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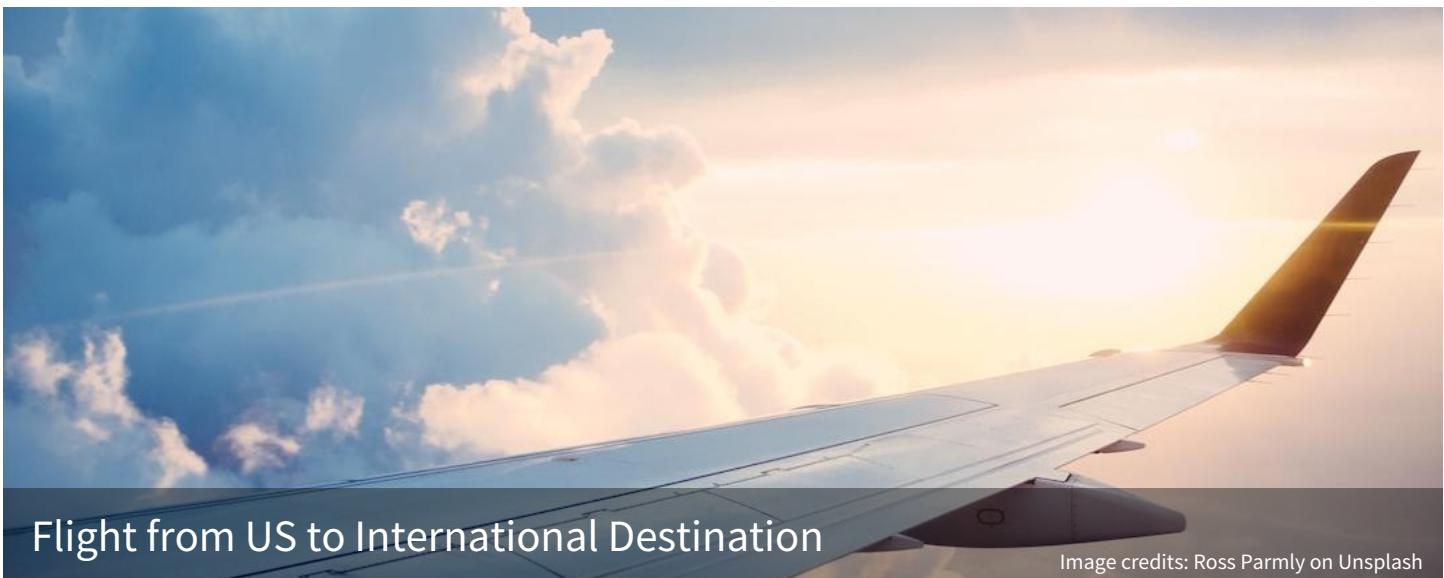
## 14 Days Itinerary

# Italy - 14 days Northern Italy Districts

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| <b>Day 1</b>  | Flight from US to International Destination<br>Transfer · Private Transfer<br>Palazzo Portinari Salviati Residenza D'Epoca (4 Nights)   |
| <b>Day 2</b>  | Florence - Half Day Tour with Accademia Gallery with Guide 9:30 AM (3hr)  |
| <b>Day 3</b>  | The Boboli Gardens - Private Painting Class · Private Painting Class at Giardini di Boboli Gardens<br>The Giuseppe Verdi Opera Trovatore · Opera Tickets - Row K, Seats 6 and 7 |
| <b>Day 4</b>  | Florence Foodie Tour 4:00 PM (3hr)  |
| <b>Day 5</b>  | Rail · Trenitalia 10:20 AM (38min)<br>Grand Hotel Majestic - Bologna, Italy (2 Nights)  |
| <b>Day 6</b>  | Bologna Food Tour - Full meal with several food stops 11:45 AM  |
| <b>Day 7</b>  | Rail · Trenitalia 10:36 AM (2hr 24min)<br>Turin Palace Hotel - Turin, Italy (2 Nights)  |
| <b>Day 8</b>  | A Day in Turin Private Tour 11:00 AM  |
| <b>Day 9</b>  | Rental Car · Hertz (8 Days)<br>Agriturismo La Torricella Diego Pressenda Vini (2 Nights)  |
| <b>Day 10</b> | Truffle Hunting Experience 11:45 AM   |

- Day 11**      Self Drive to Lake Maggiore  
Villa e Palazzo Aminta, Hotel Beauty and SPA (2 Nights)
- Day 12**      Boat visits to the 3 islands of Madre, Pescatori, and Bella (cash needed for island entrances) 10:00 AM
- Day 13**      Self Drive to Milan Airport (~1 hour) and return rental car
- Day 14**      Return Flight home from your international destination to the US

## Day 1



Depart from the US on a overnight plan to your European destination



### Vehicle

Private Transfer

### Notes

Welcome to Italy!

Meet your private driver outside of customs for your transfer to your city hotel



## Palazzo Portinari Salviati Residenza D'Epoca

6 Via del Corso, Uffizi, 50122 Florence, Italy

12:00 PM

Check In

10:00 AM

Check Out

4 Nights

Duration

Located in Florence, a 2-minute walk from Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, Palazzo Portinari Salviati Residenza D'Epoca provides accommodations with a bar and private parking. Among the facilities of this property are a restaurant, a 24-hour front desk and room service, along with free WiFi throughout the property. The hotel has an indoor pool and a concierge service.

The hotel will provide guests with air-conditioned rooms offering a closet, an electric tea pot, a fridge, a safety deposit box, a flat-screen TV and a private bathroom with a bidet. Each room has a coffee machine, while selected rooms will provide you with a kitchenette with a microwave. At Palazzo Portinari Salviati Residenza D'Epoca all rooms come with bed linen and towels.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

Prestige double room

#### Room Notes

Includes Breakfast

## Day 2



### Florence - Half Day Tour with Accademia Gallery with Guide

011 39 3371 470 908

9:30 AM	12:30 PM	3hr
Start Time	End Time	Duration

#### Meeting Point

Hotel Pick Up

Begin with a drive up to Piazzale Michelangelo where you can admire the panoramic views over the city of Florence. See the Basilica of Santa Maria del Fiore and the cathedral complex, Giotto's Bell Tower, and the Baptistry with its famous bronze doors (only exterior). Visit the Accademia Gallery, the most visited gallery that features the famous Michelangelo's David. View the four unfinished Prisoners and St. Matthew and a collection of Gothic and Renaissance paintings that were once in the Medici collections.

Duration: 3 hours

Inclusions: Transportation, driver, entrance tickets for Accademia Gallery, and private English-speaking guide.

## Day 3



### The Boboli Gardens - Private Painting Class · Private Painting Class at Giardini di Boboli Gardens

+39 333 820 1999 (she's also available on whatsapp)

Piazza de' Pitti, 1, 50125 Firenze FI, Italy

<https://www.uffizi.it/giardino-boboli/>

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Please meet your teacher, Anita, at 3:30pm at teh Fountain of Neptune.

Her phone number is +39 333 820 1999 (she's also available on whatsapp)



## The Giuseppe Verdi Opera Trovatore · Opera Tickets - Row K, Seats 6 and 7

[055 2779.276](#)

Teatro del Maggio Musicale Fiorentino, Auditorium

Address

Piazzale Vittorio Gui, 1

50144 Firenze

<https://www.maggiofiorentino.com/en/come-raggiungerci/>

The Teatro del Maggio is in the center, close to the old city walls, next to the historic Stazione Leopolda. The garden that welcomes visitors is Piazzale Vittorio Gui, named after the founder of the Florentine Orchestral Stable and the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino.

In March 1851, while still in Venice for the success of *Rigoletto*, Giuseppe Verdi suggested a new opera project to the poet Salvadore Cammarano, a trusted collaborator of the previous *Alzira*, *Battaglia di Legnano* and *Luisa Miller*. The proposed source is Antonio Garcia Gutierrez's *El Trovator*, a romantic drama performed in Madrid in 1836 and never translated into Italian until then. Despite the enthusiasm of the Maestro, the works are slow, perhaps due to a lack of sharing of the subject by Cammarano. To complicate the situation the sudden and unexpected death of the librettist, in July 1852 with the libretto almost completed, which forced Verdi to ask for the intervention of Leone Emanuele Bardare to retouch some parts of the drama. As already experienced in *Rigoletto*, also in *Trovatore* the composer focuses on an unconventional character: the gypsy Azucena, the undisputed protagonist of the opera. Dominated by conflicting passions - the thirst for revenge for the atrocious death of her mother, who was burned alive on a charge of witchcraft, and the love for her adopted son Manrico - Azucena requires a dramatic voice capable of defining the character's dark character, continuously poised between hallucinations and explosions full of pathos. Represented for the first time on January 19, 1853 at the Apollo Theater in Rome, *Il Trovatore*, for the happiness of melodic inventions, the passionate lyricism and the engaging orchestration, always careful to emphasize the characters of the four protagonists, soon became the most loved opera in Verdi's time.

## Day 4



### Florence Foodie Tour

4:00 PM

Start Time

7:00 PM

End Time

3hr

Duration

#### Meeting Point

Meet the guide at the hotel's lobby.

Visit the local market and taste the best food products that the city of Florence can offer. You will start with some Schiacciata bread freshly out from the oven, EVO olive oil, followed by an exquisite truffle tasting and a “panino con Lampredotto” (soft roll stuffed with tender slices of tripe or beef belly, salsa verde and spicy sauce). Your Food experience will end while tasting some fresh made sweets.

## Day 5



### Rail · Trenitalia

10:20 AM

Departure

10:58 AM

Arrival

38min

Duration

**Departure Location**  
Firenze S. M. Novella

**Arrival Location**  
Bologna Centrale

**Train Number**  
9490

**Train Type**  
Frecciarossa

**Service Class**  
Business



## Grand Hotel Majestic - Bologna, Italy

39 051-225445

Via Indipendenza, 8, Bologna, Italy 40121

2:00 PM

Check In

1:00 PM

Check Out

2 Nights

Duration

The Grand Hotel Majestic "già Baglioni", the oldest and most prestigious hotel in Bologna, sits in the heart of the city on Via dell'Indipendenza, within walking distance of Piazza Maggiore and the famous Due Torri. This superb five-star deluxe hotel is situated in a Palazzo designed by architect Alfonso Torregiani during the first half of the 18th century and built by order of Cardinal Prospero Lambertini, who later became Pope. The palazzo is in fact, built on top of an ancient Roman road, part of which can be seen within the hotel. The 109 rooms have a mix of antique furniture with modern amenities, a perfect blend of classic Italian style, elegance and hospitality. The 4th floor refurbishment has enriched the hotel with a new range of Junior Suites and Deluxe Room. The style in this case is classic eighteen century classical French.

### Room Selection

**Room Category**  
Classic Double

**Room Notes**  
Includes Breakfast



## Bologna Food Tour - Full meal with several food stops

+39.329.179.06.47

[http://reservations@doeatbetter.com](mailto:reservations@doeatbetter.com)

11:45 AM

Start Time

### Meeting Point

Piazza di Porta Ravagnana, in front of Feltrinelli bookshop

### Highlights

- Bologna with eyes and palate
- Walking food tour with at least 4 stops
- Try a Rich Appetizer Composed of Local Cured Meats and Warm, Hand baked Bread
- Have classic tortellini or tagliatelle, impossible to miss when in Bologna

### Description

Our bologna food tour will escort you to the discovery of bologna and its history through the classical dishes of emilia-Romagna traditions. We will begin with a rich appetizer composed of local cured meats and warm, hand-baked bread, or with a delicious platter of mixed pizza. Then we will have classic tortellini or tagliatelle, impossible to miss when in bologna, and typical fried meat with cream, parmesan cheese, and smoked ham.

The meal and the bologna food tour end with a slice of cake (or an artisanal gelato) and an espresso.

This is a walking food and wine tour, ideal for exploring bologna with eyes and palate. For our most exigent guests, we also offer the drink card, a pass for tasting one or more glasses of wine, and/or ale at each of the 4 food stops.

Maximum: 10 people

### Add Ons

Drink card - US\$16.56 per person

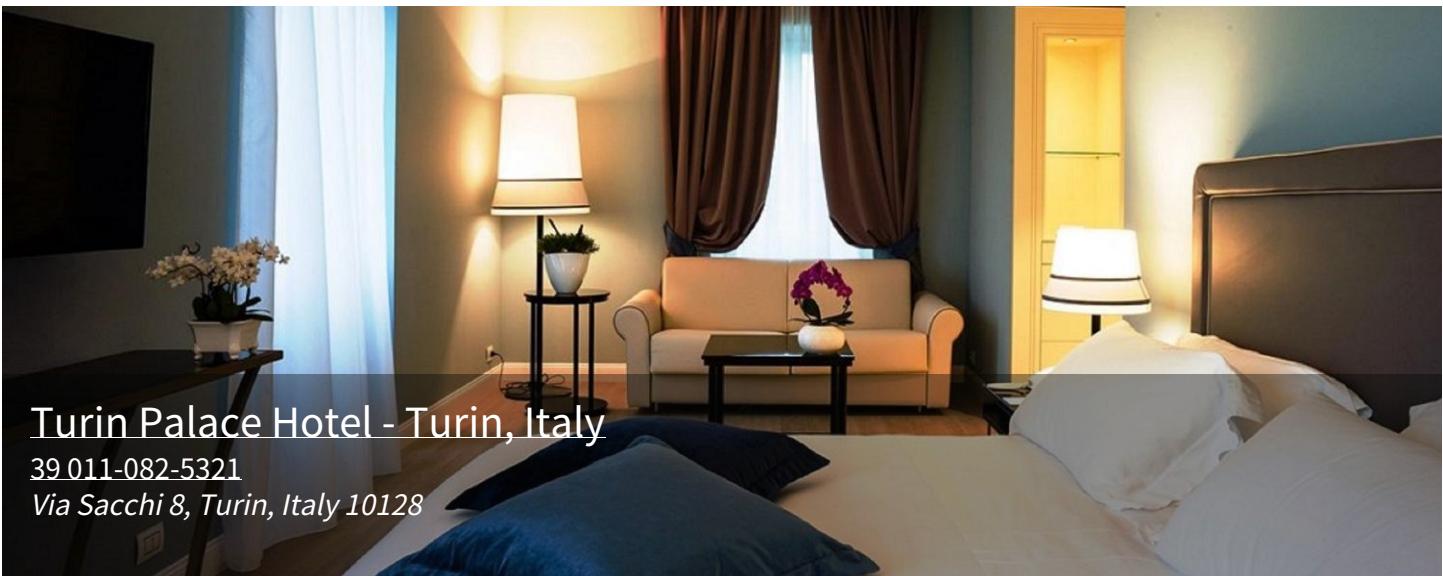
Ebook (+40 Italian recipes) - US\$4.04 group

## Day 7



### Rail · Trenitalia

10:36 AM	1:00 PM	2hr 24min
Departure	Arrival	Duration
Departure Location Bologna Centrale	Arrival Location Torino Porta Nuova	Train Number 9516
Service Class Business Class 1		Train Type Frecciarossa



### Turin Palace Hotel - Turin, Italy

[39.011-082-5321](tel:390110825321)

Via Sacchi 8, Turin, Italy 10128

2:00 PM	12:00 PM	2 Nights
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Historic hotel in the city centre of Turin You will be welcomed with our warm hospitality and surrounded by an atmosphere of magical elegance. Whether you are seeing the sights of the city, having a romantic couple's weekend or attending a business meeting in our 4-star hotel in the city centre of Turin, you will find a perfect setting. Located in a prestigious late-eighteenth-century structure, the recently remodelled Turin Palace Hotel has light-filled rooms furnished with style for your utmost

comfort, a refreshing Spa centre for your wellness and a famous restaurant where the cuisine will surprise you with exciting flavours.

#### Room Selection

##### Room Category

Classic Room

##### Room Notes

Includes Breakfast

## Day 8



### A Day in Turin Private Tour

11:00 AM

Start Time

Turin - the home of chocolates, where gelato was born and of course, how these things could not have happened unless it was connected to the World! Turin is known for being easily accessible to the French Alps, the South of France, the Swiss Alps and Geneva. It's also a hub to major Italian cities.

Visit of the historical centre with a walk, of the Mole Antonelliana, symbol of the city, ascent in the panoramic lift that will take you up to the roofs of Turin to admire an enchanting panorama of the royal Savoy city; continue to Piazza Castello with an external view of the ancient Royal Palace, the Royal Theatre, Palazzo Madama and the royal church of San Lorenzo; free time for lunch and in the afternoon visit of the Egyptian museum, which is the oldest in the world and the most important after the one in Cairo. short time at disposal for a "historical" coffee in one of the many coffee shops, historical places where the history of Turin was made.

The activity includes:

- luxury trip and driver at disposal
- duration 8 hours (or you can always decide to make your way back to your resort sooner!)
- guide ENG
- entrance to Egyptian Museum

The activity doesn't include:

- lunch and extras
- everything else not mentioned in "the activity includes"

## Day 9



Rental Car · Hertz

+39 011 5678166

Caselle Airport Turin, IT 10122

8 Days

Duration

Pick Up Phone Number  
+39 011 5678166

Pick Up Address  
Caselle Airport Turin, IT  
10122

Drop Off Address  
Malpensa Airport ,  
Malpensa 2000 Airport -  
FERNO (Varese) Milan, IT  
21010

Pick Up Location  
Turin Airport

Vehicle  
Compact, 4-5 Door,  
Automatic, Air (Group Y)  
CDAR (Y) Toyota C-HR or  
similar

Drop Off Location  
Milan Malpensa Airport -  
Terminal 1

### Notes

Pick up your rental car in Turin Airport for the remainder of your stay

\* 'Pay at Location' is the balance of the total amount due based on the reservation above, including any optional extras. This is payable on pick-up in destination currency, which are subject to exchange rate changes on day of pick- up. Remaining balance is 121.34 USD will need to be paid at pick up using your Amex card

### Cancellation Policy

If a prepaid reservation is cancelled more than 24 hours before the pickup time, a \$50 cancellation fee will be assessed. If the prepaid reservation is cancelled within 24 hours before the pickup time, a \$100 fee will be assessed. If the customer does not cancel the reservation prior to the time of pick-up and the rental vehicle is not picked up on the rental date, the entire prepaid amount will be forfeited.



## Agriturismo La Torricella Diego Pressenda Vini

+39 0173 78327

Località Sant'Anna, 98, 12065 Monforte D'alba CN, Italy

**2 Nights**

Duration

Surrounded by the Piedmont countryside, La Torricella is a historic farmhouse set in the Langhe area and producing its own wine. It offers an outdoor pool with panoramic views and a wellness center.

Each room at Agriturismo La Torricella features light-colored décor and wood furniture. Guests can enjoy in-room amenities such as a balcony, a flat-screen TV and tea and coffee facilities, along with free Wi-Fi in public areas.

La Torricella's restaurant opens on request and serves traditional Italian cuisine and specialties from the Piedmont region. The on-site wine cellar hosts wine tastings with finger food.

The wellness center includes a Turkish bath, sauna, hot tub, massages and beauty treatments.

Offering free parking, the agriturismo is in Monforte D'Alba, a 20-minute drive from Alba and the A6 motorway, leading to Turin.

### Room Selection

#### Room Category

self booked

## Day 10



**Truffle Hunting Experience**



11:45 AM

Start Time

Transfer on your own to Costigliole d'Asti where you'll meet your truffle guide.

If you are a truffle lover this is the right place for you. The Alba truffle is the most expensive food in the world. It grows wild and cannot be cultivated. The truffle hunting will start with a short explanation of the local traditions and the environment. During the truffle hunting you will see how the search and discovery of the black or white truffle works, like the truffle hunting dog studies the territory with its nose and when it finds a truffle under the ground, it begins to dig.

Return to the House of the Trifolau (truffle hunter) where you'll have the possibility to visit his house: picking item, furniture, images and memories of the past. The tour will end with a truffle tasting and wine.

## Day 11



<b>3:00 PM</b>	<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>2 Nights</b>
Check In	Check Out	Duration

Villa e Palazzo Aminta Beauty and SPA opens seasonally from March 24 to November 6. The Villa e Palazzo Aminta is a luxurious Italian villa overlooking Lake Maggiore and the Alps. With its own private beach, the hotel is an oasis for discerning, sophisticated travelers seeking relaxation. The setting is spectacular, just opposite the famous Borromeo Islands, while the hotel's architecture is an excellent example of the area's fine homes. Every bedroom and suite is personalized with stucco works, chandeliers and precious furniture.

#### Room Selection

##### Room Category

Deluxe Double Room with partial lake view

##### Room Notes

Includes Breakfast

## Day 12



**10:00 AM**

Start Time

#### Meeting Point

Hotel Pier

Meet at our private pier in order to discover the beautiful Lake Maggiore and by boat taxi visit the 3 islands of Madre, Pescatori, and Bella.

The captain picks you up from our private dock to the 1st Island and when you finish to visit it you call him to come back to fetch you to the 2nd destination.

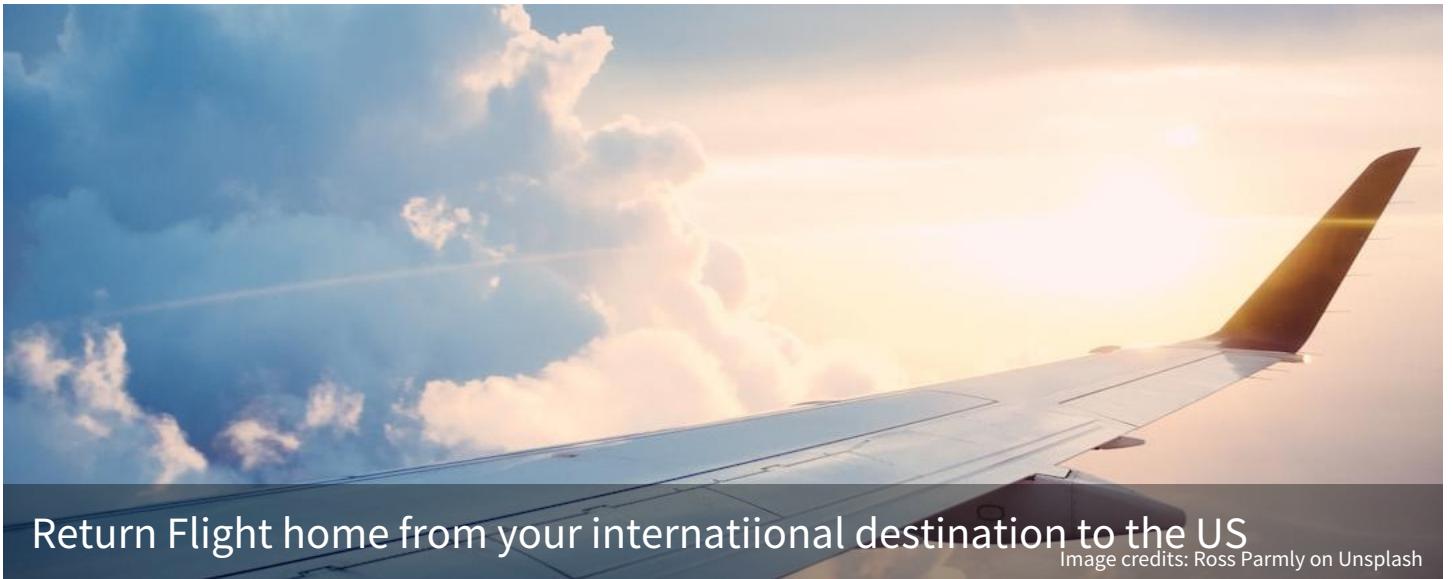
**Booking does not include the ticket entrance to any of the Islands and to be paid in cash to the captain.**

Boat charges will be added to your room to pay at check out.

Day 13

Self Drive to Milan Airport (~1 hour) and return rental car

Day 14



Return Flight home from your international destination to the US

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