

ITALIANO *for you*

Northern Italy & Opera Tour



This tour is crafted specifically to combine the musical, gastronomic and hidden artistic delights of Northern Italy. On the tour you will enjoy fantastic performances in historical theaters in Parma, Fidenza and Venice. This region contains beautiful villages that attest to its rich history, including Roman and Renaissance towns. This region is also known for amazing food, wine and balsamic vinegar. It is the homeland of the composer Verdi, the famous luthier, Stradivari, and is the home of Ferrari too. There is something for everyone!

We will spend the first three nights in Verona. This is one of the most beautiful towns in Northern Italy, rich with history, and famous for love! Next, we take a deep dive into the land of Verdi, we will spend two nights on historic, working farm. We will witness their ancient process of producing specialty prosciutto and dine at the Michelin-starred restaurant on the farm. We will visit the home of Verdi, and see *Il Trovatore* in a village of Fidenza. While in the area, we will spend a day in Cremona, which offers some of the most remarkable treasures of Italy.

The next stop is Parma, the birthplace of Parmigiano, Toscanini and Prosciutto di Parma. Our hotel is conveniently located in the center of Parma. At the Teatro Regio di Parma, we will see *La Forza del Destino* and also see a performance of *Quattro Pezzi Sacri* from Verdi's *Parsifal*.

The tour will end in Venice, we will make our way there visiting one of the special villas with amazing gardens. We will spend two nights in a centrally-located historic hotel in Venice. We will have a local guide show us some of the highlights of Venice and enjoy a performance at La Fenice.

(The itinerary is subject to change, with or without notification. The final version will be provided before departure).



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DAY 1: Let's Meet in Verona! 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. (Dinner)

DAY 2: All day Verona. The morning will be spent enjoying the sites with a private guide in Verona. You will have free time in the afternoon. (Breakfast, lunch)

DAY 3: Yours to discover. You will have the entire day to continue to explore Verona.

DAY 4: Land of Verdi On our way to the hometown of Verdi we will stop at a Parmigiano dairy to witness the production of the King of Cheeses, followed by a visit to a local winery and a historic castle. We will be lodging at a historic farm that produces a specialty prosciutto. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 5: All About Verdi: We will get a tour of the historic farm and prosciutto production in the morning and then enjoy a private tour of Verdi's villa and then enjoy an evening performance. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

Day 6: From Stradivari's hometown to Toscanini's ! We make a day-trip to Cremona, home of Stradivari and other famous luthiers. We will visit the extraordinary cathedral (often called the Sistine Chapel of the north), the bell tower and the beautiful violin museum. We will arrive in the beautiful town of Parma in the early evening. Before dinner, we will see the performance of Quattro Pezzi Sacri at Teatro Regio di Parma. (Breakfast, dinner)

DAY 7: All Day Parma

Today will be dedicated to Parma. We will have a local, private guide to show us the highlights of the city. After you have a chance to get a light bite on your own, we will see Verdi's La Forza del Destino. (Breakfast, lunch)

DAY 8: Off to Venice We will make our way to the one and only: Venice. Along the way, we will stop to visit one of the famous villas in the area. We will spend two nights in a historic, centrally-located boutique hotel. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)

DAY 9: Discover Venice: The morning will include a private tour and then you will have the rest of the day to spend as you please. Evening performance: La Fille du Regiment at La Fenice theatre. (breakfast and post-performance dessert)

DAY 10: Arrivederci! Transportation to the Venice airport will be provided for your departure.