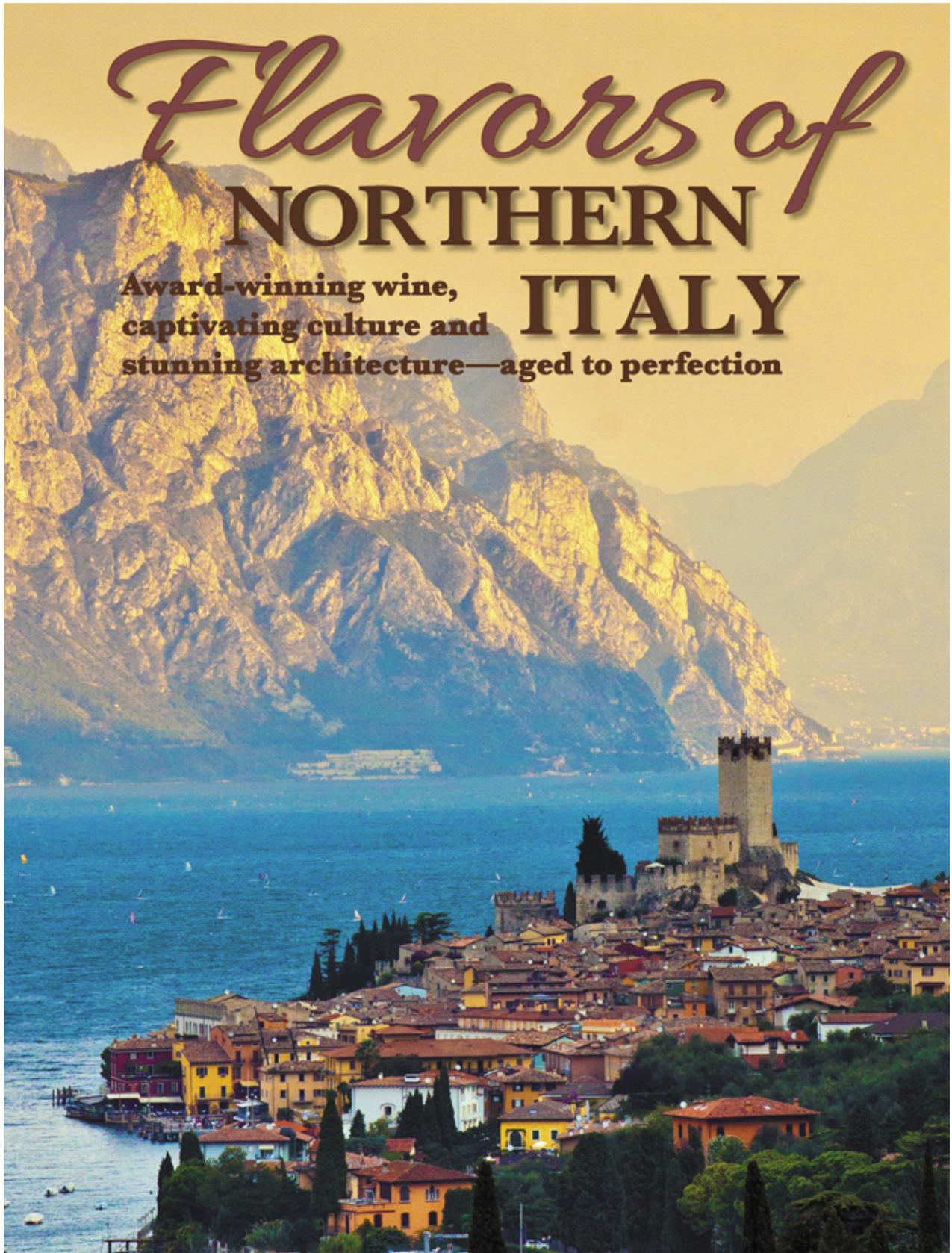


Flavors of **NORTHERN**

**Award-winning wine,
captivating culture and
stunning architecture—aged to perfection**

ITALY



AUGUST 27, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 04, 2022

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FLAVORS OF NORTHERN ITALY

Settle in and spend time learning and enjoying Northern Italian culinary traditions con gusto. A key ingredient of this signature journey is the luxury of unpacking once and dedicating your days to the rich cultural opportunities unique to this region.



Dear EXPLORERS and Friends,

Join our small group for a nine-day journey to the culinary and cultural heart of Northern Italy—a region brimming with exquisite local wines, specialty ingredients, soul-satisfying signature dishes and the wonderful Italians who conjure them with time-honored techniques.

Settle into a beautiful wine estate outside Verona. Within reach is a connoisseur's pick of centuries-old wineries, artisan producers and extraordinary, historic sights.

With each day highlighted by exclusive experiences, access authentic Italy, learn from local Italians and, most of all, revel in *la dolce vita*—the joyful celebration of food, friends and life!

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at uillinois.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Dillavou". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jennifer Dillavou
President, University of Illinois Alumni Association
<https://uiaa.org/explorers/>

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Please note: The information contained in this document is current as of 4/14/2021

Program Highlights:

- With your small group (maximum 19 guests), enjoy seven nights accommodations at a historic country farmhouse amidst a wine and olive oil-producing estate.
 - Join intimate cooking classes with locals who share their families' histories and favorite recipes.
 - Take in the area's layered history, with visits to Verona's 2,000-year-old Roman arena and the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio Bridge.
 - In the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions, visit family-owned and -operated vineyards, meeting the esteemed vintners and discovering their unique varietals. Partake in exclusive tastings and presentations, and learn how wine-making traditions have been passed down through generations.
 - Admire the panoramic beauty at captivating Lago di Garda—Italy's largest lake.
 - Delight in a cheese-making demonstration and tasting in the heart of Lessinia, home to a delicious variety of Italian cheeses.
 - See Palazzo Ducale di Mantova—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—which was the royal residence of the Gonzaga family from 1328 to 1707.
 - Meet a renowned winemaker who specializes in creating Amarone. Then retreat to a nearby restaurant for a polenta-making demonstration, featuring Amarone, and dinner.
 - Enjoy a special excursion near Modena for a tasting of aged balsamic vinegar during a convivial meal with the property's owner and his family.
 - Relax during a boat tour around Lago d'Iseo, featuring mesmerizing clear water and stunning mountain scenery, followed by touring on land.
 - Explore the 16th-century cellars of Mosnel winery and learn how painstaking attention to detail produces wines of consummate elegance and complexity.
 - **What's included:** 7 nights accommodations; 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine; all lessons, private tours and tastings, and special small-group excursions as noted in the 9-day itinerary; full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides; private motor coach transportation; luggage portage; gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, and drivers; and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times.
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Itinerary:

Day 1: En route from U.S.

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Day 2: Arrive in Verona, Italy / Province of Brescia (Selva Capuzza)

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Welcome to Italy!

Transfer to Selva Capuzza—a charming Italian farmhouse on a historic, country wine estate in the Province of Brescia—which will be home base for this week's adventures. Escape the bustling Verona motorway and experience a striking atmospheric dichotomy as paved roads transform into seemingly endless vineyards dotted with towering cypress trees.

Arriving at Borgo San Donino—Selva Capuzza's *appartamenti*—warm greetings await, making each guest feel as if they've visited countless times before. The property evokes romantic dreams, where every aspect ignites the senses. Remarkable vine-covered stone walls, fresh countryside air, and songbirds trilling lively lilts all set the stage for the exciting days to come.

Settle into your accommodations before meeting fellow travel companions to stroll through the vineyard to Cascina Capuzza, Selva Capuzza's restaurant, for a welcome drink and dinner.
Overnight: Borgo San Donino (D)

Day 3: Tower of San Martino

Monday, August 29, 2022

After a leisurely breakfast, join together to learn the art of preparing fresh pasta. Chefs from Cascina Capuzza will share their family's traditions, tips, and tricks as you try your hand at making a few pasta varieties. Then, retreat for a lovely lunch, featuring the freshly made fare paired with wine from the property.

This afternoon, visit the Tower of San Martino della Battaglia—a monument positioned on the site of an important historic battle. Traverse the winding incline to reach the top for a 360-degree view of the vast countryside stretching to the waters of Lago di Garda.

Return to the property to refresh and gather at Selva Capuzza's winery for a tasting before another lovely dinner at Cascina Capuzza.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 4: Verona / Valpolicella

Tuesday, August 30, 2022

Today, explore Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a long, colorful history and infinite artistic architectural landmarks. Meet with a local guide for a panoramic tour around the city to view the Renaissance Gates of the 16th century and various Roman monuments.

Then set out by foot for a guided walk along Italy's second longest river, Adige, crossing the 14th-century Castelvecchio Bridge—an iconic photography opportunity—toward the city center. Stop for an inside visit at San Zeno Basilica to admire its Romanesque architecture, centuries-old frescoes, and exceptionally detailed 12th-century bronze doors.

Continue on to Piazza delle Erbe, where the courtyard is surrounded by quaint cafés being mindfully watched over by the Statue of Dante, and saunter the cobblestone streets to capture a glimpse of Juliet's balcony.

After lunch on your own, rejoin the group for an inside visit to the Roman amphitheater—Verona's best preserved Roman monument. Once an arena that hosted jousting matches and carnage-filled gladiator games, the current structure—impacted by numerous earthquakes throughout the years—serves as an open-air theater for operas and modern music performances.

Afterward, head north to the hills of the Valpolicella wine region to meet winemaker Giuseppe Lonardi, one of the best producers of Amarone in Italy. Tour the winery before sampling a few varietals, including Giuseppe's special blend, Privilegia.

After the tasting, take a short stroll through the bucolic neighborhood to a tiny bistro to meet Chef Vittorio. Gather around his kitchen work table while he demonstrates how to create slow-cooked, Amarone-infused risotto. As it's stirred over a wood fire, observe the finer points of making polenta, learn about other seasonal and regional fare, and then enjoy a freshly prepared dinner, featuring the decadent Amarone risotto.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,D)

Day 5: Marano / Malcesine

Wednesday, August 31, 2022

This morning offers a special treat—a lively dessert-focused cooking class at Selva Capuzza. Roll up your sleeves and get ready to prepare a variety of traditional sweet treats, including salame di cioccolato, sbrisolona cake, and Cascina Capuzza's trademark tiramisu! Your hand-made treats will be ready to sample after tonight's delicious dinner.

Afterward, head north to the de Tarczal estate in the mountainous Trentino region of

Northern Italy. Renowned for centuries for the quality and variety of its distinguished grapes, this prestigious, small, family-operated vineyard specializes in classic local varietals. Enjoy a tour of the cellars, wine tasting, and lunch in "la Vineria," featuring the gastronomic products of Trentino.

The leisurely return drive to Selva Capuzza delivers you to the shores of Italy's largest lake, Lago di Garda, in the lively medieval village of Malcesine. Wander the sloping avenues featuring a myriad of boutiques and restaurants up to stately Scaliger Castle to capture the panoramic views over the majestic azure water below.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 6: Modena / Mantua

Thursday, September 1, 2022

This morning, set out for Modena to meet Simone Caselli, an award-winning producer of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena. During a private tour, visit the old attic where the Caselli family story of creating balsamic vinegars began and still remains a part of the continuing tradition today. Then retire to the tasting room to compare the characteristics of three aged balsamic vinegars followed by lunch, including an array of homemade regional dishes featuring various Aceto vinegars.

Afterward, stop at beautiful Mantua for an inside visit to Palazzo Ducale, the former noble residence of the Gonzaga family. A UNESCO World Heritage site, this building is one of the most important Renaissance monuments in Italy. Peruse the museum, or venture into Mantua's main plaza for a bit of free time before returning to Selva Capuzza.

This evening, enjoy a light dinner at Cascina Capuzza.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 7: Roncà / Soave / Sirmione

Friday, September 2, 2022

Today, discover the culinary delights of the Lessinia region, known for its lush pastures, olive groves, and cherry and chestnut orchards. Visit La Casara—a family-run, artisan cheese shop in the Roncà municipality. Enjoy an up-close cheese-making demonstration and venture into the cheese cellar before settling into the tasting room for a sampling of La Casara's savory creations.

Departing Roncà, make a short photography stop in the walled, medieval town of Soave. View its famous castle, and learn about the town's important regional position and historic

relationship with wine.

Continue to Sirmione—an idyllic resort town at the tip of a peninsula in Lago di Garda. Spend free time roaming the enlivened streets, sip a cold aperitivo at a waterfront café, or peruse the plentiful boutiques for souvenir shopping.

Tonight, gather with fellow travelers for another convivial dinner at Cascina Capuzza accompanied by live musical entertainment.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 8: Sulzano / Lago d'Iseo / Franciacorta

Saturday, September 3, 2022

After breakfast, depart Sulzano by boat to see the hamlets and villages alongside picturesque Lago d'Iseo, a small lake situated within a rich agricultural area of vineyards, olive groves, fewer crowds, and friendly locals. Exceptional rural beauty, historic walking trails, and unique experiences await! Tour the main island, Montisola, and stroll the charming town of Perschiera Maraglio with its fabulous views. Stop in at Siviano to learn more of the culture at the fishing-net museum. See the owners' vast collection of documents, a permanent display of photographs, and other objects that pay tribute to their roots.

Next, wine lovers will delight in visiting Italy's Franciacorta—a name referring to the territory, the production method, and the vino. Franciacorta is Italy's answer to champagne, and it was the first sparkling wine here to receive the highest designation of quality (DOCG) distinction. This bucolic region with sloping hills overlooks the shores of Lago d'Iseo and serves as our ambiance for a guided cellar tour, wine tasting, and light lunch. In the heart of the area lies the centuries-old Mosnel residence, where guests pass through barrel cellars and history rich caves before savoring a selection of wines defining the house style. For five generations, time and expertise have taught them how to transform grapes.

Later, dinner at Cascina Capuzza features a variety of slow foods—a food movement started in Italy emphasizing an integrated approach uniting the enjoyment of growing, preparing and eating food with responsibility, sustainability, and harmony with nature.

Overnight: Borgo San Donino (B,L,D)

Day 9: Verona / Depart Verona for U.S.

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Today, guests departing during the suggested times will take a complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. Guests continuing on the optional post-tour will depart by train to

Venice. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. On the estate, unpaved roads and pathways separate its various structures, and walking is required to get from one building to another and to reach the restaurant. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at site entrances. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary, but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

What's Included:

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine, each incorporating a variety of Northern Italian preparations and ingredients
- All lessons, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage handling
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times

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Your Guide(s):

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host



As you explore the region's culinary and cultural flavors, an Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to enrich the beauty of all senses to your discoveries.

Whether at a wine tasting, visiting with locals, sightseeing, or raising a glass with you over an exquisitely crafted meal, the contribution of your Travel Director is essential to the intimate and educational qualities that distinguish this program. Catch their enthusiasm and explore the flavors of this wonderful region with added confidence, understanding, and appreciation.

Program Accommodations:

Borgo San Donino



August 28 - September 3

Within arm's reach of the culture-rich Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions lies Borgo San Donino, a charming farmhouse on the Selva Capuzza wine estate—also the 1859 battle site of Italy's fight toward its independence.

The farmhouse apartments, winery, and nearby restaurant are the result of many years of dedicated work, and provide award-winning wines, delightful accommodations, and generous hospitality for all who visit.

Stroll the grounds and you might see grape vines being carefully tended by hand or olives ripening for the estate's own olive oil, just steps away from tables where the harvest is reincarnated in signature wines and local dishes. The Selva Capuzza winery produces a wonderful selection of varietals—red, white, and rosé, all under the careful expertise of the property's skilled vintners.

Visit the nearby San Martino Tower to admire its majesty from the inside and out. Then follow the tree-lined road to the Chapel of San Martino, which guards many of the fallen from the battle.

After a day's adventures, restore your senses amidst the comfortable atmosphere of your apartment—inspired, as you will be, by the beauty of Northern Italy's landscapes.

Classic: A comfortable apartment with kitchenette and en suite bathroom with shower, overlooking the garden and surrounding countryside.

Superior: A spacious apartment with vaulted ceilings, kitchenette, en suite bathroom, and second-floor views of the garden, vineyard, or surrounding countryside.

Room Amenities: Each room is equipped with a safe, complimentary Wi-Fi, bathroom sundries (shampoo, shower gel, lotion, toothbrush kit, shaving kit, sewing kit, and shower cap), slippers, and a hair dryer. (Hair conditioner is not provided.)

NOTE: This property does not have an elevator.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What Guests Are Saying:

“Our Travel Director was at all times extremely professional, yet very personable! She guided us through a very quick-paced week and coordinated all the transportation and connections perfectly. It impressed me that she always reached out to all group members and engaged in pleasant, interested conversation. I really appreciated her historical and cultural comments regarding the area while we were on tour! Bravo!

It was also impressive that the other staff members at Borgo San Donino were so attentive and personable. You could tell that they love where they live, the work they do and the wine/oil they produce. I'll never forget these impressions and I will certainly return to the region. Lastly, Borgo San Donino is a wonderful place to stay! Beautiful, comfortable.”

—Julie & Ulrich L., Glottertal, Germany

“The accommodations were a nice mix of a rustic setting with all the modern amenities one needs.

We really enjoyed the personal attention we got at the smaller vineyards and food producers—much better than visiting large commercial producers.

Our travel director was wonderful. Her knowledge of the area and her personal relationship with the people at many of the sites we visited made us feel like welcome guests at most of the places we visited.

Everything about this trip was wonderful. Everything was perfect. There was wonderful food and wine everywhere we went. Everyone was so nice, and we loved everything that we did.”

—Kirk & Martha E., Johns Island, SC

"I loved how this trip gave me a more personal view of Italy through conversations with locals and family-run food vendors. I've studied abroad in Italy and have been on vacation there with family, but this was a unique experience. I loved our guide and the off-the-beaten path tour. It felt like I had a friend showing me around."

–Jacqueline B., Hillsborough, CA

"We enjoyed the small group experience, which allowed us to get to know the others.

The restaurant at the property was excellent. Amazing variety of foods prepared for our group over the course of the week--never knew what to expect but were never disappointed.

And we very much enjoyed our travel director's insights and sense of humor, and her patience."

–Sam F., Shepherdstown, WV

"The variety and content of each excursion were excellent and made the trip so enjoyable. Our guide was absolutely excellent—extremely knowledgeable, timely, friendly, easy to relate to and made the sites/experiences so real and understandable. For me, she made the trip perfect."

–Sharon E., Middleton, WI

"The tortellini were like my grandmother used to make, and my aunt continues to make. The wrapping reminded me of Saturdays at my grandparents' home where we made them for Sunday after church."

–Bruce W., Iowa City, IA

"This was a wonderful itinerary and great trip. Our guide was knowledgeable and well-informed about the history and culture of each place making each destination even more interesting. We loved going to each of the small towns, meeting families who were involved in producing wine, food, balsamic vinegar or olive oil, and best of all, being invited to share lunch or dinner with them. We'll always have great memories of *Flavors of Northern Italy*."

-Ellen & Paul K., Coral Gables, FL

"Selva Capuzza is immaculate and beautiful. Perfect setting from which to connect with the customs, food, wine, agriculture, people and culture of Northern Italy. Simply marvelous."

-Jill & Frank C., Marlton, NJ

Optional Pre-Tour:

CINQUE TERRE



Take advantage of additional time in Italy to explore Cinque Terre and the Italian Riviera, an area teeming with meaningful traditions surrounding wine, cuisine, and family.

Charming pastel buildings and sparkling sea views combine brilliantly with sweet and savory specialties from Monterosso al Mare, Vernazza, Manarola, and Riomaggiore. Discover the plentiful local seafood—fresh calamari, shrimp, and anchovies are always at hand (even those who are not fans of anchovies should try them here). And the hills behind the villages are a mosaic of vineyards producing local white wine. *Delizioso!*

More than food and drink, Cinque Terre is also a National Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site, drawing visitors to its dramatic coastal scenery and sunset panoramas.

Itinerary:

Day +1: En route from U.S.

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

Day +2: Arrive in Milan, Italy / Sestri Levante

Thursday, August 25, 2022

After arriving in Milan Malpensa, enjoy the scenic drive to the Italian Riviera. The afternoon is at leisure to relax after the flight and stroll the fishing hamlet of Sestri Levante.

Overnight: Vis à Vis

Day +3: Sestri Levante / Cinque Terre / Sestri Levante

Friday, August 26, 2022

Following breakfast, board a local train to travel the coastline, arriving at Cinque Terre—a fairy-tale-esque area of hamlets brimming with pastel-hued homes—which exudes unparalleled charm.

Explore the lively towns and experience a culinary specialty at each stop. Start in Monterosso al Mare to sip the best lemon granita. Then, try farinata—an amazing local chickpea pie—in Vernazza. In Manarola, sample fresh pesto *trofie*—a twisted, spiral-shaped pasta from the Ligurian region, followed by the area's popular dessert white wine, Sciacchetrà. Cap off the delightful day at Riomaggiore with a creamy gelato.

Overnight: Vis à Vis (B,L)

Day +4: Sestri Levante / Portofino / San Fruttuoso / Sestri Levante

Saturday, August 27, 2022

Transfer to stunning Portofino, considered one of the "eight wonders of the world." It's an incredibly well-preserved ancient fishing village in the heart of a natural park. Sail by private *gozzo* (a traditional wooden boat with a large sundeck) to the abbey of San Fruttuoso, and discover the sacred building dating back to the 16th century. Enjoy lunch at leisure near the abbey and then stroll lively Santa Margherita Ligure with its tiny alleys and colorful shops before returning to Sestri Levante.

Overnight: Vis à Vis (B)

Day +5: Sestri Levante / Verona / Main Program Begins

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Indulge in a final morning at leisure in Sestri Levante and then transfer to Verona. (B)

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

This pre-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

Activities are generally not very strenuous, however, we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, can walk up and down hillsides and stairs, and can board/disembark a water vessel without assistance. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than vehicle. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for the disabled may be limited.

Accommodations:

Vis à Vis



August 25 - August 27

A unique hotel perched on a high promontory, the family-run Vis à Vis provides spectacular views over two bays—Baia del Silenzio and Baia delle Favole. Tastefully furnished, welcoming rooms offer comfort and relaxation. Unwind in the outdoor heated swimming pool set amid olive trees, savor a delicious cocktail and meal at the Sky Bar Zeus or other on-site dining options, and for an additional fee, indulge in spa treatments in the Giunone Wellness area.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, partial sea view, balcony with seating, complimentary Wi-Fi, writing desk, LCD TV, phone, safe, mini bar, slippers, and en suite bathroom with premium sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- 3 nights accommodations at Vis à Vis (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Cinque Terre card for all train transportation within the Cinque Terre
- Guided touring (by English-speaking guides) and tastings through Cinque Terre's villages
- Luxury motor coach transportation (with unlimited bottled water) for included touring
- Boat excursion to San Fruttuoso
- Entrance fee to San Fruttuoso Abbey
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guide, drivers for included activities and excursions, porters, and wait staff for included meals

- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times

Optional Post-Tour:

VENICE



Ah, Venice. Bask in the gloriously romantic and enchanting atmosphere of the *Floating City*. Your small group will delight in exploring classic cultural treasures of this remarkable region. Guided tours for sightseeing, meeting with artisans, and learning about wine making reveal Venice's rich layers of history, art, and dedication to good food and drink.

Itinerary:

Day 9: Depart Verona / Arrive Venice

Sunday, September 4, 2022

Arrive in Venice Santa Lucia and transfer to your hotel by private boat. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided sightseeing tour of Venice from the water. Cross the Grand Canal, the city's main "street," lined on either side by palaces, churches, hotels, and other public buildings in various architectural styles. Connecting waterways bustle with transport as automobiles are banned throughout much of the city. See iconic landmarks, including St. Mark's Square, Giudecca, and San Giorgio Maggiore. The rest of the afternoon and the evening are at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace

Day 10: Venice

Monday, September 5, 2022

This morning visit a squero, or boatyard, and learn the fascinating secrets of the art and

science of traditional gondola construction. See these symbols of Venice under construction and hear about the techniques used by artisans to build and repair gondolas for generations. Did you know that before 1884, gondolas were symmetrical and required *two* gondoliers to row the boat by standing on opposite sides of the hull? Discover which materials are used, such as multiple kinds of wood—and how—by proud craftsmen.

Later, meet an artisan who creates amazing masks, and learn about the history of the Venetian Carnival. The rest of the day is at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace (B)

Day 11: Venice / Mazzorbo / Venice

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

After a leisurely breakfast, board private motorboats to reach the island of Mazzorbo. Rich in agricultural tradition, here one finds hundreds of artichoke fields, vineyards, and fruit trees. Visit a local vineyard and discover how wine producers have overcome the challenges of the area's high tides to create celebrated Venetian wines. Savor a lunch pairing a menu created by a Michelin-starred chef with various wines produced by the property. Traditional dishes such as locally caught fish and shellfish with fresh vegetables and wild herbs cultivated on the grounds are highlights of this delightful, relaxed *osteria*—traditionally a wine bar recognized for its welcoming and informal atmosphere.

Cross a pedestrian bridge and explore colorful Burano at your own pace. Perhaps in Galuppi Square engage with locals to admire the lacework, Burano's main craft product. Lacemaking dates back to the 1500s, and the island has precious works from the Burano Lace School's collection exhibited in a museum. Then, return to the hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace (B,L)

Day 12: Depart Venice for U.S.

Wednesday, September 7, 2022

After breakfast, transfer to the airport via water taxi for your flight home. *(B)*

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch

This post-tour is not escorted by an Orbridge Travel Director. Included sightseeing is accompanied by a local guide. Space is limited, so it's recommended to reserve early for best availability.

(Itinerary subject to change.)

Activity Level:

Moderate

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Accommodations:

Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace



September 4 - September 6

An oasis of class and tranquility, the Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace located in the charming and picturesque district of Dorsoduro—in the heart of Venice—welcomes guests with elegantly appointed rooms and helpful staff. Sumptuous furnishings including magnificent chandeliers, comfortable beds, authentic antique furniture, marble bathrooms, and contemporary amenities make this meticulously restored property an enjoyable stay. Unwind in the peaceful, private garden and *Vitraria Caffè* located on the ground floor for a wide range of coffees and teas, or some of your favorite aperitifs served with tasty canapès and small savory delights.

Room Amenities: Individual climate control, flat-screen TV, complimentary Wi-Fi, phone, coffee and tea maker, safe, minibar, bathrobes, and en suite bathroom with sundries and hair dryer.

(Accommodations subject to change.)

What's Included:

- Transfer by train (in business class) from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director, who will see you to your hotel for check-in, then bid you a fond farewell
- 3 nights accommodations at Hotel Nani Mocenigo Palace (or similar)
- 3 breakfasts and 1 lunch
- Guided touring accompanied by an art historian
- Private visit to a mask artisan workshop
- Private gondola boatyard visit
- Guided vineyard tour and wine pairing with lunch designed by a Michelin-starred chef
- Water taxi transportation for canal and lagoon tours, and transfers to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days

- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to hotel staff, local guide, drivers for included activities and excursions, porters, and wait staff for included meals

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PROGRAM RATES*

Classic: \$4,495

Superior: \$4,895

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Classic: \$1,995

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Single: \$2,695

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Email: _____ Class Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Address: _____

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_____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

_____ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at terms.orbridge.com and the COVID-19 Acknowledgement at orbridge.com/wellness; and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in US dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

***Pre-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

****Post-tour rate is per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Single availability limited. Airfare not included.*

Terms and Conditions

**THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND CONDITIONS ARE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2021,
AND APPLY TO NEW RESERVATIONS RECEIVED BY ORBRIDGE ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2021.**

Note: Travel credits and transfers are subject to the Terms and Conditions agreed upon at the time of the original reservation.

ORBRIDGE® TERMS AND CONDITIONS, RELEASE AND BINDING ARBITRATION AGREEMENT

This Agreement includes contractual terms and conditions and releases Orbridge, LLC from liability. Any payment to Orbridge, including but not limited to deposits or full payments, constitutes your acknowledgement of, and agreement to, this Terms and Conditions, Release and Binding Arbitration Agreement Orbridge set forth below and in subsequent tour documents.

Limitation of Responsibility. Orbridge LLC, its shareholders, directors, officers, employees and affiliates (collectively, "Orbridge"), does not own or operate any entity that provides goods or services for your trip including, for example, ownership or control over hotels or other lodging facilities, airline, vessel, bus, van or other transportation companies, local ground operators, providers or organizers of optional excursions or equipment used thereon, food service or entertainment providers, etc., even if they use the "Orbridge LLC" or "Orbridge" name. All such persons and entities are independent contractors. As a result, Orbridge is not liable for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any such person or entity, or of any other third party. Without limitation, Orbridge is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to person or property, death, delay or inconvenience (collectively, "losses") in connection with the provision of any goods or services occasioned by or resulting from, but not limited to, acts of God, acts of government, force majeure, acts of war or civil unrest, insurrection or revolt, strikes or other labor activities, criminal or terrorist activities of any kind, or the threat thereof, overbooking or downgrading of accommodations, structural or other defective conditions in hotels or other lodging or vessel facilities, mechanical or other failure of airplanes or other means of transportation or for any failure of any transportation mechanism to arrive or depart timely or safely, dangers associated with or bites from animals, pests or insects, marine life or vegetation of any sort, dangers incident to recreational activities such as scuba diving, snorkeling, paddle boarding, surfing, swimming, kayaking, sailing, canoeing, rafting, hiking, bicycling, rock climbing, etc., sanitation problems, food poisoning, lack of access to or quality of medical care, difficulty in evacuation in case of a medical or other emergency, illness, epidemics, pandemics or the threat thereof or for any other cause beyond the direct control of Orbridge. In addition, I release Orbridge from its own negligence and assume all risk thereof.

Rates. Program rates are based on minimum participation levels, current fares and costs (air, water, land, rail), tariffs and currency values. While Orbridge does everything possible to maintain the listed program rates, they are subject to change effective immediately upon posting unless otherwise specified by Orbridge. In the case of invoicing errors, we reserve the right to re-invoice with the correct pricing.

Reservations, Deposits and Final Payment. To secure your reservation, deposits are due upon placing a reservation as follows: (1) \$850 per person per program and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour except for programs noted in (2) and (3); (2) \$2,500 per person for Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway and \$500 per person per pre-tour and/or post-tour; (3) a non-refundable \$1,500 per person is due for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour. Deposits are payable by check, automated clearing house ("ACH"), wire transfer or major credit card.

Final payment, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is payable by check, ACH or wire transfer, and is due for: (1) all programs except Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 90 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date; (2) Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway—no later than 150 days prior to the program's scheduled departure date.

If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the program's scheduled departure date, the full cost of the program, plus any pre-tour and/or post-tour, optional excursion(s) fees and optional electives, is due at the time of registration, payable by check, ACH or wire transfer.

Final payments made by credit card for departures in 2021 are subject to a 2% transaction fee.

If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund.

Reservation Cancellations and Refunds. All cancellations must be submitted to Orbridge in writing and will be processed as follows:

(a) For all programs except those noted in (b) and (c), if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 90 calendar days prior to the program's scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 90 and 60 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 59 and 30 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 29 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(b) For Antarctica Discovery and Trans-Siberian Railway, if the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge more than 180 calendar days prior to the scheduled departure date, all monies paid to Orbridge for the main program and for any pre-tour and/or post-tour will be refunded in full. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 180 and 150 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 25% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge between 149 and 120 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 50% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour, and the balance will be refunded. If the cancellation notice is received by Orbridge within 119 days prior to the scheduled departure date, a 100% cancellation fee will be applied to the full cost of the program, including any pre-tour and/or post-tour.

(c) All payments made for Tanzania Wildlife Safari's Rwanda pre-tour are non-refundable at all times.

In addition to and not in lieu of the foregoing, a Cancellation Fee equal to 100% of the carrier charge applies to all non-refundable airfares due to your cancellation made at any time prior to the scheduled program departure date, as applicable. Refunds, if any, will be processed within 30 calendar days of our receipt of your written notice.

Travel Insurance. Orbridge strongly recommends that you purchase travel and cancellation insurance to protect your investment in the event of unexpected or unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we recommend that you consider obtaining a policy(ies) that will cover emergency medical evacuation insurance and cancel for any reason insurance. Travel and cancellation insurance policies and dates by which policies must be purchased vary by provider/insurer, maximum coverage (including cancel for any reason) is generally only available for purchase within 14 days of your reservation being confirmed. It is advised to determine your insurance needs and make necessary arrangements soon after reserving on tour. If you do not have, but are interested in purchasing, travel and cancellation insurance please contact us.

Program Cancellations or Postponements. All programs are subject to cancellation or postponement by Orbridge prior to the scheduled departure date for reasons such as, but not limited to, insufficient participation, or logistical problems that, in Orbridge's sole judgment, may impede program operations or represent conditions or events that may expose program guests and/or Orbridge to undue risk of harm, injury, damage or inconvenience. In the event of program cancellation or postponement by Orbridge, Orbridge may offer you alternative arrangements such as the option to join the same tour on a different date or a different tour. If the price of your alternative booking is lower than your original booking price, Orbridge will refund the difference within 30 days of the alternative program's departure date. If it is higher than your original booking price, Orbridge will invoice you the difference and you will be responsible therefor. Transferred guests are subject to the terms of the original tour. Except for force majeure, if a program is cancelled or postponed by Orbridge, Orbridge will refund all payments made within 30 calendar days of notice of program cancellation or postponement if an alternative arrangement is not offered.

Itineraries. Accommodations, the itinerary, travel directors or expedition leaders, lecturers, hosts, faculty or organization representative, and arranged excursions are subject to change or substitution at any time due to unforeseen circumstances or circumstances beyond Orbridge's control. Reasonable efforts will be made to operate programs as planned, however adjustments, substitutions and changes may occur after the final itinerary has been issued. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, withdraw a program or any part of it, make such alterations or substitutions to the itinerary or program inclusions as it deems necessary or desirable, and pass on to program participants any expenditures or additional costs caused by any such adjustments, or by delays or events beyond its reasonable control.

Not Included. Unless otherwise specifically noted in the itinerary, program prices do not include the following expenses, which if applicable are your sole responsibility to pay and satisfy: trip cancellation insurance and passenger travel protection plan; domestic, international, and internal airfares except as indicated in program inclusions; transfers and luggage handling fees except in connection with scheduled group flights; costs associated with obtaining passports or entry visas; airport departure taxes; airline ticketing fees; airport transfers when arriving/departing on other than scheduled group dates; excess baggage charges; any new value added taxes or other taxes added to program costs by applicable governmental authorities; gratuities to drivers, guides, or ship's crew not specified; meals and beverages other than those specified as being included in the itinerary; sightseeing not included in the itinerary; personal expenses such as laundry, communication charges and optional activities (which are subject to availability); ship, air, or transportation fuel surcharges, if applicable; any items not on the "included" list of the tour documents

Health and Fitness to Travel. Through your participation in your tour, you assume responsibility for your own health, safety, and welfare and acknowledge that Orbridge cannot absolutely guarantee your safety or health. Your physician can provide guidance on your personal health risk and precautions to take while traveling. Some programs include physically active elements. To enjoy these programs as intended, a minimum level of fitness is required and Orbridge will require all guests to follow local, state, national and/or World Health Organization health and safety mandates. Accordingly, you must be in good physical and mental condition to participate. You represent that you have no physical, mental or other condition, impairment or disability that may or will cause or create a risk of injury or other hazard to yourself or others in respect to any aspect of the program you have selected. Orbridge may, in its sole discretion, limit, restrict or prohibit participation in any aspect of any program any individual that it considers in its sole discretion to be impaired or unsuitable due to fitness level. In addition, Orbridge may, in its sole discretion and at the participant's sole expense, remove the guest from the program, or restrict the program-related activities of any individual whose physical or mental condition may or is likely to cause a hazard to himself/herself or others, or otherwise impair the enjoyment of other program participants. Any physical condition requiring special attention, diet, or treatment must be reported in writing to Orbridge at the time a program reservation is made. Should you have any questions or need any clarification about a specific program, please ask for details at the time of registration. Orbridge will try to accommodate your situation if possible.

Accessibility. Orbridge cannot guarantee that the transportation, lodging, and entertainment/sightseeing accommodations will be accessible to all persons regardless of their physical and mental condition. In addition, many of the activities involved in each program include walking or the like for some distance on uneven ground or pavement or moving water as well as the ability to walk up and down stairs without assistance. Should any individuals seeking to participate in a travel opportunity need special accommodations to ensure their enjoyment of the trip, kindly provide notice at the time the reservation is submitted, and we will see if your participation is feasible. Please understand that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside the United States.

At the time of reservation, Orbridge needs to be notified to determine if the special needs of an individual traveler can be met through special arrangements. It is possible that minor modifications to the services can be provided, but only if Orbridge is made specifically aware of anticipated needs. This notification should be made in writing no less than two weeks prior to the planned travel. Neither Orbridge nor any of the providers of transportation, lodging, or other services can provide special accommodations without this advance notice.

Where an individual with certain specific needs will be traveling with a group, it is necessary for other members of that person's group to be available to assist as necessary. Neither employees of Orbridge nor any suppliers of services can allow any of their employees to provide physical assistance to any guests.

Travel Advisories. The State Department and the Centers for Disease Control periodically issue statements and advisories about risks to travelers. These statements are country specific and contain important information. The State Department information can be found at www.travel.state.gov, and the CDC statements can be found at <http://www.cdc.gov>. Orbridge highly recommends everyone to review these sites.

Children. Orbridge welcomes the participation of children in most of its programs. However, in the event you do include your children or other minors for whom you serve as legal guardian ("Dependents") in your travel plans, you hereby agree that you are and shall be at all times solely responsible for their care, actions, safety and protection during the program and any pre-tour and/or post-tour. Should you have any questions whether a particular program or inclusion is possible or suitable for your Dependent(s), please contact us.

Baggage. Program rates include the price of one piece of policy-compliant baggage per person during the land, cruise or rail portion of the program only unless specified in the itinerary. Air carriers and motor coaches often impose significant other restrictions or limitations on the number of pieces, size and weight of luggage and may reject or impose additional fees on luggage exceeding such limitations or restrictions. All such fees are your sole cost and responsibility. In addition and regardless of location or transportation method, your baggage and personal effects are and shall at all times be at your sole risk throughout the entire program. Please check with your air carrier for other applicable baggage restrictions and limitations.

Travel Documents. All guests are responsible for possessing and maintaining necessary travel documents. These documents shall be valid under state and federal law and as required by foreign countries being visited. Orbridge is not responsible for invalid travel documents and repercussions thereof.

For U.S. citizens, valid passports are required for travel to foreign destinations and some countries require specific visas prior to entry. Please direct any questions in respect to visa requirements to Orbridge, which shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide answers as a courtesy, provided that it shall remain your sole responsibility and obligation to obtain and verify that you have all required travel documents, including visas, necessary and appropriate for the program location(s) and sufficient blank pages in your passport for visas and immigration stamps. In addition, some countries require your passport to have an expiry date of not less than six months after your anticipated return to the United

States. Orbridge disclaims all liability for any expenses or costs you may incur due to your prohibition or restriction from entering a country on the program itinerary or reentering the United States at the conclusion of the program. If travel documents fail to meet these requirements, boarding of aircraft or ship to any international destination may be denied and entry into such countries may be denied.

Photos and Videos. Orbridge may take photographs and/or video of its trips and participant grants Orbridge permission to do so and for it to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any compensation to participant. In addition, Orbridge may use, without compensation, any photographs or video taken by tour participants and submitted to Orbridge or to SmugMug without payment of any compensation. In submitting any such photographs or videos to Orbridge or SmugMug, participant warrants that he or she took the image and that the dissemination of same does not violate the copyright rights of any person.

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Other. Dates, program details and costs are based on tariffs, exchange rates and other information current at the time of printing, but are subject to change at any time. While we do not anticipate material revisions of the itinerary or its included features, we do reserve the right to substitute accommodations or modes of transportation and to make any changes in the itinerary Orbridge, in its sole discretion, deems necessary and in that case any additional expense or cost will be paid by the individual guest. Your baggage and personal effects are your sole responsibility at all times. It is prohibited by federal law and Orbridge policy to bring illegal drugs, firearms, or other contraband (including marijuana for medical or recreational purposes) on any program.

Orbridge may at any time and without notice modify these terms and conditions, and any modification so made will be effective for all reservations made from and after the posted Effective Date.

In the event any term in these terms and conditions is deemed unenforceable the unenforceable clause shall be interpreted to give effect to the parties' intentions to the greatest enforceable extent, and all other provisions hereof shall remain fully enforceable according to their terms.

Binding Arbitration. I agree that any dispute concerning, relating, or referring to this contract, the brochure, or any other literature concerning my trip, or the trip itself shall be resolved exclusively by binding arbitration in Seattle, Washington, either according to the then existing commercial rules of the American Arbitration Association or pursuant to the Comprehensive Arbitration Rules & Procedures of the Judicial Arbitration and Mediation Services, Inc. (JAMS). Such proceedings will be governed by substantive (but not procedural) Washington law. The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable. By agreeing to these terms and conditions, both parties are waiving their right to a trial by jury. Any arbitration commenced against Orbridge must be on behalf of only the individual(s) to this Agreement and his or her immediate family members travelling with them, such as a spouse or child. Under no circumstances can participant be part of a class or other joint action.

Acceptance of Contract. ANY PAYMENT TO ORBRIDGE, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO DEPOSITS OR FULL PAYMENTS, CONSTITUTES YOUR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF AND AGREEMENT TO THESE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET FORTH ABOVE AND IN MORE SPECIFIC TOUR DOCUMENTS.

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