



al fresco

# Friuli-Slovenia Myco Tour

*Sept. 6<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> 2015*





### Sept 6 Sunday (Extra day)

Arrival at Venice before noon. Transfer to hotel. Walking tour of Venice including ride down Grand Canal on "vaporetto". Dinner in trattoria.

### Sept 7 Monday (Extra day 2)

Explore La Serenisima, the city of Venice, with Claudio and Marco that will not just include the major sites where crowds abound but also the small treasures hidden away from the major tourist trails. The tour will also include sampling the street food as you go along. Lunch and dinner in local trattorias.





## Sept. 8 Tuesday (Extra day 3)

Continue exploring selected sites in Venice same as above.  
Participants of Regular Tour Leave the USA for Venice

## *Ankaran (3 nights)*

### 1) Sept. 9 Wednesday

Arrival at Venice before noon. Transfer to hotel in Ankaran, Slovenia (ca. 2hrs), great producer of salt in the past and perhaps still. Aside from the fresh fish and sea food the area is also known for its olive oil, honey and the local wine (Malvasija and Refosk). Dinner at hotel.





## 2) Sept. 10 Thursday

Morning foray led by local expert. Lunch in local trattoria or agriturismo. Visit delightful historical center of Koper in the afternoon, the largest coastal town and major port of Slovenia. Dinner oyo.

## 3) Sept. 11 Friday

Morning Foray. Lunch in local trattoria or agriturismo. Visit the greatest tourist attraction of Slovenia, the Postojna Caves, the largest stalactites enclosure of the world and home of the olm, believed to be in ancient times a baby dragon. According to mycologist Silvano a rare mushroom is found in this cave. See the picturesque Predjama Castle perched high on a cliff.

## *Gorizia (3 nights)*

## 4) Sept. 12 Saturday

After breakfast transfer to hotel in Gorizia. En route, spend most of the day in the magical city of Trieste with largest seafront square of Europe, Visit Miramare Castle of empire grandeur. Trieste has an extensive historical center once the main port of the Austrian-Hungarian empire. Lunch oyo.





### 5) Sept 13 Sunday

Morning Foray. Visit Gorizia. A town that saw ferocious fighting during first WW. A town born in medieval days of which it retains much evidence. It sports a famous swirl cake called gubana, outstanding cheese: Ronchi dei Legionari goat cheese, and Monte Re Pecorino.

### 6) Sept 14 Monday

Morning Foray guided by local mycologist. Lunch in local trattoria or agriturismo. Afternoon activity may include a visit to the wine region il Collio famous for its white wines. Dinner oyo.





## *Udine (4 nights)*

### **7) Sept 15 Tuesday**

Transfer to Udine. Morning Foray guided by local mycologist. Lunch in local trattoria or agriturismo. Afternoon visit of Gradisca d'Isonzo a beautiful old fortified Venetian town. Dinner oyo.

### **8) Sept. 16 Wednesday**

Morning visit of Aquileia, founded as an old Roman town which continued its influence throughout Medieval times. It is now one of Friuli's major cities. The archeological site is the largest Roman city yet to be excavated (part of UNESCO's World Heritage List). Lunch in a local trattoria or agriturismo. Afternoon visit to Palmanova an ideal Renaissance city shaped in the form of a heptagon. Dinner oyo.





**9) Sept. 17 Thursday**

Morning Foray with local mycologist. Visit Cividale del Friuli, one of the nicest little towns of Italy and the former Longobardian capital of North-east Italy. Lunch in a local trattoria or Agriturismo. Dinner oyo.

**10) Sept. 18 Friday**

Morning Foray with local mycologist . Visit Spilimbergo, known as the town of mosaics and San Daniele, truly the home of the best prosciutto of the country. Lunch in a local trattoria or Agriturismo. Dinner oyo.

*hotel near airport (1 night)*

**11) Sept. 19 Saturday**

After breakfast transfer to new hotel close to Marco Polo airport. En route foray and lunch in a local trattoria. Visit Portogruaro on the river Lemene, a quaint town with ancient water mills. Dinner oyo.

**12) Sept. 20 Sunday**

Departure for the USA from VENICE Airport



