

# DISCOVER ITALY WITH YOUR PRIVATE CHEF



## ITALIA

Venezia, Parma, Toscana, Perugia

Tour Operated by  
**maestro**  
TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

### Season: 2021- 2022 Deluxe Culinary Tour

❖ 12 DAYS / 11 NIGHTS

❖ 23 SITES

❖ 32 MEALS

❖ 4 EXCLUSIVE PRIVATE  
DINNERS

❖ PHOTO SHOOTING & VIDEO SERVICE 🚢

Embrace a simpler way of life as you travel through this Old World country steeped in rich traditions and glorious history touring together with your Private Chef on the Italian Elixir Culinary Experience. Be immersed in the timelessness of a remarkable culture, be amazed by the warmth of its people and its great food and wine.

🚢 A full photo service will be offered with an additional photographer fee.



## Trip Itinerary

❖ 11 NIGHTS – 12 DAYS

### ❖ ACCOMODATIONS

Cà dei Conti Hotel OR similar  
 Starhotels Du Parc OR similar  
 Hotel Villa San Lucchese OR similar  
 Hotel Posta San Donini OR similar  
 Isola Sacra Hotel OR similar

### ❖ 4 REGIONS

Veneto - Venezia

Emilia Romagna – Parma, Modena

Tuscany – Chianti Hills, Volterra, San Gimignano, Montepulciano, Montalcino

Umbria – Perugia, Assisi, Deruta

### ❖ AGES

Suggested age: 14+ **ARRIVAL:** Marco Polo Venezia VCE (Venice) Airport  
 If you're already in Venice and wish to meet your chef Anthony in a more convenient meeting place, let us know and we will be happy to customize the itinerary for you.

**RETURN:** Leonardo da Vinci International Airport – Fiumicino FCO (Rome).

Full Chauffeured Mercedes Van for the entire trip.  
 Guests may also Arrive/Depart via train.

### ❖ FLIGHT INFORMATION

### ❖ 32 MEALS

11 Breakfasts,  
 10 Lunches,  
 11 Dinners



## DAY 1 - VENEZIA

### Activities and Highlights:

Arrive in Venezia, Water Tour of Venice, Welcome Venetian Dinner by Chef Anthony

- Private Dinner Included
- Cà dei Conti Hotel OR similar

#### ❖ Arrival in Venice

You'll begin your Culinary trip in Venice where you'll meet Chef Anthony himself or his representative. He will escort you to the water taxi. Take in the sights as your driver accompanies you to your hotel.

#### ❖ Check-in to Your Hotel

Check into the Hotel located in the heart of Venice, near Piazza San Marco and Rialto Bridge, two of the landmarks of the city. Offering spectacular views of Venice, this hotel is the perfect location for your stay..

#### ❖ City Water Tour

Meet your fellow travelers with whom you'll share this experience and discover the wonders of Venice with a sightseeing water taxi tour. The chance to admire corners and buildings only visible from the water is one of the experiences you never forget, since water represents the very soul of the city. Explore the city's prettiest inner canals, ancient bridges, Venice's 'backstreets', taking in the city's beautiful palaces and getting a sense of how Venetians really live. As you pass each one, your guide will reveal the stories and anecdotes that make these gems so incredible.

#### ❖ Welcome dinner by Your Private Chef Anthony

After the sightseeing tour, you'll reach Colombina Restaurant where a delicious Venetian dinner prepared by your Private Chef Anthony awaits you with the owner and sommelier Adriana. She will describe the authentic Venetian wines and dishes you will be savouring.



## DAY 2 - PARMA

### Activities and Highlights:

Torrechiara Borough and Ancient Castle, Prosciutto di Parma Production Site

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included
- Starhotels Du Parc OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at your Hotel

Enjoy a hearty buffet breakfast to start your day.

#### ❖ Journey to Parma

Today's journey is to Parma, a refined city known for its art, music and gastronomy.

#### ❖ Visit a stunning medieval castle on the Parma hills and its perfect preserved surrounding borough

The first stop on your journey in Parma will be the ancient village of Torrechiara, an area that can satisfy many interests, be it cultural, naturalistic, gastronomic. Still towering "lofty and happy" is the majestic Torrechiara Castle, one of the biggest and well-preserved example of Italian fortified architecture.

Positioned on the foothills, in an area which has always been remembered for its mild climate and surrounded by vineyards, it benefits from a beautiful view towards the bottom of the valley as well as towards the city.

#### ❖ Lunch in a traditional trattoria

Relish a delicious lunch at one of the delightful local restaurants where you will enjoy a traditional meal with all the products of the territory and taste some of our local wines such as Lambrusco and Malvasia.

#### ❖ Visit of a family-run Prosciutto di Parma production

Your journey will then proceed to discover another excellence of this land: the Parma Ham. In the ham factory, you will see every phase of the curing of the meat and its meticulous aging and taste its never-ending and unique flavor.

#### ❖ Free time in Parma city center and Dinner in a local restaurant

Return to Parma in the afternoon and free time in the city center. Enjoy your dinner with typical delicacies in a traditional Italian restaurant.



## DAY 3 - PARMA

### Activities and Highlights:

Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, Culatello di Zibello, Fresh pasta making-activity, Private dinner with the Chef

Breakfast, Lunch, Private Dinner Included  
 Starhotels Du Parc OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Wake up to a delicious, complimentary breakfast, before setting out to explore Parma's food treasures.

#### ❖ Visit of a Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory

In the morning, visit a Parmigiano Reggiano cheese factory nestled on the rolling Parma hills. See how milk is transformed into Parmigiano Reggiano and discover how this cheese can be kept for years. Witness the magic moment when the cheese master takes Parmigiano Reggiano out from its vats and learn to recognize the various ageing thanks to the tasting led by an expert.

#### ❖ Visit a Culatello from Zibello ageing rooms

Leave the city behind and discover the northern part of the province, the so-called "Culatelloshire", reign of the king of all Parma cold cuts: Culatello. Here you can visit the splendid ageing rooms, which once were the coldest areas of the farmhouse, where natural humidity seeps in from the underground. These enchanting rooms still exist in the flatlands of Parma, near river Po, and they are the ideal environment for the curing of Culatello. Enjoy this unforgettable experience while you listen to this story made of time, passion and traditions.

#### ❖ Lunch at a local restaurant

Revel in a delicious Italian experience featuring local cuisine in the Osteria del Maiale Restaurant, inside the beautiful Antica Corte Pallavicina.

#### ❖ Free time in Parma

Take a walk on your own in this medieval city and be ready for Chef's Dinner.

#### ❖ Cooking class and Dinner with the Chef

Learn how to prepare homemade pasta with Antonia in her beautiful Villa, and conclude the day with a perfect dinner cooked by your Private Chef Anthony.



## DAY 4 – PARMA

### Activities and Highlights:

Parma City Tour, Traditional balsamic vinegar of Reggio Emilia

Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included  
 Starhotels Du Parc OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Start your day with a delicious breakfast.

#### ❖ Parma City Tour

Immerse yourself in Parma history and culture on this amazing art & food tour.

Visit Parma's most famous tourist attractions: Palazzo della Pilotta, the enchanting wooden-made theatre Teatro Farnese, the Cathedral, Parma main square and many other sightseeing spots.

Enjoy a tasting of Parma's most traditional products such as Parmigiano Reggiano and Parma ham matched with a local Lambrusco wine, in an elegant café overlooking the Duomo.

#### ❖ Lunch at a winery in Parma

Savor a delicious spread of Parmesan cuisine, combined with the best wines of the area.

#### ❖ Traditional balsamic vinegar production house

During the afternoon, you will discover another culinary delight of our region, the balsamic vinegar. You will go to a traditional vinegar factory where an expert will explain how this "Black Gold" is produced. Afterwards, he will also have you taste the most extraordinary and savory combinations. Continue your foodie experience by visiting a traditional balsamic vinegar production site where the "black gold" ages up to 25 years and enjoy a genuine tasting event.

#### ❖ Free time in Parma city center and Dinner in a typical restaurant

Take a walk on your own in this medieval city and be ready for Chef Dinner.



## DAY 5 – MODENA & TUSCANY

### Activities and Highlights:

Trip to Modena, Modena City Tour, Travel to Tuscany

- ☐ **Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included**
- ☐ **Hotel Villa San Lucchese OR similar**

#### ❖ **Breakfast at the Hotel**

Start your day with a delicious breakfast and leave Parma to reach Modena.

#### ❖ **Modena City Tour**

Discover Modena's admirable architectural treasures, its hospitality focused on cuisine and cultural life, all with a fascinating and characteristic blend of innovation and tradition.

#### ❖ **Lunch at Osteria Franceschetta 58**

Experience culinary delights at the famous Osteria Franceschetta 58, known worldwide as the "little sister" of the super-exclusive Osteria Francescana, 2016 - 2018 World's Best Restaurant, and taste an alternative of Massimo Bottura's Magic.

#### ❖ **Travel to Tuscany and Dinner at the Hotel**

Cross the border between the continental European and Mediterranean climate, immerse yourself in the Apennine reality and reach Tuscany. Then enjoy a quiet typical dinner at your hotel.



## DAY 6 - TUSCANY – Chianti Hills & Volterra

### Activities and Highlights:

Cantina Antinori Vineyards Estate and Cellar, Volterra

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included
- Hotel Villa San Lucchese OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Enjoy a delicious breakfast and get ready for your trip to Chianti Hills.

#### ❖ Visit to Cantina Antinori Estate : Vineyards and Cellars

You'll start your day by visiting Antinori nel Chianti Classico, a state-of-the-art wine estate featuring an architecturally innovative ageing cellar. Explore the wine-making and fermentation areas, prime your palate with a wine tasting session and enjoy lunch in the estate's Rinuccio 1180 Restaurant, surrounded by hills, birdsongs and pea-green vines.

#### ❖ Visit to Volterra

In the afternoon, you will proceed to Volterra, particularly renowned for its peculiar urban layout that reminds us of its Etruscan origins.

#### ❖ Dinner at the Hotel

Enjoy the culinary delights of the area, with typical local dishes never losing the authenticity of these traditions.





## DAY 7 - TUSCANY – San Gimignano

### Activities and Highlights:

Cheese factory in San Gimignano, Visit the city San Gimignano, Tenuta Torciano

- Breakfast, Lunch, Private Dinner Included
- Hotel Villa San Lucchese OR similar

### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Enjoy your breakfast in this cozy and quaint restaurant.

### ❖ Visit of a pecorino cheese factory near San Gimignano

Visit an organic pecorino farm and see with your own eyes what it means to live a farmer's life today in Tuscany. Live a daily routine in the dairy farm, learn about the traditional Pecorino cheese and enjoy cheese tasting along with a glass of wine.

### ❖ Visit of San Gimignano

Explore San Gimignano and take a stroll through its squares, in the shadows of its surviving towers. Step into a perfect Medieval postcard and admire this iconic village, called the "Manhattan of the Middle Ages" because of the incredible quantity of towers that rose above the rooftops of the small town.

### ❖ Visit of Tenuta Torciano and Private Dinner in the heart of the Estate.

Enjoy a unique experience in wine culture and discover the landscape and architecture that surrounds this estate which includes the barrel room, wine cellar, and also the various tasting rooms both inside and outside the garden. Then, immerse yourself in the ancient rural tradition, live a sensorial experience walking through the rows of vines in the hills, taste excellent menus of local delicacies prepared by your Private Chef. Estate Torciano produces 13 different prestigious etiquettes of typical Tuscan wines, Exclusively for Private customers and not available in restaurants or wine shops.



## DAY 8 - TUSCANY & UMBRIA

### Activities and Highlights:

Guided visit of 2 wineries in Montalcino and Montepulciano,

Travel to Perugia

#### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at your hotel.

#### ❖ Visit of 2 different wineries in Montalcino and Montepulciano

Travel around two of the most famous wineries in Montalcino and Montepulciano, experience wine and food and learn the history of Tuscan wines through the centuries. Then, enjoy a delicious lunch in “cantina”. In the afternoon, be ready to be drawn back in time and visit Montepulciano’s majestic medieval village with its historic architecture and ancient “piazzas” brimming with culture.

#### ❖ Travel to Umbria

Farewell to Tuscany and continue your trip towards Umbria, called “the Green Heart of Italy”. Discover a new side of the country characterized by verdant hills and valleys, picturesque medieval hill towns and unique cuisine and wines.

#### ❖ Dinner at your Hotel and relax time

Enjoy a rich variety of dishes, accompanied by a selection of exceptional Italian wines in a relaxing yet refined atmosphere, engulfed in warm colors and soft lighting.

☐ Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included

☐ Posta Donini Hotel OR similar



## DAY 9 UMBRIA - Perugia

### Activities and Highlights:

Visit of Perugia historic center, Visit of «Perugina Chocolate House», Lunch at a Winery

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included
- Posta Donini Hotel OR similar

### ❖ Breakfast at Hotel

Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the hotel before you begin your trip to Perugia.

### ❖ Guided Walking Tour in Perugia historic center

Explore the historic and charming city of Perugia. Walk along the city wall dating from the Etruscan age, get lost in the symbols carved by Nicola and Giovanni Pisano into the Fontana Maggiore and find yourself fascinated by the many layers of the Rocca Paolina. Every ancient gate, alley, church, piazza and palazzo will capture your imagination, and every museum and gallery will impress you with a sense of history, culture and art.

### ❖ Visit to the Perugina Chocolate House, home of the “Baci”.

Discover and revel in all of the pleasures of chocolate. Learn everything from how just one cocoa bean is magically transformed into rich chocolate to the roots of Perugina’s history from its start as a tiny workshop producing sugared almonds, and its rise to become a chocolate icon and Italy’s most loved chocolate maker. Take your taste buds for a swirl, and explore a unique place in the world where you will breathe the emotions of chocolate and return to childhood.

### ❖ Lunch in Terre Margaritelli Estate

Immerse yourself in the beautiful hill of Miralduolo and taste some delicious wines. Surrounded by 60 hectares of vineyards, discover the secrets of one of the most emergent Italian wineries, winner of the coveted “Tre bicchieri” prize by Gambero Rosso. Then, enjoy an outdoor lunch in a delightful atmosphere and Chef Anthony’s expertise.

### ❖ Free time and Dinner at a local restaurant

Enjoy some free time to spend on your own and then, indulge your senses with a dinner at a local restaurant.



## DAY 10 – UMBRIA

### Activities and Highlights:

Truffle hunting in Umbrian countryside, Visit of the city of Assisi and final Farewell Dinner at Sala degli Stemmi

☐ Breakfast, Lunch, Farewell Private Dinner Included  
☐ Posta Donini Hotel OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at Hotel

Enjoy a delightful breakfast at the hotel and get ready to spend a day surrounded by the greenery and tranquility in the Umbrian countryside.

#### ❖ Truffle hunting in Umbrian countryside and Lunch

Meet some local expert truffle hunters and their truffle-scent dogs and immerse yourself in an authentic and unforgettable experience. Take a pleasant walk, hunting for a black summer truffle, called “the Black Diamond of Umbria”. Admire the surrounding landscape and discover places off the beaten paths. Then, enjoy a delicious lunch in a typical family run house where you will taste some dishes with black truffle, homemade traditional food, accompanied by local wines.

#### ❖ Visit of Assisi

Explore Assisi, Italy’s famousness pilgrimage site, one of the best-preserved medieval towns in the world and one of the Italian most spell-binding gems. Stroll the maze of medieval streets and visit the Basilica of Saint Francis, patron saint of the environment and animals, to see one of Italy’s largest collections of church art. Enjoy the beauty of this jaw dropping UNESCO World Heritage town and absorb the town’s atmosphere, colors and lights, characterized by the warm pink colour of its unique stone, which stands in contrast to the green colour of Mount Subasio.

#### ❖ Final farewell dinner in the beautiful Private dining room called “Sala degli Stemmi” of Hotel Posta Donini

During the final farewell dinner, your Private Chef Anthony will prepare a delicious traditional dinner, using the finest ingredients combined with the most suitable wines.



## DAY 11 – Deruta & Rome

### Activities and Highlights:

Visit of a ceramic laboratory in Deruta, Travel to Rome

- Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner Included
- Isola Sacra Hotel OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at Hotel

Enjoy a delicious breakfast at the hotel and get ready to take the artistic pottery and ceramic road to Deruta, best-known town of ceramic handcrafts.

#### ❖ Visit of a Ceramic laboratory in Deruta and lunch at a typical restaurant

Enjoy a unique journey through the Umbrian handicrafts Deruta, the town of the people's art. Explore a Ceramic Laboratory where the majolica are completely handmade, see the artist at work, while painting in front of you, visit the back of the laboratory and enjoy a delicious Italian aperitif in the artist's art gallery.

After your artistic tour, enjoy a delicious lunch at a traditional restaurant.

#### ❖ Travel to Rome

Rome is the last stage of your adventure. As you proceed towards the "Eternal City", you will enjoy the beautiful scenery along the way as you leave the lush zone of Umbria and enter the rustic countryside area of Lazio. And maybe dreaming of your next Culinary tour with Chef Anthony to discover Lazio, Rome, Napoli with its amazing Amalfi coast or many other places.

Check in at your hotel located near Fiumicino International Airport and enjoy your spare time.

#### ❖ Bid farewell to all your fellow newfound friends and enjoy one last dinner at your hotel

Toast to the bountiful culinary and art tour you've shared with your family and newfound friends. Enjoy Chef Anthony's Master dishes, at this special party that celebrates the experience of a lifetime!



## DAY 12 - ROME

### Activities and Highlights:

Prolong your Italian adventure or return home.

- Breakfast Included
- Isola Sacra Hotel OR similar

#### ❖ Breakfast at the Hotel

Start your day off with a one last tasty breakfast at your hotel with your new friends.

#### ❖ Prolong your stay on the Beautiful Italian Soil or say “Arrivederci” to the Bel Paese and fly back home.

For those who wish to prolong their stay, it is possible to extend the vacation and discover other Italian beauties on your own.

For the Foodies who have to return to the USA, you have to say “Arrivederci” to beautiful Italy and reach Fiumicino Airport on your own.

Car service may be booked upon request.

# Notes

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### ❖ Special Dietary Requirements

Chef Anthony and Maestro Travel Experience (Tour Operator) will make any reasonable effort to accommodate special dietary or allergy necessities at no additional charge. Unfortunately, we may not be able to accommodate all special dietary needs requested. Please contact us at [chef@theitalianelixir.com](mailto:chef@theitalianelixir.com) or [info@maestrotravelexperience.com](mailto:info@maestrotravelexperience.com) before your departure in order to advise us of your dietary or allergy needs.

### ❖ Suggestions

Chef Anthony and our local guides will be happy to assist you at all times with suggestions and local tips to make the most of your free time.

