



Experience the Northern Italy wine region with noted sommelier David Lynch as he takes you around the Lake Como area on wine tastings and culinary experiences that others only dream of. David is considered one of the foremost wine experts and has the pedigree to support it. Besides being the owner of St. Vincent, San Francisco's acclaimed Mission District Tavern, David was most recently the Wine Director of San Francisco's Michelin-starred Quince and its sibling, Cotogna, and was named 2011 "Wine Director of the Year" by San Francisco Magazine. When making his wine selections, he draws inspiration from around the world, but Italy remains his first love, and he is truly looking forward to sharing this love with you.

Stay at Quintess Beyond's breathtaking Villa Concetta and explore the scenic Lombardy region in North Western Italy with David as your guide. Your trip includes a plethora of activities centered on the local food and wine that make the area famous. David will escort you to five of the most noted wineries, including Cantina Ar.Pe.Pe and Bellavista, and he will provide insightful explanations that only an expert wine maker can provide. Autumn is also the prime season for truffles. Learn how truffles are grown and how to incorporate them into your next meal from a leading truffle cultivator, and have a chance to hunt for these little treasures yourself. A variety of different meals will be scheduled for your group, from reservations at Michelin-starred restaurants to in-residence pasta-making classes with noted local chef Eugenio Signoroni. This is sure to be an epicurean trip for the ages!

*Day-to-Day Itinerary*

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**Saturday, October 5, 2013**

Arrive at Villa Concetta, Lake Como and have dinner in-residence

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**Sunday, October 6, 2013**

*Explore the Lake Como region:*

Free day to get settled and enjoy the beauty of Como/Bellagio

Suggest touring the lake villages of Como via boat

Dinner on your own

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**Monday, October 7, 2013**

*Explore the Barolo region:*

8:00-10:00am: Boxed breakfast and travel to Alba

10:00am-12:30pm: Truffle hunting experience

12:30-1:00pm: Travel to lunch in Alba

1:00-3:00pm: Lunch in Alba at Osteria Lalibera

3:00-3:30pm: Travel to Wine Tour 1

3:30-5:30pm: Wine Tour 1 at Giacomo Conterno

5:30-6:30pm: Travel to dinner

6:30-9:00pm: Dinner in Alba region at Guido da Costigliole in the Relais San Maurizio

9:00-10:00pm: Return to residence

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**Tuesday, October 8, 2013**

*Epicure education day:*

9:00-10:00am: Catered breakfast at residence

10:00am-12:30pm: Pasta class at Villa Concetta with private chef Eugenio Signoroni and David Lynch

12:30-2:00pm: Lunch

2:00-4:00pm: Wine Tasting 2 and wine education class with David Lynch

4:00-7:00pm: Free time or watch as Eugenio preps for dinner

7:00-11:00pm: Truffle dinner with wine pairings in residence with Eugenio Signoroni

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**Wednesday, October 9, 2013**

*Day in Franciacorta:*

7:00-9:00am: Continental breakfast at residence  
 9:00-10:30am: Depart for Wine Tasting 3  
 10:30am-12:30pm: Wine Tasting 3 and tour at Bellavista  
 12:30-2:30pm: Lunch at Bellavista (2 Michelin Star Restaurant)  
 2:30-3:00pm: Travel to Wine Tasting 4  
 3:00-5:30pm: Wine Tasting 4 and tour at Ca del' Bosco (note: may be replaced with a cheese tour)  
 5:30-6:30pm: Travel to residence  
 6:30-7:30pm: Refresh for dinner  
 7:30-8:00pm: Travel for dinner  
 8:00-11:00pm: Dinner near the residence  
 11:00pm: Return to residence

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**Thursday, October 10, 2013**

*Day in the Mountains:*

7:00-9:00am: Continental breakfast at residence  
 9:00-10:30am: Depart for Tasting 5 (travel time)  
 10:30am-1:00pm: Tasting 5 and tour at Cantina Ar.Pe.Pe  
 1:00-1:30pm: Travel to Lunch  
 1:30-5:00pm: Lunch/Early Supper at ristorante Cantinone in the Sport Hotel Alpina  
 (1 Michelin Star Restaurant)  
 5:00-6:30pm: Travel to residence  
 8:00pm: Light dinner in residence

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**Friday, October 11, 2013**

*Day in Milan:*

8:00-9:00am: Continental breakfast  
 9:00-10:00am: Travel to Milan  
 10:00-noon: Free time  
 Noon-1:30pm: Lunch on your own  
 1:30-8:00pm: Free time in Milan  
 8:00pm: Dinner at Ristorante Cracco

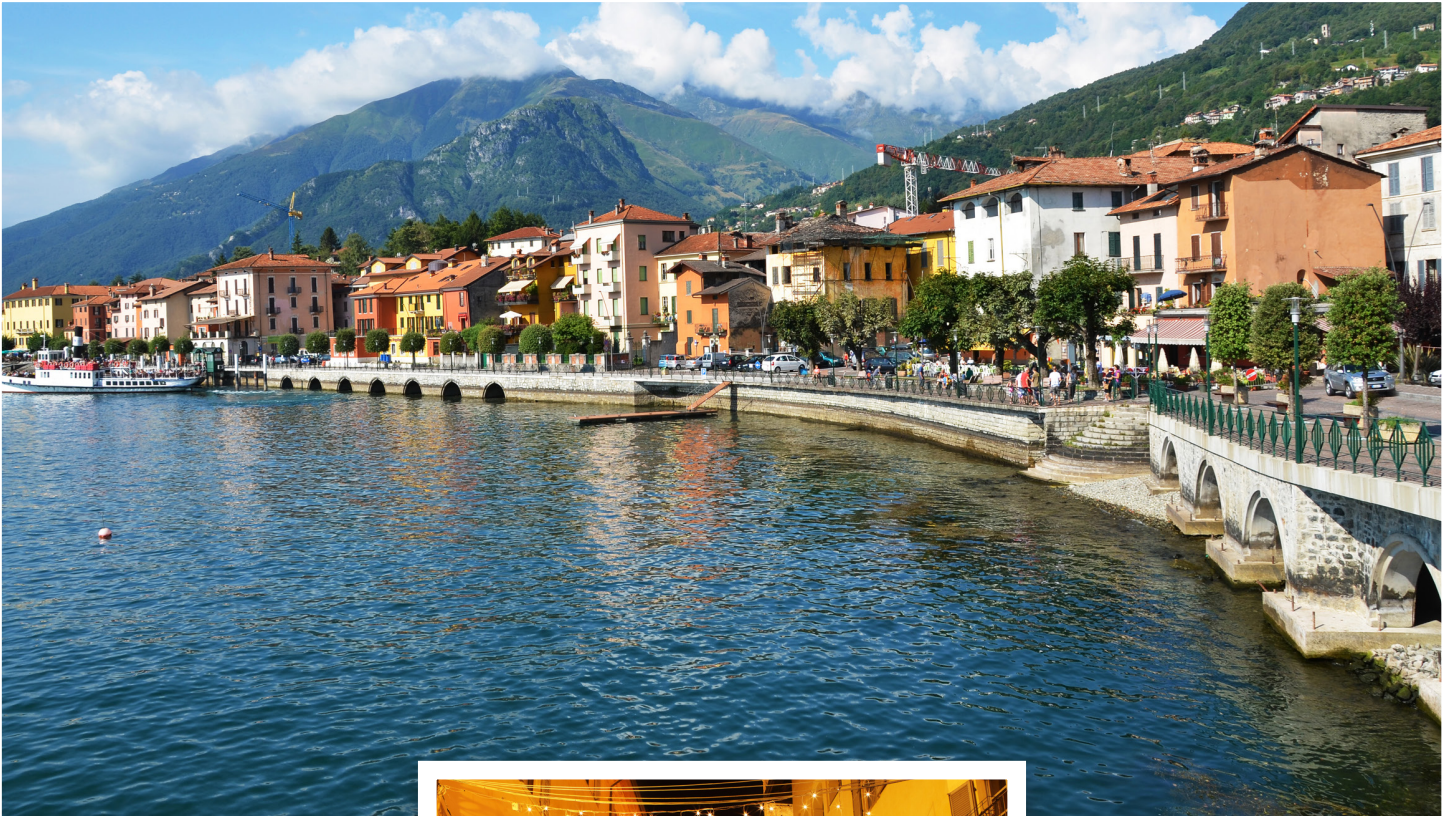
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**Saturday, October 12, 2013**

Departure Day

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Dates: October 5–12, 2013

Nights: 8 days / 7 nights

Group Size: 5 couples total (10 people and David Lynch)

Cost: \$27,000 per couple (includes all lodging, transportation to and from activities, food and wine)

Payment: A reservation is not confirmed until the balance is paid in full with a wire transfer.