

Italy with Stefano



Stefano De Pieri

A passion for life, a passion for cooking



RUSHDOWN TRAVEL PTY LTD



DEPART 19th OCT 2003

Italy with Stefano *Tour of Veneto*

Twin share Tour only - Airfares not included
\$6,595.00 per person (Single supplement \$550.00)
October 19 to 29, 2003

TOUR INCLUDING AIRFARE

Ex Melb/Syd/Bris/Perth/
Adel/Cairns - \$8,595.00

Ex Mildura - \$8,795.00

Airfare price subject to confirmation
at time of reservation.
Gov taxes approx. \$175.00

FEATURES INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Deluxe a/c seats motorcoach throughout the tour.
- Accompaniment by a professional English speaking Tour Escort throughout the tour.
- Accommodation in Oct. 19 to 26 at the 4 star Park Hotel Bolognese from Oct. 26 to 29 Serego Alighieri estate in apartments and rooms.
- 2 dinners at hotel in Treviso, drinks included on October 20 and 23.
- one dinner at restaurant Beccherie in Treviso drinks included on Oct. 21
- one dinner at restaurant La Giraffa in Fontanelle near Treviso 22
- one dinner at restaurant La Pasina in Dosson on Oct. 19
- Half day guided walking tour of Treviso, with a professional local guide on Oct. 20
- One full day excursion of the Dolomites, including Cortina on Oct. 21
- One full day excursion to Asolo and the Valdobbiadene area of Prosecco, including the visit to Villa di Maser and 2 local wine cellars with visit and wine tasting on Oct. 23
- Full day excursion by boat along the river Sile from Casier to Burano, Torcello and Portegrandi on October 22.
- Full day excursion to Friuli with guided visit of Trieste and castello di Miramare + visit and wine tasting at Castello di Spessa on Oct. 25
- Full day tour of Venice with a professional local guide on Oct. 24
- One Pizza dinner in Padova, drinks included on Oct. 26
- Half day guided tour of Vicenza on Oct. 26 with a professional local guide
- Walking tour of Venice on Oct. 24
- Boat rental from Tronchetto to St. Mark's on Oct. 26
- Entrance fee for the bus permission to enter in Venice till Tronchetto
- Half day guided tour of Verona with a professional local guide on Oct. 27
- Lunch at restaurant in Verona, drinks at Valpolicella San Tommaso on Oct. 27
- Cooking school at the Serego Alighieri estate, inclusive of dinner and bottles of red and white wine coupled with the different dishes prepared on Oct. 27.
- Full day excursion of Lake Garda (Riva and the east coast, with Malcesine and Garda, passing in morning through the valle dell'Adige in Trentino with a stop at a wine, grappa or spumante winery for the visit and tasting on October 28
- Visit of the wine cellars at Serego Alighieri on Oct. 28 followed by dinner and wine.
- Services provided by Maria Luisa during your stay at the Serego Alighieri estate on Oct. 27 and 28.

Drinks included in the above meals are _ of wine (a regular quality of wine) except where above specified during the meals at the Serego Alighieri In case you want top quality wines or special types you would have to pay a supplement.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR PRICE: • **AIRFARE** • Entrance fees • Meals except the ones mentioned
• tips, personal extras and other features not specified in the brochure.

Booking Conditions

SECURITY DEPOSIT AND FINAL PAYMENT

A deposit of \$500.00 is required per person to secure a reservation. Full payment of the tour is required 40 days prior to departure of the Tour

CANCELLATION AND REFUNDS

If you cancel or terminate your holiday a cancellation fee will be charged. The price of the holiday is not guaranteed until payment in full is received by Rushdown Travel Pty Ltd. Prior to full payment, there will be no refund of your deposit unless we are able to fill your place. In this case, a cancellation fee will be charged and the balance refunded.

- 1) If notification is received 8-4 weeks prior to departure 70% of the total.
- 2) If between 4-2 weeks prior to departure 55% of the total
- 3) If between 2-4 weeks prior to departure 30% of the total
- 4) If one week or less prior to departure 15% of the total.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We highly recommend travel insurance. The policy should cover loss of deposit through cancellation and should cover health and medical expenses and baggage loss or damage. The medical system in Italy is unlike that in Australia and, should you need your own doctor or specialist, you should ensure that you have the option to return to Australia. Pre existing medical condition must be communicated to your travel insurer.



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FROM HIS HOME IN MILDURA STEFANO DE PIERI INVITES YOUR COMPANY TO HIS NATIVE HOMETLAND THE VENETO REGION IN ITALY.

SAVOUR THE PASSION OF LIFE AND COOKING. IT WILL NOT BE ONLY A TOUR FOR GOURMETS, BUT ALSO FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENTER THE VIBRANT LIFESTYLE OF THE ITALIANS.

WE BELIEVE OUR INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF ITALY, WITH ALL ITS SUBTLETIES HAS FOUND TRUE EXPRESSION IN THIS TOUR. YOU WILL BE INTRODUCED TO ALL ASPECTS OF ITALY TO COMPLIMENT AND ENRICH THE GASTRONOMIC JOYS INHERENT IN THIS EXCITING COUNTRY.

THE VENETO IS A REGION OF TREMENDOUS CONTRASTS, ENCOMPASSING THE BREATHTAKING NATURAL BEAUTY OF THE DOLOMITES, LAKE GARDA (ITALYS LARGEST LAKE) THE ROLLING EUGANEAN HILLS, AND THE MAN MADE DELIGHTS OF MAGNIFICENT ANCIENT CITIES SUCH AS TREVISO, VERONA, VICENZA AND PADUA.

STEFANO BELIEVES THAT THE ABILITY TO ENJOY ONESELF IS IN GIVING EVERYONE ELSE A GOOD TIME. THIS INCLUDES BEING TOGETHER, AND CREATING AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES HIGH SPIRITED AND PHILISOPHICAL DISCUSSIONS THAT OFTEN EXTEND INTO THE EARLY HOURS OF THE MORNING

"A tavola non si invecchia mai." At the dining table you never grow old - ITALIAN PROVERB

So...BENVENUTI - Welcome! We look forward to your company.



Itinerary



WE OFFER A PREFERRED GROUP AIRFARE QUOTE FLYING WITH QANTAS AIRLINES AND CONNECTING WITH ALITALIA AIRLINES TO VENICE.

BUSINESS CLASS ON REQUEST

FOR THOSE MAKING INDEPENDENT AIR TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THE COST OF THIS PACKAGE IS THE TOUR LAND CONTENT ONLY.

DAY 1 VENICE-TREVISO-19 OCT

ON ARRIVAL TO FIUMICINO AIRPORT ROME YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE DOMESTIC DEPARTURE LOUNGE TO BOARD A DOMESTIC FLIGHT WITH ALITALIA TO VENICE. ON ARRIVAL AT VENICE AIRPORT YOU WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO YOUR HOTEL IN THE AREA OF TREVISO. THE REST OF THE AFTERNOON CAN BE SPENT. AS YOU DESIRE, A CHANCE TO UNWIND AND RELAX FROM THE FLIGHT. DINNER TONIGHT WILL BE AT LA PASINA IN DOSSON. (D)

DAY 2 TREVISO- 20 OCT

HALF-DAY TOUR OF TREVISO. A GOOD PLACE TO START A TOUR OF THE STREETS, SOME LINED WITH ATTRACTIVE BALCONIED HOUSES BESIDE WILLOW-FRINGED CANALS. ITS CALMAGGIORE THE FISH MARKET WHICH DATES FROM MEDIEVAL TIMES, IS HELD ON AN ISLAND IN THE MIDDLE OF TREVISO'S RIVER SILE. THE BULKY DOMINICAN CHURCH OF SAN NICOLO NESTLING BY THE 16TH CENTURY CITY WALL. TONIGHT, UPON CONFIRMATION WE WILL ENJOY THE OUTSTANDING MUSIC PERFORMED BY SERGIO DE PIERI. (BD).



DAY 3 DOLOMITES-21 OCT

TODAY WE WILL EXPLORE THE MAJESTIC DOLOMITES THAT DOMINATE THE NORTH, STRADDLING TRENTINO-ALTO ADIGE AND THE VENETO, WHICH ARE DOTTED WITH MEDIEVAL CASTLES AND MODERN SKIING RESORTS. THE DOLOMITES ARE THE MOST DISTINCTIVE AND BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINS IN ITALY. THEY WERE FORMED OF MINERALIZED CORAL WHICH WAS LAID DOWN BENEATH THE SEA DURING THE TRIASSIC ERA, AND UPLIFTED WHEN THE EUROPEAN AND AFRICAN CONTINENTAL PLATES DRAMATICALLY COLLIDED 60 MILLION YEARS AGO. TONIGHT WE WILL DINE IN TREVISO AT THE BECCHERIE RESTAURANT. (B, D)

DAY 4 –22 OCT

FULL DAY TOUR EXCURSION BY BOAT THROUGH THE RIVER SILE, INCLUDING ALSO SOME ISLANDS OF THE VENETIAN LAGOON FROM 09.30 AM TO 6.00PM. FROM CASIER ALONG THE RIVER SILE TO BURANO TORCELLO AND PORTEGRANDI. DINNER AT RESTAURANT LA GIRAFFA IN FONTANELLE NEAR TREVISO. (B, D)

DAY 5 – 23 OCT

TODAY WE WILL VISIT ASOLO AND THE PROSECCO WINE GROWING DISTRICT OF VALDOBBIADENE WITH PROSECCO TASTING. ASOLO IS BEAUTIFULLY SITED AMONG THE CYPRESS CLAD FOOTHILLS OF THE DOLOMITES. DINNER WILL BE SERVED IN THE HOTEL (B, D)

DAY 6-24 OCT

FULL DAY DEVOTED TO VENICE. VENICE IS ONE OF THE FEW CITIES IN THE WORLD THAT CAN BE TRULY DESCRIBED AS UNIQUE. VENICE , GATEWAY TO THE ORIENT, BECAME AN INDEPENDENT BYZANTINE PROVINCE IN THE 10TH CENTURY. THE RICHES OF ST MARK ALONE BEAR WITNESS TO VENICE'S POSITION AS A WORLD POWER FROM THE 12TH TO 14TH CENTURIES. (B)

DAY 7- 25 OCT

FULL DAY EXCURSION TO FRIULI, VISITING TRIESTE AND THE CASTELLO DI MIRAMARE THEN CONTINUING TO A WINE CELLAR IN THE AREA OF COLLI ORIENTALI, THE VERY CHARMING CASTELLO DI SPESSA, INCLUDES WINE TASTING. (B)

DAY 8 –26 OCT

DEPARTURE TO PADOVA, HALF DAY GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWN PADOVA IS AN OLD UNIVERSITY TOWN WITH AN ILLUSTRIOUS ACADEMIC HISTORY. RICH IN ART AND ARCHITECTURE. PIAZZA DELLE ERBE HAS SOME EXCELLENT VIEWS TO BE HAD OVER THE MARKET PLACE FROM THE 15TH CENTURY LOGGIA WHICH RUNS ALONGSIDE THE 13TH CENTURY PALAZZO DELLA RAGIONE. WE WILL BE VISITING VICENZA ONE OF THE GREAT PALLADIAN CITIES, AND ONE OF THE MOST WEALTHY CITIES IN THE VENETO REGION. BEFORE ARRIVING TO AT OUR HISTORIC PROPERTY ESTATE, SEREGO ALIGHIERI, WE WILL SAMPLE SOME WINES IN SOAVE. (B,D)

DAY 9 – 27 OCT

MORNING DEPARTURE TO VERONA, HALF DAY GUIDED TOUR OF THE TOWN AND LUNCH IN THE RESTAURANT IN VERONA. VERONA IS A VIBRANT TRADING CENTRE ONE OF THE LARGEST CITIES IN THE VENETO REGION AFTER VENICE, AND ONE OF THE MOST PROSPEROUS IN NORTHERN ITALY. WE WILL RETURN TO THE ESTATE SEREGO ALIGHIERI TO HAVE A COOKING LESSON FOLLOWED BY DINNER. (B, L, D)

DAY 10-28 OCT

FULL DAY TOURING TO TRENTINO AND LAKE GARDA WITH A STOP AT A CELLAR TO SAMPLE GRAPPA , SPUMENTE OR WINE. CONTINUATION TO RIVA DEL GARDA MALCESINE AND DOWN TO THE EAST COAST OF THE LAKE OF GARDA. BACK TO THE ESTATE TO HAVE A VISIT OF ITS CELLARS FOLLOWED BY DINNER AT THE ESTATE. (B,D)

DAY 11- 29 OCT

THE TOUR FINISHES THIS MORNING. YOUR TRANSFER WILL ARRIVE IN VENICE. LATE IN THE MORNING. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE ANY MORE TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS THAT YOU MAY REQUIRE (B)

