



# THE TRAVEL CLUB

## *Pre-Departure Itinerary*

### **Verona**

### ***In Italy's Veneto***

***Monday, May 31 – Tuesday, June 8, 2010***

"In fair Verona where we lay our scene" begins Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet. Join The Travel Club on our newest Italian adventure and see why Verona is described as one of the prettiest and most historical small cities in Italy, with much of its ancient past of medieval and Renaissance splendor preserved. Because of the value and importance of its many historical buildings, Verona has been named a UNESCO world heritage site. You'll be charmed during excursions through the beautiful landscapes of the Veneto as you visit Vicenza, where Renaissance architect Palladio shaped the history of Western architecture; ancient Padua, now a dynamic university town with arcaded streets, bustling markets and home to some of the most famous and important paintings in Europe—Giotto's frescoes of the stories of Mary and Jesus. You'll visit Lake Garda, flanked by lemon and olive groves, with the snowy Alps reflected in its silvery waters and enjoy a tour around the main resort towns. A unique highlight of your holiday may be your attendance at the Festival of the Prosecco in San Pietro di Feletto where you'll taste the renowned sparkling wine and enjoy lunch at a local trattoria.

#### **Includes**

- Round-trip regularly scheduled Alitalia Airlines flights from Boston to Verona, via Rome
- Seven night's three-star accommodations: Hotel Firenze
- Buffet breakfast daily
- Welcome and farewell dinners at local restaurants
- Wine-tasting and lunch at local trattoria
- Round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers with assistance
- Services of professional local Tour Manager

#### **Rates**

**\$1,919 per person double occupancy**

**\$2,429 for single reservations**

Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Add \$390 for current air taxes, fees, charges and surcharges. Passport required.

#### **Accommodations**

##### **Hotel Firenze**

Corso di Porta Nuova 88  
37122 Verona (VR), Italy  
Phone: **+39 045 8011510**

The Hotel Firenze in Verona is located in the historical centre of the city: within walking distance to the Arena and from the Verona Porta Nuova train station, the Best Western Hotel Firenze is a modern, completely renovated hotel. All rooms are comfortable and elegantly furnished, with bath-tub or shower with whirlpool system, computer and modem connections, air conditioned, ISDN phone connection, satellite-tv, minibar and digital safe.

#### **Features**

Full-day guided tour of Verona, excursion to Vicenza, half-day excursion to Parma, Austria, full-day excursion to Lake Garda, excursion to Padua, Festival of the Prosecco at San Pietro di Feletto.

## **DAILY ITINERARY**

### **Day 1: May 31                      Departure from Boston**

Late afternoon/early evening departure from Boston to Rome, via Alitalia Airlines. Dinner will be served on board. Relax and enjoy the in-flight entertainment.

### **Day 2: June 01                      Arrive Rome flight to Verona transfer to hotel**

Continental breakfast will be served before landing in Rome. Clear immigration and proceed to your connecting/domestic flight to Verona. Once in Verona retrieve your luggage and clear customs and meet our local representative who will assist you with the transfer to the Hotel Firenze located in downtown Verona for check in. The rest of the day is at leisure. Tonight join your fellow travelers for a welcome dinner at a local restaurant. **(D)**

**Day 3: June 02                    Verona**

Today after breakfast you will be taken by a local tour guide on a full day guided visit of Verona one of the best-preserved artistic cities in the Veneto region. Its rich stratification of monuments and works of art from the different historic periods (Roman, Gothic, Renaissance) gives the city a singular beauty. **(B)**

**Day 4: June 03                    Vicenza**

Depart by motorcoach to Vicenza, universally acclaimed as "Palladio's town", an artistic gem of a town among the most important in the Veneto, Vicenza is enchanting in the nobility of its architectural forms and the harmony of its proportions. It is a thriving cosmopolitan city, with a rich history and culture, and many museums, art galleries, piazzas, villas, churches. Your local guide will take you on a tour of the town. In the afternoon, return to Verona. **(B)**

**Day 5: June 04                    Parma**

Travel today to Parma, a town with a rich history and culture that radiates far beyond the boundaries of its city limits. You will have a guided tour of the city including the city's 12th century Duomo, flanked by a 13th century Gothic bell tower and an exquisite Parma pink marble baptistry. The recently renovated baptistry adorned with statues and reliefs by Benedetto Antelami has been called "the greatest and most original work of the Italian Romanesque." The word Parma almost certainly conjures up even more vivid sensations among the gastronomes than among art and music lovers. This is, after all, the capital of Italy's famous "food valley" where Prosciutto di Parma ham and Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese reign supreme. You will have free time to explore this town before returning to Verona. **(B)**

**Day 6: June 05                    Lake Garda**

Full day excursion to Lake Garda, famous for its tranquility and breathtaking scenery, is the largest of all the Italian Lakes. You will discover the splendours of the lake region with a coach tour around the main resorts: Riva, with its dramatic mountainous landscape. Salò, famous for its beautiful painted houses; the Roman town of Sirmione, the quaint harbour of Peschiera, and the stunning town of Malcesine, with its narrow series of winding cobbled streets. In the late afternoon return to Verona. **(B)**

**Day 7: June 06                    SanPietro di Feletto**

To day you will join the "**Festival of the Prosecco DOC**" at San Pietro di Feletto. You will, not only, taste the most renowned Italian sparkling wine but also discover the culture and tradition of this part of Veneto. You will enjoy wine tasting and lunch at a local trattoria. In the afternoon, return to Verona. **(B)**

**Day 8: June 07                    Padua**

Excursion to Padua, one of the most ancient cities in Italy. Padua is a pilgrimage city, millions of pilgrims come here every year to visit the "Basilica di Sant'Antonio", where the grave of "Sant'Antonio" is preserved. The other reason to visit this city is Giotto. In Padua you will find the most complete (and the best preserved) collection of works by Giotto. You will visit the Cappella degli Scrovegni which boasts the famous frescoes by Giotto. Return to Verona. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant. **(B,D)**

**Day 9: June 08                    Return flight**

Transfer, by private motor coach this morning to the Verona airport for return flight to Boston via Rome. **(B)**.

**Proof of Citizenship:** *US citizens require a passport with at least six months' validity for entry into Italy. Passports are the responsibility of the traveler.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** *This is not your final itinerary. You will receive final documents (itinerary, tickets (if applicable), etc.) approximately 2–3 weeks prior to departure. Although we try our best to ensure that information is accurate at the time of publication, we are not responsible for any error, omission, misprint or liability that results from the use (or misuse) of this information.*