEMED TOUR OF NORTHERN ITALY

This tour is crafted specifically for Friends of Opera - and will benefit the UNL Friends of Opera. On the tour you will enjoy fantastic performances, including Aida, Nabucco and La Traviata in historical theaters in Parma and Venice. The tour starts in Parma, located in the Emilia-Romagna region. This region contains beautiful villages that attest to its rich history, including Byzantine, Roman and Renaissance towns. This region is also known for amazing food, wine and balsamic vinegar. It is the homeland of the composer Verdi and is the home of Ferrari too. There is something for everyone! From Parma we will head to Verona, the famous hometown of Romeo and Juliet. From there we will visit characteristic villas and monuments that make the region such a jewel. The tour ends in Venice, on a high note - with the performance of La Traviata at La Fenice.

Highlights include:

- 10-day privately guided tour of Northern Italy, including: Parma, Mantua, Verona, Ravenna and Venice
- 9 nights in luxury, boutique hotels, in Parma, Verona and Venice
- Opera performances, including Aida & Nabucco in Parma, and La Traviata at La Fenice in Venice
- Private minibuss transportation
- Unique tours to famous producers of Wine, Parmigiano, Prosciutto, Balsamic Vinegar, and more
- Entry, with private guides, to local UNESCO world heritage sites
- An optional add-on experience: Test-drive a Ferrari

DAY 1: Let's Meet in Parma!

We will meet in the afternoon for a leisurely walk around the city to orient ourselves. Along the way we will see some of the principal monuments of the city. We will conclude with a dinner at a typical restaurant.

DAY 2: All day Parma

Today will be spent enjoying the sites and the products of Parma, a visit of the Palazzo Ducale. In the evening we will attend Nabucco at Teatro Regia.

DAY 3: Verdi's Birthplace

Our private transportation service will take us to the village of Busseto, the hometown of Verdi. We will be spending the night in a Relais Chateaux,

that produces a specialty prosciutto. We will enjoy the farm fresh food at lunch, tour the estate, and then head into Busseto where will see Aida in the Teatro Verdi.

DAY 4: Castles, Fortresses and Abbeys...on the way to Verona

We will depart the Relais in the morning and make our way through the region. We will stop to visit sights including castles, and abbey from the 8th century. We will enjoy the culinary delights and the natural environs of the area. We will arrive in the early evening to Verona, allowing some exploring time in the town before we gather for dinner at a local restaurant. We will spend two nights in a boutique hotel in Verona.

DAY 5: All about Verona

Today will be dedicated to exploring Verona. We will spend a part of the day with a private guide to show us the highlights. The afternoon will be on your own to further explore or relax.

DAY 6: Let's head to Ravenna

Today we will make it to the eastern coast of Italy – we will visit the town of Ravenna and also some of the coastal villages. The area, in addition to offering Byzantine and medieval masterpieces, also is known for the production of majolica and other fine artisan products. We will enjoy a mix of contemporary and antique production.

DAY 7: A Day to Explore

The area offers so many treasures - let's experience them! We will continue our discoveries in the morning. The afternoon will be yours to enjoy.

DAY 8: Off to Venice

We will make our way to the one and only: Venice. We will arrive in the early part of the afternoon, allowing us time to visit some sites in Venice with our private guide. We will spend two nights in a historic, centrally-located boutique hotel.

DAY 9: Venice all for You by Day, La Traviata by night

You will have the day to spend as you please, we will gather in the evening for the performance at La Fenice.

DAY 10: Arrivederci!

Dates: October 16 - 25, 2019

Cost: Euro 4900/person (800 Euro single supplement) does not include airfare

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