

Abercrombie & Kent



FLAVORS OF ITALY: VENICE, TUSCANY & LAKE GARDA

Duration: 8 Days/7 Nights

Italy truly encapsulates classic romance. This journey is a celebration of your love as you navigate the canals of Venice in your private gondola; steal a kiss on Juliet's balcony in Verona, enjoy incredible moments at Lake Garda.

Programme Overview

Venice, Verona & Lake Garda

Highlights

Cruise to a Torcello for a romantic dinner
Visit to family home of Romeo & Juliet and Opera

A&K Advantage

Private gondolier rows and serenades through the Grand Canal
Private moment together on Juliet's balcony in Verona

Private arrival and departure airport transfers
The services of an Abercrombie & Kent Guardian Angel

** On arrival in each country, you are welcomed by your A&K Guardian Angel who conducts a briefing on your time in the country. A Guardian Angel is always at hand to provide unparalleled 24/7 support, be it local travel tips or reconfirming arrangement details, to providing recommendations for restaurants and shopping. Should you ever need help or advice, dial your Guardian Angel's mobile phone for prompt and courteous service at any time.*

Detailed Itinerary

Day 1

ARRIVE VENICE—Cruise to a Torcello for a romantic dinner

On arrival, you are met by an A&K representative and transferred to your hotel, where you will be assisted with check-in. Speed across the lagoon to your palace hotel, conveniently located on the city's Grand Canal. A 14th-century Venetian palace adorned with masterpieces by the likes of Tiepolo – by private jetty.

This evening, cruise on Venice's famous canals as you pass the Santa Maria della Salute Church and into the lagoon to toast the sunset and your romantic holiday with a glass of Veneto Prosecco. Reach the beautiful island of Torcello, where a table is set for you in the enchanting gardens at the Locanda Cipriani. Savor one of their specialties: Adriatic fresh oysters.

Overnight: Ca' Sagredo

Meal plan: D

Day 2

VENICE—Explore La Serenissima & a Gondola ride

End your romantic adventure in one of the world's gorgeous cities & explore the less-visited side of "La Serenissima" (a fitting nickname for this most serene of Italian cities) alongside your Guardian Angel. Lose yourselves in the charming labyrinth of narrow streets and passageways in the old artisans' quarter, where postcard-perfect scenes await around every corner. Wander through the Frari Church, which houses the breathtaking masterpieces of Titian, Bellini and Canova.

This evening, your private gondolier rows and serenades you through the Grand Canal and under the Rialto Bridge on to a restaurant of your choice.

Overnight: Ca' Sagredo

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 3

VENICE—VERONA—Visit to family home of Romeo & Juliet and Opera

You will be transported by a private vehicle to the Roman city of Verona, the site for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. A visit to the family homes of the famous fictitious lovers will give you the chance for a private special moment together on Juliet's balcony. Possibly even a chance to renew your wedding vows at this truly romantic and special location. We could even create an extra special moment for you by arranging for a private serenade!

Front-row seats at an epic opera performance al fresco in the Roman Arena, such as La Traviata (summer only) have been reserved especially for you.

Retire for the night in the lavish surroundings of a 13th-century palace.

Overnight: Due Torri

Meal Plan: B, D

Day 4

VERONA—LAKE GARDA—Sight seeing

Travel by your private vehicle through central Italy and the Tuscan countryside, a land of rolling vineyards and charming villas. Explore the region around Cortona, setting similar to a romantic novel and film. Enjoy the spectacular beauty of Tuscany with your beloved.

Another captivating place is at the border between Trentino, Veneto and Lombardy, the northern end of the lake which exhibits the evocative overhanging rocks of the Lombardy coast and the wonderful lakeshores of Veneto. Nature offers breathtaking views amidst high tree tops reflected in the deep blue of the lake.

Time is at leisure to explore Lake Garda's eclectic identity.

Overnight: Hotel Lido Palace

Meal Plan: B

Day 5**LAKE GARDA—Day at leisure and picnic**

Positioned on the dazzling gulf at the foot of Mt. Brione is Riva Del Garda. Explore its landscape and wide beaches which make it an ideal destination for a vacation.

Spend time in the city center at leisure. The city center's impressive architecture maintains a link with the past. Riva Del Garda is one of the most important historical centres on the shores of Garda.

Lunch, head out to your own private spot with a picnic hamper in this truly amazing setting.

Evening at leisure

Overnight: Hotel Lido Palace

Meal Plan: B

Day 6**LAKE GARDA—Adventure activities**

Indulge in some Sailing & Windsurfing! The water facing the hotel and the town of Riva is prohibited for motor boats and reserved exclusively for navigation by sailboats and windsurfing; ensuring you enjoy the pleasure of the wind and the view all year long. You may take a short cracker course to get on for windsurfing.

Afternoon is at leisure to explore the cities intriguing locations.

Overnight: Hotel Lido Palace

Meal Plan: B

Day 7**DEPART LAKE GARDA—MILAN**

After breakfast, you will be privately transported to the airport for your departure flight.

Meal Plan: B

Possible Extension:

3 Days MILAN**Day 1****MILAN—Private shopping tour**

Upon arrival you will be met by your guide & personal shopper for a private tour of the most renowned fashion houses of Milan. Visit Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II & indulge in retail pleasures!

Museo Del Novecento, the sensational art museum of 20th-century houses the Giacomo Arengario. Since its opening in December 2010 it has rapidly established itself as a popular hotspot for Milan's art-and-fashion crowd.

This evening, we could reserve space for you at Giacomo Arengario's bar for dinner.

Overnight: Four Seasons

Meal plan: B

Day 2**MILAN—Shopping & visit to The Martini Bar**

Spend the day at Corso Como. You will need at least half a day to look around Carla Sozzani's store. The store houses a vast assortment of fashion labels for both men and women, which is this ex-magazine editor's collection. Collection of antique buttons, obscure perfumes and home wares is immaculate. They also offer bespoke service of an in-house tailor. It is a complete amalgamation of a music shop, art gallery, bookshop and restaurant.

This evening you could visit Dolce & Gabbana's famous Martini Bar which flaunts refined interiors and serves awesome aperitivi, including decorative capers kebabs and fresh bruschetta.

Overnight: Four Seasons

Meal plan: B

Day 3

DEPART MILAN

This morning your chauffer will transfer you to the airport for your onward flight by your private vehicle.