

IN VINO VERITAS - MISSION: CENTRAL EUROPE

Adventure across wine districts of 4 countries

1st day Arrival in Vienna, meeting our specialized tour escort guide

2nd day City tour in Vienna – often described as Europe's cultural capital

Visit to Grinzing, old Viennese wine village, famous for its vineyards and numerous Heurigers – traditional wine-taverns in which wine-growers serve their youngest wines. Wine tasting and dinner in a Heuriger.

3rd day Wachau wine region – Austria

Stretching from the imposing Monastery of Melk to the city limits of Vienna, the prime winegrowing areas of Wachau are strung like pearls along the blue Danube River. The river winds through a stunning landscape that varies from steep, terraced vineyards to rolling hills and forests that are marked by historic cloisters and majestic castles.

Visit to Melk - Melk has been a spiritual and cultural center of Austria for more than 1000 years, first as a castle then, from 1089, as a Benedictine monastery.

4th day Sopron / Pannonhalma wine regions - Hungary

The Sopron wine region, home to Blue Frankish, is one of the oldest wine growing regions in Hungary. The wine growing and wine making culture in this territory started with the Celts and the ancient Romans.

In the afternoon - travel to Pannonhalma - The first written documents of the smallest wine region of Hungary date back to 1002, when the Benedictine monks founded their first monastery.

Visit to Pannonhalma Archabbey, one of the oldest historical monuments in Hungary, Wine tasting at Abbey Winery Pannonhalma
In the evening - travel to Budapest

5th day Sightseeing in Budapest – a city that represents a stunning journey through two thousand years of history /Optional programme – visit to Etyek-Buda wine region

6th day Eger wine region – Hungary

Eger is home to the legendary 'Bull's Blood of Eger' (Egri Bikavér), perhaps the best-known Hungarian red wine abroad. Based on Kékfrankos (Blaufränkisch), Bull's Blood is a cuvee, a blend of three or more grapes, matured in oak barrels for at least 12 months. Eger is also home to some fresh whites, as white grapes also have long-lasting traditions in the region.

City tour in Eger - a historic town with splendid Baroque architecture, robust wine, thermal and medicinal waters

In the afternoon arrival at Tokaj

7th day Tokaj-Hegyalja wine region - Hungary

Located in the foothills of Northern Hungary, the Tokaj-Hegyalja wine region has been famous for its delicious sweet wines for centuries. The Tokaji wine became internationally renowned when Louis XIV served it to his court at Versailles in 1703 and named it the "wine of kings, the king of wines." In 2002, UNESCO recognized the more than 1,000 continuous years of Tokaji Aszú production by declaring Tokaj a World Heritage Site.

8th day Balatonfüred-Csopak wine region – Hungary

On the way to Balatonfüred we stop by Gödöllő – visit to The Royal Palace, the largest baroque palace in Hungary and one of the largest in Europe / traditional Hungarian lunch at an equestrian park
The 150-year-old wine-houses in the Balatonfüred-Csopak region offer a look back at traditional winemaking. Other attractions include the Tihany Peninsula with the picturesque village of Tihany and Balatonfüred, a historical bathing town.



9th day Badacsony wine region – Hungary

Perhaps the most famous wine region around Lake Balaton is Badacsony, where Cistercian monks planted the first vines on the slopes in 1375. In Badacsony the quality of the wines is accompanied by the stunning beauty of the scenery.
In the evening – arrival in Ljubjana



10th day Sightseeing in Ljubjana, the Slovenian capital, famous for its small-town friendliness

Primorje wine region - Slovenia is the most internationally recognised region in Slovenia. Tucked away in a small corner on the Italian border, the Goriška Brda region is Slovenia's answer to Tuscany.

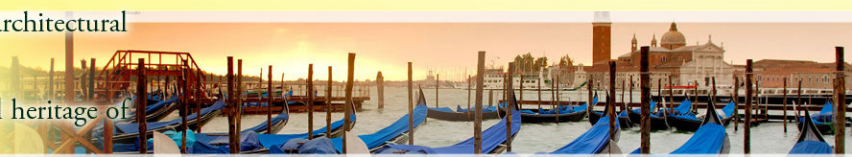


11th day Visit to Predjama castle / Postojna caves – an amazing underworld of 2 million-year-old caves

Friuli-Venezia Giulia wine region – Italy - The most fitting descriptor for the luminous white wines of Friuli-Venezia Giulia is “intelligent.” Italy’s northeastern most region is the crossroad of Europe’s Latin, Germanic and Slavic cultures.



12th day City tour in Venice – an extraordinary architectural masterpiece spread over 118 small islands



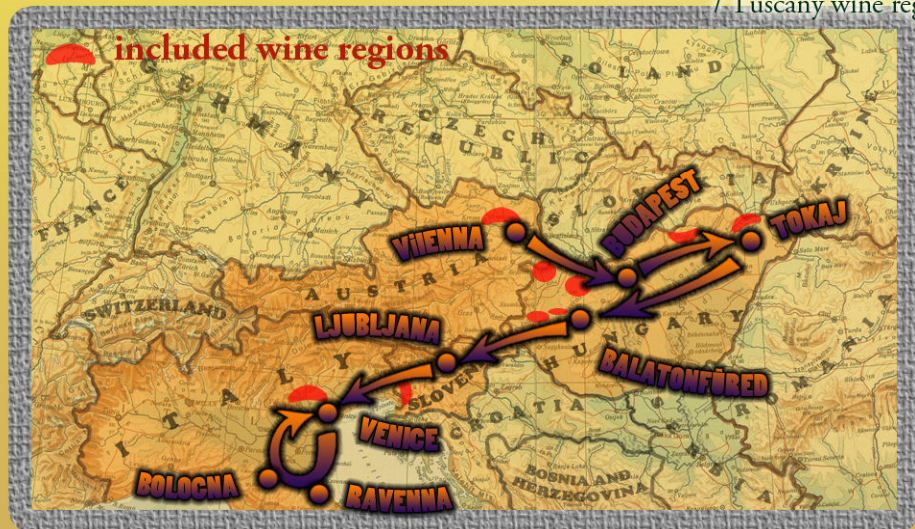
13th day Padua-Ravenna-Bologna – Exploring the cultural heritage of the Veneto Region of Italy



14th day Veneto wine region - Italy

Veneto is slightly smaller than Italy’s other main wine-producing regions – Piedmont, Tuscany, Lombardy, Puglia and Sicily – yet it generates more wine than any of them, gaining recognition with such wines as Valpolicella, Amarone, Soave and Prosecco.
Garda Lake – the picturesque Scaliger castle dates from the 13th century and visitors can see a ruined Roman spa named the Grotte di Catullo

15th day Departure - Extensions are possible to Transylvania wine region, to Istria/North – Dalmatia wine regions and to Emilia-Romagna / Tuscany wine regions



*NB: The programme may suffer some changes according to opening hours
It can be extended or modified on request*

The price depends on season, number of guests, type of accomodation, quantity and quality of tasted wines, etc...