Flavors of Northern Italy

A 9-Day Infusion of Wine, Cuisine, and Culture

* So much to sample, so little time *
Dear UW Alumni and Friends,

Join our small group for a 9-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 family-owned 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!

Our rates for UW guests represent a savings of more than $1,000 per couple over that of non-affiliated guests, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you! Space is limited. Please reserve online at http://uw.orbridge.com, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Best regards,

Pauline Ranieri  
Director, UW Alumni Tours

~~Free Wine Gift~~  
AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by March 15, 2016 and receive six bottles of Northern Italian wines featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details.**
Dive Into a Culinary Adventure
Embrace the enchantment, ambiance, and culture of Northern Italy.

Here, cheeses are straight from Parma, balsamics are from Modena, and risotto is proudly sourced from the Veronese plain and infused with Amarone. Savor them all, share your table, raise a glass, and join the celebration!

“Life is a combination of magic and pasta.”
– Federico Fellini
See more, travel less

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.

In the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions, visit picturesque vineyards, discover local varietals, and enjoy exclusive tastings and presentations.

While chefs and producers divulge secrets of their crafts, sample the best of Northern Italy’s bounty—specialties like gnocchi di pane, savory spiedini and sweet sbrisolona.

Take in the area’s layered history, with visits to Verona’s 2,000-year-old Roman arena, contrasting with the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio along the River Adige, and the medieval walled city of Soave.

What’s included:

- 7 nights at our wine estate
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals

Optional Extension: Venice

Revel in the gloriously romantic and enchanting atmosphere of the Floating City. Your small group (up to 11 guests) will delight in exploring the classic treasures of this remarkable region.

What’s Included:

- 3 nights’ accommodations at the Pensione Accademia (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided sightseeing via water taxi through the canals
- Guided walking tour away from the busy streets to explore authentic, quieter neighborhoods filled with unique architecture
- Train ticket from Desenzano del Garda to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director
- Water taxi transfer to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
- Concierge service to help you plan your days in Venice
Your home in Northern Italy: Borgo San Donino

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. Visit the nearby San Martino Tower and 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 war.

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. Or, after a day’s adventures, you might 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 charming and 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.

Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

While in Italy, your 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 gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Northern Italy.
Your 9-Day Itinerary*

Day 1:  En route from U.S.
Day 2:  Arrive in Verona, Italy (D)
        Borgo San Donino, welcome dinner
Day 3:  Verona (B,D)
        Guided sightseeing, Renaissance Gates, Roman monuments, Roman amphitheater, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet’s balcony
Day 4:  Valeggio sul Mincio / Valpolicella (B,L,D)
        Guided garden tour of Parco Giardino Sigurtà, Giuseppe Lonardi winery (winner of numerous Decanter World Wine awards) tour and tasting
Day 5:  Lago di Garda / Malcesine (B,L,D)
        Award-winning De Tarcal winery visit, tasting and lunch, dessert cooking class
Day 6:  Modena / Mantua (B,L,D)
        Balsamic vinegar tasting and lunch at Acetaia Caselli, UNESCO World Heritage Site of Palazzo Ducale
Day 7:  Lessinia / Soave (B,L,D)
        La Casara cheese demonstration and sampling, wine tasting and lunch at family-run Monte Tondo winery, San Martino della Battaglia
Day 8:  Sirmione (B,L,D)
        Pasta cooking class, time at leisure (perhaps walk through the gardens, enjoy a boat ride on Lake Garda, stroll by Rocca Scaligera castle, or walk around the lake), special farewell dinner with entertainment
Day 9:  Depart Verona (B)

Optional Extension

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        Private water taxi city tour down the Grand Canal (see the Rialto bridge, St. Mark’s Basin, the Giudecca), visit to the monastery island of S. Giorgio Maggiore
Day 10: Venice (B)
        Guided walking tour off the beaten path, wine and biscotti tasting
Day 11: Venice (B)
        Day at leisure
Day 12: Depart Venice (B)

Activity Level

Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.

*Itinerary subject to change.
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MAY 21-29, 2016
Venice Extension: May 29 - June 1, 2016

☐ Option 1: Reserve online now
at http://uw.orbridge.com
or call (866) 639-0079.

☐ Option 2: Secure your reservation
with a deposit charged to the credit
card below, or with an enclosed check
payable to: Orbridge LLC.

Guest Information:

Guest #1 (as printed on passport): ________________________________________
Class Year ____________________________

Guest #2 (as printed on passport): ________________________________________
Class Year ____________________________

Address:

City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

Email: ____________________________ Phone: __________ Alt. Phone: __________

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice ____________________________
2nd choice ____________________________

Deposit:

(#) ______ guests joining program ($850/person) +
(#) ______ guests joining extension ($500/person) = Total deposit: $________

Payment:

☐ Check enclosed ☐ Online Check/ACH ☐ MasterCard/Visa ☐ American Express ☐ Discover

Card #: ____________________________ Exp. date: ________ CVV: ________

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City: ____________________________ State: __________ Zip: __________

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Signature: ____________________________________________ Date: ________

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to: Orbridge P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

See also the University of Washington Alumni Association’s (UWAAA) Release of Liability, Assumption of All Risk and Binding Arbitration Agreement form which you have to sign as a condition of your going on this trip. This form is sent to all participants upon placing a tour deposit and needs to be returned within 30 days after receipt or at least 60 days before the beginning of the trip, whichever is sooner. This document can be found at www.UWAlumni.com/tours or by emailing uwatours@uw.edu or calling (206) 685-9276.

Place your reservation by March 15, 2016 to receive your FREE Orbridge Wine Gift.**

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of $850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds ONLY, and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made fewer than 90 days prior to departure, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payment is not received by Orbridge at least 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as “Payments.” CST#0298752-40 WST#62628994

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Orbridge Wine Gift per room will ship after receipt of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to, AK, DE, KY, MA, MD, MS, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SD, TX, UT & VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.
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Special Alumni Rate: **Save more than $1,000 per couple**

When you reserve by March 15, 2016**

UWAA Membership: While you do not have to be a UW grad to join this tour, we ask that one person, per reservation, join the UW Alumni Association. Member dues help support our travel program, making these tours possible. For UWAA membership details, please go to www.UWalum.com.