



*Immerse yourself in the real Italy  
- the culture, ambience, food and  
history - with local families, who  
have the passion to make your trip  
unforgettable*

*A local, authentic,  
family-driven experience*



Annie's Italy tour introduces you to a way of life experienced by locals for centuries, including the region's best food and wines in a relaxed family atmosphere. Let local guides unload their passion for the region on a tour that reveals places you will not see on other tourist trails.



Dates have been released for the latest Annie's Italy, an adventure that takes you into the heart of Italian families.

A truly unique experience. We have teamed up with the experts in international travel, Geelong Travel, to streamline our operations. The agency is handling all travel arrangements. Geelong Travel specialises in boutique tours and has experts on hand to advise and work through your requirements. Michele and Gianna will be our hosts on their beautiful property 45 minutes from Venice.

Annie and the team look forward to sharing the Italian experience with you.

## What's included...

- Tour leaders for the duration of the journey
- Transfers to and from Venice's Marco Polo Airport.
- Accommodation in a five-star family-run home
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner (with wine or something softer if you prefer) included at meal times
- Land travel in Italy in private air-conditioned mini-coach
- Free entry to all attractions where applicable

## The Veneto region...



### Weather

Spring is a beautiful time to visit, however, some years the weather can be changeable and it is always advisable to bring adequate clothing for cooler days and possible showers. We recommend you bring a light jacket or raincoat. The average daytime temperature during the tour is between 17-25 degrees.

### Physical Fitness

There are no age restrictions on the tour and only a moderate rate of fitness is required to enjoy all that is on offer. You should be comfortable on your feet for up to three hours, with short breaks, to appreciate the places on offer. As we visit many historic areas you should also be prepared to walk on cobblestones and uneven surfaces. We always regard health and safety as a high priority and will make special arrangements for anybody experiencing any difficulty during the trip.

### Travel insurance

Travel insurance is compulsory on our tours. The experienced agents at Geelong Travel can arrange all insurance requirements.

### Booking

If you have any enquiries or need more information, please do not hesitate to contact Annie on [andrea@anniesprovedore.com](mailto:andrea@anniesprovedore.com)



### Arrival Day

Guests will be met on arrival by an expert local guide who will invite them to feel, taste and immerse themselves in the culture of the real Italy as they travel to their accommodation in Veduggio, in the Province of Treviso. Then it's time to unpack, unwind and freshen up for aperitivo, which will get the juices flowing before a traditional meal with your host family.

### Day 1

After a revitalising sleep we head off to Bassano del Grappa, where the flat Veneto plains reach the hills leading up to the Alps. The historic town is famous for its strong liqueur but has so much more to offer with its linked piazzas, studded with cafes and shops and of course churches. The locals are passionate about their region and Alberto will enchant you with tales of the town, accompanied by speciality dishes and drinks at his Deli.

In the afternoon we will visit Poli Grappa, where we will tour and taste the offerings of this exceptional family-run business. We will then have an evening of relaxation and dining at the local Trattoria.

### Day 2

We make the trip to Prosecco, famous for its quality wine. We will visit two family-run Cantinas, one for lunch and the other to indulge in tastings after being shown the process of making this world-famous drop.

Dinner will be at a Pizzeria in Cittadella, one of the last-remaining walled cities in Italy.

### Day 3

Verona, the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, is a city that you will instantly love. Historic and vibrant it is listed as a world heritage site. Where better to ramble through history and enjoy lunch at a legendary osteria? The shopping is special and a walk to the Arena of Verona, the Roman amphitheatre, still in use today for world class operas, is a must. Dinner will be at a local Trattoria.



### Day 4

It's time to get your hands messy at a classic Italian cooking lesson. Learn and get a hands-on feel for the local cuisine. Enjoy the satisfaction of dining on the feast you have created with the help of experts, washed down by quality wine.

### Day 5

Venice, the city of canals, built on islands, is a destination that will be locked in your memory bank for eternity after we take a train journey into a place of breathtaking sites. We will visit the world famous Rialto markets, wander through the ancient streets and then take in a traditional lunch at a Bacaro. The afternoon is yours to enjoy, either on a gondola or promenade through streets with awe-inspiring architecture with St Mark's Basilica a magnetic drawcard.

### Day 6

Food is at the heart of Italian culture and our supplier, Perenzin, will send the taste buds into a frenzy with the family-operated fromagerie exhibiting row upon row of delicacies, including award-winning offerings that are the envy of producers around Europe. Lunch will leave you speechless.

Aperitivo and dinner will be on offer at one of the local villages.

### Day 7

Mozzarella is a staple of the Italian diet and we will see why when we visit a local factory to understand why it is so highly regarded. We will then visit the markets of Bassano del Grappa, where keepsakes will add to the memory of your visit. Then we move on to one of the oldest and most prestigious restaurants in a place known for its fine dining. It will be an afternoon to remember as we visit villas and gain an understanding of the significance of a town steeped in history.

We will then enjoy a farewell dinner and reminisce over the journey of a lifetime.

### Departure Day

Time to say "arrivederci" with final goodbyes and transfers to the airport.

