

ADRIATIC & NORTHERN ITALY ADVENTURE TOUR

16 days JUNE 16 – JULY 01 2025: \$ 8750 pp + Airfare Singles Add \$2950

SMALL GROUP TOUR with Greg & Gaye of the Finesse Holidays



Overview: You are in for a real treat here, the region boasts some of the most beautiful & historic destinations in Italy. Our must see Lake Maggiore & the Costa Mediterranean Cruise with Venice and an option to do Asolo. Commencing our adventure we explore the lakelands where our highlights include stunning Lake Maggiore, lush Borromean Islands and the town of Stresa. After our 1 Night Pre-Cruise in Treviso we take our Mediterranean Eastern cruise on The Costa Deliziosa visiting Greece, Croatia and Bari. After finishing our cruise in Venice we'll spend 3 Nights in Venice where you'll be spellbound by its charm. Expand your holiday by having 4 Nights in your hosts favourite Hilltop town Asolo.

This Holiday has been priced at Balcony for Twin Shares & Doubles , Oceanview for singles on the cruise, everyone will receive a water view & Balcony @ The Belvedere, whilst in Venice you'll be staying in a lovely 4* hotel.

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Included in this Holiday:

- 4 nights in Stresa & 1 night Pre-Cruise in Treviso.
- 8 day Adriatic & Northern Italy Cruise
- 3 nights in Venice.
- All dinners, breakfasts + all lunches on the ship + 2 Lunches
- A number of guided tours will be included, Check Program.
- All transfers from/to Airports/Cruise ports, except arrival however, the Milan-Stresa port can be organized for you.
- All bridge fees & Workshops.



1: Lake Maggiore – Stresa – Borromean Islands: BELVEDERE HOTEL JUNE 16-20



You will be transferred from Stresa Port to Isola Dei Pescatori (5 mins). You will be taken to lunch on one day on the island at an exquisite restaurant whilst all dinners will be had at the Belvedere. Dinner time for your hosts will be 19:30 but you can go anytime you like as your dinners have been purchased in advance.

Included here:

Ferry trip back to mainland to do the Tourist Train of Stresa.
Return Ferry trip to largest island for exploration. Below
2 Short Games of Bridge



The Borromean Islands are a group of three small islands and two islets in the Italian part of Lake Maggiore, located in the western arm of the lake, between Verbania to the north and Stresa to the south. Together totalling just 50 acres in area, they are a major local tourist attraction for their picturesque setting.

This island is a shoppers paradise and at the same time wonderful for people who just want to sit.

We will transfer to Treviso for our Pre-Cruise overnight, staying at the Relais Monaco Hotel & Spa. A lovely country resort when we will have dinner and freshen up for the cruise. Your hosts have stayed here twice before with groups. **JUNE 20 - 21**

3: ADRIATIC & NORTHERN ITALY CRUISE: JUNE 21-28



4: VENICE – CHOGGIA - LIASSIDI PALACE

Other cities visited on this cruise include Zakynthos, Corfu & Split. A tour will be **included** in Bari. Bridge games will be organized on 4-5 Days along with Tutorials. The only item not included are the gratuities of US\$ 12 pp are not. A wine bar for Pre-Dinner drinks will be organized but not included. There is a Super Package for all Drinks and 4 Extra Tours for approximately \$ 520 pp

| Date | Port | Arrive | Depart |
|-------------|-------------|--------|--------|
| Sat Jun 21 | Venice | | 17:00 |
| Sun Jun 22 | Bari, Italy | 14:00 | 20:00 |
| Mon Jun 23 | Corfu | 09:00 | 19:00 |
| Tues Jun 24 | Zakynthos | 09:00 | 20:00 |
| Wed Jun 25 | Argostoli | 08:00 | 16:00 |
| Thu Jun 26 | Dubrovnik | 12:00 | 20:00 |
| Fri Jun 27 | Split | 08:00 | 17:00 |
| Sat Jun 28 | Venice | 09:00 | |

Costa Deliziosa is an expression of art and style. The ship has thousands of original pieces of art on board that will light up your imagination, including Arnaldo Pomodoro's "Sphere." For those looking to stay active, three swimming pools, outdoor jogging tracks and a sea view gym equipped with Technogym machines will keep you busy. The vessel boasts seven restaurants and several bars to satisfy every taste, including a wine bar and Gelateria. Other entertainment venues include a casino, a two level theater, card room.

Dubrovnik – pictured is perched on the Dalmatian Coast, this Pearl of the Adriatic is a medieval Mediterranean city known for its Baroque, Gothic and Renaissance architecture. Many tours visit the Old Town, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Temp High 26.

Bari - Situated in southeastern Italy along the Adriatic Sea, the capital of Puglia is believed to have been inhabited since 1500 B.C. We will have a tour to the trulli limestone dwellings found in the southern region of Puglia, are remarkable examples of drywall (mortarless) construction, a prehistoric building technique still in use in this region. The trulli are made of roughly worked limestone boulders collected from neighbouring fields. Temp High 26

Argostoli is the beautiful capital of Kefalonia, the largest of the Ionian Islands in western Greece. Argostoli has modernized comforts and preserved Grecian beauty that allows the city to be highly accessible to visitors while not feeling like a tourist town. Excellent attractions such as the Koutavos lagoon, a well-known bird sanctuary.

HOTEL JUNE 28 – JULY 01



The 4-star **Liassidi Palace Hotel** occupies a 15th century palazzo overlooking one of Venice's finest old canals, the Rio di San Lorenzo 'dei Greci'. 24 hour Reception.

You'll be captivated as soon as you step into the Zorzi-Liassidi Palazzo and experience the grand festival and concert hall on the upper floor, the magnificent internal courtyard and the sumptuous furnishings that hit the perfect balance between contemporary design and 18th century Venice; a fascinating blend that pervades the atmosphere throughout the hotel.



Venice, city, major seaport, and capital of both province of Venezia and the region of Veneto, northern Italy. An island city, it was once the centre of a maritime republic. It was the greatest seaport in late medieval Europe and the continent's commercial and cultural link to Asia. Venice is unique environmentally, architecturally, and historically, and in its days as a republic the city was styled *la serenissima*. It remains a major Italian port in the northern Adriatic Sea and is one of the world's oldest tourist and cultural centres.



Burano (more commonly known as Little Venice) is an island in the Venetian Lagoon, northern Italy, near Torcello at the northern end of the lagoon, known for its lace work and brightly coloured homes. The primary economy is tourism. Burano is 7 kilometres from Venice, a 45-minute trip from St. Mark's Square by vaporetto, a Venetian water bus.

Included: 3 Nights excellent accommodation, Water bus to Burano including Lunch and a walking tour of Venice. Drop off at your leisure.

5: OPTIONAL EXTRA - ASOLO (Either Villa Cipriani or Albergo De Sole) JULY 01-04



Asolo (Italian pronunciation: ['a:zolo]) is a town and commune in the Veneto Region of northern Italy. It is known as "The Pearl of the province of Treviso", and also as "The City of a Hundred Horizons" for its mountain settings. It is one of I Borghi più belli d'Italia ("The most beautiful villages of Italy").

With beautiful views of the Alps and the surrounding countryside, Hotel Villa Cipriani features elegant guest rooms with high ceilings and antique furniture. You can walk to the centre of Asolo and its Cathedral in 5 minutes. Set in the hills surrounding the historic centre of Asolo, Villa Cipriani is a peaceful setting for your stay in this beautiful area of northern Italy. Guests can have relaxing moments in the panoramic-view pool with hot tub area or in the sauna or hydromassage shower. There is also a free fitness centre. You can take a walk around the private garden and admire the pomegranate trees and seasonal flowers. Dining at Villa Cipriani is a real treat at the panoramic restaurant.

Whats Included:

- # Transfer to Asolo.
- # Transfer back to Marco Polo.
- # 3 Nights Excellent Accommodation
- # All Breakfasts.
- # All Dinners & 1 Lunch.
- # 2 Nights Pre-Dinner drinks.
- # Numbers permitting for Bridge.