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# **Spotlight on Northern Italy**

May 21 – 29, 2026 Hosted by Father John Gatzak



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9 Days • 12 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 1 Lunch, 4 Dinners

**HIGHLIGHTS...** Treviso, Tiramisu-Making Demonstration, Verona, Choice on Tour: Verona Painted City or Verona and its Waters Walking Tours, Murano Glass-Blowing Demonstration, Venice, Asolo, Prosecco Winery Tour, The Dolomites, Bassano del Grappa, Venetian Villa Visit

#### **ITINERARY AT A GLANCE**

Day 1 Overnight Flight

Days 2 – 8 Hotel Carlton Treviso, Treviso

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Day 1: Thursday, May 21, 2026 Overnight Flight Venture to vineyards, Venice, and Verona. It's almost time to unpack once and journey among the jewels of Northern Italy.

Day 2: Friday, May 22, 2026 Treviso, Italy Arrive today in Treviso, hometown of Italy's most iconic dessert – tiramisu. Treviso also has a long history tied to the nearby island city of Venice. Founded as a mainland (terraferma) settlement, Treviso was an early outpost with the look and feel of Venice. With your feet on "firm ground," settle into your home for the next seven nights — a recently refurbished hotel in the center of Treviso. After unpacking your things in your modern-style room, take some time to explore the lively neighborhood. Meet your fellow travelers for dinner, while a local pastry chef shows you a few tricks for preparing some sweet tiramisu. (D)

Day 3: Saturday, May 23, 2026 Treviso Start your day with a walking tour in the city commonly called "Venice on the Mainland." Take in the Old Town's gothic-style windows, marble latticework, and the Sile and Botteniga rivers – humble elements all reminiscent of its famous island neighbor. After your guided tour on foot, take some time to explore more of Treviso at your own pace. Maybe you'll wander through the weekly vegetable and housewares market. Or you can check out the picturesque Canale dei Buranelli and nearby pescheria, where fishmongers have set up shop for centuries. When you stop for lunch on your own, consider noshing on radicchio trevigiano, an autumnal delicacy consisting of red chicory grilled with a generous helping of extra virgin olive oil. Enjoy your free time and work up an appetite, because tonight you'll dive into regional foods and Italian wines at a welcome dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 4: Sunday, May 24, 2026 Verona Verona (UNESCO) is for lovers. After a two-hour bus ride, find yourself in the romantic city of Romeo & Juliet. In Verona, it's your choice! Explore Verona's painted houses during a walking tour of the Old Town -OR- stroll along the town's riverbanks in search of its bridges and lesser-known monuments. No matter what you choose, you'll catch a glimpse of the city's must-sees: Juliet's balcony and the impressive exterior of the Arena, the ancient Roman amphitheater. After, enjoy some free time to explore Verona how you'd like. Whether you're following in the footsteps of Shakespeare's most famous dramatic characters or retracing Italian history, savor time wandering in Verona's medieval city center. After lunch on your own in the city, return to your hotel in the late afternoon to relax. (B)

Day 5: Monday, May 25, 2026 Murano Island - Venice Board the coach and head to Venice (UNESCO). You'll trade wheels for water and take a boat to the isle of Murano. Famous for its glass-blowing foundries, Murano's history with glassmaking dates back 1,500 years. A local craftsperson will share the intricacies of this age-old trade during a glass-blowing demonstration. After, set sail for the area surrounding St. Mark's Square. Take in the Basilica and the ornate Gothic façade of Doge's Palace. During your free time, consider an optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 6: Tuesday, May 26, 2026 Asolo Get to know a hilltop haven for artists today in Asolo. After your Tour Manager helps you get acquainted with the village during an orientation walk, enjoy some free time. Find inspiration and trace the steps of author Ernest Hemingway, poet Robert Browning, composer Igor Stravinsky, and many other famous virtuosos throughout history. Later, continue your journey into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region (UNESCO) for a visit to a local vineyard, where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty. Roll up your sleeves and learn how to make a traditional pasta recipe under the expert guidance of a bona fide Italian nonna (grandmother). Enjoy your pasta dish with a tasting of wines, toasting to la dolce vita - the sweet life - in the Venetian countryside. Return to your hotel in the late evening. Rest well tonight; tomorrow is a full day exploring the Dolomites. (B, D)







**Book Now & Save \$100 Per Person:** 

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For bookings made after Sep 22, 2025 call for rates.

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\* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from NYC and based on a minimum of 19 travelers in your group

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Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,590; Business Class \$4,190

- \* Elite Air pricing (Premium Economy, Business Class or First class) is valid until 8 months prior to departure, after which rates are subject to change and will be quoted based upon availability.
- † Refer to the reservation form to choose your upgrade option

**IMPORTANT CONDITIONS**: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Day 7: Wednesday, May 27, 2026 The Dolomites Today will be your biggest trek yet.\* You're on your way to what UNESCO says is one of the world's most beautiful mountain chains: the Dolomites. Weave through the winding roads tucked within jagged rocks for a couple of hours en route to your first stop. Beside beautiful Lake Misurina, marvel at the sight of the Three Peaks of Lavaredo and more along a scenic drive. After lunch near the lake, reach Cortina, the Pearl of the Dolomites, and enjoy some free time and, weather permitting, a cable-car ride to the top of impressive Mount Faloria,\*\* a favorite with hikers and bikers alike. Reminisce on your mountain adventure tonight on your way back to the hotel. (B, L)

Day 8: Thursday, May 28, 2026 Bassano del Grappa Begin your day with a trip to the quaint town of Bassano del Grappa. The town's name is associated with the locally produced grape-based schnapps. Explore its cobblestoned piazzas and see the impact the beverage has had on the town, including the ancient distillery in one of the pillars of the historic Palladian Bridge. Take some time to wander around the town and grab a bite to eat for lunch (maybe paired with some *grappa?*). Tonight, step back in time at a classic Venetian villa. Tour the sprawling villa and its gardens, still owned by the descendants of a noble family of Venice. After

you follow the family's history within the villa's walls, gather with your fellow travelers and savor Venetian dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients at this evening's farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9: Friday, May 29, 2026 Treviso - Tour Ends** It's time to say *ciao, Italia*. Have a *buon viaggio* back home with fond memories of Northern Italy. (B)

#### **Experience It! The Dolomites**

The Dolomites are a mountain chain with UNESCO distinction, noted as one of the most beautiful mountainous regions in the world. Eighteen of its peaks are over 10,000 feet tall. Composed of volcanic and dolomitic rock, these Italian Alps have a gray appearance that can fade into a pink color at dusk. The mountains have multiple resort towns nestled among the peaks, with Cortina earning the nickname "the Pearl of the Dolomites." Cortina has played host to the 1956 Olympics, is queued up as a cohost for the 2026 Winter Olympics, and has played the backdrop for notable feature films, including *The Pink Panther* and the James Bond movie *For Your Eyes Only*.

For more information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1350046

#### **Important Tour Information:**

Book Now rates valid until Sep 22, 2025, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an onthe-go traveler. You don't want to miss a thing, so walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal. A moderately paced two-and-a-half-hour walking tour, covering several miles, hills, and uneven surfaces, is no problem for you. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable, as is climbing into and out of various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.). You can climb three flights of stairs easily and handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. Expect some longer days with early mornings or late nights balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. This level is not a fit for travelers who require mobility assistance devices.

#### Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

We are visiting areas which require the ability to walk over cobblestoned streets. Venice is not accessible to vehicles and requires navigating large crowds, narrow streets and climbing over multiple bridges with steps up and down.

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

The weather in the Dolomites is changeable and prone to strong winds, sudden fogs, low clouds, and downpours. The average temperature in the Dolomites ranges from 41 Fahrenheit (5 Celsius) in spring and fall, to 65 Fahrenheit (18 Celsius) in summer. Temperatures can drop suddenly to below freezing point. For your comfort we recommend packing a warm fleece, scarf, hat, and a pair of gloves.

In Italy, some of the most unique sightseeing require accessing locations that restrict motor coach access, especially in historic areas such as Verona, Venice, Asolo and Bassano.

When operating, the cable car ride will take you to an elevation of 7,000 feet above sea level (2120 meters).

\*You will depart the hotel at around 8:00 a.m. and return around 7:00 p.m. The day includes approximately 6.5 hours of driving, of which approximately 4 hours will be on scenic, but winding mountain roads. Travelers prone to motion sickness should take adequate precautions.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

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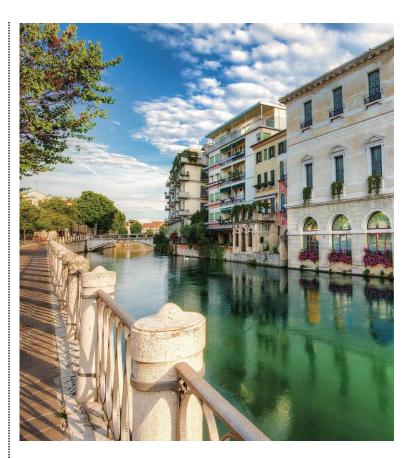
\*\*The Faloria cable car is closed for maintenance between the 2nd weekend of April and the last weekend of May, and again between the 3rd weekend of October and the last weekend of December. If travelling during those periods, you will spend additional time in Cortina.

Agility is required to board the gondola boats if participating in the optional tour.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we <u>include</u> roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your <u>own air</u>, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.



Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air travelers will arrive and depart from Venice airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

#### **Travel Requirements:**

#### IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require that your passport be valid at least 6 months beyond the dates of your travel. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements. IMPORTANT: We recommend that travelers take a photocopy of their

passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

ETIAS visa waiver requirements are anticipated to begin during the last quarter of 2026, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit https://travel-europe.europa.eu/etias\_en

A deposit of \$698 per person is due upon reservation. Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis. Reservations made after the seat reduction date of September 15, 2025 are based upon availability. Final payment due by February 20, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until September 22, 2025.

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For important reservation information visit https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1350046.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.



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BOOKING NUMBER: 1350046

DEPARTURE DATE: May 21, 2026

TOUR: Spotlight on Northern Italy featuring Venice, Verona & the Dolomites GROUP NAME: The Office of Radio & Television/WJMJ Radio

#### **Available Options**

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 MUST be accompanied by an adult.

#### Venice

#### **Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise**

\$75 USD

Experience the romance that can only be found in Venice – La Serenissima – while traveling on its famous waterways. Partake in one of Venice's most famous pastimes – a gondola cruise. Take a pleasant stroll toward the Grand Canal to board your gondola. As you relax in your elegant watercraft, your gondolier navigates the Grand Canal as well as smaller side canals. Admire the scenery as you listen to the melodic voice serenading you in true Italian style – just like in those romantic Italian movies! This option operates weather-permitting. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.



TRAVEL DATE: 5/21/2026 TERRITORY: A7

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Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below 

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# Special Needs Form

Please complete this form, sign and return it to us within 14 days of receipt.

Email: <u>TravelOperations@collette.com</u>

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations

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#### TRAVELERS NEEDING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE

You must report any disability requiring special attention to Collette at the time the reservation is made. \*Collette will make reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants. Such participants, however, should be aware that the Americans with Disabilities Act is inapplicable outside of the United States and facilities outside the United States for disabled individuals are limited. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable of and totally responsible for providing the assistance. Neither Collette nor its personnel, nor its suppliers, may physically lift or assist clients into transportation vehicles. If a traveler thinks he or she might need assistance during a trip, he or she should call Collette to determine what assistance might reasonably be given. Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities. Internationally, a great deal of walking may be necessary to fully enjoy the destination. Travelers should be in good health and must be able to walk reasonable distances. In some areas, travelers may be required to walk on uneven ground, cobblestone streets or raised thresholds.

\*To request a wheelchair accessible room on a cruise, the traveler or person sharing the room must have a recognized disability that alters a major life function and requires the use of a mobility device and the use of the accessible features provided in the wheelchair accessible stateroom. The cruise company may take appropriate action against someone who has reserved or purchased such a stateroom fraudulently. Action may include but is not limited to removal from the stateroom to a non-accessible accommodation up to denial of boarding.

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Name:	Male or Female (circle one

# Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"	
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Walk-in shower     Yes No	
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Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.	
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Most hotel rooms that can accommodate the request will be equipped with only 1 bed.

### Do you understand and accept? Yes No

Collette cannot guarantee the availability of such rooms as many hotels have a limited number of rooms that are equipped with the above accommodations.

#### Are you traveling with an oxygen tank? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

I have read and understand the above:

- You must contact the airline directly to arrange transportation of the oxygen on the plane. Oxygen requests vary by airline and location and can take up to 2 weeks to request.
- You are responsible for supplying your own electrical cords, and converters as needed.

This form must be remitted within 14 days of receipt for any special needs accommodation request.

Collette cannot provide special individual assistance to tour members with special needs for walking, dining, or other routine activities and motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

The Americans with Disabilities Act only applies in the United States. Many international destinations cannot accommodate passengers' requests. Collette will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate the special needs of tour participants, but we cannot guarantee that all requests will be honored on international destinations. Collette also regrets that it cannot provide individual assistance to a tour member with special needs for walking, dining, or other special personal needs. It is strongly recommended that persons requiring assistance be accompanied by a companion who is capable and totally responsible for the assistance.