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“La Bella Vita” - a Wine Cruise in Italy 2024

A very special, all-inclusive trip aboard a luxury hotel barge cruising the Venetian Lagoon and the River Po Valley to Mantua and its lakes in style and elegance. Discover Venice, Ferrara, Mantua, enjoy several wine tours and tastings, fabulous landscapes and Italian cuisine. The cruise is guaranteed with a minimum of 10 passengers charter.

Sunday, Day 1 VENICE

Guests are met at the designated meeting point in **Venice** on Sunday and transferred to La Bella Vita, where a Prosecco Welcome awaits you. Late afternoon cruise along the Giudecca Canal to our mooring outside the Naval Museum. Dinner will be served on board with a selection of wines, followed by an evening stroll to St Mark's Square where you enjoy a glass of wine at the I Corrazzieri **bacaro**.



Monday, Day 2 VENICE TO SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA

We cruise to the island of Murano, famous for its glass, and then on a private boat for our tasting at the superb **wine estate of Orto** on the Island of Sant Erasmo. We return to La Bella Vita for a late afternoon cruise to Pellestrina along the Canal of the Orphans, past colourful fishing boats, brightly painted houses and tiny churches. We moor in San Pietro in Volta on Pellestrina island where perhaps you can step ashore for a Venetian aperitif in another typical local 'bacaro'. Dinner on board.



Tuesday, Day 3 SAN PIETRO IN VOLTA TO TAGLIO DI PO

Morning cruise to **Chioggia** that is home to one of the most important fish markets in Italy. The lively, colourful market building houses around 30 fish stalls. Here you'll see fishmongers selling the locally caught catches, of sea cicadas (a delicious crustacean), sole, sea-bass, black sea bass, scallops, anchovies and sardines, which are believed to be particularly healthy due to the local shallow waters. Our chef will make his choice for our dinner and give us a shopping list.



This afternoon we cruise gently along the canal through a nature reserve where we should see colourful flamingos and other wildlife. Dinner this evening will be ashore in the beautiful 17th century **Villa Ca'Zen** in Taglio di Po. We will be kindly hosted by the owners of this private stately home where Lord Byron courted Countess Guiccioli and wrote some of his best poetry.



Wednesday, Day 4 TAGLIO DI PO TO ZELO

Morning cruise, leaving the river and entering the Bianco Canal, to **Adria**. After lunch, we visit the beautiful Renaissance gardens of the 17th century **Villa Widmann Borletti**. The villa was the project of the famous architect Baldassarre Longhena (1598-1682) and is one of the most significant in the Veneto for size and beauty. The villa is also a wine-estate, whose wines we will of course taste. Dinner on board at Zelo.



Thursday, Day 5 ZELO TO GOVERNOLO

Morning excursion with a guided tour of the Renaissance city of **Ferrara**, including the 14thC Estense Castle with its moat, drawbridges, marble balconies and sumptuous apartments. We also see the cathedral façade with its sculpted images described as an Illustrated Bible. We return to the barge for an afternoon canal cruise past villages and farmsteads from Trevenzuolo to Governolo and during dinner we enjoy a **tasting of Serego Alghieri wines**.



Friday, Day 6 GOVERNOLO TO MANTUA

This morning we depart for the beautiful medieval town of **Soave**, famous for its crisp, dry wines. What this tasting will show is that the Garganega grape, often with some help from a bit of Chardonnay or some new French oak, can produce profound white wines packed full of flavour and interest. We then rejoin La Bella Vita in time for lunch and navigation to Mantua. Guided tour in Mantua city centre: those opera lovers amongst you will of course be familiar with the story of the Duke of Mantua from Rigoletto.



The Palazzi, fine architecture and squares reflect the wealth of the Dukes of Gonzaga. The architecture of the city neo-classical and baroque architecture is splendidly portrayed in the 14th century Ducal Palace, set in 15 gardens and courtyards, a museum, basilica and theatre. The palace has intricate frescoes, a Gallery of Mirrors and an exquisite Rivers Room and houses an impressive 12,000 paintings and sculptures. The town is also famous as the birthplace of Virgil, and of artists Mantegna and Donatello. We will enjoy more wonderful food and wines this evening at the “**Captain’s Farewell Dinner**”.



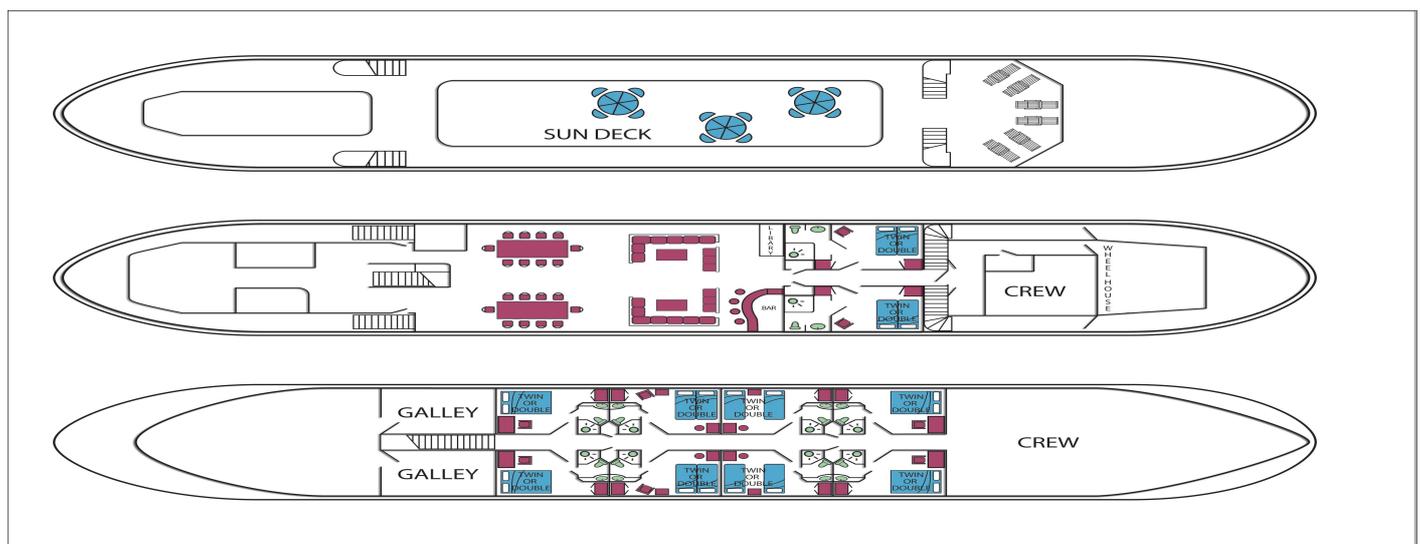
Saturday, Day 7
MANTUA TO VENICE

After breakfast passengers disembark for the transfer back to Venice.



- LBV themed Cruises:**
- **Renaissance Cruise**
 - **Family Cruise**
 - **Golf Cruise**
 - **Opera Cruise**
 - **Gardens Cruise**

La Bella Vita – Deckplan



La Bella Vita – Wine Cruise - Rates 2024

Accomodation	Value	Regular
Charter 10 passengers whole boat	€ 67.000,00	€ 75.000,00
Charter 12 passengers whole boat	€ 69.400,00	€ 77.800,00
Charter 14 passengers whole boat	€ 71.800,00	€ 80.600,00
Charter 16 passengers whole boat	€ 74.200,00	€ 83.400,00
Charter 18 passengers whole boat	€ 76.600,00	€ 86.200,00
Charter 20 passengers whole boat	€ 79.000,00	€ 89.000,00

Supplement: € 9.000,00 per charter

The price includes: Transfer to the barge from the meeting point on Sunday, 6 night cruise, all meals on board catered by the on board Master Chef, open bar 24/7 with a large range of alcoholic and non alcoholic drinks, all wines served throughout the cruise, excursions and admittance fees as per the itinerary, use of barge facilities, which includes 10 bicycles, and transfer back to the drop off point the following Saturday morning.

Departures 2024 (on Sunday)

March 24, 31	Value
April 07, 14, 21	Value
April 28	Regular
May 05, 12, 19, 26	Regular
June 02, 09, 16, 23, 30	Regular
July 07, 14	Regular
July 21, 28	Value
August 04, 11, 18, 25	Value
September 01, 08, 15, 22, 29	Regular
October 06	Regular
October 13, 20, 27	Value



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