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Spotlight on Northern Italy

October 7 – 15, 2027

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9 Days • 10 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Treviso, Verona, Glassblowing Demonstration, Venice, Asolo, Prosecco Winery, 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, October 7, 2027 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, October 8, 2027 Treviso, Italy Arrive today in Treviso, hometown of Italy's most iconic dessert – tiramisu. Treviso 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 modern and elegantly furnished hotel in the center of Treviso. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today. 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, October 9, 2027 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. (B)

Day 4: Sunday, October 10, 2027 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, October 11, 2027 Asolo Get to know a hilltop haven for artists today in Asolo. After getting 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)

Day 6: Tuesday, October 12, 2027 Venice Board the coach and head to Venice (UNESCO) and then trade wheels for a boat into the heart of the city. In Venice, renowned for its centuries-old glassmaking tradition, a local craftsman will demonstrate the intricacies of this artful trade during a glassblowing presentation. Explore the area surrounding St. Mark's Square, taking in the ornate Gothic facade of Doge's Palace and the Basilica. During your free time, consider an



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Included in Price: Round Trip Air from Washington, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$599 per person

Call for rates from your local gateway.

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from WAS

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† 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.)**

optional gondola cruise to experience Venice's most famous pastime. (B)

Day 7: Wednesday, October 13, 2027 The Dolomites Today will be your biggest trek yet.* You're on your way to what UNESCO declares 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 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)

Day 8: Thursday, October 14, 2027 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, October 15, 2027 Treviso - Tour Ends It's time to say *ciao, Italia*. Have a *buon viaggio* back home with fond memories of Northern Italy. (B)

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1462476>

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Apr 08, 2027, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 3. This means you're an on-the-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).

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

If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of the areas on this tour and may want to consider an alternate tour with us. Our Client Care Agents can provide additional information or assistance to help you determine the perfect tour for you.

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.

Your visits to Verona, Asolo, Bassano, and especially Venice involve negotiating some steep inclines over cobblestones, gravel, or some flights of steps.

When operating, the cable car ride will take you to an elevation of 7,000 feet/2,120 meters above sea level.

*You will depart the hotel at around 8:15 a.m. and return around 6:00 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.

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.

**The Faloria cable car is closed 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, but closing times may change. If travelling during those periods, after Cortina you will visit the panoramic lake Misurina.

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

Days of features are interchangeable.

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 include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, 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.

Our air travelers will arrive and depart from Venice airport.

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.

Prepaid tipping is not available on our tours therefore payment of customary end-of-trip gratuities for your Tour Manager, driver, hotel housekeepers, and cruise ship waitstaff should be handled individually when applicable during the course of your tour.

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

Travel Requirements:

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's 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.

Collette will provide all necessary information, updates, and supporting documents for your travel requirements, including visa and Electronic Travel Authorizations (ETAs), if required, approximately 60-90 days prior to your departure.

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 April 01, 2027 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 09, 2027. Deposits are refundable up until April 08, 2027.

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**For important reservation information visit
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You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

BOOKING NUMBER: 1462476

TOUR: Spotlight on Northern Italy *featuring Venice, Verona & the Dolomites*

DEPARTURE DATE: October 7, 2027

GROUP NAME: SERA (State Employees Recreation Association)

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

\$79 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 on a weather-permitting basis. *Duration: Approximately 1 hour.* Please note a minimum of 15 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

Salutation: _____ First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____ Nickname: _____
(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Venetian Serenaded Gondola Cruise <i>This option operates on a weather-permitting basis.</i>	79.00

This form is intended for use by the Group Leaders only. Please note that Collette is unable to process this form

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YOUR INFORMATION:

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 must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: () _____ Cell: () _____ Email Address: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: ☐ Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times.

Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: ☐ Premium Economy \$1,590 ☐ Business Class \$4,290

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade, we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. Upgraded class of service is for the international portion of the journey only.

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.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

"Federal law forbids carriage of hazardous materials such as aerosols, fireworks, lithium batteries & flammable liquids aboard the aircraft in your checked or carry-on baggage. A violation can result in 5 years' imprisonment and penalties of \$250,000 or more. Details on prohibited items may be found on TSA's "prohibited items" web page: <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/prohibited-items>."

TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$599 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,500 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels

Please Choose One: (subject to availability)

() Hotel Carlton Treviso – Standard (included)

() Hotel Carlton Treviso – Junior Suite (additional charge of \$165.00 double, \$330.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Lowee's Group Tours

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Harrisburg, PA 17108-0458



Special Needs Form

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

Email: TravelOperations@collette.com

Fax: 401.727.4745

Mail: Collette: Travel Operations
180 Middle Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

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.***

Reservation # _____

Name: _____ Male or Female (circle one)

Are you traveling with a wheelchair? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your wheelchair collapse? Yes No
- Can you stand and climb steps to board the coach without it? Yes No
- Are you capable of lifting your own wheelchair? Yes No

If you are not capable of lifting your own wheelchair who will provide assistance?

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your wheelchair:

Height _____ Length _____ Width _____

Are you traveling with a walker? Yes No

If you answer "YES"

- Does your walker collapse? Yes No

This form cannot be processed without the dimensions of your walker:

Height _____ Length _____
Width _____

Tour Managers and drivers do not provide assistance lifting, pushing or carrying wheelchairs or walkers. Motorized scooters are not permitted on tour.

Are you requesting any hotel room accommodations? Yes No

If "YES" Please indicate if one or more of the following is required in the washroom.

- Walk-in shower Yes No
- Grab bars Yes No
- Raised toilet seat Yes No

Please provide any details in reference to the nature of your request.

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”

- 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.

I have read and understand the above:

Signature: _____

Print Name: _____

Internal Use Only

Reason: _____

Tour: _____ Reservation # _____

TS/Group: _____

Tour Date: _____