THE PEARLS OF THE PO
From Venice to Parma Aboard La Venezia
With Harvard Study Leader Joyce E. Chaplin
May 9–17, 2020
The magnificent Po River, which winds 400 miles from its source in the Alps to the Adriatic, has nourished the people of Italy for thousands of years in both body and spirit. The Po Valley has produced some of Italy’s most notable cuisine, as well as spectacular art, architecture, and music. Cruise from Venice to Parma aboard the stately La Venezia to discover the abundance of the Po and its surroundings.

Begin with a scenic tour of the Venetian Lagoon before gliding into the picturesque fishing village of Chioggia. In Padua, view frescoes by Giotto, bronzes by Donatello, and spectacular architecture and scenery. Next, sail to Ferrara to marvel at its stunning palazzi and cathedrals. In Parma, explore a Romanesque Cathedral, admire awe-inspiring works of art at the National Gallery, and enjoy an exclusive tour of one of Italy’s most renowned opera houses. In Mantua, enter two exquisite palazzi to view precious objects, grand architecture, and art masterpieces. Byzantine and early-Christian mosaics await your discovery in Ravenna.

On return to Venice, select one of three private tours to conclude your journey: explore the city’s grand museum with an art historian; go behind-the-scenes at its famous opera house; or discover the famous modern art collection at the Peggy Guggenheim Museum. Extraordinary cuisine and luxurious accommodations make this trip a true delight for all the senses. An optional prelude to Asolo and the Palladian Villas is also available.

Activity Level 2: 🥣🚶‍♂️🚶‍♀️🚶‍♂️🚶‍♀️

WHAT TO EXPECT
I enjoy walking up to a couple of miles a day, but my pace is more stroll than scamper. I can get on and off a tour bus or boat, and standing for a period of time in a museum or historic site is about as much as I can handle.

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<td>SUNDAY, MAY 10</td>
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<td>Arrive at Marco Polo International Airport, where you will be transferred to the ship.</td>
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<td>Unpack, relax, and enjoy your first evening on the Venetian Lagoon.</td>
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<td>Alternatively, go out and explore Venice on your own.</td>
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<td>MONDAY, MAY 11</td>
<td>Venice / Chioggia</td>
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<td>Take a scenic cruise through the historic Venetian Lagoon to Chioggia, then choose among</td>
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<td>three options today. You may set out on a walking tour of Chioggia, a picturesque fishing</td>
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<td>village. Alternatively, travel to Padua for a guided stroll through the Old Town, including</td>
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<td>visits to the Scrovegni Chapel, Giotto’s masterpiece, famous for its rich and elaborate</td>
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<td>frescoes; the Church of the Eremitani; and the Basilica of St. Anthony, with its bronzes by</td>
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<td>Donatello. Finally, your third option is a guided visit of one of the grand villas</td>
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<td>along the bucolic Brenta Canal. Enjoy a special captain’s welcome reception and dinner</td>
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<td>TUESDAY, MAY 12</td>
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<td>Disembark this morning for an excursion to Ferrara, once a center for the arts ruled by</td>
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<td>the d’Este family. This beautiful Renaissance city rivaled Medici Florence, and at its</td>
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<td>center is the imposing Estense Castle, built in the 14th century by the d’Este.</td>
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<td>Walk the cobbled streets of the UNESCO-designated city center, full of grand palaces</td>
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<td>including the Palazzo dei Diamanti, whose façade is studded with marble blocks surfaced</td>
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<td>to resemble diamonds. Also admire the 12th-century cathedral, which combines Romanesque</td>
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<td>and Gothic styles in its three-tiered pink and white marble façade. Return to the ship</td>
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<td>WEDNESDAY, MAY 13</td>
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<td>Today journey to Parma, which has existed since Roman times and is famous for producing</td>
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<td>two of Italy’s most iconic foods: parmigiana cheese and prosciutto. In the historical</td>
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<td>center, see the Romanesque Cathedral, decorated by painter Antonio da Correggio, and the</td>
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<td>octagonal Baptistry, considered one of the finest medieval buildings in Italy. Take a</td>
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<td>behind-the-scenes tour of the famous Teatro Regio, one of the country’s most renowned</td>
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<td>opera houses, linked with great composers like Verdi and Rossini (pending confirmation).</td>
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<td>Stroll through vibrant Piazza Garibaldi, and step inside the Basilica di Santa Maria della</td>
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<td>Steccata to marvel at the work of Parmigianino. At the National Gallery, admire works</td>
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<td>by da Vinci, Allegri, and van Dyke. Return to the ship in the late afternoon.</td>
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<td>THURSDAY MAY 14</td>
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<td>Step off the ship today to discover Mantua, called La Bella Addormentata, or Sleeping</td>
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<td>Beauty. The wealthy and powerful Gonzaga family created the stunning Palazzo Ducale, the</td>
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<td>largest residence in Italy after the Vatican. With more than 500 rooms, a basilica,</td>
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<td>courtyards, and gardens, the palace contains precious tapestries, masterpieces by Raphael,</td>
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<td>and spellbinding frescoes by Andrea Mantegna. A short distance away, explore Giulio</td>
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<td>Romano’s awe-inspiring masterpiece Palazzo Te, a fine example of mannerism in architecture</td>
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<td>Inside, admire the painted “Hall of the Horses” and the “Chamber of the Giant.” Return</td>
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<td>FRIDAY, MAY 15</td>
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<td>Today get an in-depth look at the UNESCO-listed Byzantine and early Christian mosaics in</td>
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<td>Ravenna, capital of the Western Roman Empire from 402 to 1494.</td>
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476 A.D. See the mausoleum of Galla Placidia and Theodoric the Great’s churches—San Vitale and Sant’Apollinaire Nuovo—with their extraordinary mosaics. Nearby visit Sant’Apollinaire in Classe, with its glorious 6th-century apse covered in brilliant mosaics. This evening, La Venezia sails from Chioggia to Venice along the lidi (shores) dotted with picturesque fishing villages. B,L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 16
Venice
Docked in Venice, today choose among three options to explore this beautiful city: take a tour led by an art historian of the Accademia, Venice’s grand museum housing masterworks by Tiepo, Veronese, and Bellini; explore Venice’s famous opera house, La Fenice, on a behind-the-scenes tour; or take a guided tour of the Peggy Guggenheim Museum to view its fascinating contemporary art collection. Return for lunch on board and enjoy a free afternoon. This evening, attend the captain’s farewell reception and dinner. B,L,R,D

SUNDAY, MAY 17
Venice / Return
Disembark in Venice this morning and transfer to the airport for flights home. B

Optional Asolo and the Palladian Villas Prelude
MAY 7–10, 2020

THURSDAY, MAY 7
Depart by air for Venice on an overnight flight.

FRIDAY, MAY 8
Arrive in Venice this morning and transfer by coach to Asolo. Stop along the magical Brenta Canal, studded with magnificent villas. Visit the most famous one, Villa Foscari, also known as La Malcontenta. Enjoy lunch in the area before continuing to another Palladian villa, Villa Emo, celebrated as an example of the ideal villa. The interior is adorned with frescoes by Veronese painter Giovanni Battista Zelotti. Continue to the Villa Cipriani for a dinner among the delightful gardens. L,D

SATURDAY, MAY 9
This morning, visit nearby Villa Barbero, a 16th-century villa with whimsical trompe l’oeil. Return to Asolo for lunch at leisure. In the afternoon, drive to Possagno to explore the Gipsoteca Canoviana, a museum devoted to Canova’s plaster cast and scale models. Return to Asolo for a farewell dinner in town. B,D

SUNDAY, MAY 10
This morning after breakfast, depart Asolo and drive to Venice to embark the awaiting La Venezia. B

Additional details and pricing for the optional extensions will be sent to confirmed participants.
Ship Details

The 126-passenger La Venezia, undergoing a complete design renovation that will be completed in early 2020, is filled with light and color. With design inspired by Venetian culture, La Venezia features six elegantly appointed suites; 57 staterooms; two dining venues, including an Italian kitchen on the upper deck; spa; library; lounge and bar.

Rates Per Person

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TOUR COST INCLUSIONS

Seven nights’ accommodations aboard La Venezia: meals as per the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner); bottled water and coffee/tea with all meals, thoughtfully selected wines and beers at lunches and dinners; airport/pier/airport group transfers for all participants; escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits; enrichment program of lectures and talks; gratuities to local guides and drivers; customary shipboard gratuities; taxes, service, and porterage charges; $200,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance (to nearest hospital).

NOT INCLUDED IN COST

International airfare; passport/visa fees; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than as noted in inclusions; personal expenses such as laundry, phone calls, internet, etc.; travel insurance; optional Asolo and the Palladian Villas prelude; excess baggage; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.

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To reserve your space on this program, a $1,000 deposit per person is required. Please either call us at 800-422-1636 or 617-496-0806 or fill out and mail or fax the registration form. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt until the maximum enrollment has been reached. Your final payment is due 120 days before departure.

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Arrangements will be pleased to assist with air travel arrangements for this program, including suggested flights or individual requests for a processing fee of $40 per person. Complete details will be provided in your welcome packet.

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Please return this form by mail to:
Harvard Alumni Travels
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THE PEARLS OF THE PO

MAY 9-17, 2020

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Category Price Preference

☐ Double Room

☐ Single Room

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Optional Prelude

☐ I/WE WISH TO JOIN THE OPTIONAL PRELUDE TO ASOLO AND THE PALLADIAN VILLAS

Hotels Room Preference

☐ One Bed

☐ Two Beds

☐ Single

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