

TRAVEL GUIDE

San Daniele – Culture, Gourmet and Nature in Friuli
Dates to be decided, groups starting with 6 people



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San Daniele *à la carte*

Ulimengo offers an exclusive and sophisticated itinerary of San Daniele and its surrounding areas. The town of San Daniele, renowned for its prosciutto, is home to other culinary delicacies as well as natural and artistic treasures.

Our program is deliberately centered on San Daniele and its surroundings allowing you to enjoy this brief visit in a relaxed manner without spending too much time traveling from one place to another.

This trip has been created specifically for small groups, families, colleagues and as corporate bonuses. The trip will be organized for the dates chosen by the group and can be personalized based upon your requests. On demand we'll add alternative visits and participation to specific events.

We suggest spring and autumn with groups of maximum 10 people.

Arrival and hotel accommodation

Arrive in San Daniele on your own on Thursday afternoon.

We've chosen a nice *Agriturismo* for your accommodation, a comfortable country home in the green hills of Friuli, surrounded by fruit and olive trees and with a splendid view of San Daniele.

The farmhouse was originally built by the Counts of Porcia in 1906. For a while a family with 10 children lived there but it was then abandoned into ruins. Some years ago the owner bought it and transformed it into a small ecological agriturismo full of charm.

A possible itinerary

Day 1 – Thursday

After arriving in San Daniele on your own, you will meet at 7:00 pm for an *aperitif* at the *Agriturismo* followed by a dinner based on traditional dishes of the Friuli region and paired wines. Dinner will be prepared exclusively for our group by the Chef of a cooking school.

Day 2 – Friday

You will take off with a bus after eating a hearty breakfast.

In the morning you will visit a winery where owner will be waiting to take us on a tour of his vineyard, letting us in on the secrets of the *terroir*; the land and the microclimate of the DOC Friuli Grave. In the autumn months it is also possible to actively take part in the harvesting of the grapes. Our visit will finish with a wine tasting guided by the Winemaker and Sommelier Ursula.

You will taste 6 different types of smoked fish from an award winning company paired with 4 home-made beers, you will finally know who the “Queen of San Daniele” is.

After these two food and wine events you will discover the splendor of the ancient city of San Daniele and its artistic treasures, like the *Palazzo Comunale* and the former church of *Sant’Antonio Abate* where the most beautiful frescoes of the region can be found. You will also visit the Church of *San Daniele in Castello* which will be opened exclusively for our group.

The owner and chef of a cooking school will be waiting for us in the evening for our appointment at his cooking school. The cooking lesson will focus on the preparation of 6 different dishes based on the ingredients of seasonal. You’ll be able to choose the theme from those proposed by the chef or upon your specific request. You will taste traditional wines from the region, pairing them with the dishes prepared and in line with the guidelines for a harmonious food and wine pairing. The wines of Friuli are a fundamental part of the wine patrimony of Italy.

A participant may take notes in the recipe book prepared in collaboration with Ulimengo and the cooking school. In the meantime you will be able to taste and eat the delicious plates prepared right in the kitchen with the chef.

Day 3 – Saturday

After breakfast you will take the panoramic street to *Castello di Rive d'Arcano superiore*, one of the most evocative castles of Friuli. The *Castello di Rive d'Arcano superior* is one of the best preserved in Friuli, showing historically interesting and picturesque parts and late-Romanesque double lancet windows.

You will then take you from this medieval site to continue discovering the traditional culinary life of Friuli: you'll go on a tour of a small prosciutto factory guided by owner where you'll discover the special characteristics of this ham, fruit of the unique climate of San Daniele.

You will take to you taste the ham, aged 18 months together with wine of the Collio area.

In the afternoon you will take you to *Spilimbergo*, 12 km from San Daniele, to visit the school of mosaics famous for its gallery of prestigious mosaics. The school is unique, its professional courses last three years and it currently has 100 students from 22 different countries. Students learn and practice various techniques and work together with important architects and artists. You'll see examples of mosaics from the Greek-Roman and Byzantine eras to contemporary expressionists. You'll watch students at work and hear their explanations on the various types of materials and work techniques.

You will have enough time to admire the *Duomo* and famous painted *Palazzo*.

Back in San Daniele you will have dinner in a family run restaurant.

Day 4 – Sunday

After breakfast you will take you 11 km north of San Daniele to the southeastern border of the Carniche Alps in order to visit the *Natural Reserve of Cornino Lake*. This area is known for huge chalky walls near the pebbly banks of the *Tagliamento* River. You'll follow a marked path around the transparent lake with blue-green reflections resulting from underwater springs and the pebbles of the *Tagliamento* River. With a bit of luck, you'll be able to spot the griffons from the Visitor's Center while the Reserve Guide talks about the Griffon Project. The goal of the project is to keep safe the population of this local vulture, supplying it with food and a safe and secure area where to fly and live.

You will take you back to San Daniele for a traditional Friuli lunch at a special Trattoria.

You will conclude our visit going back to the home base of *the Agriturismo*.

Package [individual arrivals]

- > 3 nights in double rooms with breakfast included;
- > 2 wine tastings with light lunches, drinks are not included;
- > 1 traditional lunch with 5 servings and paired wine
- > 1 Friuli dinner with paired wine at the *Agriturismo* with the chef of a cooking school
- > 1 sampling menu with 6 servings paired with wine
- > Walk through the vineyards, wine tasting with a wine maker and owner and sommelier Ursula Prügger
- > Exclusive tour of an awarded high quality *Prosciuttificio*
- > Cooking lesson with recipe book from the chef of the cooking school in collaboration with Ulimengo
- > Exclusive tour of the center of San Daniele, private tour of *Castello di Rive d'Arcano*, guided tour of the School of Mosaics of *Spilimbergo*, guided tour of the *Natural Reserve of Cornino Lake*
- > Private van or car

The program can be changed upon requests

Guide

You will be guided by Ursula Prügger, sommelier and one of the two founders of Ulimengo, who's lived for more than 20 years in Italy and has in-depth knowledge of Friuli's culinary history.

Information & Price

For information please contact us at +39 366 438 77 30 or e-mail info@ulimengo.it.

We will prepare an estimate for you based on the number of participants and program.