

CHRISTMAS MARKETS IN VERONA AND PALAZZO DUCALE IN MANTOVA

Gastronomy and culture in a weekend



DAYS: 7/8 December or 21/22 December



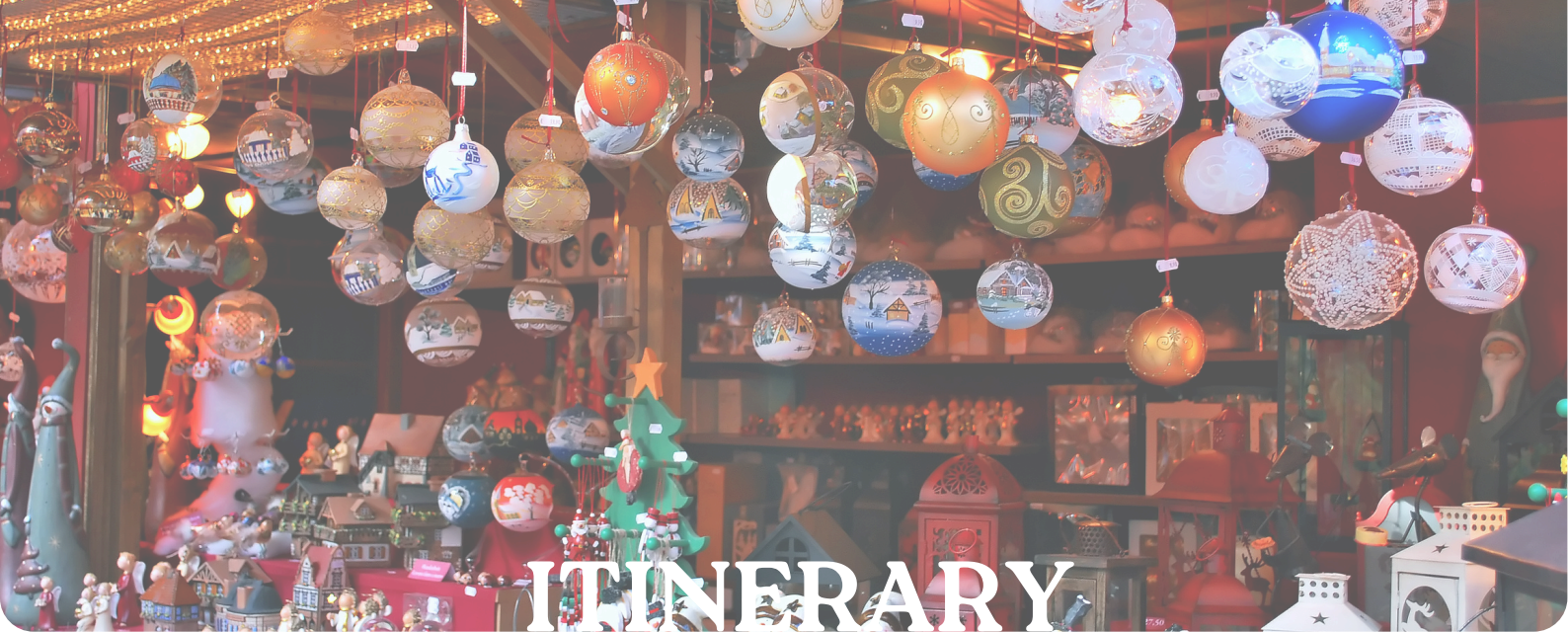
MINIMUM NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS: 25

INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATION FEE: €280.00

Single bedroom supplement: 40.00 €

The fee includes: travel by Gran Turismo coach, accommodation in a 3-star hotel in double/twin rooms, full board from dinner on day 1 to lunch on day 2 (drinks at meals in the measure of $\frac{1}{4}$ wine and $\frac{1}{2}$ mineral water), local guides in Verona and Mantova, entrance to the Ducal Palace of Mantova.

The fee does not include: various entrances where not specified, personal extras and anything not indicated in the item "the fee includes".



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DAY 1

Day 1:

Meeting of participants at 6.00 and departure for Verona. Arrival in the capital of the Scaliger family, meeting with the guide and walking tour of the center with its most important monuments and sites (all monuments visited from the outside). The itinerary starts from the symbol of the city: the Verona Arena, a majestic Roman amphitheater of elliptical shape erected in the 1st century AD and built with the characteristic pink and red Valpolicella stone. Continue to Castelvecchio and Ponte Scaligero, then cross Porta Borsari and walk along Via Mazzini, reaching Juliet's House, another symbol of the city, and Piazza delle Erbe, the fascinating oldest square in Verona, where you can also admire the Torre dei Lamberti, and finally Piazza dei Signori and the adjacent Arche Scaligere. End of the tour at Ponte Pietra, an ancient bridge characterized by its "humpback" shape typical of Roman bridges. Free time for lunch. Free afternoon to admire the splendid Christmas markets or for individual visits. At the end, transfer to the hotel about half an hour from Verona, accommodation in the rooms. Dinner and overnight stay.



DAY 2

Day 2:

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Mantova. Meeting with the local guide and visit to the splendid Palazzo Ducale, also known as the Gonzaga palace, one of the main historical buildings of the city. Since 1308 it has been the official residence of the lords of Mantua, the Bonacolsi, and then the main residence of the Gonzaga, lords, marquises and finally dukes of the Virgilian city. At the end lunch in a restaurant with Mantuan cuisine. Free afternoon to walk around the characteristic city center also full of Christmas stalls. Departure for the return to Lucca and arrival in the late evening.

*Discount for children 2-12 years on request

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