



The old meets the new on this **Crooked Tree tour**, where the extraordinary traditions of Italy are juxtaposed with new tendencies in art and cuisine. Starting out in Venice during the *Biennale* (the world's most important contemporary art show, held every two years), we will spend 8 nights and 9 days exploring art and food in Northern Italy.

Discover the wonders of contemporary art amidst the old-world fascination of Venice, watch where traditional glass making meets modern design in Murano, see Roman ruins and taste the best of down-home cuisine in Verona, visit the world's most important early Renaissance frescoes in Padua, sample bubbly *prosecco* at a vineyard in the valley it comes from, gaze upon the miraculous Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna, and participate in a cooking lesson in Bologna cuisine.

All this and more on this exclusive tour for Crooked Tree members and friends, an unforgettable experience to be shared with people who believe as strongly in the arts as you do.

Itinerary

Departure from the US on Friday, September 8, 2017

Saturday the 9th of September

Arrival at Venice Airport and private transfer to the Hotel
Welcome **Aperitivo** at the hotel in late afternoon.
Night in Venice

Sunday the 10th of September

Walking tour of Venice in the morning with a tour guide and **Gondola ride**.

Afternoon free
Group **dinner**
Night in Venice

Monday the 11th of September

Visit the **Biennale**
Night in Venice

Tuesday the 12th of September

Morning free
After lunch, visit **Murano** to see the glass making process
Night in Venice

Wednesday the 13th of September

Transfer by private bus (45 minutes) to **Conegliano-Valdobbiadene** for a **Prosecco** wine lesson, tasting, and **lunch** in the winery
Transfer to Verona (1 hour 40 minutes)
Night in Verona

Thursday the 14th of September

Walking tour of Verona
Visit the Roman **Arena** and the **Romeo and Juliet** museum
Group **dinner**
Night in Verona

Friday the 15th of September

Transfer by private bus to **Padua** (1 hour)
Visit the town and the **Cappella degli Scrovegni** by **Giotto**.
Private transfer to **Bologna** (1 hour 15 minutes).
Rest of the day free to walk through the historic downtown
Night in Bologna

Saturday the 16th of September

Private transfer to **Ravenna**. Visit **Dante's grave** and the famous Byzantine mosaics in **Mausoleo di Galla Placidia** and **Sant'Apollinare in Classe**.
Return to Bologna
Cooking lesson including our **farewell group dinner**

Sunday the 17th of September

Departure from Bologna for the States