

DiVino

June 2nd-14th, 2019 riding tour



the Italian wine & food experience that you'll never forget

Dear Scramblers,

Whether the group will be small or large, I guarantee you a unique experience. This trip will include visits to wineries where you will taste some of Italy's best wines such as Amarone and Prosecco along with some wines you have never tasted before! You will find yourself surrounded by vineyards, lakes, rolling hills, mountains and castles. The numerous riding itineraries will allow you to ride as much as you wish. Of course, you will be spoiled with delicious Italian dishes throughout this journey and a peaceful sleep each night.

John (Gian) will ride with you to some of the most beautiful places while I will guide you thru your culinary experience as a certified Wine Sommelier. We are looking forward to sharing this trip with you all and to finally seeing you again, along with some new faces too.

Shawna



DAY 1: Arrival to Venice airport and first night at ANTONY PALACE HOTEL (4-star modern hotel not too far from the airport with a large parking lot), located slightly north of the airport. Now, I suggest that everyone sleeps at this hotel on the night of Sunday June 2nd so that everyone can get their motorcycles first thing on Monday morning. This hotel is located near a shopping center so, this might be handy if someone needs to purchase something before the trip starts. All bags and luggage will be loaded onto a rented van that I will drive.



DAY 2: After getting the bikes, we will proceed to the Prosecco area. It is an hour drive but since I will have everyone's luggage, riders don't have to go straight to Valdobbiadene. Instead, they can tour their way there with no hurry. Depending on the size of our group, I will choose accommodations that can fit everyone. For example, if we don't need more than 9 rooms, we will stay in a 4-star beautiful agriturismo with gourmet cuisine and lots of Prosecco wine. The views from this hotel are unique as each room has large windows overlooking the never-ending vineyards. Here we will sit out in the evening to have dinner and drink our wines in tranquility.

DAY 3: Day riding from VALDOBBIADENE thru hills and mountains... have lunch in a casual local Osteria/trattoria. Back to Valdobbiadene for 5-7pm 'Prosecco' time.



DAY 4: Departure for LAGO DI GARDA area where we will stay three nights in the hills north of Verona. This is the home of AMARONE wines and we can visit the prestigious MASI winery. Another interesting white wine produced at the south of Lake Garda is LUGANA. Based on the number of participants, I will be able to

organize a few wine adventures, without taking time out the riding time. Lago di Garda has around a 100-mile-long coastline that offers a variety of sceneries to discover. Now, this lake is divided into three Regions: Lombardia, Trentino Alto-Adige and Veneto. Even lemons grow here because of the microclimate.



DAY 5 & 6: A full day must be dedicated to the west side of the lake to the famous passage 'LA FORRA'. Your culinary experience will change on that side of the lake as it's Lombardia.... famous for soft cheeses!

During this three-night stay, I will arrange a special gourmet dinner with Amarone wine.



DAY 7: Departure for the Parma Hills.... the home of Parma Ham, Parmigiano Cheese and famous castles! We will stay here for two nights. Consider going to Mediterranean Sea which is only an hour and a half ride from Parma. There isn't much traffic either. I will make a few culinary proposals once we know how many people will be with us to do on Day 8.

DAY 8: I will set up a schedule of visits for this day but with enough time between them so that no one will feel rushed. Everyone can join us at the indicated times to discover Parma's culinary treasures. It is also possible to visit a balsamic vinegar factory too in the nearby Modena.

DAY 9: Departure for Romagna. Everyone can enjoy a full day of riding of forest covered hills to then meet at the hotel for a relaxing dinner. I haven't decided in what town we will stay in yet but this is the area we live in so we know all kinds of little secrets to discover.



DAY 10: We can all meet at a winery in the town of PREDAPPIO (Mussolini is buried here) in the

afternoon. I will take you all for an underground visit of a Fortress 'Rocca' from the 700's which is not open to the public. I know the owner who happens to make excellent quality wines. Here you will see a very antique but still active wine cellar of the original Sangiovese red wine. There are still bottles down there that are over a 150 year old (not for sale either). We will do some wine tasting and nibbling here too. It will be a very casual day.

DAY 11: Full day of riding to isolated areas with heavenly curves.

For dinner, we will all go to an exceptional restaurant that I would like to take everyone too. It will be a very unique experience.



DAY 12: Full day of riding with lots of pit stops as we head towards Venice. We will follow the shore line. We will stop to have lunch in a fishing town on the Adriatic Sea. Pass thru the town of Comacchio (little Venice) We will have our farewell dinner in Venice.



DAY 13: everyone heads back home



Passo del Lagastrello



Val Conca (view Adriatic Sea)

A GLIMPSE OF WHAT YOU CAN SEE

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