

# *Shay's Dolce Vita Italiana Tour*

## *Lake Como, Italian Riviera, Tuscany, Venice*

**October 27 - November 6, 2024**

**\$4,995 Per Person, Double Occupancy**  
**Including Airfare from Chicago**  
**Land Only \$3,995**



### **Tour Highlights**

#### **2-Nights at Lake Como**

Visit Brunate & Bellagio

#### **2-Nights in the Italian Riviera**

Visit Portofino & Cinque Terre

Visit the Leaning Tower of Pisa

#### **3-Nights in Tuscany**

Visit San Gimignano & Siena

Lunch & Wine Tasting

Tuscan Cooking Class

Visit Florence

#### **2-Nights in Venice**

Venice City Tour

Farewell Dinner



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*From the Lake District to the Italian Riviera to the iconic Tuscan Countryside and incomparable Venice, join us for wine tasting, cruising, and exploring the breathtaking views, spectacular medieval cities, and serene lakes that make up the unparalleled beauty of Italy!*

## Day by Day Itinerary

### Sun., Oct. 27 – CHICAGO / EN ROUTE

We depart Chicago's O'Hare International Airport to begin our *Dolce Vita Italiana Tour!* (I)

### Mon., Oct. 28 – MILAN / LAKE COMO

Today we arrive in Milan, Italy. After clearing customs, we'll meet our guide for the journey to Lake Como. Situated in Northern Italy's Lombardy region, Lake Como is famed for its glorious natural beauty. In the foothills of the Alps, the deep blue inverted "Y" shaped lake is surrounded by rugged mountains that form the backdrop to the area's rustic old towns and beautiful villas. This evening we'll enjoy dinner at our hotel. (D)

### Tues., Oct. 29 – LAKE COMO

We enjoy a full day at Lake Como today, beginning with a drive along the shores of the lake, stopping at beautiful Villa del Balbianello, home to amazing gardens. Villa del Balbianello has been the site for such movies as *Casino Royale*, and *Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones*. Next we'll board a funicular and travel up the mountain to arrive at Brunate, where we'll be greeted with expansive panoramic views across Lake Como. The beauty continues as we arrive in the town of Bellagio, considered to be one of the most beautiful Italian towns. After time to explore Bellagio on our own, we return to our hotel by boat, jetting across Lake Como. (B)

### Wed., Oct. 30 – LAKE COMO / ITALIAN RIVIERA

This morning we say goodbye to Lake Como and set our sights on the Italian Riviera. We'll take a ferry to Portofino and spend a delightful day getting to know this famous Italian fishing village. Climb to the Church of Saint Giorgio for panoramic views of the charming village, and then reward yourself with a focaccia tasting in the local bakery. This evening we'll be treated to a fabulous dinner at our hotel. (B,D)



### Thurs., Oct. 31 – ITALIAN RIVIERA

After breakfast we'll set out with our all-day pass, using the rails, buses and trails to explore the villages of Cinque Terre. The Italian Riviera is not short of rugged coastline or romantic towns and villages, but the five fishing communities of the Cinque Terre are its most iconic highlight. Tucked away in a particularly mountainous kink at the eastern end of the Italian Riviera, the villages of the Cinque Terre were shaped by their profound isolation. Set amid some of the most dramatic coastal scenery on the planet, these beautiful, colorful towns can bolster the most jaded of spirits. Sinuous paths traverse seemingly impregnable cliff sides, and a 19th-century railway line that's cut through a series of coastal tunnels moves people from village to village. Cars have been banned within the villages for more than a decade. The five villages are no longer the isolated hamlets they once were, but there's still a feeling of authenticity here, with few roads, perfectly preserved architecture and a network of stunning coastal and mountain trails. (B)

### Fri., Nov. 1 – ITALIAN RIVIERA/ SAN GIMIGNANO

This morning we follow the coast to the historic city of Pisa. A tour through the Campo dei Miracoli will include a visit to the Cattedrale di Pisa. While the white, shining outside of the Cathedral truly is stunning, the same is true of its inside. Next door, we'll visit Battistero di San Giovanni which was founded on August 15, 1152. Of course, no visit to the Square of Miracles would be complete without a visit to the famous Leaning Tower. The tower's apparent flouting of the laws of gravity has attracted numerous visitors over the centuries, including



the Pisan Scientist Galileo. From Pisa we travel into the rolling hills and Cypress lined lanes of beautiful Tuscany to medieval San Gimignano, one of the most gorgeous hill towns in Tuscany. We'll check into our hotel, overlooking the amazing scenery, where we'll enjoy dinner. **(B,D)**

#### **Sat., Nov. 2 – SAN GIMIGNANO**

The morning is free to explore the medieval city of San Gimignano. At the center of town is Piazza della Cisterna, named for the cistern that is served by the old well standing in the center of this square. Rustic facades crowd in a tight huddle around the well. On Piazza del Duomo stands the town's Romanesque cathedral. A favorite of many travelers, San Gimignano is easy to explore, with a perfect blend of shopping, churches, history and of course, gelato. This afternoon, we'll enjoy lunch of typical Tuscan specialties and wine at a local farm. **(B,L)**

#### **Sun., Nov. 3 – SAN GIMIGNANO (Siena)**

After breakfast, we set out for the amazing city of Siena. We begin with a visit to the San Domenico church, where the relics of Saint Catherine of Siena are kept. Then we continue on the main road, Banchi di Sopra, the former "Via Francigena," pilgrimage road leading to Rome, one of the main journeys for Christians. We will arrive in the main square, Piazza del Campo, the natural center of the city. Its shell-shaped heart made of bricks is like a warm carpet of "burnt Siena" color. Next we visit the majestic Cathedral, with its exceptional works of art, including masterpieces by Michelangelo and Donatello. This afternoon we visit Scuola Di Cucina Di Lella, where we'll learn the traditions of Tuscan cooking from recipes that have passed down from generations. **(B,D)**

#### **Mon., Nov. 4 – SAN GIMIGNANO / VENICE**

This morning we visit the great Renaissance city of Florence. Our walking tour will begin with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia to see Michelangelo's famous statue of David. Afterward, we'll explore the heart of the city with a visit to the magnificent Cathedral adorned with green, red and white marble, and see the nearby Baptistry with its famous bronze doors, most notably the Gate to Paradise. We'll end our tour at the Piazza della Signoria with its wonderful backdrop formed by the Old Palace's powerful presence. This afternoon we depart Tuscany and head into the Veneto Region of Italy. We'll leave our motor coach and transfer by boat to our hotel in the heart of Venice, a treasure trove of art and architecture rising up out of the waters of the Venetian Lagoon. **(B)**

#### **Tues., Nov. 5 – VENICE**

Our day in Venice begins with a walking tour that will introduce us to the Ponte della Paglia, also known as the "Straw Bridge," offering the best views of the Bridge of Sighs. Our tour will continue into the Piazza San Marco, a great marble saloon with covered galleries, famous cafes, and luxury shops. Here we'll see the Campanile, a 325-foot-high bell tower that provides an unforgettable view of Venice and include a visit to the remarkable Basilica San Marco. We'll also learn of the folklore that

accompanies the arcades of the Procuraties and the countless festivities and pageants throughout the long history of the Piazza San Marco. Following our tour, the afternoon is at leisure for shopping and exploring. Tonight we'll join Shay for a farewell dinner of local specialties and wine. **(B,D)**

#### **Wed., Nov. 6 – VENICE / CHICAGO**

All too soon, our *Dolce Vita Italiana* vacation has come to an end. We transfer to Venice Airport in plenty of time to check in for our return journey home. **(B,I)**

**\* \* \* Welcome Home \* \* \***

**I = In-flight B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**

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#### **The Vacation Price Includes:**

- Round-trip economy air transportation from Chicago on scheduled airline service
- Meals and light beverages served in-flight according to airline schedules
- Deluxe private motor coach with accompanying English Speaking Tour Manager and local guides where necessary.
- Breakfast daily, and meals as indicated in the itinerary
- Accommodations in first class hotels
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- Luggage handling and portage charges for one suitcase per person at hotels
- Taxes for included ground services, U.S. departure taxes, Customs service charges, and fuel surcharges

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## RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for me/us on **Shay's Dolce Vita Italiana 2024 Tour**.

Enclosed is my/our check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500 deposit per person).

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☐ I do not have a roommate but will share. If a roommate cannot be found, I will pay the single supplement.

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