



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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> of September**

Visit the **Biennale**  
Night in Venice

### **Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of September**

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

### **Wednesday the 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> of September**

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

### **Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> of September**

Departure from Bologna for the States