



Big 10th
Anniversary
Extravaganza!

Amore in Italy

A Culinary
Adventure in
Northern Italy

October 6—13,
2025

Hosted by
Amore Trattoria Italiana
+ Onward Travel

For more than a decade, Chef Jenna and Onward Travel have been touring Italy with small groups, traversing the country with a culinary lens and having way too much fun along the way!

Each tour is unique... featuring the flavors, people, and treasures of the region. Chef Jenna's Italian language fluency, obsession with local food culture, and contagious enthusiasm make these trips so much fun... We are now excited to debut a special week-long large group tour to Northern Italy to celebrate our travel anniversary. 48 travelers are invited to join Chef Jenna and Kat of Onward Travel for a week like no other exploring some of our favorite destinations with some of our favorite locals!

Fly in and out of MXP, Milan Malpensa Airport, and we'll handle it from there: The first four nights will be spent at an atmospheric 17th century *borgo* where you'll cook with Chef Jenna and our mozzarella maker friend Biaggio. Taste Chianti Classico and olive oil at the source; visit Florence, San Gimignano, and villages in Chianti; and feast your eyes on the rolling hills of Tuscany peppered with olive trees and vineyards. Then, we're off to Modena for two nights to dine at Chef Jenna's favorite restaurant: Antica Moka; taste Parmesan and balsamic vinegar; and tour Modena including the Ferrari Museum and covered market. The tour will end with a day spent exploring the Cinque Terre by boat, rail, and foot complete with a wine lunch and millions of photo ops. So much fun awaits on this extravaganza tour like no other!

Imagine
yourself...

Cooking (and eating!)
fresh pasta and local
specialties

Taste local artisan
products in foodie
heaven Emilia-Romagna

Boating along the
Cinque Terre coastline



BORGO SAN LUIGI
Our lodgings in Tuscany are at a photogenic 17th-century *borgo*, which is a small Italian settlement or cluster of buildings.

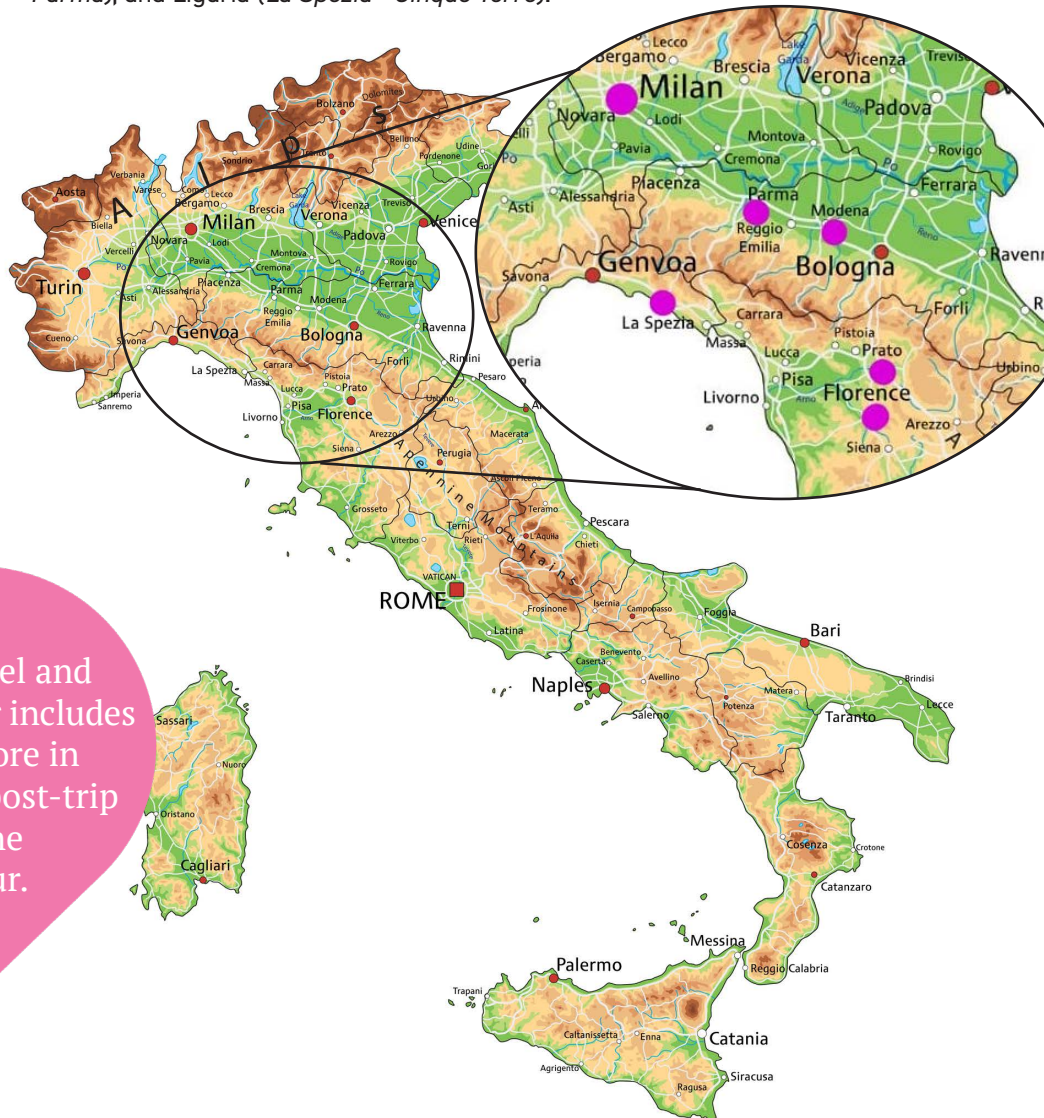
Join us for the Big 10th Anniversary Extravaganza!

This packet contains all of the info you should need, including a Daily Itinerary, FAQ section, Air Travel details and much more.

Registration opens at 10:00 am EST on Tuesday, February 4 at www.onwardtravel.co/amore

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

This special edition of *Amore in Italy* will visit four different Italian regions: Lombardy (*Milan*), Tuscany (*Florence, etc.*), Emilia-Romagna (*Modena, Parma*), and Liguria (*La Spezia - Cinque Terre*).



Become a part of Amore's travel and food loving community! This tour includes a pre-tour happy hour at Amore in September and in November a post-trip dinner reliving some of the favorite bites from the tour. There will also be an option to order a "Team Amore" hoodie!

TUSCANY

Monday October 6—Thursday October 9

Benvenuti! You're in Italy! Arrive to MXP by 8am to meet the bus, or come early for city center or airport hotel pickup, and we'll kick off our week together! [See the flight booking page for more details.](#)

We're hitting the A1 due south for our first destination, the perfect place to stretch your legs and shake off some jetlag, the largest labyrinth in the world called *Labirinto della Masone*. Wander this unique garden and view the extensive art collection. We'll enjoy lunch together in their classy restaurant before setting off for Tuscany.

After a pitstop at an Autogrill and a glass of bus wine (if you know you know), we'll arrive to our home base in Tuscany. We're staying on the edge of Chianti, halfway between Florence and Siena. Get settled and enjoy strolling the extensive grounds of Borgo San Luigi... soon some wine will be shared and then a delicious welcome dinner.



The next three full days will be spent exploring Tuscany. Daytrips will be complemented with relaxing dinners at the *Borgo*. On Tuesday, we'll visit legendary Chianti to stroll charming Greve in Chianti and have lunch at our favorite local winemakers, Agricola Altiero, a small family-run operation producing "the best wines in the world." After lunch, visit Montefioralle, a tiny, hilltop stone village, with 360 degree views of the Tuscan countryside. You'll feel like you've landed in a movie set, but this is real life in Tuscany!

Wednesday morning we'll visit nearby San Gimignano, known as "Medieval Manhattan" for its iconic skyline of 14 towers built between the 11th-13th centuries. Then we're off to Florence where you'll have lunch on your own, and an option to join a walking tour based on your interests (additional fee) or explore the city at your own pace. It's paradise for art and shopping lovers! We'll convene for dinner in Florence tonight at a nice osteria.

Arrival in Milan

Amore in Italy begins in Milan but we are not visiting the city as part of the tour. You may like to come early to explore Milano! We always recommend arriving early if you can as it's nice to have some time to acclimate before the tour commences. And there's so much to see and do.

Milan Malpensa Airport is located about 35 miles from the city center. The Malpensa Express train connects the airport with the city center, every 30 minutes. It's a 51 minute journey to Milan Central station. Onward Travel will provide sightseeing suggestions and arrange a small group guided tour that you may join for an additional fee. Details to be provided, please indicate interest on your registration form. Hotel rooms are being held at Hotel Berna, conveniently located near the train station for those arriving early.

We are also holding hotel rooms for early arrivals at the hotel near the airport where we end our tour, Hotel Osteria della Pista, there is a great onsite restaurant if you want to come a day early just to rest up without going into the city center.

When the tour begins on October 6th we will pick up travelers from MXP Airport as well as the two designated early arrival hotels.

Hotel Osteria Della Pista (airport hotel)
Nightly rate: \$145 double occupancy | \$110 single occupancy
Breakfast, city tax and arrival airport shuttle included

Hotel Berna (city center hotel)
Nightly rate: \$250 double occupancy | \$200 single occupancy
Breakfast and city tax included

After a couple full days, it will be nice to spend Thursday at the Borgo immersed in culinary pleasures. Enjoy a morning cooking class, with Chef Jenna and the Borgo's culinary team... followed by a delectable lunch of our own creations. This afternoon, we'll have a *plein air* painting class and plenty of opportunities for R&R. And the best surprise of all: friend and cheesemaker Biagio Staiano is traveling to Tuscany from his home on the Amalfi Coast to make mozzarella with us! It will be a very delicious and relaxed day.



Modena

Friday October 10 & Saturday October 11

Grab your bags, we're headed north. Welcome to food enthusiast paradise! This is the region of Italy with the most number of food products that are government recognized and protected, classified as DOP and ICP. Parmigiano Reggiano cheese, Parma ham, traditional balsamic vinegar from Modena, Culatello salami, tagliatelle and tortellini pasta... we'll taste all these amazing foods and connect with the producers who keep traditions alive. We'll also sip the region's local wines, including effervescent high quality Lambrusco.

Our base for two nights in Emilia-Romagna will be picturesque Modena. We'll arrive midmorning on Friday, ready to take on the town! We'll walk together to the covered market, a hub of food sales and appreciation since the early 1900s. Then we'll turn you loose to enjoy strolling the town... don't miss the magnificent 12th-century Duomo di Modena. Meet at our hotel in the afternoon to check in, and for those who would like, visit the nearby Enzo Ferrari museum. Also rest up a bit before dinner tonight as it will be a very special experience! We're having a gourmet multi-course feast at Antica Moka, where Jenna's friend Chef Anna Maria runs the kitchen with precision.

Saturday morning we're traveling to a nearby *caseificio* (cheese factory) to learn all about the production of Parmigiano Reggiano. Learn the interesting process and history. Taste several parmesan cheeses...you will now forever be a parmesan-snob! Good thing you can load up on the good stuff in their store. Then it's time to appreciate vinegar. We'll tour a family-run *acetaia* (vinegar cellar/production facility) to learn all about this liquid gold and then enjoy lunch at their on-site restaurant. We'll return to Modena mid-afternoon and the rest of the day is yours to enjoy as you please.



Cinque Terre

Sunday October 12

We'll depart Modena bright and early this morning as we have a very special destination. The Cinque Terre is a magical stretch of coastline encompassing five fishing villages built on cliffs with pastel-colored buildings, terraced cliffside grapevines and olive groves, and charming piazzas. This stretch of coastline - from Riomaggiore to Monterosso - is a UNESCO world heritage site, because it represents "the harmonious interaction between people and nature to produce a landscape of exceptional scenic quality." It is truly a sight to behold.

From the port town of La Spezia, charming local guide Margherita will be waiting. We'll board a boat and head off to marvel at this coastline from the water. Eventually we'll arrive in the largest village (still tiny) - Monterosso - where we'll head to a family owned winery for a gourmet lunch of Ligurian pesto pasta paired with hyper local wines. The Cinque Terre's villages used to only be accessed by sea or a vast network of foot paths. In the late 19th century, a train was built and it is now great fun to take the quick train ride between villages, admiring the character and depth of each. Enjoy some free time to wander before we hop on the train to Levanto where our bus will be waiting to take us 2.5 hours north to Milan.

We're staying near the airport tonight to accommodate tomorrow's departures. But we'll have one last hurrah as our favorite airport hotel has earned that position due to their excellent restaurant. We'll have a tasty farewell dinner at their popular osteria to cap off our time together!

Homeward Bound

Monday October 13

You may depart any time from Milan Malpensa MXP Airport. No activities are scheduled today. Airport transfers will be arranged depending on departure times. Head home with wonderful memories and new friends!

EXTEND YOUR STAY IN ITALY

The Malpensa Express train, at the airport, connects you with the city center train stations, convenient for those who would like to extend their stay in Italy and travel elsewhere by train. See train schedules at www.trenitalia.com. Many flights are also available from MXP.

If you wish to add night(s) at Hotel Osteria della Pista, nightly room rates are \$135 based on double occupancy and \$90 based on single occupancy, including breakfast.

It is possible to use Hotel Osteria della Pista as a base to explore Milan and surrounds. The Casorate Sempione train station is a 5-10 minute walk from the hotel. Tickets can be purchased directly on the train and it is a 40 minute train ride to Milan Porta Garibaldi, one of Milan's central stations. A taxi is 100-150€ euro and around an hour, traffic depending.

FAQ's & AIR TRAVEL DETAILS *Amore in Italy: Anniversary Extravaganza*

What's included?

Please see page 6 of the itinerary, but also note that almost everything is included for your week in Italy. There are just a few meals on your own and of course your pocket/spending money. International airfare is not included, but once you arrive to Italy, this vacation is mostly all-inclusive allowing you to enjoy yourself fully.

I'd like to extend my time in Italy, please advise.

That's a great idea! The tour begins and ends in Milan, where you can get train and flight connections all over Italy and Europe. We also recommend arriving early to enjoy Milan for a day or two.

Can I join *Amore in Italy* as a solo traveler?

Absolutely! Our groups are made up of couples, friends, family members and solo travelers. The camaraderie and shared experience is one of the best parts of travel. Our groups mesh and bond and have a lot of fun together. You are very welcome to come on your own and you'll be in good company!

If you'd like your own room, a single supplement applies, meaning you'll pay a bit extra for private accommodations. The single supplement for this tour is \$475 so a person traveling solo pays \$3,450 + \$475 = \$3,925 total. If you'd like us to attempt to match you with a roommate, please select that on the registration form.

What should I do about (insert phone / credit card / hair dryer)??

Before the tour we'll snail mail you a guide to answer all your questions about international travel: phone, money, packing list, etc! And of course we're there along the way to assist.

Do I need a visa to travel to Italy?

There may be ETIAS visa requirements in place by Fall 2025, for Americans traveling to the Schengen area, including Italy. We will inform you of requirements. If in place, this will be easy and inexpensive to obtain.

I have an allergy, dietary restriction or preference, can this be accommodated??

Yes, of course! Fun fact... both of your trip hosts - Kat and Chef Jenna - are vegetarian. However, some of the restaurants we're dining at said they cannot guarantee no cross contamination, so while gluten free is no problem, this tour is not ideal for those with Celiac disease.

Can you help me book airfare?

Please see below!

Still have a few questions?

Send us an email:
letsgo@onwardtravel.co



Onward Travel is a boutique travel planning company that carefully assembles itineraries to create an authentic, engaging trip that exposes the destination and roots travelers to the place. Onward was founded by two sisters, inspired by their family's cooking school on a farm in Bucks County, PA that offered culinary-focused travel to customers for over two decades.

Air Travel Details

Onward Travel is happy to assist you with booking airfare for this adventure. If you'd like help with airfare, please email us at letsgo@onwardtravel.co. We will look at the best options based on your preferences, and send you flight information. We then suggest you book directly with the airline. But please read this page carefully as it may provide you with all the information you need.

A few notes about researching and booking flights:

- ⇒ Our favorite website for researching flights is www.kayak.com as it is a good resource to see all the flights available.
- ⇒ Once you know what you want to book, we recommend booking the flights directly with the airline (i.e. www.united.com) not with 3rd parties like Expedia and never "hacker fares." However, take this with a grain of salt. If you find a good deal and you want to go for it... you do you! But if you have any issues during travel, it's much better to be working directly with the airline on rebooking.
- ⇒ Please book layovers that are 1.5 hours long at a minimum.
- ⇒ **When you've booked, please forward your flight details to letsgo@onwardtravel.co**

The tour is planned with the following flight in mind, arriving at Milan Malpensa Airport* (MXP) at 7:30am on 10/6. If you cannot arrive by 8am on 10/6, please plan to arrive a day (or more) early - it's always a great idea to get your "sea legs" before the tour officially starts.

Depart October 5th for the overnight transatlantic flight. Travel via Newark (EWR).



12:28 pm – 7:30 am⁺
United Airlines

1 stop

EWR

13h 02m

GRR-MXP

Return October 13th. Travel via Chicago (ORD).



3:20 pm – 11:49 pm
United Airlines

1 stop

ORD

14h 29m

MXP-GRR

**Please note that Milan has multiple airports and they are not very close to one another. The tour begins and ends at the largest one, Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP). If you fly in or out of a different airport, your airport transfers will be at your own cost.*

TRIP ESSENTIALS *Amore in Italy: Big 10th Anniversary Extravaganza*

BEGINS	<p>Milan, Italy on Monday October 6, 2025 <i>Please book a flight that arrives in Milan by 8am on 10/6 or plan to arrive a day (or more) early.</i></p> <p>Pick-ups will be provided from MXP Airport, Hotel Osteria Della Pista and a City Center Hotel (TBD)</p>
ENDS	<p>Milan, Italy on Monday October 13, 2025 <i>No activities are scheduled for today.</i></p> <p>Onward Travel will arrange transfers to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)</p>
SUITABILITY & MOBILITY	<p>This tour includes walking for 15-30 minutes at a time, plus stairs and cobblestones. Travelers may always opt out of activities they deem too physically challenging but refunds will not be provided.</p>
TRIP LENGTH	<p>8 days, 7 nights</p>
LODGING	<p>Unique lodging with a sense of places has been selected for <i>Amore in Italy</i>.</p> <p><i>Borgo San Luigi</i> 4 Nights This 73-room hotel is its own little hamlet with plenty of green spaces to stroll and 17th-century atmosphere. Rooms are Italian style and comfortable; upgrades available.</p> <p><i>Best Western Premier Milano Palace Hotel</i> 2 Nights A modern, well appointed four star hotel located a 10 minute walk to the city center.</p> <p><i>Hotel Osteria della Pista</i> 1 Night 10-minutes from MXP airport but worlds away. This comfortable independent hotel has a terrific restaurant on-site.</p>
TOUR DATES & PRICE	<p>October 6—13, 2025</p> <p>Double Occupancy \$3,450 per traveler Single Supplement \$475</p> <p>Please note that air travel is not included and a current passport is required for travel to Italy. You are welcome to pay by credit card, please add a 3% surcharge.</p>

Registration:

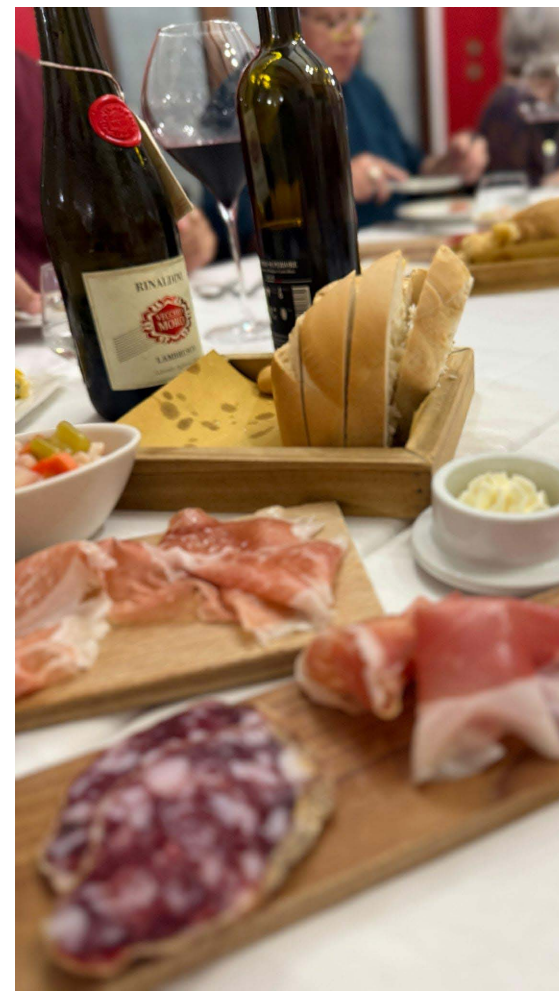
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Visit onwardtravel.co/amore to complete the registration form and submit payment.

\$1000 deposit (\$250 non-refundable) due upon booking, balance due by August 1, 2025.

Trip price includes the following:

- Pre-tour happy hour and post-tour dinner at Amore Trattoria
- Airport transfers and ground transportation to/from all scheduled activities
- Seven nights accommodations in private en-suite rooms
- Most meals: daily breakfasts, five lunches, and six dinners. We have fantastic gourmet experiences, wine included, of course!
- Onward Travel Tour Director and local guide services throughout the tour to truly understand our destination.
- Activities, tastings, cooking classes, and tours as detailed in the itinerary.
- Taxes and gratuities.



TRAVELER INFORMATION *Amore in Italy: Anniversary Extravaganza*

Please take note of the following useful information, and view more at www.onwardtravel.co/letsgo



Once Onward Travel receives your registration form, we will send you an **invoice** with instructions to pay the **deposit**.



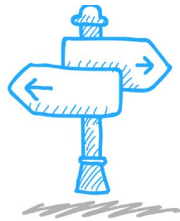
If you'd like to purchase **trip insurance**, we suggest Travelex. For more info, call them at 800-228-9792 or visit www.travelexinsurance.com and refer to location number 32-0704.



Four to six weeks before the tour **we will mail you a packet** with a packing list, traveler directory and other useful info.



Make sure you know where your **passport** is now! For travel to Italy it should be valid for six months beyond your return date.



Onward Travel's cancellation policy in a nutshell:

- \$250 of your initial deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 90 days and the full deposit is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 60 days and 50% of total trip fee is nonrefundable
- Cancel within 30 days and the full trip fee is nonrefundable

See the full [Terms & Conditions](http://www.onwardtravel.co/terms) at www.onwardtravel.co/terms



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