

**TREASURES in ITALY's ATTIC
from TORINO to TRIESTE**
Piemonte, Lakes, Verona, Veneto, Friuli, Lake Bled
June 9 – 24, 2010
Escorted by Gino & Julie Muzzatti

Enjoy a leisurely sojourn across northern Italy with bilingual escorts Gino & Julie Muzzatti, SRJC professors. Savor gourmet food and wines, historical culture, scenic alpine beauty and typical lodging plus Gino's ancestral homeland in charming Friuli on the Slovenian border!

June 9 – Independent arrivals at Hotel Piemonte or similar in **Torino**. Sip a famous chocolate-coffee **bicerin** together. **T**

June 10 – **Torino's** unique sights capture our imagination. Pause for splendid city views from impressive **Superga**. Savor **lunch** in the heart of Piedmont's red wine and truffle zone. Stay **3 nights in Asti** at Hotel Palio or similar. Sip local spumante before a stroll in our neighborhood. **B-T-L**

June 11 – Explore **Langhe** vineyards near quaint **Barbaresco**. In **Alba**, shop the market and learn about prized truffles. Noon's "holy grail" is **Bra's Slow Food** restaurant. Meander vineyard villages of **LaMorra** and **Barolo**. Taste big red wines in a castle adorned with thousands of enoteca bottles and interesting truffle and wine exhibits at **Grinzane Cavour**. **B-T-L**

June 12 – See isolated **Vezzolano 1189 Abbey**. Drive up scenic **Val d'Aosta** admiring castles: **Verres**, **Fenis** and **Issogne** with its fine frescoes. Savor an **alpine lunch** with local fontina and admire Aosta's Roman ruins. **B-L**

June 13 – **Monferrato** hilly vineyards give way to flat **Vercelli-Novara** rice paddies, home to gorgonzola. In **Orta San Giulio** enjoy time to lunch or boat to an island convent. Via **Mottarone**, descend to **Lago Maggiore's Stresa** for time to shop or see **Isola Bella**. Pass **Lake Varese** to our 4th lake of the day! Stay **3 nights on Lake Como** at Hotel Regina or similar. Over dinner in this dreamy setting, see why George Clooney loves Lago di Como! **B-T-D**

June 14 – Ah, a free day on glittering **Lake Como**! Shop for silks in **Como** or sail to the hamlets of **Tremezzo**, **Varenna** and **Bellagio**. Try lavarello fish or stroll Melzi, Balbaniello, Carlotta or Serbellioni Gardens. Return to our hotel whenever, but don't miss our **terrace drinks** tonight! **B-T**

June 15 – Cross into **Switzerland** to stunning **Lake Lugano**! Admire Michelangelo-like art before browsing Via Nassa, looking for Swiss chocolate and watches! Savor homemade lasagna at a favorite **lakefront trattoria**. Enjoy the castle, casino and cafes of **Locarno** at the tip of gorgeous **Lago Maggiore**. Is there time for outlet shopping? **B-L**

June 16 – Via pretty **Brianza Lake** ascend **Bergamo Citta' Alta**, a medieval city with so much: marble-rich Colleoni Chapel, antique funivia, polenta "bird" cakes and opera museum of native son Donizetti. Onto **Franciacorte** sparkling wine district to unknown **Lake Iseo**. It's another tasty **lakeside lunch**! Arrive at immense **Lake Garda** to discover the unique literary and history of poet Gabriele d'Annunzio at **Vittoriale in Salo'**. Stay **4 nights in Verona** at Hotel Porta or similar. **B-L**

June 17 – It's a short drive to **Vicenza**, but Palladio's architecture was light-years ahead of his contemporaries! At **Villa Rotonda**, understand why his symmetry and harmony inspired Jefferson's Monticello. He gave Vicenza many

treasures: Teatro Olimpico, Palazzo Chiericati and Loggia del Capitaniato. Meander Bardolino Valpolicella vineyards to **Valeggio**, where lunch under a creekside pergola in adorable **Borghetto** will delight you! Browse artisan shops and garden waterwheels. Arrive in **Sirmione**, jutting out on a thin landspit into **Lake Garda**, over a drawbridge guarding Rocca Scaligera. See how graceful swans guard the moat, in turn! Wander car-free alleys to find a favorite gelato or walk to the famous Grotte di Catullo's limestone lake formations. **B-L**

June 18 – Imagine yourself exploring **Verona's** medieval lanes as a Montague, Capulet or Scaligeri. Discover the city's highlights on a guided walking tour. The afternoon is at leisure for relaxing, shopping, castle-touring or museum-hopping. **B**

June 19 – Enjoy a **free day** in Verona or rail to Venice, Padova or Mantova. Consider **Aida** opera in the Roman Arena! **B**

June 20 – Pause at the human-scale chessboard of **Marostica ca** and sip grappa on Palladio's Bridge in **Bassano**. Pass **Asolo**, Palladio's Villa Barbaro in **Maser** and **Valdobbiadone** vineyards near **Belluno**. What could be better than lunch and local prosecco with Gino's cousins in their **Cimolais** mountain-top retreat? Via the **Dolomiti** and turquoise **Lake Barcis**, shall we pause in charming **Spilimbergo** or at **Villa Manin**, a Venetian Doge's country estate? Stay **3 nights in Udine** at Hotel Astoria or similar. **B-T-L**

June 21 – Quaint **Cividale del Friuli** has acclaimed museums and monuments. **Cormons**, in the heart of Friuli's wine district, offers an **enoteca lunch** with local Collio wines. In **Gorizia** learn about wartime sorrows suffered on this border. Via **Floriano del Collio Castle**, return to **Udine** for a tour. **B-T-L**

June 22 – Journey to **Gradisca d'Isonzo**, a charming riverside wine town. Reflect at the poignant **Redipuglia** WWI Museum & Monument before arriving at the **Adriatic** via **Duino** beaches and **Monfalcone** shipyards. See **Grado's** splendid Baptistery, lagoon shops and lido. In **Aquileia**, marvel at classical antiquities and the largest floor mosaic in all of western Christendom. Pause in **Palmanova** to view its intriguing hexagonal piazza encircled by medieval ramparts. In **Udine**, we celebrate at our **Farewell Dinner**. **B-D**

June 23 – Learn about sweet prosciutto produced in **San Daniele del Friuli**. Cross the **Julian Alps** to spectacular **Lake Bled in Slovenia**. Free time to lunch and cruise this crystal-clear lake with its landmark island: ring the bell! Sip drinks on the seafront terrace of **Castello di Miramare**, a confection of a white castle perched above the Adriatic surf. Stay **1 night in Trieste** at Hotel Continentale or similar. **B-T**

June 24 – After breakfast with local Illy coffee, see **Trieste's Old Town** and Roman theatre before a noon farewell. Or stay to join Gino & Julie on **Urbania Tour June 26-July 17** or join Sharie Sbrazza on **Istria-Slovenia-Croatia Tour June 24-27**.

Legend: B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner, T=tasting/drinks
Custom Land Rate: \$3785 per person twin/double plus \$110 tax. Custom tour includes 15 nights fine lodging, private air conditioned motorcoach, sightseeing /admissions, bilingual guides and escorts, taxes, fees and indicated meals/tastings.

Add: cancellation/medical insurance. Single supplement is \$895.

Payment: \$500 check due now, final due 4-15-10.

Discounts: Save \$100 per room if deposited before 4-1-10.

Orientation Meetings: April 10 or May 15 11:00—11:40 at the Italian Center 64 Brookwood Avenue, Santa Rosa (between College Avenue and 4th Street)

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