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Tours for Accompanying Persons

June 13th, 2008

Bergamo Alta and the Franciacorta Region

1. Tour Description

This tour will offer you the opportunity to discover one of the charming treasure of Lombardy region, the historical center of Bergamo, as well as to taste the flavour of a unique eno-gastronomic itinerary in the Franciacorta region.



After a transfer by private bus, the morning will be dedicated to the city of Bergamo, founded on a hill by a first very old settlement in the protohistoric age, which gave it its peculiar configuration. The oldest part of the town, called "Città Alta" (Upper City), consists of the historic centre characterized by an extraordinary heritage of art and architecture, while the modern part, called "Città Bassa" (Lower City), has developed in the valley below. Celts, Goths, Romans, and Lombards succeeded on the hill, but the four centuries under the Venetian domination were probably the most significant period, when Venice and Bergamo were very close both from historical and cultural point of view.

The heart of the old town is Piazza Vecchia, enriched by remarkable historical monuments as the Palazzo del Comune or Palazzo della Ragione, the Comune Tower, the Venetian Mayor's House and the Library Angelo Mai, formerly the town hall. All around the Cathedral Square, some buildings of unique architectural and artistic value are the Cathedral, S. Maria Maggiore church, the Baptistery and the Colleoni Chapel, one of the most significant examples of the Lombard Renaissance.

At the end of the visit of Bergamo Alta, a bus transfer will offer you a panoramic view of the enchanting hills of Franciacorta region, a beautiful area in the heart of Lombardy, south of Lake Iseo. Its hills covered with vineyards hide a precious treasure: the Franciacorta wine. The history of viticulture in the area of Franciacorta is centuries old and the quality of the produced wines is so high that the region received in the 1967 the DOC classification and in the 1995 also the DOCG classification for its sparkling wine, the first Italian sparkling wine to receive this honor.



This visit will include at lunchtime an eno-gastronomic tasting in one of the most well-known producer of sparkling wines in Franciacorta. A unique eno-gastronomic itinerary will also be offered during the guided visit of the wine production area. A visit to ancient ruins of the area will close the tour.

2. Tour Scheduling (Tentative)

8,30-10,00	Transfer from Varenna to Bergamo by bus
10,00-12,30	Visit of the historical center of Bergamo
12,30-13,30	Transfer to Franciacorta and eno-gastronomic tasting
13,30-15,00	Visit of the wine production area with eno-gastronomic itinerary
15,00-16,30	Visit of ancient ruins
16,30-18,00	Return to Varenna by bus

3. Booking and Payment

The tour is managed by Promoest Agency.

The ticket cost is 95,00 Euros per person. This includes the cost of transfers by bus from/to Varenna, the eno-gastronomic tasting at Franciacorta, the entrance to the visited sites, and the guided visits described in the program.

Accompanying persons registered at the Symposium are entitled to receive also a packet lunch at the Hotel Villa Cipressi without additional costs. The packet lunch must be required one day in advance and personally taken before leaving for the tour.

The tour is intended for a minimum of 10 participants. In case this minimum number is not reached, registered participants will be refunded.

To join the tour please complete the registration process at the following Promoest website:
<http://www.ialcce08tour.promoest.com>

Deadline for booking is May 30th, 2008. After this date tickets will be subjected to availability.

Should you have any inquiry about this tour please contact Ms. Nicoletta Ceriani at:
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