

# ITALY

## DAY 1: JOHANNESBURG

We will meet at O.R. Tambo International Airport. Please ensure that you arrive at the airport at least 3 hours prior to the departure time.

Dinner on board your flight

## DAY 2: VENICE

Arrive in Venice. Transfer to your hotel in Mestre. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon exploring or resting. Tonight go into Venice by train and experience this city at dusk. Enjoy an aperitif alongside the Gran Canale and some light snacks while basking in the autumn sunset and weather of this beautiful city.

Dinner and overnight in Mestre

## DAY 3: VENICE

After breakfast, tour Venice and include trips to the islands of Burano and Murano, the latter being famous for its glass works particularly lampworking. Lunch is served at a typical Venetian restaurant. Enjoy a typical and romantic ride in a Venetian Gondola (at own cost) and sip cocktails on Piazza San Marco. Enjoy the inner city as the locals do for the rest of the afternoon. Make your way back to the train station and take the train to Mestre. Tonight eat and enjoy local hospitality at a local restaurant.

Dinner and overnight in Mestre

## DAY 4: VIVARO

After colazione (breakfast), check out of your accommodation and depart for your next destination. Travel north via Treviso and stop at Bisol where you will experience the tradition on making Prosecco and enjoy a lunch "al fresco". After lunch continue to Vivaro where you will be staying for the following 5 nights. Late afternoon climb onto your bicycles and take a ride into the farmlands, where you will pick your own berries. If cycling is not for you, we will arrange for a horse drawn cart. This afternoon you will be making berry jam (season permitting).

Dinner and overnight at the Gelindo dei Magredi resort in Vivaro

## DAY 5: VIVARO

After breakfast you have some time at leisure before your first cooking lesson. Today you will learn how to make various pastas and a traditional Bolognese Sauce. Lunch will be held "al fresco", including cheeses, ham and other typical dishes from this region. In the afternoon prepare a traditional starter, make gnocchi and finally a dessert. Tonight eat what you prepared and enjoy a long dinner at leisure with local wine and prosecco.

Dinner and overnight at the Gelindo dei Magredi resort in Vivaro

## DAY 6: SAN DANIELE

After a late breakfast make your way to a local Prosecco factory where you will experience the process of how this "sparkling wine" is made in the Charmat method. Visit a "prosciutto" (dry-cured ham) factory where you will be shown the age old tradition of how world famous "Prosciutto di San Daniele" is made. Lunch will be hosted by our host and restaurateur Corado. Enjoy some fine cuisine in this quaint but very well know restaurant just outside the city limits of San Daniele. Return to Gelindo.

Dinner and overnight at the Gelindo dei Magredi resort in Vivaro

## DAY 7: SPILIMBERGO

After breakfast, you will visit Spilimbergo. The town is notable as the home of the Scuola Mosaicisti del Friuli (Mosaic School), which was founded in 1922. It boasts a world famous art school in mosaic works. If it's market day you can browse through the many bargains on offer and taste and sample foods at the food stalls. This is your perfect opportunity to do some shopping and also experience the local markets. Late lunch will be enjoyed in a middle age castle. Possible wine tasting this afternoon. The rest of the evening will be at Leisure with dinner at own account.

Overnight at the Gelindo dei Magredi resort in Vivaro



## DAY 8: VIVARO

This is your last day in Vivaro and Italy, however your experience does not end yet. Enjoy a cart ride to enjoy the early morning fresh air on farm Gelindo dei Magredi. After breakfast and a short break, we commence with our final cooking lesson. Today you prepare fillet in pastry and other interesting side dishes. Lunch will be enjoyed eating what you have prepared. After lunch enjoy a wine tasting in Gelindo's private cellar. Donatello, your host will entertain you all afternoon. Tonight enjoy a traditional Italian "Grillia", or braai alla Italian, consisting of some steak, seasoned Italian sausages, polenta etc.

Overnight at the Gelindo dei Magredi resort in Vivaro

## DAY 9: VIVARO / VENICE

After breakfast, enjoy the morning at leisure. Depart Vivaro for Venice where you will board your flight back to Johannesburg.

Overnight on board your flight

## DAY 10: JOHANNESBURG

Arrive in Johannesburg at O.R. Tambo International Airport.

