



NOW JOURNEY

11 DAYS | PIEMONTE | PARMA | MANTUA | BERGAMO

Italy's Secrets of the North

A quieter, richer and more intimate Northern Italy.

SMALL-GROUP JOURNEY

Typically 8-12 guests | Maximum 16 | Tour Captain hosted

Deluxe Hotels Collection | From \$8,879 per person, double occupancy

Detailed printable Journey Guide | Dates, pricing and hotels subject to confirmation

THE ROUTE AT A GLANCE

Four stays. One unhurried story.

Begin in Piemonte's wine country, continue to culinary Parma and Renaissance Mantua, and finish amid Bergamo's hilltop beauty and Venetian walls.

**PIEMONTE**

Days 1-3

**PARMA**

Days 4-5

**MANTUA**

Days 6-7

**BERGAMO**

Days 8-11

11 days

10 hotel nights

4 chapters

Piemonte to Bergamo

Maximum 16

Typically 8-12 guests

Hosted

Dedicated Tour Captain

TOUR PRICE

Deluxe \$8,879**Deposit \$1,000**

Prices are per person, double occupancy. The private-room supplement is \$3,200.

International airfare is not included. Confirm departure operation before purchasing air.

THE JOURNEY INCLUDES

- 10 nights in the Deluxe Hotels Collection
- Milan Malpensa group arrival transfer
- Tour Captain hosting and local expertise
- Private guides and luxury ground transportation
- Culinary, wine and aperitivo experiences

DAY 1 | PIEMONTE

Arrival into Italy's Hidden North



Arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) and join the included group transfer into Piemonte's vineyard country. After time to settle in, meet your fellow travelers on a signature Discovery Walk. Tonight's included Piemonte Welcome Dinner introduces regional specialties, local wines and a cuisine known for tajarin, agnolotti, truffles, aged cheeses and Barolo.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Milan Malpensa group arrival transfer
- Signature Discovery Walk
- Piemonte Welcome Dinner
- Regional wines and cuisine

OVERNIGHT

Piemonte - 3-night chapter begins

WHERE WE STAY

Deluxe Hotels Collection: Relais San Maurizio or similar. Three nights with breakfast in a restored former monastery amid the vineyards, balancing countryside serenity with access to Turin.

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DAY 2 | TURIN

Turin and the Elegant North



Journey into one of Italy's most sophisticated and underrated cities. Once the country's first capital and home to the House of Savoy, Turin is defined by grand boulevards, arcades, royal architecture and historic cafes. A guided walk connects graceful piazzas and architectural treasures. The afternoon is free back in Piemonte for the spa, countryside or a glass of wine. Dinner with the Tour Captain is optional.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided Turin walking tour
- Royal and cafe culture
- Leisure afternoon
- Optional Tour Captain dinner

OVERNIGHT**Piemonte - second night****WHERE WE STAY**

Continue at Relais San Maurizio or a comparable Deluxe property. Breakfast is included; optional dinner is paid separately.

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DAY 3 | LANGHE AND BAROLO

The Wine Roads of Piemonte



Explore the Langhe, where vineyard hills, medieval castles and storybook villages create one of Italy's most celebrated culinary landscapes. The route follows the Barolo region and the home of the wine known as the King of Wines. A Now Journey exclusive brings a curated Barolo tasting overlooking the vineyards, paired with local morsels and regional flavors. Dinner with the Tour Captain is optional.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic Langhe touring
- Barolo villages and vineyards
- Included curated wine tasting
- Regional food pairings

OVERNIGHT**Piemonte - third night****WHERE WE STAY**

Final night at Relais San Maurizio or a comparable Piemonte property, with breakfast. Depart for Parma the following morning.

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DAY 4 | PARMA

The Wine Road to Parma



Travel through scenic countryside as vineyard hills give way to Emilia-Romagna's agricultural heartland. Settle into central Parma, close to refined streets, lively piazzas and the city's culinary culture. A late-afternoon Discovery Walk leads through the historic center before an included Parma Welcome Dinner introducing Parmigiano Reggiano, Prosciutto di Parma and celebrated regional cooking.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic luxury transfer
- Parma Discovery Walk
- Included Parma Welcome Dinner
- Emilia-Romagna specialties

OVERNIGHT

Parma - 2-night chapter begins

WHERE WE STAY

Deluxe Hotels Collection: Grand Hotel di Parma or similar. Two nights with breakfast, selected for classic elegance, modern comfort and access to the historic center.

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DAY 5 | PARMA

Food, Culture and Italian Life



Explore Parma's piazzas and arcades while discovering why food here is inseparable from culture. Historic alimentari and artisan boutiques reveal Parmigiano Reggiano at different ages, Prosciutto di Parma, focaccia, regional wines and other specialties. The curated tasting may also introduce handmade pasta, balsamic delicacies and chocolates. The afternoon is free for cafes, aperitivo, boutiques or independent discovery; dinner is optional.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided culinary discovery
- Parmigiano Reggiano tasting
- Prosciutto di Parma and focaccia
- Leisure afternoon

OVERNIGHT

Parma - second night

WHERE WE STAY

Second night at Grand Hotel di Parma or a comparable Deluxe property, with breakfast. Optional evening dining is at your discretion.

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DAY 6 | MANTUA

Arrival in Mantua



Continue east to a Renaissance city surrounded by lakes and largely untouched by mass tourism. Quiet piazzas, noble palaces, frescoed halls and weathered arcades preserve Mantua's unhurried character. After hotel check-in, a Discovery Walk introduces the historic center and the legacy of the Gonzaga family. The evening brings an included Lombardy Welcome Dinner with regional specialties and wines.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Scenic transfer to Mantua
- Historic-center Discovery Walk
- Gonzaga context
- Included Lombardy dinner

OVERNIGHT

Mantua - 2-night chapter begins

WHERE WE STAY

Deluxe Hotels Collection: Grand Hotel San Lorenzo or similar. Two nights with breakfast in the historic center, blending modern comfort with Renaissance atmosphere.

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DAY 7 | MANTUA

Mantua and the Renaissance



Discover the artistic legacy created under the Gonzaga family. Piazzas, hidden courtyards, elegant arcades and traces of Giulio Romano reveal how this compact city became a great Renaissance center. The afternoon is free for a literary cafe, Palazzo Ducale or quiet wandering. At evening, gather for a Now Journey exclusive lakeside aperitivo with regional wines and small local specialties. Dinner is optional.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Gonzaga and Renaissance heritage
- Leisure afternoon
- Included lakeside aperitivo
- Optional dinner

OVERNIGHT**Mantua - second night****WHERE WE STAY**

Second night at Grand Hotel San Lorenzo or a comparable Mantua property, with breakfast. Palazzo Ducale admission is independent unless otherwise confirmed.

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DAY 8 | BERGAMO

To Bergamo



Arrive in one of Northern Italy's true hidden gems, known for its beautifully preserved Upper City, Venetian walls and sweeping Lombardy views. After hotel check-in, join a Discovery Walk through Citta Alta. As evening light settles across the hills and stone bell towers begin to glow, gather for an included Bergamo Welcome Dinner.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Transfer to Bergamo
- Citta Alta Discovery Walk
- Venetian walls and hilltop views
- Included Bergamo dinner

OVERNIGHT

Bergamo - 3-night chapter begins

WHERE WE STAY

Deluxe Hotels Collection: Relais San Vigilio or similar. Three nights with breakfast in a hillside retreat chosen for historic character, quiet elegance and sweeping views.

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DAY 9 | BERGAMO

Discovering the Upper City



Ascend by funicular into Bergamo's medieval heart. Within the UNESCO-listed Venetian walls, narrow lanes, stone archways, hidden piazzas and cafes reveal centuries of Venetian and Lombard influence. The day shows why Bergamo has become an insider favorite: refined without pretension and cinematic without crowds. At sunset, enjoy an included aperitivo overlooking rooftops and the Lombardy plains. Dinner is optional.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Funicular ascent
- Upper City exploration
- UNESCO-listed Venetian walls
- Included sunset aperitivo

OVERNIGHT**Bergamo - second night****WHERE WE STAY**

Continue at Relais San Vigilio or a comparable Bergamo property, with breakfast. Optional dinner is at your discretion.

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DAY 10 | BERGAMO

Leisure in Lombardy



Your final full day is open for the Upper City, long lunches, boutique shopping or quiet cafes. This unstructured time is an intentional part of the Journey's slow-travel rhythm. In the evening, gather one final time for the included Special Journey Farewell Dinner, celebrating the stories, friendships and discoveries shared across Northern Italy.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Full Bergamo leisure day
- Independent lunch and shopping
- Slow-travel pacing
- Included farewell dinner

OVERNIGHT

Bergamo - third night

WHERE WE STAY

Final night at Relais San Vigilio or a comparable Bergamo property, with breakfast. Checkout follows on Day 11.

Hotel examples are not guarantees. Exact properties are confirmed for each departure and may be replaced with a comparable hotel.

DAY 11 | DEPARTURE

Arrivederci, Northern Italy



The Journey concludes this morning after breakfast. An optional departure transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) can be requested and should be confirmed with your Journey Designer. Leave with the feeling of having experienced a quieter, richer and more intimate side of Italy that many travelers never see.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

- Breakfast
- Core Journey concludes
- Optional Malpensa transfer
- Additional nights available by request

OVERNIGHT

Journey concludes - extension optional

WHERE WE STAY

No hotel is included after checkout. Optional transfer service, additional hotel nights and extensions are planned and priced separately.

Hotel examples are not guarantees. Exact properties are confirmed for each departure and may be replaced with a comparable hotel.

DELUXE HOTELS COLLECTION

Four character-rich bases.

The itinerary presents boutique and luxury accommodations selected for character, location and service. Exact properties are confirmed for each departure and may be replaced by a comparable hotel.



Piemonte

3 NIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST

Relais San Maurizio or similar - A restored former monastery amid the vineyards, balancing countryside serenity, historic character and access to Turin.

Parma

2 NIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST

Grand Hotel di Parma or similar - Classic elegance and modern comfort with access to the historic center and Emilia-Romagna's culinary culture.

Mantua

2 NIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST

Grand Hotel San Lorenzo or similar - A refined base in the historic center, blending modern comfort with the atmosphere of Renaissance Mantua.

Bergamo

3 NIGHTS WITH BREAKFAST

Relais San Vigilio or similar - A hillside retreat chosen for historic character, quiet elegance and sweeping views across Lombardy.

Hotel examples are not guarantees. Exact properties are confirmed by departure and may be replaced with a comparable Deluxe property.

PLAN WITH CLARITY

What is included - and what is separate.

The core services, hotel nights, hosting and signature experiences are organized for you. Separately charged items are shown here so the full picture is easy to understand.



INCLUDED

- 10 nights in the Deluxe Hotels Collection
- Daily breakfast at the selected hotels
- Milan Malpensa group arrival transfer
- Tour Captain throughout the Journey
- Luxury Mercedes-type vans or microcoach
- Private guides where described
- Discovery Walks in each destination
- Welcome and farewell dining described in the itinerary
- Barolo, Parma and aperitivo experiences
- Hotel city taxes

NOT INCLUDED

- International airfare
- Optional experiences and personal purchases
- Meals not specifically listed
- Extensions and additional hotel nights
- Optional dinners with the Tour Captain
- Milan Malpensa departure transfer
- Travel insurance unless separately arranged

All optional services should be confirmed and prepaid where required.

BOOKING AND OPERATING NOTES

Deposit: \$1,000 per person | Solo supplement: \$3,200

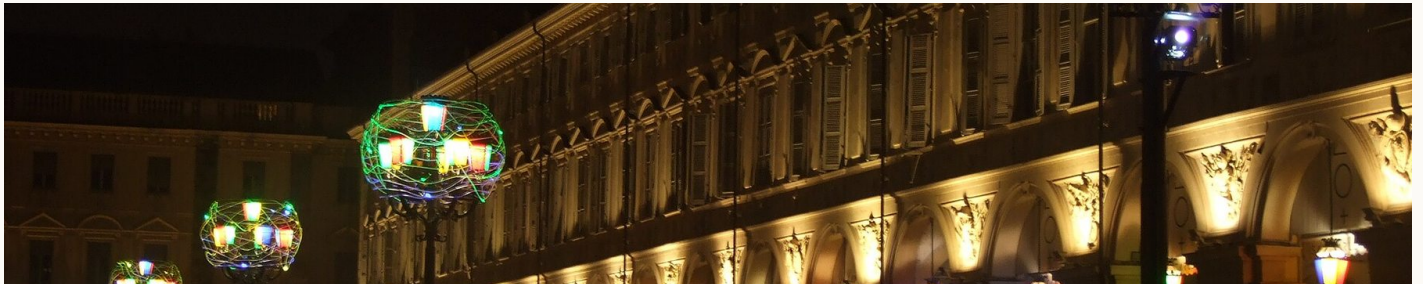
Final payment is due 90 days before departure.

Wait for confirmation that the Journey is guaranteed to operate before purchasing airfare.

2026 AND 2027 DEPARTURES

Choose your Northern Italy season.

All prices below are per person, double occupancy. Availability is not implied and should be confirmed before making air arrangements.



2026

**October
26-November 5**

\$8,879

Deluxe Hotels Collection

Hosted by Pascal Locatelli

2027

April 20-30

\$8,879

Deluxe Hotels Collection

True small-group touring

2027

October 1-11

\$8,879

Deluxe Hotels Collection

True small-group touring

PRICE NOTES

Deposit: \$1,000 per person | Solo supplement: \$3,200

International airfare, optional dinners and the departure transfer are not included. Dates, prices, operating status and hotel assignments are subject to confirmation.

GOOD TO KNOW

Practical notes for your Journey.

The rhythm balances guided discovery with generous free time. Activity, group size, operating confirmation and transportation planning are summarized here.



JOURNEY RHYTHM

- Typical group size is 8-12 guests, with a maximum of 16
- Expect 45-90 minutes of walking plus hills, stairs and uneven surfaces
- Most guided touring takes place during the morning
- Afternoons and evenings often remain open for leisure
- Participation in each activity is always optional

GOOD TO KNOW

Where does the Journey begin and end? Begin with the included group transfer from Milan Malpensa. The core Journey ends after breakfast in Bergamo.

How do we travel? Luxury Mercedes-type vans or a microcoach are used for the scenic route through Piemonte, Emilia-Romagna and Lombardy.

Can solo travelers join? Yes. The published private-room supplement for double-room solo use is \$3,200.

When should airfare be purchased? Wait until Now Journey confirms the departure is guaranteed to operate.

READY TO START PLANNING?

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This guide reflects the source itinerary available in July 2026. Confirm all details before booking.