



OCTOBER 13-21, 2018

Special Alumni Rate

SAVE MORE THAN \$1,000

per couple

Flavors of Northern Italy

*A Cultural Journey Through Historic Sites,
Quaint Villages, Wineries, and Kitchens
of Italy's Most Delicious Region*



** So much to sample, so little time **



Dear Alumni and Friends,

Join our small group for a nine-day journey to the culinary and cultural heart of Northern Italy—a region brimming with exquisite local wines, specialty ingredients, soul-satisfying signature dishes and the wonderful Italians who conjure them with time-honored techniques.

Settle into a beautiful family-owned wine estate outside Verona. Within reach is a connoisseur's pick of centuries-old wineries, artisan producers and extraordinary, historic sights. With each day highlighted by exclusive experiences, access authentic Italy, learn from local Italians and, most of all, revel in *la dolce vita*—the joyful celebration of food, friends and life!

Space is limited. With significant savings of more than \$1,000 per couple, we anticipate this tour will fill quickly, so be certain to reserve your spot today and share this brochure with family and friends who may be interested in traveling with you.

Please reserve online at <http://uoklahoma.orbridge.com>, by calling (866) 639-0079 or by returning the enclosed reservation form.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Lea Ann Quirk'.

Lea Ann Quirk
Director of Alumni Programs
OU Alumni Association

Free Wine Gift

AN EARLY RESERVATION BONUS

Reserve your space by **February 16, 2018** to receive six bottles of Northern Italian wine featuring labels by vintners in the regions you will visit during this program!

*This Orbridge exclusive gift is to thank you for joining us early. Where shipping is prohibited by state law or by retailer licensing obligations, guests in those states will receive other specialty items of comparable value. See reservation form for more details.***



Embrace the enchantment, ambiance, and culture of Northern Italy.

Settle in and spend time learning and enjoying Northern Italian culinary traditions *con gusto*. A key ingredient of this signature journey is the luxury of unpacking once and dedicating your days to the rich cultural opportunities unique to this region.





Your 9-Day Itinerary (subject to change)

- Day 1:** En route from U.S.
- Day 2:** Arrive in Verona, Italy (D)
Selva Capuzza, welcome dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 3:** Verona (B,D)
Guided sightseeing, Renaissance Gates, Roman monuments, Roman amphitheater, Piazza delle Erbe, Juliet's balcony
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 4:** Valeggio sul Mincio / Valpolicella (B,L,D)
Tortellini-making presentation, guided garden tour of Parco Giardino Sigurtà, Giuseppe Lonardi winery (winner of numerous *Decanter World Wine* awards) tour and tasting
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 5:** Vallagarina / Lago di Garda (B,L,D)
Award-winning De Tarczal winery visit, tasting and lunch, dessert cooking class
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 6:** Modena / Mantua (B,L,D)
Balsamic vinegar tasting and lunch at Acetaia Caselli, UNESCO World Heritage Site of Palazzo Ducale
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 7:** Roncá (B,L,D)
La Casara cheese demonstration and sampling, Tower of San Martino della Battaglia
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 8:** Sirmione (B,L,D)
Pasta cooking class, time at leisure (enjoy the gardens, take a boat ride on Lago di Garda, stroll by Rocca Scaligera castle, or walk around the lake), special farewell dinner
Overnight: Borgo San Donino
- Day 9:** Depart Verona (B)

Optional Extension: Days 9-12 in Venice

Program Highlights

- In the famed Valpolicella and Trentino wine regions, visit picturesque vineyards, discover local varietals, and enjoy exclusive tastings and presentations.
- While chefs and producers divulge secrets of their crafts, sample the best of Northern Italy's bounty—specialties like *gnocchi di pane*, savory *spiedini* and sweet *sbrisolona*.
- Take in the area's layered history, with visits to Verona's 2,000-year-old Roman arena, contrasting with the magnificent medieval Castelvecchio along the River Adige, and the lush gardens of Parco Giardino Sigurtà.
- See Palazzo Ducale—a UNESCO World Heritage Site—which was the royal residence of the Gonzaga family from 1328 to 1707.
- Experience the panoramic beauty at captivating Lago di Garda—Italy's largest lake.

What's Included

- 7 nights at our wine estate
- 7 breakfasts, 5 lunches, and 7 dinners served with wine
- All lessons, private tours, and unique small-group excursions noted on the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation, luggage handling, and airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers, porters, and wait staff for included meals

Activity Level: Guests should be able to enjoy two hours or more of walking, be sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and walk up and down stairs without assistance.



Your Accommodations (subject to change)

Within arm's reach of the culture-rich Veneto and Emilia Romagna regions lies Borgo San Donino, a charming farmhouse on the Selva Capuzza wine estate—also the 1859 battle site of Italy's fight toward its independence—owned by Luca Formentini and his family for four generations. The farmhouse apartments, winery, and attached restaurant are the result of many years of dedicated work, and provide award-winning wines, delightful accommodations, and generous hospitality for all who visit.

Stroll the grounds and you might see grape vines being carefully tended by hand or olives ripening for the estate's own olive oil, just steps away from tables where the harvest is reincarnated in signature wines and local dishes. The Selva Capuzza winery produces a wonderful selection of varietals—red, white, and rosé, all under the careful expertise of the Formentini family. They take great pride in the careful cultivation of the vines, and are locally known for both their farming and conservation skills.

Visit the nearby San Martino Tower and admire its majesty from the inside and out. Then follow the tree-lined road to the Chapel of San Martino, which guards many of the fallen from the war.

After a day's adventures, restore your senses amidst the comfortable atmosphere of your apartment—inspired, as you will be, by the beauty of Northern Italy's landscapes.

Classic: A comfortable apartment with kitchenette and en suite bathroom with shower, overlooking the garden and surrounding countryside.

Superior: A spacious apartment with vaulted ceilings, kitchenette, en suite bathroom, and second-floor views of the garden, vineyard, or surrounding countryside.



Luca Formentini, Proprietor
Selva Capuzza



Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Northern Italy.



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Selva Capuzza Wine Estate

Optional Extension

Venice

Revel in the gloriously romantic and enchanting atmosphere of the *Floating City*. Your small group (up to 10 guests) will delight in exploring the classic treasures of this remarkable region.

Extension Itinerary (subject to change)

Day 9: Depart Verona / Arrive Venice (B)
Private water taxi city tour down the Grand Canal (see the Rialto Bridge, St. Mark's Basin, Giudecca), visit to the monastery island of San Giorgio Maggiore

Day 10: Venice (B)
Guided walking tour off the beaten path, wine and biscotti tasting

Day 11: Venice (B)
Day at leisure

Day 12: Depart Venice (B)

What's Included

- 3 nights accommodations at the Pensione Accademia (or similar) with breakfast each morning
- Guided sightseeing via water taxi through the canals
- Guided walking tour away from the busy streets to explore authentic, quieter neighborhoods filled with unique architecture
- Train ticket from Desenzano del Garda-Sirmione to Venice accompanied by your Orbridge Travel Director
- Water taxi transfer to and from your hotel on arrival and departure days
- Concierge service to help you plan your days in Venice



Grand Canal, Venice



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Venice Extension: October 21-24, 2018

Option 1: Reserve online now at <http://uoklahoma.orbridge.com> or call (866) 639-0079.

Option 2: Secure your reservation with a deposit charged to the credit card below, or with an enclosed check payable to: Orbridge LLC.

SPECIAL RATE		
Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Classic	\$4,499	\$3,995
Superior	\$4,799	\$4,295
Single	\$5,999	\$5,495
Venice Extension: \$1,595*		
Single Extension: \$2,295		

Guest Information:

Guest #1 Name: _____ Class Year _____

Guest #2 Name: _____ Class Year _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Category Preference (if applicable): 1st choice _____ 2nd choice _____

Deposit:

(#) _____ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

(#) _____ guests joining extension (\$500/person) = **Total deposit: \$** _____

Deposit Payment:

Check enclosed Online Check/ACH MasterCard/Visa American Express Discover

Card #: _____ Exp. date: _____ CW: _____

Name (as printed on card): _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at <http://terms.orbridge.com> and detailed in program documents; and that Orbridge LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Mail or fax reservation form and deposit to:

Orbridge
P.O. Box 10339, Bainbridge Island, WA 98110
Fax: (206) 452-5655

Registration, Deposits and Final Payment. To confirm and secure your reservation, a deposit of \$850 per person per program, a deposit for any extension(s), and any non-refundable advanced payments, payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, wire transfer of same day U.S. funds, or major credit card, is due at the time of registration. Final payment, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is payable by check, online check/ACH, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds and due no later than 90 days prior to the scheduled program departure date. If your reservation is made between the final payment due date and the date the program starts, the entire cost of the program, including any extension(s) and optional(s), is due at the time of registration by check, money order, or wire transfer of same day U.S. funds. Final payments made by credit card are subject to a 2% transaction fee. If final payment is not received by Orbridge by the final payment due date, Orbridge may, at any time and with or without notice, cancel your reservation in its sole discretion with no right of refund. All payments we receive from you are herein defined as "Payments."

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*Special group rate; limited offer. Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. **Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Orbridge Wine Gift per room reserved will ship after receipt of final payment. Where prohibited by state law (including, but not limited to AR, DE, KY, MS, OK, RI, UT) or by retailer licensing obligations (MA, MD, NH, NJ, NY, PA, SD, TX, VT), guests will receive alternative specialty items of comparable value. All Wine Gifts are handled by an independent third party.

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What Guests Are Saying...

I loved how this trip gave me a more personal view of Italy through conversations with locals and family-run food vendors. I've studied abroad in Italy and have been on vacation there with family, but this was a unique experience. I loved our guide and the off-the-beaten path tour. It felt like I had a friend showing me around.

~Jacqueline B., Hillsborough, CA

Selva Capuzza is immaculate and beautiful. Perfect setting from which to connect with the customs, food, wine, agriculture, people and culture of Northern Italy. Simply marvelous.

~Jill & Frank C., Marlton, NJ

The variety and content of each excursion were excellent and made the trip so enjoyable.

~Sharon E., Middleton, WI

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