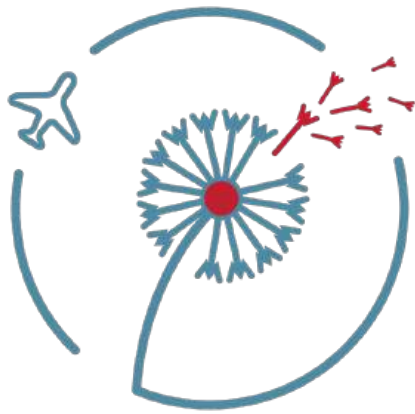




WOMEN OF THE MIDWEST

Travel Solo Together

NORTHERN ITALY

Lakes • Hills • Canals

with Women of the Midwest!

June 5–18, 2027



Dear Friends,

I've been fortunate to visit several times, and every time I leave, I find myself wondering when I can return. There is something about Italy—the beauty, the food, the history, the warmth of its people, and that wonderful way Italians make everyday life feel a little more special.

So when previous Women of the Midwest travelers began asking us for Northern Italy, I knew this was a journey I wanted to be part of. And what a journey it is.

We'll begin amid the elegance and style of Milan before slowing the pace along Lake Como, with its grand villas, beautiful gardens, and lovely Bellagio. Then we'll travel into the rolling hills of Piedmont to hunt for truffles, make traditional pasta, taste regional specialties, and discover Barolo, a picturesque village in Piedmont, surrounded by rolling vineyards and famous worldwide for its celebrated wine.

From there, Lake Garda awaits, with romantic Sirmione, a scenic cruise, and the area's centuries-old lemon-growing tradition. We'll wander through Verona before making the most wonderfully Venetian entrance of all—arriving in Venice by water taxi.

In Venice, we'll create our own masks, watch Murano's master glassmakers at work, and visit colorful Burano, where intricate lace is still made by hand.

What I especially love is the variety. Lakes, hills, and canals. Fashion, food, craftsmanship, gardens, villages, and grand cities. And through it all, there is time to wander, browse, and simply enjoy being in Italy.

Northern Italy has an elegance all its own, and I can't wait to experience it with you. Don't hesitate—this journey is expected to fill quickly.

Warmly,
Rhonda Wagner, Ambassador
Women of the Midwest



Call Women of the Midwest today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

Stylish Milan



June 5, 2027 - Saturday

Traveling to Italy

Our Northern Italian adventure begins today as we depart from our selected U.S. gateway on an overnight flight to Milan. Sit back, relax, and look forward to beautiful lakes, vineyard-covered hills, delicious food, fascinating artisans, and some of Italy's most enchanting cities.

June 6, 2027 - Sunday

Milan

Benvenuti in Italia! Upon arrival in Milan, meet our tour director and transfer to our hotel in Italy's stylish northern capital. After settling in, the remainder of the afternoon is yours. Unpack, relax after your journey, or step outside for your first taste of Milanese life. Tonight, we'll gather for our welcome dinner and raise a glass to the days ahead—from fashionable Milan and romantic Italian lakes to Piedmont's vineyards and truffles before ending among the canals and artisans of Venice. Northern Italy awaits! Inflight meals | D

June 7, 2027 - Monday

Milan — Fashion, Flair & Aperitivo

Today, we discover a city where centuries of history live comfortably alongside unmistakable Italian style. With our local guide, explore the heart of Milan, beginning at magnificent Piazza del Duomo. Admire the celebrated cathedral from outside before strolling through the glass-vaulted Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II and continuing to legendary La Scala. After free time for shopping and exploring, something special awaits. Step inside a professional Milanese fashion atelier and meet the woman behind the designs. Discover the artistry of Made in Italy, learn about fine fabrics and traditional

Lake Como at our Doorstep



tailoring techniques, and even try on custom-made pieces. We'll finish as the Italians do—with Prosecco and an aperitivo. B

June 8, 2027 - Tuesday

Milan to Lake Como — And Exhale...

We leave the energy of Milan behind and make our way toward one of Italy's most beautiful destinations—Lake Como. Set between mountains and shimmering water, Como invites us to slow down. Stroll through the historic center, admire the lakeside views, browse the shops, and enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. The remainder of the afternoon is intentionally unhurried. Find a café, wander along the waterfront, shop a little more, or simply sit somewhere lovely and watch Italian life go by. Sometimes, Italy is best enjoyed by doing very little at all. B | L

June 9, 2027 - Wednesday

Lake Como — Villas, Gardens & Bellagio

Today, we'll experience Lake Como the way it should be seen—from the water. Cruise past picturesque villages, Romanesque churches, grand villas, and beautiful gardens tucked between the mountains and lake. In Tremezzo, we'll step ashore to visit Villa Carlotta, an elegant 17th-century villa celebrated for its beautiful art collection and magnificent botanical gardens, where terraces, sculptures, and exotic plants overlook the shimmering lake. Then it's on to Bellagio, the celebrated "Pearl of Lake Como." Here, we'll enjoy lunch at Norberto's cava, one of our favorite little places in Bellagio—a wonderful spot to relax and enjoy the atmosphere of this lovely lakeside town. After lunch, enjoy time on your own to wander

Delicate Piedmontese Tajarin



Bellagio's cobbled lanes and stairways, browse its inviting shops, or simply find the perfect spot to admire the view. Later, we'll cruise back across the lake to Como with the remainder of the day at leisure. La vita è bella on Lake Como. B | L

June 10, 2027 - Thursday

Piedmont — Wine, Cheese & Alba

Today, we journey into Piedmont, where rolling vineyards, celebrated wines, hazelnuts, chocolate, and truffles have made this one of Italy's great culinary regions. Among the hills of the Langhe, visit a local farm winery for a tasting of regional wines accompanied by cheeses and Piedmontese specialties. Then we continue to Alba, our home for the next three nights. After checking in, the afternoon is yours. Wander its historic streets, browse local shops, find a café, or search for delicious treasures to take home. Hazelnuts or artisanal chocolate, anyone? B | T

June 11, 2027 - Friday

Truffles & Tajarin — A Taste of Piedmont

Today is all about one of Piedmont's greatest pleasures—food. Head into the countryside with an expert truffle hunter and specially trained dogs in search of prized truffles hiding beneath the forest floor. Along the way, discover the traditions, skills, and natural conditions behind the fascinating art of truffle hunting. Then it's our turn to get to work. Join a local chef for a hands-on cooking class devoted to tajarin, Piedmont's delicate, thin pasta traditionally made by hand. Roll, cut, cook—and then enjoy the best part: sitting down together for lunch featuring what we've prepared. From forest to table, this is



Piedmont at its most delicious. The late afternoon and evening is at leisure. B | L

June 12, 2027 - Saturday

Barolo — The Wine, the Village & the Story

Today, we venture deeper into Piedmont's celebrated wine country and the little village whose name is known around the world—Barolo. Surrounded by vineyard-covered hills, we'll explore the village and visit the innovative WiMu Wine Museum, housed inside historic Castello di Barolo. Here, wine becomes a story of land, people, history, and tradition. And naturally, no visit to Barolo would be complete without a tasting. Enjoy free time afterward to wander and have lunch on your own before returning to Alba, where the remainder of the day is yours. B | T

June 13, 2027 - Sunday

Piedmont to Lake Garda

After breakfast, we say arrivederci to Alba and journey across northern Italy toward another of its magnificent lakes—Lake Garda. Upon arrival, settle into our hotel and enjoy your first glimpse of Italy's largest lake. The rest of the afternoon is yours to unwind, explore the surroundings, or simply enjoy the view. Tonight, we'll gather for dinner and toast another beautiful chapter of our Italian journey. B | D

June 14, 2027 - Monday

Lake Garda — Sirmione, Lemons & Limoncello

Today brings us to romantic Sirmione, dramatically positioned on a slender peninsula reaching into Lake Garda. Stroll with our tour escort through

its historic center, passing medieval Scaliger Castle before enjoying a scenic boat ride across the lake. There is free time for lunch and exploring before we discover another side of Lake Garda. Visit a traditional lemon house, where citrus has been cultivated along these sunny shores for generations. Learn about this unusual local tradition, enjoy beautiful lake views, and finish with a taste of the area's famous limoncello. B | T

June 15, 2027 - Tuesday

Verona — On Our Way to Venice

Today, we leave Lake Garda behind, but there's one irresistible stop before Venice—Verona. With our local guide, discover this UNESCO-listed city, including Piazza Bra, the Roman Arena from outside, lively Piazza delle Erbe, and the picturesque streets of its historic center. Then enjoy free time to browse the boutiques, find lunch at a café, or simply wander through one of Italy's most romantic cities. This afternoon, we continue to Venice, where our arrival is appropriately Venetian—by water taxi. Welcome to a city unlike anywhere else in the world. B

June 16, 2027 - Wednesday

Venice — Secrets, Stories & Venetian Masks

This morning, discover the Venice of grand landmarks and hidden passageways. Our guided walk introduces us to St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, and Bridge of Sighs from outside before leading us through narrow alleyways and alongside hidden canals toward the Rialto Bridge. Later, creativity takes center stage on Giudecca. Inside a mask studio housed in a 15th-century

cloister, discover the tradition of Venetian mask making. Meet the artisans, learn about their techniques, and create a special Venetian mask of your own. A little history. A little mystery. And something handmade to bring home. B

June 17, 2027 - Thursday

Murano & Burano — Made by Hand

Our final full day celebrates two traditions that have helped define Venice for centuries. Travel by boat to Murano, where master glassmakers transform glowing molten glass into delicate works of art using skills passed from generation to generation. Then continue to colorful Burano, where brightly painted houses line peaceful canals and intricate lace is still created by hand. Visit the island's famous lace houses and see a craft that remains very much alive. Return to Venice for a leisurely afternoon before gathering tonight for our farewell dinner. What a journey it has been. B | D

June 18, 2027 - Friday

Arrivederci, Italia!

After breakfast, it's time to say arrivederci as we transfer to Venice Airport for our journey home. We leave with memories of shimmering lakes, vineyard-covered hills, truffles and handmade pasta, Italian fashion, garden villas, limoncello, Renaissance cities, Venetian glass, colorful islands—and perhaps a few treasures tucked into our suitcases. Northern Italy, you have been bellissima. B | Inflight meals

The itinerary is subject to change.

B = Breakfast, L = Lunch,
D = Dinner, T = Tasting



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ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:

Via www.WomenoftheMidwest.com/journeys

Package Price:

Per person in a shared double room: \$6,995

Per person in a single room: \$9,295

Triple rooms are not available on this trip.

We offer "Pair & Share" service. Ask us to assist in finding your roommate!

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required at registration and can be paid by ACH (Automated Clearing House), check, or credit card. The balance is due on February 25, 2027, is non-refundable, and can be paid by ACH, check, or credit card. When using a credit card for final payment a 3.5% processing fee applies as assessed by the credit card processing company. Checks must be received in our office at least 100 days before the tour's departure date. If you book within 100 days of departure, ACH or credit card payment is the required payment method.

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

Register by December 5, 2026:

Receive a **\$200 DISCOUNT!**

Tour Activity Level: LEVEL 1 2 3+ 4

3+: This tour involves a considerable amount of walking, some stairs, longer periods of standing, outdoor activities, and steep areas within the places visited. We walk between 4-5 miles over the course of a day. Add to this the walking you do outside the group activities. This trip is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties.

Travel Insurance:

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

Travelex Insurance Services, Inc. CA Agency License #0D10209. Insurance coverages underwritten by individual member companies of Zurich in North America, including Zurich American Insurance Company (NAIC #16535, state of domicile: New York), 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196.

Group Airfare: See separate page.

This tour will operate with a minimum of 15 and a maximum of 22 travelers. Should the number fall below 15, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to departure.

Included:

- 12 nights accommodations at hotels mentioned above or similar
- Porterage at hotels (one bag per person)
- 12 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 3 dinners (water and a glass of wine/soft drink, included), 1 hands-on cooking experience
- Plentiful tastings as per itinerary (wine, cheeses, truffles, and limoncello)
- Private motor coach transportation as per itinerary
- Sightseeing program as per itinerary
- All admissions as per itinerary
- Professional English-speaking tour director during the entire program in Italy & professional step-on guides where required (gratuities to step-on guides included)
- All local taxes and fees as of October 3, 2026
- Women of the Midwest Ambassador, June 5–18, 2027



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Not Included:

- Airfare & baggage fees for your second checked bag (the first checked piece up to 50 lbs is free)
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals & beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and/or museums other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Gratuities to tour director and drivers (estimate \$15 per day in total)
- Professional fee, \$100 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Accommodations (announced 90 days prior to departure):

- UNAHotels Scandinavia or similar, Milan
- Hotel Como or similar, Como
- Hotel I Castelli or similar, Alba
- Hotel Aqualux or similar, Lake Garda
- Hotel Palazzo San Lorenzo or similar, Venice

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at <https://womenofthemidwest.com/journeys/>

Call Women of the Midwest today at 888.549.1186. Space is limited.

10/3/2026

JOIN OUR GROUP AIRFARE!

We offer group airfare with Delta Airlines.

June 5, 2027	Omaha* - Atlanta	11:05 AM - 2:22 PM
June 5, 2027	Atlanta - Milan	6:20 PM - 9:25 PM (June 6, 2027)
June 18, 2027	Venice - Amsterdam	6:00 AM - 7:50 AM
June 18, 2027	Amsterdam - Detroit	9:20 AM - 11:53 AM
June 18, 2027	Detroit - Omaha*	3:54 PM - 5:06 PM

\$1,695 per person including taxes and fees, economy class.

*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you - a small supplement may occur.

If you travel from a different airport, we aim to have you meet your fellow travelers in Atlanta on June 5 and return from Venice around the same time as the rest of the group on June 18.

Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, and Known Travelers Numbers:

Group airfare comes with **seat assignments 30 days prior to departure**. We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).

Premium seating upgrades are not available when traveling on a group air contract. If you have frequent flyer miles (SkyMiles), please note those cannot be used to upgrade to Delta Comfort Plus but only be used for upgrades to business or first class when traveling on a group air contract. Contact us if you have any questions about this and kindly note that certain exceptions may exist.

Business class seating can be reserved at the time of registration. Estimate \$6,000-\$8,000.

First class seating can be reserved at the time of registration. Estimate \$10,000-\$12,000.

Mileage credit for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.

Known Travelers Numbers (TSA Pre-Check numbers) **and Frequent Flyer numbers** must be reported at the time of reservation. Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.

Taxes, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.

Air schedules may be subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

SECURE YOUR GROUP AIRFARE WHEN SIGNING UP!

