

Parmesan and prosciutto. Ferraris and Fiats. Ruins and the Riviera. Some of Italy's greatest indulgences can be found up north. Italy's "Fabulous Five," the nickname for the gelato-colored, cliffside fishing villages along the Mediterranean, start the count of the numerous joys you'll experience. In addition to savoring the freshest seafood along the coast, you'll relish a balsamic vinegar tasting in the epicurean city of Modena, a parmesan cheese tasting near Verdi's hometown of Busseto, a risotto lunch at a Vercelli rice factory and a wine tasting in vineyard-dotted Gabiano. To spice things up, you'll speed over to the Ferrari Museum in Maranello, cruise to the yacht-filled harbor of Portofino and strut your stuff down the streets of Milan. Leading you to the fabulous, the famous and the fashionable, this tour is the way to see Northern Italy in style.

Day 1, Thursday, Aug. 11: Depart U.S. Depart on your overnight flight to Italy.

Day 2, Friday, Aug. 12: Milan. Welcome to Milan! At 5pm, meet your Tour Director and traveling companions for a welcome drink. Overnight at NYX Hotel Milan or similar for 1 night. (D)

Day 3, Saturday, Aug. 13: Busseto & Parma. Enjoy a guided walking tour of Milan, including a visit to the Sforzesco Castle grounds and museum. On your tour, see the Galleria, La Scala Opera House and the Duomo. After lunch in Busseto, learn about Parmesan cheese at a local Caseificio (cheesemaking factory. Overnight at Starhotels du Parc or similar for 2 nights. (B)

Day 4, Sunday, Aug. 14: Parma, Modena & Maranello. Today you will experience some famous exports of Italy. After guided sightseeing in Parma, you will have a balsamic vinegar tasting at the renowned Acetaia Leonardi in Modena. Next, visit the Ferrari museum before some free time this afternoon and evening. (B)

Day 5, Monday, Aug. 15: Lucca. After breakfast, travel to the fantastic





Tour Highlights & Inclusions

- Parmesan Cheese Tasting
- Sforzesco Castle
- Ferrari Museum
- Balsamic Vinegar Tasting at Acetaia Leonardi
- Boat Ride in Cinque Terre

- Cruise to Portofino
- Lunch and Wine Tasting in a Castle
- Milan Walking Tour
- Local Tour Director
- Daily Breakfast, 2 Lunches, 3 Dinners

Northern Italy Highlights

medieval city of Lucca in the heart of Tuscany. One of the many optional excursions available is a dinner outing to an Agriturismo (farmhouse) to sample Tuscan specialties. Overnight at Grand Hotel Guinigi or similar for 1 night. (B)

Day 6, Tuesday, Aug. 16: Cinque Terre & Rapallo. At the top of many travelers' bucket list, you will take a boat ride to view Cinque Terre, the 5 fishing villages perched high on the Italian Riviera. Enjoy free time in Monterosso before a train trip to Rapallo. Overnight at Grand Hotel Bristol or similar for 2 nights. (B,D)

Day 7, Wednesday, Aug. 17: Portofino. Portofino, one of the most popular vacation spots on the Italian Riviera, awaits you today. Following your scenic cruise, you will have free time this afternoon and evening. (B)

Day 8, Thursday, Aug. 18: Gabiano & Turin. A trip to Europe is not complete without a visit to a castle! Dating back to the 8th century, Gabiano Castle has a rich history and you will enjoy a wine tasting and lunch at the castle. Overnight at Starhotels Majestic or similar for 2 nights. (B,L)

Day 9, Friday, Aug. 19: Turin. Home of Italy's most iconic car, the Fiat, Turin has many sights to see including the Mole Antonelliana. After a guided sightseeing tour of this quaint city, you will have some free time to explore. Make sure to check out one of the many public squares or gardens and admire the wonderful Renaissance and Baroque architecture. (B)

Day 10, Saturday, Aug. 20: Vercelli & Milan. Italy is known for pasta, but just as famous for rice. Visit a rice factory in Vercelli followed by a lunch of the famous risotto. Travel back to Milan for a farewell dinner with your traveling

companions. Overnight at NYX Hotel Milan or similar for 1 night. (B,L,D)

Day 11, Sunday, Aug. 21: Milan. Sadly, your Italian adventure ends as you depart for home. But you will have so many wonderful memories and great new friends. As the Italians say, "Chi Trova un Amico, Trova un Tesoro"....."He who finds a friend, finds a treasure." (B)

Tour Price (double occupancy) \$2,869 per person

Airfare and airport transfers not included. Please speak with your Burkhalter Travel Advisor about options.

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