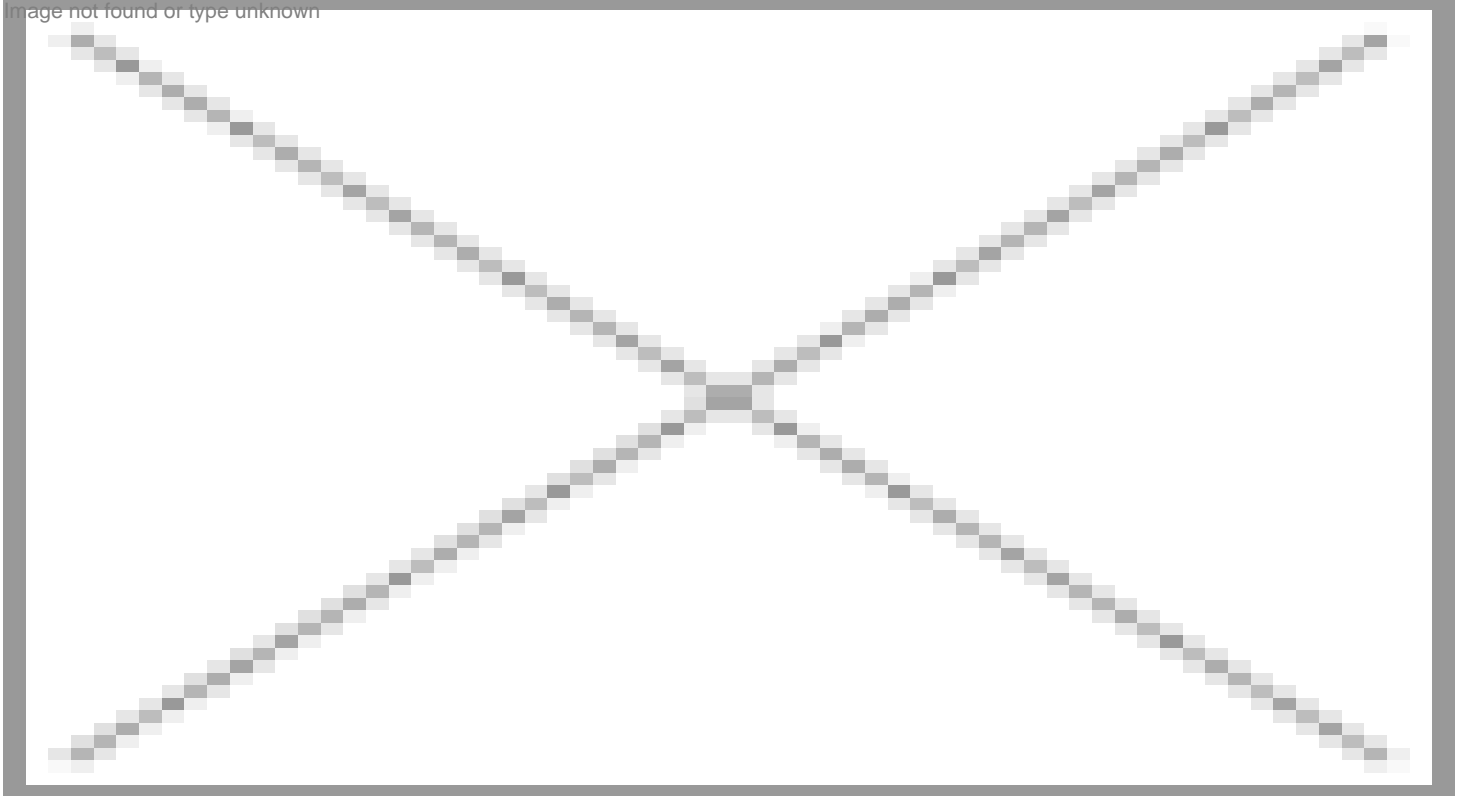


Parma & the Prosecco Hills

From £1,799 per person // 10 days



Explore the stunning regions of Piedmont and Veneto on this stunning holiday to Turin, Parma and Padua. During your holiday, you'll also get to discover the beautiful Prosecco Hills on a day tour and taste some of the local wines.

The Essentials

- Explore Turin, the cultural capital of Piedmont
- Discover historic Parma the Prosecco Hills
- Continue to stunning Padua, with its fabulous frescoes and ancient buildings
- Return home via Milan and Lyon

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade your trains and hotels
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 9 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Day trip to the Prosecco Hills including wine tasting
- Comprehensive directions to your hotels
- Easy-to-follow travel documentation
- Despatch of tickets by email, post or collection from our London office

- Suggested Itinerary -



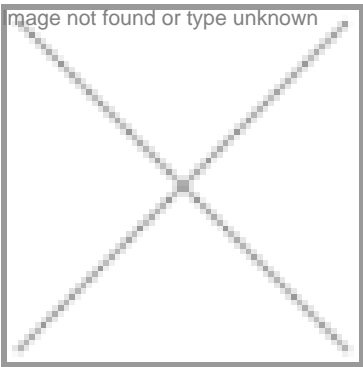
Day 1 - London To Turin

Take the Eurostar from London St Pancras to Paris and then connect with a high-speed TGV service through France and across the Italian border. You'll arrive into Turin late in the evening and check in for a 2-night stay at the Starhotels Majestic (or similar), near to Porta Nuova station in the centre of town.



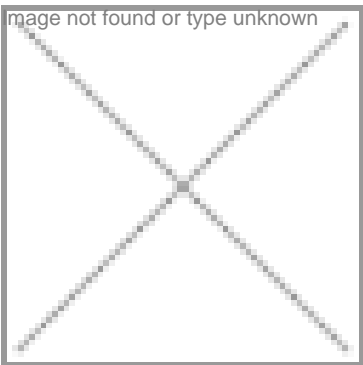
Day 2 - Turin

Enjoy a day at leisure in Turin, the historic capital of the Piedmont region and former capital of Italy. The city is known for its UNESCO World Heritage-listed palaces and its cuisine, which you can sample at the city's tempting restaurants. Turin is also considered the birthplace of Italian cinema and is home to a wonderful film museum, housed in the instantly recognisable Mole Antonelliana. You can also find the second largest museum of Egyptology after the Museum of Cairo here.



Day 3 - Turin To Parma

After breakfast at your hotel this morning, head to Porta Nuova station for your onward journey towards Parma, which takes around 4 hours, with an easy change in Milan. Once you arrive in Parma, check in for a 2-night stay at the Hotel Stendhal (or similar). Settle in and then perhaps head out to explore this stunning city, famous for its historic buildings, its food (particularly ham and cheese) and its .



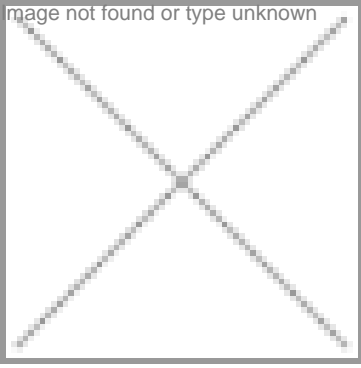
Day 4 - Day Trip To The Prosecco Hills

You'll be picked up from your hotel today and taken for a tour into the stunning countryside around Parma. The tour takes in the the hills of Valdobbiadene and the Prosecco DOCG with visits to the Molinetto dell Croda (an old water mill) and the Cistercian Abbey of Santa Maria di Follina. For lunch, you'll enjoy wine paired with appetisers at a family-run winery and then your last stop will be a second winery, where you'll end the day by toasting with a glass of the prestigious Cartizze, one of the most renowned types of Prosecco.



Day 5 - Parma To Padua, Via Bologna

It's time to leave Parma today and head back to the station, where you'll catch a train bound for Bologna. We can arrange a prolonged transfer time here if you'd like to head out and enjoy lunch in Bologna. But otherwise, your journey continues to Padua, where you have a 3-night stay at Le Camp Suite & SPA (or similar).



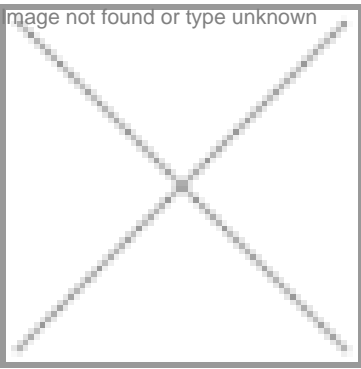
Days 6 & 7 - Padua

Padua lies on the banks of the river Bacchiglione and is believed to be one of the oldest cities in Northern Italy. Certainly, it boasts the oldest botanical gardens in the world, along with one of the world's oldest universities. Not to be missed during your time here, is a visit to some of the UNESCO World Heritage-listed, 14th century frescoes scattered around eight historic buildings in the city centre. It's only a half-hour rail journey to Venice from Padua, so you could take a day trip during your stay. Call us for details.



Day 8 - Padua To Milan

It's time to begin your journey back to the UK today as you travel by train from Padua to Milan. Here, you'll be staying at the Hotel Berna (or similar), not far from the station. As your journey is quite short, there's plenty of time this afternoon to have a wander around the centre of Milan, perhaps taking in the views from the roof of the city's landmark cathedral or enjoying some upscale retail therapy in the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Italy's oldest shopping arcade.



Day 9 - Milan To Lyon

You have some more free time in Milan this morning before you collect your bags and head back to the station in the mid-afternoon for a direct service to Lyon. You'll arrive mid to late evening into Lyon and check in at the Radisson Blu Lyon (or similar) for an overnight stay. If you'd rather arrive earlier, in time for a leisurely dinner, we can look at other options for your journey today.



Day 10 - Lyon To London

Spend a leisurely morning exploring the sights of Lyon before returning to the station and catching a TGV service back to Paris. An easy change by metro to the Gare du Nord brings you to the Eurostar terminal for the last leg of your journey back to London.

Pricing

From £1,799 per person

Low season (November-March) from £1,799pp

High season (April-October) from £1,999pp

Prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. The price includes Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations as necessary and the best available fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.