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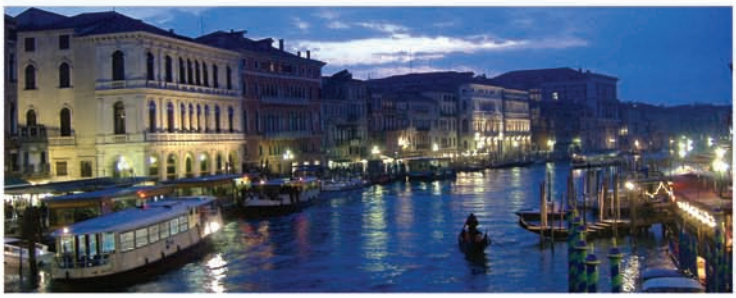
For this reason we are announcing that in cooperation with **UNITED TRAVELS** we are planning :
Two 14 days all inclusive trips. The first one to take place from the 3rd to the 17th of June 2011 and the second from the 3rd to the 17th of September 2011.



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ITALIAN TRIP, June 3-17 2011

Jun 3rd	Fr.	Evening Departure from Halifax to Frankfurt and Venice
Jun 4th	Sat	Arrive Venice (meet people at airport that travelled on their own) Transfer by chartered bus to Verona arrival in Valpolicella early afternoon. Check In at residence and rest. Typical area dinner at nearby restaurant
Jun 5th	Sun	8.00 Breakfast, 9.00 leave by bus for nearby Garda Lake, by boarding the hydrofoil that operates like a transit bus you will be able to visit and shop in these beautiful towns around the lake such as Garda, Bardolino Peschiera and Sirmione. Being Sirmione thet town closest to residence the group will meet there to be transferred to residence change and procede to dinner in nearby restaurant
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Jun 7th	Tu	8.00 Breakfast, Depart for Venice, Visit city until late afternoon, Return to residence far a rest, to continue to Serego Alighieri Wine estate for dinner. Count Serego Alighieri is a descendent of Italian Poet Dante Alighieri
Jun 8th	We	8.00 Breakfast, leave for Merano, Tyrol or to Dolomites mountains. During this day you will visit a different part of Italy where German is spoken. Lunch in Merano, 16.00 hrs visit Mezzocorona Wines in Trento cw tasting. Stop in Verona for dinner. Return to residence
Jun 9th	Thu.	After Breakfast visit Mantova, spend day at own leisure, playing tourist or shop Return to residence , dinner at reasturant
Jun 10th	Fr.	Bus Tour around spectacular Garda Lake with stops at some beautiful lakeshore towns.
Jun 11th	Sa.	Depart for Bologna, spend most of day in this great city famous for its history, food, shopping and its famous University being the oldest in the world. Mid afternoon departure for residence in Castellina in Chianti, with late afternnon arrival. 19.00 Dinner at Restaurant La Torre
Jun 12th	Su.	Depart for enchanting San Gimignano, visit city, afternoon transfer to ancient Etruscan city of Volterra, return to Castellina for dinner at restaurant
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3) Daily 4 course evening dinners at renown area restaurant including bottle of wine per couple

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Entrance tickets to museums, churches or transportation by motor boat in Venice and Garda Lake. Cost for water transportation is aprox 25.00/person

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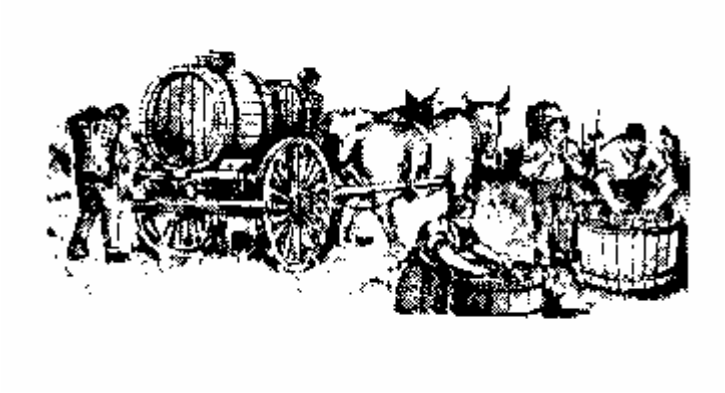

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Deposit, Payment & Refund Policy

Deposits:
Reservations will become firm upon receipt of a $1000.00 deposit

Payment:
Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date by personal check or money order only.
Send payment to: Amici del Vino. Suite 1700 Purdy's Wharf, Tower 1, Halifax, NS, B3J 3N2-
Refunds:
In the event that we cancel a trip, you will receive a full refund of all deposits and payments.
We do not give refunds of deposits or final payments for tours that commence as scheduled, except as follows below.
Cancellation Credit:
In the event you must cancel the trip, the cancellation will become effective upon receipt of written cancellation and the refund will be returned according to the following schedule prior to departure date:
Up to 91 days, $300 per person cancellation fee
90 to 60 days, $750 per person cancellation fee
59 to 30 days, 50% cancellation fee
inside of 30 days, no refund