

# Friuli Venezia Giulia and Slovenia Borderlands, crossroads of peoples and cultures

# Travel itinerary from September 20 to October 1st 2026 DAY BY DAY PROGRAM

# • DAY 1 - 20/9 Sunday - Arrival in Italy

Arrival at Venice airport
Transfer to the hotel
Check-in and relaxation
Welcome dinner at the hotel's restaurant
Overnight at Corte delle Fucine \*\*\*\*S Buttrio (Udine)

# • DAY 2 - 21/9 Monday - Friuli Mosaic School and San Daniele Prosciutto

Transfer to San Daniele del Friuli
Short visit of the city center
Visit to a prosciuttificio – ham factory – with tasting and light lunch
Transfer to Spilimbergo
Guided tour of the town and the Friuli Mosaic School
Dinner at a restaurant and return to the hotel
Overnight at Corte delle Fucine \*\*\*\*S Buttrio (Udine)

# • DAY 3 - 22/9 Tuesday - Cividale del Friuli and Puppet Museum

Transfer to Cividale del Friuli

Guided tour of the historical center and the Longobard Temple

Guided tour with a puppeteer of the Vittoria Podrecca International Center and Puppet Museum Lunch at a restaurant in Cividale

Visit to a winery with wine tasting and aperitif dinner

Transfer back to the hotel

Overnight at Corte delle Fucine \*\*\*\*S Buttrio (Udine)

# • DAY 4 - 23/9 Wednesday - Aquileia and Cheese Tasting

Transfer to Palmanova and visit to the historical center

Short transfer for a visit to a farm with livestock and a dairy: followed by cheese tasting and light lunch

Transfer to Aquileia

Guided tour of the Basilica of Santa Maria Assunta

Dinner at a restaurant and return to the hotel

Overnight at Corte delle Fucine \*\*\*\*S Buttrio (Udine)

# • DAY 5 - 24/9 Thursday - Ljubljana

Transfer to Ljubljana (Slovenia)
Visit of the city and free lunch
Transfer to Bled and arrival at the hotel
Check-in and relaxation
Dinner at a restaurant in Bled
Overnight at Bled Hotel Park \*\*\*\* Bled (Slovenia)

# • DAY 6 - 25/9 Friday - Radovljica and Honey

Transfer to the village of Selo

Beekeping experience with honey tasting

Transfer and walk in Radovljca

Lunch at a traditional restaurant

Visit to the historic gingerbread workshop and traditional decoration experience

Transfer back to the hotel and free time to relax

Typical dinner at an old farmhouse with live music

Overnight at Bled Hotel Park \*\*\*\* Bled (Slovenia)

# • DAY 7 - 26/9 Saturday - The Vintgar Gorge

Transfer to the Radovna River Nature Reserve

Visit to the Vintgar Gorge along the scenic walkway

Short transfer to Bled Castle

Visit and lunch at the Castle restaurant

Transfer to the lake for a *pletna* boat excursion – traditional boat – to Bled Island

Visit to the Church of St. Mary Assunta on the island

Return by boat and transfer back to the hotel

Dinner at a restaurant in Bled

Overnight at Bled Hotel Park \*\*\*\* Bled (Slovenia)

# • DAY 8 - 27/9 Sunday - Predjama Castle and Miramare Castle

Transfer to Predjama and visit to the Castle

Lunch in a restaurant in Predjama

Transfer to the Italian coast

Guided tour to the Miramare Castle

Transfer to the hotel and check-in

Dinner at a restaurant and return to the hotel

Overnight at Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste \*\*\*\* Trieste (Italy)

# • DAY 9 - 28/9 Monday - Trieste and Coffee

Guided tour of the city of Trieste

Free lunch and free time in the afternoon

Short transfer for dinner at a traditional local restaurant

Return to the hotel

Overnight at Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste \*\*\*\* Trieste (Italy)

# • DAY 10 - 29/9 Tuesday - From Poreč to Rovinj: along the Croatian coast

Transfer to Poreč

Short guided tour of the historical center

Boat trip from Poreč to Rovinj with lunch on board

Arrival in Rovini and guided tour of the city

Transfer to Trieste with dinner along the way and return to the hotel

Overnight at Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste \*\*\*\* Trieste (Italy)

# • DAY 11 - 30/9 Wednesday - Piran: along the Slovenian coast

Transfer to Piran and guided tour of the historical center

Lunch at a restaurant

Visit to a sea bass farm with fish tasting

Transfer to Hrastovlje and visit to the frescoed church

Arrival in Trieste and return to the hotel

Farewell dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight at Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste \*\*\*\* Trieste (Italy)

# • DAY 12 - 1/10 Thursday -Departure from Venice Airport

Transfer to the Venice Airport and end of services

# GENERAL INFORMATIONS

#### FAIRS AND CONDITIONS

# NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, LANGUAGE SPOKEN

The minimum group size is 16 participants, the maximum is 20. With fewer participants, the fee must be recalculated. The common language spoken by the guide, Dr. Fu-Ju Yang, will be Chinese, while the Italian agency representative will speak Italian and English.

#### **INDIVIDUAL FAIR**

Including taxes and duties

#### **€8.100** for a double room

**€9.200** for a single room (supplement €1.100)

**Eur 1.500,00 deposit** to be paid upon booking, by **December 20, 2025**. The **balance** must be paid by **August 15, 2026**, and in any case, within one month of departure.

The deposit receipt will be sent online via email. After payment of the balance, the invoice for the full amount of the trip will be sent in the same manner.

#### **FEE INCLUDES**

- Tour accompanied by Dr. Fu-Ju Yang, an expert in Italian art, culture, and cuisine.
- English-speaking Italian tour guide for support.
- Private minibus rental with driver for the entire trip, with free Wi-Fi service.
- Luggage transport from hotel to hotel by bus.
- Tip for the minibus driver.
- Transfer to and from Venice airport at the times indicated.
- 11 nights' accommodation with breakfast in four-star hotels.\*
- 11 tourist taxes.
- 11 dinners in restaurants or trattorias with two, three, or four-course meals of typical dishes, including drinks (water and 1 glass of wine or beer).
- 8 light lunches in restaurants or trattorias, or combined with tastings, including drinks.
- $\bullet$  Visit to a  $\emph{prosciuttificio}$  ham factory with tasting of San Daniele ham.
- Visit to a farm with livestock and cheese tasting.
- Visit to a winery with wine tasting.
- Visit to a sea bass farm with tasting.
- Visit to a beekeeping farm with honey tasting.
- Visit to a handcrafted biscuit workshop with decorating experience.
- Guided tour of Spilimbergo.
- Guided tour of the Mosaic School of Friuli.
- Guided tour of Cividale del Friuli and the Lombard Temple (Tempietto Longobardo).
- Guided tour with puppeteer at the International Vittorio Podrecca Center and Puppet Museum.
- Guided tour of Palmanova.
- Guided tour of Aquileia.
- Entrance to the Vintgar Gorge.
- Visit to Bled Castle.
- Excursion in a *pletna* (traditional boat) to the island of Bled.
- Traditional dance experience at a historic farm.
- Guided tour of Prediama Castle.
- Guided tour of Miramare Castle.
- Guided tour of Trieste.
- Guided tour of Poreč and Rovinj.
- Guided tour of Piran.
- Boat excursion from Poreč to Rovinj.
- Guided tour of the church in Hrastovlje.

# \* Overnights

# 4 nights - Corte delle Fucine \*\*\*\*S

Via Nazionale 48 - 33042 Buttrio (UD)| Tel. + 0432 1833239

#### 3 nights - Bled Hotel Park \*\*\*\*

Cesta svobode, 15 – 4260 Bled (Slovenia)| Tel. +386 4 579 18 00

# 4 nights - Savoia Excelsior Palace Trieste \*\*\*\*\*

Riva del Mandracchio, 4 - 34124 Trieste (TS) | Tel. + 39 040 77941

\* The names of the hotels are indicated in the program for each day; however, for reasons beyond the control of the Organizer, some hotels may be replaced with hotels of the same or higher category. Please note that rooms of the same type in different hotels may be of different categories. These are often old buildings that were not originally designed for accommodation, with rooms that differ from one another; some are small establishments with only a few rooms. We will endeavor to distribute the higher category rooms evenly on a case-by-case basis.

#### FEE DOESN'T INCLUDE

- Medical insurance, baggage insurance, and trip cancellation insurance.
- Transportation from your place of residence to Venice
- -2 lunches, extra service and tips not included, and anything not expressly mentioned in the program and under FEE INCLUDES.
- \* Given the importance of the tourist package, we strongly recommend taking out medical and travel cancellation insurance (which also includes flights). It is advisable to take out this insurance in your own country for ease of management in the event of a claim.

#### **CONFIRMATION OF THE TRIP**

The trip will be confirmed when the **minimum number of 16** registrations is reached. **The final confirmation date for the trip is December 20, 2025**.

Once the trip has been confirmed, additional registrations will be accepted, up to a maximum of 20 participants, by February 15, 2026.

#### WITHDRAWAL AND PENALTIES

The traveler may withdraw from the contract at any time. In the event of cancellation by the traveler, the following penalties apply:

- from the date of booking until April 30 2026, a penalty equal to half of the deposit paid;
- from May 1st to August 14 2026, a penalty equal to the entire deposit paid.
- from August 15 2026, the deadline for payment of the balance, a penalty of 100%.

Travelers who find themselves in a situation where they have to cancel their trip may need to file a claim with their insurance company, as cancellation insurance is not included in this travel package.

If, after booking, the traveler is unable to participate, they may transfer the Contract to a person who meets all the conditions for using the service (e.g., the same type of room) by giving the Organizer advance notice by email no later than seven days before the start of the trip.

In any case, the Organizer will retain 4% (€60 relating to the deposit) of the amount paid as reimbursement for administrative expenses and recovery of costs related to money transactions relating to the payment of the deposit or balance.

As this is a tailor-made trip organized on specific request, in the event of cancellation by a participant, which would reduce the number of participants below the minimum requirement of sixteen travelers, the cost of the trip will have to be recalculated and the registered travelers will have to pay the additional amount necessary to ensure the sustainability of the trip. If the new price is not accepted, the trip will have to be canceled, but all expenses already incurred by the Organizer will be retained.

This condition applies to the phase of the trip already confirmed with payment of the deposit only. After payment of the balance, no additional payment will be required as it will be considered a penalty for withdrawal.

# INFOS AND CHANGES TO THE PROGRAM

Before departure, useful information about the trip will be sent by email, in particular the names and contact details of the tour leaders and any other additional information.

The above program may be subject to change before or during the tour due to technical or organizational reasons or weather conditions that prevent certain outdoor activities from taking place. Consequently, some services such as hotels, excursions, visits, tastings, or others may be replaced with other services of the same type, quality, or value, at the sole discretion of the Organizer or tour guides.

The program may also be subject to changes or restrictions in the event of emergency government regulations regarding public health. The causes cannot be predicted and are beyond the control of the Organizer.

Technical organization

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