

Durgan Travel Service *presents...*

TRIESTE & VENICE

9 Days/7 Nights

Featuring: **Grado, Aquila, Udine,**

San Daniele, Treviso, The Prosecco Wine Road & in Slovenia, the medieval town of Piran & the resort city of Portoroz
SPRING/FALL DEPARTURES

\$TBA for groups of 20-24 passengers

\$TBA for groups of 25-29 passengers

\$TBA for groups of 30-34 passengers

\$TBA for groups of 35-39 passengers

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Trieste was named the "most underrated tourist destination" by Lonely Planet in 2012 and "most underrated destination in Italy, full of lesser-known finds" by Travel & Leisure in 2014. This translates into fewer tourist crowds and lower prices for us! Come discover why this region is so fascinating, from its interesting history and castles to its wine and delicious food. The region has wide open spaces sprinkled with small historic villages, offering artistic treasures in unspoiled nature. Its rich tradition of food and wine has influences from Middle Europe, Mediterranean, and Slavic countries. The area is known for its San Daniele ham, charcuterie, cheeses, and seafood from the Adriatic Sea. Plus we'll spend a day in Slovenia! We recommend visiting www.turismofvg.it/home and www.portoroz.si/en for more information on this beautiful region.

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT TRIESTE & VENICE TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~VENICE: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Venice (via an intermediate city) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – VENICE~TRIESTE: "Benvenuti in Italia" Upon arrival at the airport in Venice, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us transfer. We'll board our private motorcoach for the scenic drive to Trieste and check into our 4-star hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is free to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. "Welcome Dinner" and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 4 – TRIESTE~MIRAMARE REGION: After breakfast at our hotel, today, we will take a guided walking tour of Trieste, the capital of the Province of Friuli-Venezia Giulia, including the Roman Theater and Forum, the Augustan Triumphal Arch, the Castello, the Cathedral of San Giusto, the seafront palaces, and Piazza Unità d'Italia. After our tour, we will tour the magnificent Miramare Castle (top photo), completed in 1870 as a future home for Archduke Ferdinand Maximilian and Princess Charlotte. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – AQUILEIA~GRADO: After breakfast, we will travel to Aquileia for a guided walking tour of this immense Roman city, now a World Heritage Archaeological Site by UNESCO, founded in 181 BC. Next, we will tour the island-town of Grado (which means "Golden Island" for the color of its beaches) through its narrow paths and tiny squares, past 100-year-old churches, and charming fishermen's houses. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – UDINE~SAN DANIELE: After breakfast, we'll depart for Udine, where we'll enjoy a morning guided walking tour. Udine is particularly known for its Venetian style and flair. In the Piazza Libertà (bottom photo), the Loggia del Lionello will certainly remind us of the Doge's Palace and St. Mark's Square in Venice. Our tour will also visit the Cathedral and the Oratorio della Purità. In the afternoon, we will visit San Daniele, famous for its architectural beauty and enchanting environment. San Daniele is particularly renowned for its exquisite prosciutto, and our tour here will end with a visit to a prosciutto factory to savor this mouth-watering delicacy! Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 6 – PIRAN~PORTOROZ, SLOVENIA: After breakfast, we'll cross the border into Slovenia for our visit the medieval town of Piran, at the tip of the Piran Peninsula. Piran resembles a large open-air museum with its medieval architecture and rich cultural heritage. Our guided walking tour will take us through Piran's narrow streets and past its quaint Venetian-style buildings, which rise in steps from the coast to the hillside, giving the town a distinctly Mediterranean look. Next, we will visit Portoroz, "the Port of Roses," for a guided tour of this most popular of Slovenian resorts on the Adriatic Sea. We'll have some time at leisure to maybe visit one of the three Riviera-style casinos. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – PROSECCO WINE ROAD~TREVISO~VENICE: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will head south, first stopping at Palmanova, a star-shaped fortress town. Then we'll continue on to Venice. En route, we will discover the Prosecco Wine Road, which extends from Conegliano to Valdobbiadene – a continuous line of golden vineyards nestled among the gently rolling hillsides. This picturesque vista is dotted every now and then with a magnificent abbey, a solitary tree, or the odd, rustic farmhouse. We will also stop at a winery along our journey to sample a local vintage! Later in the afternoon, we will visit the medieval walled town of Treviso at the confluence of the Sile and Botteniga rivers. We will enjoy a guided walking tour of the Old Town city center, which interweaves the charm and beauty of streams, porticoes, little bridges, elegant mansions, old city walls, and red brick houses. Continue on to Venice and the Tronchetto Coach Park, where we will board a *vaporetto* which will transfer us to the island of Venice for check-in at our first class hotel. We'll enjoy dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

DAY 8 – VENICE: After breakfast, we will board a water taxi for a trip along the Grand Canal to Riva degli Schiavoni. Our guided walking tour of Venice, "the Queen of the Adriatic," begins with a tour of St. Mark's Square where we will see the Basilica and the Campanile, before

moving on to the famous Doge's Palace, the Bridge of Sighs, Piombi Prison, and many more of the city's most historic and well-known landmarks. Our tour will end at a local glass factory on the island of Murano (*famous the world over for its fine Venetian glass*) to observe first-hand how the artisans create these unique, hand-blown objects. Return to our hotel via water taxi. We will gather for a "Farewell Dinner" at a local restaurant this evening. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – VENICE~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll transfer to the airport, where we will board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT TRIESTE & VENICE TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ✦ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ✦ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ✦ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Venice and return, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- ✦ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a deluxe, private, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ✦ 5-nights' 4-star accommodations in Trieste, and 2-nights' accommodations at a first-class hotel in Venice, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ✦ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ✦ Breakfast (B) each morning and dinner (D) each evening (*5 dinners at the hotel and 2 restaurant dinners*).
- ✦ Water taxi transfers in Venice.
- ✦ Comprehensive sightseeing package, as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable.
- ✦ Services of a full-time Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ✦ Expert English-speaking step-on guides, where required.
- ✦ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ✦ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with **Durgan Travel Service** are automatically enrolled in **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292)** if they checked off the "YES" box on the Reservation Form. Please **ONLY** call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24 hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

RESPONSIBILITY: Durgan Travel Service and their agents, in accepting bookings for this tour, clearly stipulate that they are not liable for faults or defaults of other companies and persons that may be used in the carrying-out of the tour services, also for accidents, baggage losses, delays, or cancellations, strikes, political unrest, riots, and acts of God and war, and changes in schedules. In the event it becomes necessary or advisable, for the comfort or well-being of the passengers, or for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made without penalty to the operator. Additional expenses, if any, shall be borne by the passengers. The right is reserved to withdraw the tour due to insufficient participation or for any reason whatsoever; also to decline to accept or to retain any person as members of the tour. The airlines and bus lines concerned are not to be held responsible for any acts, omissions, or events during the time the passengers are not onboard. The pass contract in use by the airlines or bus companies concerned constitutes the sole contract between the company and purchase of this tour and/or passengers. The issuance and acceptance of receipt tickets and/or tour membership coupons, along with making the initial deposit, shall be deemed to be consent to and acceptance of the foregoing terms and conditions.

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