



Food & Wine  
Tours



*Annette & Gerry*  
*Welcome you to the*  
*Northern Italy*  
*Regional*  
*Tour 2014*



## Booking Agent:



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## Tour Inclusions:

**Price: \$10500.00**  
**Single Supplement: \$1100.00**

- 14 nights twin share accommodation, breakfast and evening meals with beverages and tea or coffee are included. Wines and alcoholic beverages are at your expense.
- English and Italian speaking tour hosts Annette and Gerry will accompany you throughout the tour.
- Two cooking classes that include lunch and wine.
- Wine, Cured Ham and Cheese tastings.
- Live Human Chess Game in Marostic.
- Palio ( Jousting) in Montagnana
- "Madama Butterfly" Evening show at the Arena in Verona
- Private boat excursions in Venice and Sirmione
- Gondola excursion
- Transport in an air-conditioned coach.

**Please advise your arrival and departure details for the tour.**

Onde Food & Wine Tours are designed with a strong focus on food and sightseeing for the discerning traveller with a keen interest in all things Italian.

Tours are accompanied by professional guides and concentrate on the Veneto region of Italy, allowing you to "do it well" but also at a convenient and pleasurable pace.

A range of additional activities are built into the tours to enhance your experience of the region. There is also plenty of time for individual exploration or just relaxing by yourself or with others.

All this and wonderful meals cooked especially for the tour group from local produce together with the wines of the area. Imagine all this in the region of Veneto?

# Itinerary

## DAY 1 - Venice

**SAT 30<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2014**

**When you arrive in Venice we can meet you at the airport or railway station. If you wish you can make your own way to the Hotel Savoia & Jolanda**

**Hotel Savoia & Jolanda - Venice** After checking in the remainder of the day will be at leisure. Welcome drinks on arrival, followed by private boat ride around the Grand Canal and dinner at Terrazza Principessa restaurant.

30 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Sat	<b>Check in</b>	3 Nights Accommodation - Room with Breakfast & Dinner
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sep	Mon	<b>Check Out</b>	



**Hotel Savoia & Jolanda** is located in the historical center of **Venice**, a few minutes away from **St. Mark Square** it is in a splendid position along Riva degli Schiavoni, in front of the **Venice** lagoon. From there it enjoys the unforgettable view of **Saint Mark's Basin** and the St. George Island and its position allows one to reach easily the Mercerie and Via XXII Marzo with some of the world's finest shopping and to visit the **Venice** palaces, museums and the art gallerie.

## DAY 2 - Venice

**SUN 31<sup>st</sup> AUGUST**

- The morning is free time to explore the historical city of Venice with some options to visit the fish & fruit market, Lido & the Venice gardens
- In the afternoon we do a walking tour of Venice with our Guide. Afterwards we meet at the restaurant for early dinner followed by a Surprise evening show



## DAY 3 – Venice **MON 1<sup>st</sup> SEPTEMBER**

- Transfer by boat to Murano and Burano for a tour with guide followed by some leisure time to do as you please before dinner.

Explore the famous islands of the Venice lagoon – Murano and Burano - on a half-day excursion. You'll see a glass-blowing display on Murano, shop for lace on Burano. This tour is a great introduction to the magical islands of the Venetian lagoon. We return to Venice for some leisure time before another **SPECIAL EVENING EVENT**.



## DAY 4 Depart Venice for Sirmione with a stopover in the Soave wine region

Tues 2 SEPTEMBER



### Hotel Sirmione - Sirmione, Lake Garda

2<sup>nd</sup> Sep      Tues      **Check in**      3 Nights Accommodation - Room with Breakfast & Dinner

5<sup>th</sup> Sep      Fri      **Check Out**

Hotel Sirmione faces the historic centre on one side, and the tourist harbour on the other, both views being full of charm. The hotel is provided with an outdoor thermal swimming pool, and an indoor section for you to regenerate in any season. A host of beauty and wellness treatments are also available.



- We travel by coach to Sirmione, Lake Garda with a stopover at Soave to experience and enjoy some local wine tasting followed by lunch in the historical township of Soave.
- Check in at Hotel Sirmione where we enjoy some leisure time and shopping by strolling through the beautiful cobble stone streets of this medieval and picturesque lake town. Sit back and relax with a coffee or a famous Sirmione ice cream and enjoy all that the lake has to offer.
- We then travel by coach to visit Verona for dinner before the Opera show at the Arena

## DAY 5 - Sirmione, Lake Garda

Wed 3 SEPTEMBER

- After breakfast transfer by private boat to Gardone Riviera where you can enjoy a coffee on the waterfront stroll the beautiful streets and do some shopping. Later we take the small tourist train to the top to enjoy some lunch and have some time to visit the Vittoriale degli Italiani Villa and its beautiful gardens.
- We return to Sirmione where you will have some time for leisure, followed by casual evening dinner in the piazza overlooking the lake.

## DAY 6 – Sirmione, Lake Garda

Thur 4<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Enjoy a guided tour and lunch in Verona, the city of the famous Arena and of Romeo and Juliet, then some leisure time before dinner.



Verona is one of Italy's loveliest cities, famous for its summer opera season. This has been a thriving and successful city for most of its history, and today smart shops and cafes fill the attractive medieval lanes of the historic centre. There's a lot to see here, from Roman ruins to the so-called 'Juliet's balcony', and there is also plenty to explore in the surrounding region.

## DAY 7 – Depart Sirmione, Lake Garda for San Marino with stopover in Bologna

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



Bologna, often overlooked by travellers, has one of the best preserved historic centers in Italy, famous for its arcaded streets. Bologna is a university town with a reputation as Italy's culinary center. (Food Capital of Italy).

### Grand Hotel- San Marino

5<sup>th</sup> Sep            Fri            **Check in**            2 nights' accommodation Room with Breakfast

7<sup>th</sup> Sep            Sun            **Check Out**

Grand Hotel San Marino is located a few steps from the walls of the historic centre, and overlooks the beautiful Montefeltro countryside with fantastic views.



- After Check in Pre-Dinner drinks followed by dinner at La Terrazza Restorante

## DAY 8 – San Marino

Sat 6th SEPTEMBER

Today you have a morning guided walking tour of San Marino. Afternoon we travel to Ravenna, famous for its ancient mosaics, followed by dinner at the well known Ristorante Alexander in Ravenna.



### Ravenna

Ravenna is famous for the mosaics of its churches and monuments and has 8 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Ravenna was capital of the Western Roman Empire and Byzantine Empire.

## DAY 9 - Depart San Marino for Castello di Bevilacqua

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

7 Sep Sun **Check in** 2 Nights Accommodation - Room with Breakfast & Dinner

9 Sep Tue **Check Out**

After arriving at the Castello and checking in to your medieval accommodation, enjoy some refreshments before we travel to Montagnana for the Palio (Jousting) festivities.

In the evening we return to the Castello to indulge in sweet cured ham and cheeses with wine tasting from the region.



Castello Bevilacqua is located near Montagnana in the heart of the Verona plain. Your accommodation is an authentic fourteenth century castle. It is now called the Relais Castello Bevilacqua. A magic place suspended between present and past, a rich historic home full of charm.

Every year, within the medieval walls of Montagnana, suspended between history and fairy tale, the rite of the Palio is celebrated. It is a race between the 10 communities of ancient "Sculdascia" Montagnanese. Ten jockeys compete in a thrilling and exciting race where skill, strength and intelligence are the essential skills required to win.



## DAY 10 – Castello Bevilacqua - Montagnana

Mon 8<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Cooking Class** - We start the morning with an amazing hands on cooking experience in the Castello di Bevilacqua kitchen with their Executive Head Chef. The remainder of the afternoon will be at leisure.



## DAY 11

Tue 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER **Depart Castello di Bevilacqua for Asiago with a stopover in Padova**

- We stop in Padova for a walking tour and light lunch

Padova hosts the renowned University of Padova almost 800 years old and famous, among other things, for having had Galileo Galilei among its lecturers.

The city is picturesque with a dense network of arcaded streets opening into large communal *piazze* and many bridges crossing the various branches of the Bacchiglione which once surrounded the ancient walls like a moat.



## DAY 11 - Asiago

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

### **Residence Hotel Sporting** - Asiago

9<sup>th</sup> Sep            Tue        **Check in**                            3 Nights accommodation Room with Breakfast and Dinner

12<sup>th</sup> Sep           Fri        **Check Out**

We arrive in Asiago in the foothills of the Alps.

- Check in at Residence Hotel Sporting Asiago with some leisure time to wander and discover this lovely alpine town
- Drinks at Europa Hotel before dinner at La Tana Ristorante



The hotel is located in the heart of Asiago; this former family home has been transformed into exclusive suites and comfortable apartments, in an area devoted to well-being and sporting activities. The hotel features an indoor heated swimming pool, sauna and Turkish bath. The surroundings offer the opportunity to ski in winter, walk, mountain bike, or play **golf!!!**



## DAY 12 - Asiago

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Today we travel by 4 wheel drive to the high plains of Asiago where we will enjoy a leisurely hike through the alpine forest with our good friend Ennio. to a historic 1<sup>st</sup> World War Cemetery
- Lunch at Malga Galmarara, an old dairy turned into a rustic eating place.
- After lunch travel by coach and visit the 1<sup>st</sup> World War Fortress Belvedere before returning to Asiago
- Dinner will be at Annette's cousins Pizzeria where family and friends will join us.

## DAY 13 - Asiago

Thur 11th SEPTEMBER

### Cooking Class -

- This morning we travel by coach to Piovene where you will experience an organic hands-on cooking class. In the afternoon we return to Asiago where you can relax in one of the many cafes or enjoy shopping.
- Evening dinner will be at Hotel Sporting



## DAY 14 – Depart Asiago for Marostica with a stopover in Asolo

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER



**Asolo** 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 well known for its Prosecco wine production.

**DAY 14 – Cont.**

Fri12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

**Hotel Due Mori Marostica**

12 Sep	Fri	<b>Check in</b>	2 Nights accommodation Room with Breakfast and Dinner
14 Sep	Sun	<b>Check Out</b>	



Located about an hour from Venice sits the charming town of Marostica at the foot of the Alps. The Upper and Lower Castles are joined by a crenellated wall, and the centre of town has a giant Chess Board in the main Piazza. This small jewel of a town is not to be missed on your journeys through the Veneto Region of Italy

The rest of the day will be at leisure to explore Marostica this beautiful medieval walled town before wine tasting and dinner at Contra` Soarda Winery.



## DAY 15 - Marostica

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

- Morning visit of the Historical township of Bassano del Grappa where we will have a walking tour with guide exploring this beautiful town famous for its porcelain.
- We visit the famous Nardini Distillery (The Oldest Distillery in Italy) for some grappa tasting.
- We return to Marostica to enjoy to the World Famous Human Chess Festival.



Bassano del Grappa  
Ponte Vecchio



Famous Nardini Distillery

## DAY 16 - Depart Marostica for Venice with a stopover in Vicenza

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER

Enjoy a personal walking tour of Vicenza with Annette's cousins Paola and Luca.

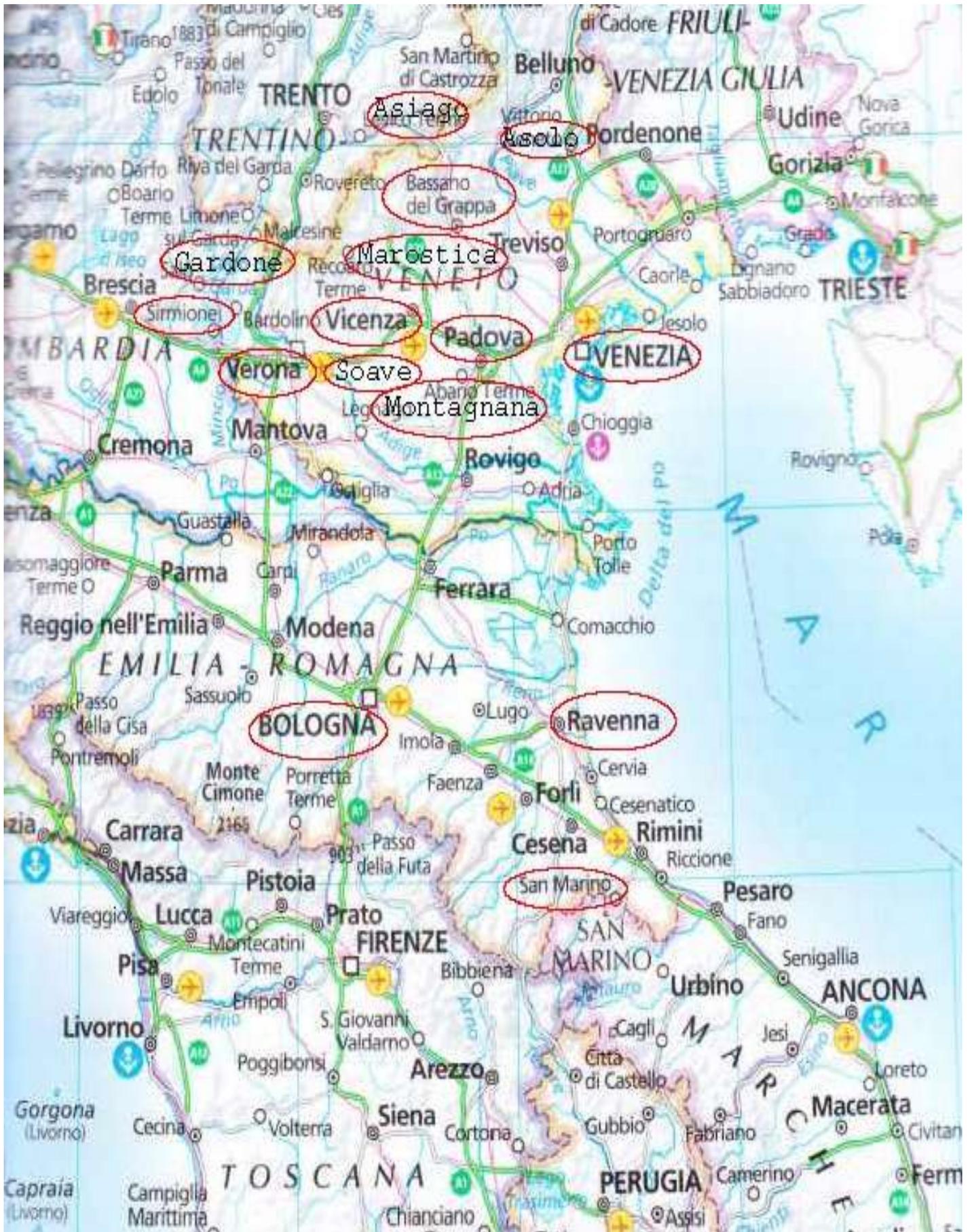
Vicenza was a prosperous town under Venetian rule, and its pride was demonstrated in fine architecture, much of which still survives. Its 'unique appearance,' largely owing to the work of influential sixteenth-century architect Andrea Palladio, has led to the town's designation as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. After Palladio, Vicenza is most famous for its trade in precious metals. It's also known as the 'City of gold'



Palladio

**We leave for Venice where our tour will sadly end.**





## Traveller 1

Please study the booking conditions (attached to this form below)

Please fill out your details in BLOCK LETTERS and return to:

Onde Culinary Tours 1 Barrett Lane Mornington Vic 3931 with passport copies of the main page of each traveller's passport.

A non-refundable deposit of \$1500 per person is required by 17<sup>th</sup> February to confirm your booking.

Please note: Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

Do you suffer from any physical disabilities?  Yes  No

If yes or any special handling required, please describe.....

.....  
Please attach a doctor's certificate stating fitness to travel

Travel insurance is mandatory –

Please advise if you would like us to arrange a Travel insurance quote?  Yes  No

If no, please describe what insurance you have and policy number. ....

Please advise any food allergies and any dietary needs.

I the undersigned understand and accept the terms and conditions including cancellation fees as noted the terms and conditions.

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Name (please print)..... DOB.....

Address: ..... City: .....

State: ..... Postcode: .....

Tel: ..... Mobile: .....

Fax: ..... Email: .....

Passport No..... Expiry Date.....

Nationality.....

### PASSENGER CONTACT INFORMATION IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

(someone we could contact while you are overseas)

Name: ..... Relationship: .....

Tel: ..... Mobile: .....

It is essential that we are made aware of any existing medical conditions. Please advise if you have any and provide details including medication.

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## PASSENGER INFORMATION,

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

### Tour Deposit & Balance

A non-refundable deposit of \$1500 confirms your place on the tour. The balance is due no later than 30th May 2014

### Prices, Cancellations & Changes

The Prices given for the tour are based on a minimum of 10 paying passengers. Should we not achieve this number due to cancellation by participants between now and the day of departure Onde Culinary Tours together with Canadian Bay Travel will attempt to make the necessary alternative arrangements to allow the tour to proceed. The tour will either need to be amended to keep the price the same or other participants will be asked whether they would like to absorb some additional expenses to cover costs or a combination of both options. As a last resort the tour will be cancelled and we will refund monies in full less any expenses incurred due to cancellation penalties imposed by suppliers. Onde Culinary Tours will not take responsibility for any other cancellation or amendment expenses you may incur for other travel arrangements associated with this trip as a result of our tour cancellation.

Prices are based on exchange with the Euro of 0.65 to 1.00AUD. Should there be a fluctuation in the exchange rate of more than 5% or another supplier generated issue beyond our control we may need to adjust pricing accordingly. The decision whether to implement price adjustments will be at our discretion.

### Items not Included

The tour price does not include your airfare. Canadian Bay Travel will be able to assist you with this and any other travel arrangements you require in conjunction with and in addition to the Onde Culinary Tour. Other items not included in the tour price are your meals other than those mentioned on the itinerary, beverages, portorage, passport costs, travel insurance and any items of a personal nature.

### Travel Insurance

Travel Insurance - please note personal travel insurance is mandatory on all our tours and it is essential for you to insure your travel arrangements in case of cancellation due to sickness or any other causes. You agree to hold adequate travel insurance to cover, most importantly, medical costs and cancellation expenses. Canadian Bay Travel can assist you with competitive travel insurance prices.

### Passports

Please supply Onde with a copy of your passport details (or take your passports to Canadian Bay Travel for scanning). Please ensure that your passport has at least 6 months validity beyond your return date (to at least the end of March 2015).

### Luggage Allowance

The vehicle we are chartering for transport will only allow one regular size suitcase per person plus some hand luggage. Please ensure you restrict your packing to these requirements to avoid carriage problems at the time of travel.

### Responsibilities

Onde Culinary Tours is making arrangements for accommodation, transport and sightseeing as well as payments through Canadian Bay Travel in Mt Eliza, a Licensed Travel Agent (Lic No.31666). This means we can provide you with the benefits and protection that dealing through a licensed travel agent provides. Onde is providing The Tour Escorts, Annette Went & Gerry Acquaro who will entertain you and ensure that the tour runs as smoothly as possible. They are unable to take responsibility for matters that are outside their control.