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Tuscany, Lake Maggiore & the Italian Riviera

with Optional 2-Night Turin & Piedmont Wine Country Pre Tour Extension

October 16 – 24, 2026



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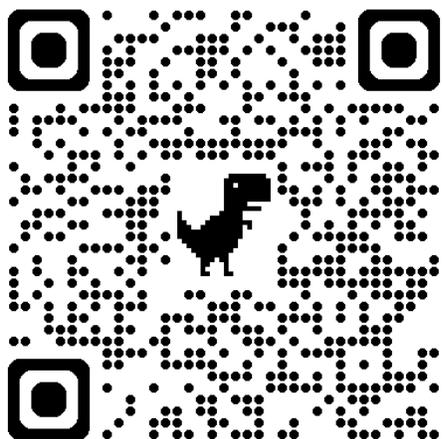
9 Days • 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lake Maggiore, Isola Bella Palace & Garden, Stresa, Parma, Italian Riviera, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Tuscan Villa Stay, Florence, Chianti Countryside

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 2, 3	Zacchera Hotels, Lake Maggiore
Days 4, 5	NH - La Spezia, La Spezia
Days 6 – 8	Villa Casa Grande, Tuscany

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.



Day 1: Friday, October 16, 2026 Overnight Flight Experience the romance of Italy's lakes region, the colorful coast of the Italian Riviera, and the rolling hills of Tuscany.

Day 2: Saturday, October 17, 2026 Lake Maggiore, Italy Welcome to Italy. Your journey begins in Lake Maggiore, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Italian Lake District, your home for the next two nights. As arrival times will vary, spend the day as you wish exploring independently and admiring the beautiful views of Lake Maggiore. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers as you cruise to picturesque Isola Pescatori* for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and local wines. (D)

Day 3: Sunday, October 18, 2026 Lake Maggiore This morning, coast along the ethereal waters of Lake Maggiore before docking at Isola Bella,** known as the "beautiful island." Join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a Baroque beauty with an enchanted garden. Back on the mainland, stroll the cobblestone streets of Stresa. Long-favored by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegant belle-époque mansions, fragrant gardens, and charming views, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. (B)

Day 4: Monday, October 19, 2026 Lake Maggiore - Parma - La Spezia Head to Italy's picturesque Riviera, making your way through the plains of Northern Italy. Pause in Parma, home to famous foods such as *prosciutto* and *parmigiano*. Perhaps you'll taste some for yourself as you enjoy free time for lunch in this charming town. This afternoon, the day's drive continues through the Apennine Mountains and finishes in La Spezia, the large port city gateway to the Italian Riviera. (B)

Day 5: Tuesday, October 20, 2026 La Spezia - Cinque Terre - La Spezia Spend the day exploring the colorful cliff-side villages of Cinque Terre*** with a local guide. Take in the picturesque, rugged coastline dotted with terraced vineyards as you travel by rail. Make your way through this seemingly inaccessible string of fishing villages, nestled between the mountains and the Mediterranean Sea. Tonight, get a bite of the local cuisine during dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 6: Wednesday, October 21, 2026 La Spezia - Lucca - Figline, Tuscany Discover the medieval city of Lucca, encircled by 16th-century Renaissance walls. Wander with a local guide, delving into the city's Roman heritage and storied past. Enjoy some free time to explore the Piazza Napoleone and the rest of the city on your own. Continue on through the rolling hills of Tuscany for a 3-night stay**** in the village of Figline. This evening, try your hand at the local culture with an interactive pasta-making demonstration by your hotel's on-site chef. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, October 22, 2026 Figline - Florence - Figline Explore Florence, the "Cradle of the Renaissance", during a locally guided walking tour of the city's iconic sites. View the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge), the only Florentine bridge to survive WWII. Admire the Gates of Paradise and the imposing dome of the cathedral. Wander past Piazza della Signoria and the ornate facade of Santa Croce. Enjoy time to explore more on your own before returning to your hotel in the evening. (B)

Day 8: Friday, October 23, 2026 Figline Journey through Tuscany's low-lying hills and dense olive groves to a traditional *frantoio* (olive mill), where olives are pressed each November.***** After learning about the many varieties of trees and oil-making methods, join a tasting of the different varietals of EVOO produced at the mill. Your exploration of the Chianti countryside wouldn't be complete without a visit to a local winery for a taste of the famous Chianti Classico wines. Then, continue to the village of Greve, surrounded by vineyard-carpeted hills. Cap off an unforgettable tour at a farewell dinner with your fellow travelers. (B, D)

Day 9: Saturday, October 24, 2026 Figline - Tour Ends Say *arrivederci* to Italy as your tour comes to a close. (B)



Book Now & Save \$450 Per Person:

Double ~~\$4,749~~; **Double \$4,299***
 Single ~~\$5,549~~; **Single \$5,099;**
 Triple ~~\$4,699~~ **Triple \$4,249**

For bookings made after Apr 17, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Group Transportation to/from Lambert St Louis Intl, Round Trip Air from Lambert St Louis Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$549 per person

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

Upgrade your in-flight experience with Elite Airfare

Additional rate of: Premium Economy \$1,690; Business Class \$4,490

* 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.)**

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Apr 17, 2026, 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).

Italy imposes strict limits on tour bus circulation and mandatory drop-off and pick-up points, especially in historic or protected areas such as Stresa, Parma, Cinque Terre, Lucca, Greve, and Florence. These areas require navigating large crowds, extensive walking over cobblestone, uneven and often narrow sidewalks, and occasionally unpaved terrain with loose gravel.

You'll visit 2 of the 5 Cinque Terre villages, chosen based on conditions like weather and crowds. Expect overcrowding and standing in lines. Transportation includes public trains and ferries, with no reserved seating, requiring you to stand and balance.

For the Cinque Terre excursion, you must be able to walk and stand for 5 hours with only two breaks (30 minutes and 1.5 hours). The tour involves walking up to 3.2 miles on cobblestones with steep inclines and no handrails.

Ferry boats may involve standing in line for 15-30 minutes without shelter or seating, and boarding can be challenging. Ferries have limited, often dirty, toilets.

Train travel involves climbing stairs and standing in crowded spaces, with limited and often dirty restroom facilities. You will need to climb 3 one-foot-tall steps to board the trains. You must be prepared to stand in line for 15-30 minutes without shelter or seating.

The Cinque Terre villages are pedestrian-only with steep inclines and steps. Extensive exploration requires good mobility.

EXTEND YOUR VACATION WITH

Optional 4 Days 2-Night Turin & Piedmont Wine Country Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,499.00 USD double, \$1,899.00 USD single, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1384891>

In Florence, you must be prepared to walk a minimum of 2.7 miles. From the bus drop-off point onwards, the tour is entirely on foot, involving up to 4 hours of walking and standing with only one restroom stop. There is no seating available, and the areas are crowded with cobblestone streets and narrow sidewalks.

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 included activities are not suitable for travelers using motorized scooters, wheelchairs, walkers, or Zimmer-frames.

In order to fully experience the destination, some of our hotels on these tours are located in smaller towns or on country roads where access is limited to large coaches. In these cases, you will be dropped off as close as possible and there will be a short walk to access the hotel from the drop-off area.

Days of features are interchangeable.

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

*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

**Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace & Gardens are open from March 15 to October 31 (though there are small differences every year based on when the closest weekend falls). If you are traveling between November 1 and March 14, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromeo Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead. If you are in Lake Maggiore between March 15 and April 15, the Borromeo Palace might be closed mid-week.

***Travel to Cinque Terre is by rail and ferryboat. The ferry boats operate approximately between March 25 and November 1, yearly. Travelers prone to seasickness should take proper precautions. If you travel to Cinque Terre between November 2 and March 24, or in case of adverse weather conditions, the visit will be operated entirely by train. Trains are subject to delays and to public transportation strikes.

****Olives are picked over a period of approximately 45 days. The exact starting and ending day depends on the weather and can vary from mid-October to mid-December.

Most museums in Florence are closed on Mondays, including the Academy Gallery and the Uffizi. Most museums in Florence require reservations to access. In order to reduce waiting in line, we suggest you reserve your ticket online prior to departure if you plan to visit the Academy Gallery or the Uffizi during your free time in Florence.

Modest dress (covering your knees and shoulders for women and long trousers for men) is required when visiting religious sites, sanctuaries, basilicas, etc.

Hotel check-in on your day of arrival is 3:00 p.m. Rooms may not be available prior to that time.

****Please note, some dates will be accommodated in countryside estates. These villas are dotted throughout the region and we use different properties on this tour. Some may be located in the countryside, removed from the city center. Others may be closer to the hustle and bustle of the region. Each one is unique, full of history, has many amenities, and is brimming with true Tuscan flavor. This is part of the fun!

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

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are usually smaller in size and beds are usually cot-sized.

Some of the most unique sightseeing can mean accessing locations that restrict motor coaches, especially in historic areas such as Florence and Lucca.

Our arrival transfers will depart from Milan airport, and departure transfers will return to Florence airport.



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 into Milan airport and depart from Florence 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.

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 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 April 10, 2026 are based upon availability. Final payment due by July 18, 2026. Deposits are refundable up until April 17, 2026.

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**For important reservation information visit
<https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1384891>.
You can also find this information on your tour documents.**

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 \$1,690 Business Class \$4,490

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 \$549 () 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.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Turin & Piedmont Wine Country" () Yes () No

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

Please Choose One: (subject to availability)

() Zacchera Hotels – Standard (included)

() Zacchera Hotels – Lake View (additional charge of \$120.00 double, \$240.00 single required)

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Blessing Volunteers in Partnership

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Optional 4 Days 2-Night Turin & Piedmont Wine Country Pre Tour Extension

Per Person Rates: \$1,499.00 USD double, \$1,899.00 USD single, land only

2 Meals: 2 Breakfasts

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to the elegant palazzos of regal Turin and the rolling hills of Piedmont, known for its world-class wines.

Day 2: Turin, Italy

Arrive today in Turin, the first capital of unified Italy, and settle in for your two-night stay. As arrival times will vary, there is no scheduled sightseeing today, though a local host will be at your hotel to provide you with information and an orientation of the area. Spend the day as you wish, exploring the city independently. Dinner tonight is on your own.

Day 3: Turin - Piedmont Wine Country Excursion

Today, weave your way through Piedmont's wine country in the company of an expert guide. Locally called *Langhe*, this area combines gentle, vineyard-clad hills with quaint villages and the occasional castle dotting the landscape. Stop at Grinzane and take a stroll through the vineyards surrounding this historic castle, now home to the regional *enoteca* — a place dedicated to preserving and showcasing the best wines from the area. Later, visit a charming hilltop village and a local winery, where you'll tour the cellars and savor a selection of typical *Langhe* wines, including the renowned Barolo. Your visit concludes with a traditional *merenda*, a light meal of charcuterie and local cheeses, before returning to Turin in the early afternoon. The rest of the day is yours to further explore Turin on your own. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Turin - Lake Maggiore

Walk through Turin with an expert guide, uncovering a blend of French and Italian heritage. Discover the city's gluttonous side as you savor its famous *gianduiotti* chocolates and try a *bicerin* — a mix of espresso and chocolate — in one of the city's cafés, reminiscent of Parisian coffee spots. This afternoon, bid farewell to Turin as you transfer to Lake Maggiore* and begin your main tour. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Important Tour Extension Information:

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (2-3 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. Walking four miles over the course of a day is very doable as is climbing 3 flights of stairs. You can handle altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet. You can expect some longer days balanced with free time. This level is not a fit for travelers that require mobility assistance devices.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

The space on this extension is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. Applicable charges may apply at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 4 travelers is not met to operate.

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.

*You will check out of your hotel room prior to the walking tour. The hotel has a luggage storage facility that you can use. The transfer to Lake Maggiore will be by driver-only. The transfer is 90 miles (145 kilometers) and will take approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes, depending on traffic. A restroom stop at a rest area along the highway will be made mid-journey. Your Tour Manager will meet you upon arrival in Lake Maggiore.

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

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.

Air inclusive rate is valid for travelers who have purchased our air package for the full tour, depending on the air schedule selected. Rate may vary for those who have purchased their own air.



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 our 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: _____