



ITALY

ESSENTIAL DOLOMITES (TOUR CODE: 12520)**STARTS AND ENDS**Venice to
Milan**TRAVEL PERIODS**

23 May 25 - 10 Oct 25

EXPERIENCE

Escorted

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

Join a 5-day group tour through enchanting Northern Italy. Discover the medieval charm of Asolo, the picturesque hills of the Prosecco region, and the awe-inspiring beauty of the Dolomites!

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small Group Tour up to 24 pax
- Be amazed by the breathtaking **Lake of Braies**, also called Pragser Wildsee, tucked away in the magnificent Dolomite Mountains
- Discover the charming town of **Brunico**, where Alpine tradition meets Italian charm.
- Take in the views while driving towards **Cortina d'Ampezzo!**
- Discover Valdobbiadene and the **Prosecco Road with wine tasting!**

Embark on a 5-day journey through the enchanting landscapes of Northern Italy. Explore Asolo's medieval charm, the Prosecco region's picturesque hills, and the Dolomites' awe-inspiring beauty. Visit captivating lakes, charming towns like Brunico and Merano, and savor Alpine cuisine. Conclude in Milan, tracing the oldest Italian wine route and experiencing Trento's historical grandeur.

INCLUSIONS

- 2 nights in Cortina D'Ampezzo at B&B Hotel Passo Tre Coci Cortina- 3* or similar
- 2 nights in Bolzano at Stadt Hotel - 4* or similar
- Daily breakfast
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Multilingual escorted tours
- Valdobbiadene and the Prosecco Road with wine tasting
- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Mestre (Venice) Asolo Valdobbiadene Cortina D'Ampezzo

Departing at 7:30 am from the hotel Delfino – Venezia Mestre by a **deluxe coach**, you will arrive in **Asolo**, often referred to as the "city with a hundred horizons" due to the breathtaking landscapes that envelop it. Asolo is a picturesque medieval village nestled among the rolling hills of **Treviso**. During the Renaissance era, it served as a splendid court under the rule of Caterina Cornaro. Asolo's most iconic landmark is its magnificent fortress, perched atop Monte Ricco, offering a sweeping panorama of the charming Old Town.

From this vantage point, you'll take in the historic center, including Piazza Garibaldi with its 16th-century fountain, the Castle which now houses Teatro Duse, and the ancient Cathedral, home to the exquisite "Assumption" painting by Lorenzo Lotto. After your exploration of Asolo, embark on a scenic drive along one of Italy's most beautiful roads, winding through the gentle hills and picturesque countryside of the Prosecco region. Here, you'll have the opportunity to discover the UNESCO-recognized Prosecco Land.

Your journey will lead you to a traditional winery, where you'll unlock the secrets of **Prosecco** production and indulge in a wine tasting session. The experience includes a guided tour of the winery followed by a tasting of three Valdobbiadene Docc wines, expertly paired with a selection of local cold cuts and cheeses. It's a chance to savor not only the renowned local wine but also some delicious regional cuisine in the form of a light lunch.

Continuing your drive, you'll arrive at **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, often hailed as the "Queen of the Dolomites." This premier mountain resort is nestled amidst the awe-inspiring peaks of the Dolomite Mountains and is an emblem of Italian style, fashion, and the quintessential Italian way of life. Your journey through this remarkable region promises to be an unforgettable experience. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Cortina d'Ampezzo at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Coci Cortina** or similar.

Dinner



Day
2

Cortina D'Ampezzo Lake Misurina Lake Dobbiaco San Vito di Cadore Cortina D'Ampezzo

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel and prepare for an enchanting exploration of the surroundings of **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, nestled in the awe-inspiring **Dolomite valley**. From the town, marvel at the majestic mountain vistas that grace the region and catch sight of the iconic Tre Cime di Lavaredo, a true symbol of the Dolomite Mountains.

Your journey continues as you make your way to **Lake Misurina**, the largest natural lake in the region, offering surreal and captivating views of the surrounding mountains that will leave you in awe. Next, proceed to **Lake Dobbiaco**, known for its uniquely emerald-colored waters, a phenomenon that renders it truly one-of-a-kind in the world. The extraordinary beauty of this lake is bound to leave a lasting impression.

Your scenic drive then takes you to **San Vito di Cadore**, a picturesque mountain village nestled just a short distance from Cortina d'Ampezzo. Here, you'll discover the towering presence of Mount Antelao behind the village and Mount Pelmo just in front, both of which have earned their place on the UNESCO World Heritage list. In these areas, the landscapes are nothing short of breathtaking, with vast stretches of pristine nature, where lush green meadows give way to dense conifer and beech forests

After your visit to this captivating village, return to Cortina, where you'll have some free time for the remainder of the day to explore, relax, or engage in any activities of your choice. Rest and recharge at the hotel as you prepare for another memorable night in this splendid region. Dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Cortina d'Ampezzo at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Coci Cortina** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day **3**

Cortina D'Ampezzo Lake Braies or Lake Anterselva Brunico Bressanone Bolzano

Today, our first enchanting stop is at the captivating **Lake of Braies**, nestled amidst the breathtaking Dolomite Mountains. This pristine alpine lake, also known as Pragser Wildsee, is a haven of tranquility and natural beauty. Its crystal-clear waters mirror the majestic peaks that embrace it, creating a serene atmosphere perfect for relaxation and photography. Surrounded on three sides by towering Dolomite peaks, including the iconic Croda del Becco, Lake Braies offers a scenic charm that is unparalleled.

In the event that Lake Braies is not accessible due to logistical reasons, fear not, for we have an equally mesmerizing alternative in store: **Lake Anterselva**. Also known as Antholzer See, this hidden gem is a captivating spectacle in the heart of the Dolomites. Whether you find solace in its serene ambiance, indulge in short strolls along its shores, appreciate its unique cultural allure or even if you just look for an Instagram photo moment, Lake Anterselva promises to ensure you depart with cherished memories of this alpine paradise.

Next, the tour takes you to the charming town of **Brunico**, also known as Bruneck. Nestled in the heart of the South Tyrol region, Brunico offers a delightful blend of Alpine tradition and Italian charm. Stroll through its well-preserved medieval streets, lined with colorful buildings, and discover the historical treasures of its Old Town. Brunico is also a gateway to the majestic Kronplatz mountain, a popular destination for outdoor enthusiasts, offering hiking, skiing, and breathtaking panoramic views.

There will also be a stop in **Bressanone**. Brixen, as they call it in German, is a picturesque town in the Eisack Valley, surrounded by vineyards and rolling hills. This enchanting town boasts a rich history and a stunning medieval cathedral that dates back to the 10th century. As we explore Bressanone, you'll have the opportunity to soak in its unique blend of Austrian and Italian cultures, reflected in its architecture, cuisine, and traditions. Don't miss the chance to sample the local wines and enjoy the tranquil ambiance of this charming Alpine town. Finally, we'll reach Bolzano.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 4

Bolzano Merano Vipiteno Bolzano

Following a delightful breakfast, our journey takes us to **Merano**, the second-largest city in the province after Bolzano. While Merano is renowned globally for its enchanting Christmas market, it also boasts a captivating cultural and historical heritage. We'll explore the charming old town, and you'll have the opportunity to enjoy lunch at your leisure, savoring local flavors.

Our journey also includes a stop in **Vipiteno**, a charming town with a rich history and Alpine allure. Vipiteno, also known as Sterzing in German, is nestled amidst the stunning mountain landscapes of South Tyrol. With its quaint streets lined with colorful facades, Vipiteno offers a postcard-perfect setting for exploration. You'll have the opportunity to wander through its historic center, where you can admire its medieval architecture, browse local shops for unique souvenirs, and perhaps indulge in some delightful Alpine cuisine. Vipiteno's blend of Alpine traditions and Italian charm makes it a memorable stop on our tour, allowing you to immerse yourself in the unique culture of the region.

In the afternoon, our path leads back to **Bolzano**. Once a significant commercial center during the Middle Ages, Bolzano saw an expansion of its industrial production during World War I. Today, tourism remains a cornerstone of the local economy. Our exploration will include a visit to the **Duomo, the Cathedral**, characterized by its elegant Gothic style and regarded as a symbol of the town.

Additionally, we'll wander through the bustling main central streets, such as **Via dei Portici**, the heart of the medieval town. Bolzano is as vibrant a city as one can get and beautifully combines Alpine and Mediterranean influences. Bolzano's unique fusion of cultures, stunning architecture, and cultural attractions make it a must-visit destination. The evening is yours to embrace personal explorations or unwind as you please. Your overnight stay awaits at the hotel, promising a peaceful and comfortable night's rest.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **5**

Bolzano Eгна Trento Milan

After a delightful breakfast, embark on a journey that promises awe-inspiring views as we trace the **path of the oldest Italian wine route**. This enchanting route winds its way through picturesque vineyards, idyllic villages, and serene lakes, presenting a feast for the senses. Caldaro (Kalterer See) is a village famous for its lake, the Kalterer See, and wine. The cuisine combines Italian and Tyrolean styles.

Our first stop is the charming village of **Egna**, nestled in the sundrenched south of Alto Adige, surrounded by vineyards and apple orchards against the backdrop of Monte Corno Natural Park. Egna retains its authentic character, far removed from the bustling rhythms of the city. Here, the ancient building walls and inviting porticoes create the perfect ambiance for savoring a glass of Pinot Noir in tranquility and indulging in open-air shopping within the pedestrian area. Egna is a harmonious blend of South Tyrolean traditions and Mediterranean flair, providing a unique and memorable experience.

We then make our way to **Trento**, a city dominated by the grandeur of Castello del Buon Consiglio, an emblem of the House of Habsburg's historical influence in the region over many centuries. Trento also boasts architectural gems like the XVI-century Santa Maria Maggiore, a pioneering work of Renaissance and Gothic art, and the Geremia Palace, representing the XVI-century architectural style. Don't miss the opportunity to visit **Piazza Duomo**, graced by the magnificent Cathedral of Saint Vigilius. You'll have the chance to enjoy lunch at your leisure. As our journey draws to a close, we head towards the vibrant city of Milan, marking the end of our enriching tour.

End of services.

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.
- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- A minivan with driver/guide, normally not equipped with wifi, will be provided if the number of participants is equal to or less than eight.
- For organizational reasons, the itinerary may be reversed or modified without notice. In this case, our supplier ensures similar visits and excursions in accordance with the spirit of the tour program.
- Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package