



AHS Study Tour to Italy 17 to 24 May 2020

In the June journal it was announced that an AHS Study Tour to Northern Italy was being organised. Full details of this horological tour to wonderful Italian locations including Milan and Venice are now available. The dates of the eight-day, seven-night tour are 17 May to 24 May. For all practical arrangements we will use the services of Tailored Travel.

Flights are from London Gatwick to Verona Airport departing 1315 and returning from Verona at 1650. Regional departures, from Manchester or Dublin for example, can also be arranged through Tailored Travel. We will travel by luxury coach to Brescia and then to Chioggia staying in 3-star and 4-star hotels. Throughout the tour we will be accompanied by a Tour Manager.

On our first day in Brescia we will visit Clusone to see the astronomical clock and the Museum of Turret Clocks. The afternoon will be spent in the beautiful, historic city of Bergamo followed by a visit to a vineyard in Coccaglio for wine tasting and dinner. The next day we travel to Cremona, the hometown of Stradivarius with a guided tour of the city, to the astronomical clock and a visit to a violin maker. On Wednesday we visit Milan and the Poldi Pezzoli Museum with its fine horological collection (on which see the Museum profile article in the September journal), including the Bruno Falek collection of pocket watches, followed by a visit to a private collection in the afternoon. The following day we spend a short time in Brescia visiting the historical city centre before travelling by coach to Chioggia, a mini Venice, where we will be staying in a hotel by the side of the Venice Lagoon. On Saturday we spend the day in Venice visiting the St Mark's Clock Tower and exploring the many other famous places and sites in this unique city. On the final day we visit Verona before our flight home.

The visits have been arranged with the considerable assistance of Marisa Addomine, president of the Registro Italiano Orologi da Torre, who will be joining us on the tour. The tour is planned to be horologically related but also brings together the fine art, architecture, history and cuisine of Italy. The cost of the Tour per person is £1,349.00 with a single person supplement of £149.00.

Members are invited to contact me as soon as possible if they might like to join this Tour in order to obtain a brochure which lists all the details and contains a booking form. The brochure will also be made available online at www.tailored-travel.co.uk, quote 'ahs201'.

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