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- Enjoy great savings you won't find on your own. □ Safety in numbers and experience in travel.
- Easy phone app that keeps us all updated on our tour □ We organize a webpage for sharing our pictures.
- You have plenty of free time for personal exploration.
- I know how to make your trip that much more special. Just see our reviews!!

### Common Questions

Q. Why is the price so low, does the low cost reflect the quality of the experience? What all is included?

A. No, the low cost does not reflect the quality of the trip: 1. Our travel agency has relationships with airlines, hotels and tour companies all over the world which gives us contracted (discounted) pricing that you won't get booking yourself on line. 2. We are traveling a week before high tourist season, which saves you up to \$500. 3. Coco's purchased this tour a year in advance and got great prices that are passed on to you (save additionally if you have air miles and book your own flight). 4. Included in your price is the following: airfare, all transportation during your trip, all hotels, breakfast and either lunch or dinner daily.

Q. How are the hotels?

A. We choose hotels that have a 4 four star rating or higher (European standards). We also choose properties that either have stunning views and/or central locations so you will be within walking distance to attractions, dining and nightlife. We also prefer hotels that are European, which have charm and history because who wants to stay at a Best Western while in Italy?

Q. Why not just jump on any other tour?

A. Most tour buses hold over 50 people, mostly strangers, We are the only people in our group and not part of a larger group and have our own exclusive bus with big windows, plenty of leg room and a reclining seat. 20 is a great number of travelers, we are all here for the same adventure and quickly develop friendships and great camaraderie. We are all from Nashville or have ties here through a friend or relative in the group.

Q. Why travel with Coco's?

A. Every place we are going to is expecting us and extends their utmost hospitality. Chuck is a seasoned traveler and visitor of Italy...it truly is like traveling with your Italian cousin (that you never knew you had!). They know that the travel agency owner is on the trip and want us to recommend them to our clients so they treat us very, very well.

Q. Why travel with Chuck?

A. There is no place we are going to that I have not been to. When you travel with me there will be no hiccups or unexpected surprises, you will not have any hesitations or second guesses...your trip will be smooth and flawless. I can tell you when and where to go shopping, cash conversions, where to eat, what to order and a whole host of tips that only a seasoned traveler to Italy can answer. My one and only goal is that you have an amazing experience and will recommend and travel with me again (several of my past clients will be on this trip)!

Q. I am a little nervous traveling with a bunch of strangers...will there be a preliminary meeting?

A. Our camaraderie on this adventure starts before we even leave! Several weeks before our adventure, we host a complimentary 'get to know each other' dinner with a buffet from Coco's Italian Market. We all get to know each other through casual conversation and an organized question / answer session. Cynthia, our travel advisor, will go over all the details of your travel documents and we answer all of your questions about what to expect when traveling abroad. There is lots of good info plus things will be brought up that you may not have thought of. It's a fun evening and we all get excited knowing our trip is just around the corner. Plus, we all fill in a questionnaire that is passed out weeks before the trip so that you have a head start and a reference of who each other are.

If you have more questions, please email or call during regular business hours.

It's fun to travel with a friend so send our web-page to your friends and family and I will be glad to talk to them personally.

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# Tour Northern Italy & it's Lakes



with the owner of *Coco's Italian Market* July 15th-23rd, 2020

Explore Northern Italy treasures, history and foods. This is my favorite way to see Italy with long stays in each hotel, daily excursions to great sights, fantastic foods and passionate people. Set against the foothills of the Alps, Northern Italy offers dramatic scenery and a respite from the summer's heat. We will travel with our friend and Italian born host, Mariangela. This is not your average, cookie-cutter tour! This Northern Italy trip is more food and wine centric than most but still an in-depth experience which showcases their wonderful life and culture, at a price you won't find anywhere else. Come see why this is a favorite getaway for the international elite. - *Chuck Cinelli*, Owner of Coco's



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**Highlights: Venice, Padua, Lakes Garda, Como & Maggiore**

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### Day 1 Overnight Flight - Padua

After arriving in Italy, we take a scenic 45 minute drive to Methis Hotel & Spa, our home for the next three days. This wonderful hotel is beautifully set on the banks of the Naviglio River, just outside Padua's historic centre, near Galileo's Specola Observatory. After we freshen up, I will take you to a great spot for an Apertivo, my favorite Italian tradition of cocktails and light sandwiches. We will stroll through Padua's large piazza and anticipate what the next three days will hold for us.



### DAY 2 Padua



Your journey begins in Padua, an ancient city rooted in legend. Set in the picturesque Veneto region, some believe that Padua was founded by war heroes after the fall of Troy. The Bacchiglione River carves its way through the town, resulting in lovely riverside promenades and stone step-bridges. You will love Padua's arcaded streets and stylish cafes frequented by students. The University of Padua, established in 1222 was host to mathematics professor Galileo from 1592 to 1609. Tonight we dine with fellow travelers, get to know our guide Mariangela a little better while enjoying a taste of Italian culture at our welcome dinner.

### DAY 3 Padua - Murano - Venice

Have your cameras charged because, after breakfast, we take a scenic boat ride to Murano Island, known for its intricate glass making. We get a glimpse into the methods behind this fine art and actually watch a fascinating glassblowing demonstration. Next, everything you've always seen in postcards comes alive as you make your way to Venice. We meet up with our local expert as they guide us through this amazing floating city. We start with the sprawling St. Mark's Square and admire the Campanile, a brick bell tower that rises above the piazza. After, we step outside the main square, explore the Castello district, and walk the narrow streets past historic buildings and architecture. This afternoon, we enjoy an afternoon in Venice at leisure. I will guide you to a couple of my favorite lunch spots or perhaps you will opt for a gondola ride through the picture-worthy canals, taking in the city from a different perspective. Tonight, Mariangela and I have a wonderful dinner planned for all of us.



### DAY 4 Padua

Have a hearty breakfast as we start the morning by strolling the streets of Padua with our guide. We will marvel at the rich history inside the Basilica of St. Anthony, a stately cathedral built in the 13th century. Engage with locals and feel the dynamic energy as you walk along open-air markets and street vendors setting up shop in the piazzas. Pass by the ornate Palazzo della Ragione, the former meeting place for the town's council. Feel the history in the air when you see Caffè Pedrocchi, a famous coffee shop frequented by the intellectuals that influenced the Italian Risorgimento of the 19th century. The rest of the day is yours to discover the town however you wish. Perhaps you will choose to go on an exclusive optional tour down the Brenta Canal, enjoying an aperitif on your private boat as you admire the opulent homes on the water's edge. Later, I will help you choose a restaurant or other activity in this wonderful city.

### DAY 5 Padua - Lake Garda - Lake Maggiore

After breakfast we head to Sirmione, an old village situated on the shores of Lake Garda. We embark on a boat ride through the Sirmione peninsula and see the famous sinking castle, a rare example of medieval port fortification. At our leisure we will discover the narrow streets or simply relax alongside the bright blue waves of the lake. There is no better way to end the day than being on stunning Lake Maggiore and toast to the start of your leisurely 4-night stay at Zacchera Hotel, family owned for over 150 years and known internationally for its historic elegance.



### DAY 6 Lake Maggiore

After breakfast we start the day at leisure and take in the nearby lakeside streets and spend the day where the jet setters of the world vacation. There is an optional tour where we coast along the graceful water of Lake Maggiore by boat for an up-close look at the Borromean Islands before docking at Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." There we will join a local expert and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a seaside Baroque beauty with exotic gardens. Then, return to your boat and cruise by the remaining Borromean Islands. Tonight, Mariangela and I have a glorious dinner planned for us all.



### DAY 7 Lake Maggiore

The entire day is yours! How often does that happen on a guided tour? Let me tell you...NEVER. So enjoy the glamorous life in Italian Lake district. Maybe soak up the sun on the beach, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. We have an optional tour to Lugano, Switzerland, where you can see the lake from the other side of the Italian border.



### DAY 8 Lake Maggiore - Lake Como

Indulge in a day of sunshine and scenic peaks at the paradise of Lake Como, nestled against the Alps and a beloved retreat for the rich and famous. There we enjoy a guided cruise of the waters before stopping in Bellagio, the pearl of the lake, an ancient peninsula that fosters winding streets and unparalleled views. Enjoy some free time to discover the city's secrets on your own now that you are a seasoned traveler or ask me for some recommendations. Later we return to Lake Maggiore and venture to

Isola dei Pescatori by boat, enjoying a farewell dinner of local cuisine to celebrate the end of your trip.

### DAY 9 Lake Maggiore - Milan

After breakfast we say *arrivederci* to Italy as our tour comes to a close. Ask Cynthia about extending a couple extra days in Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being a hub of high fashion and historic architecture.

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