

# SPECIALTY WINE CRUISES

## Presents: a Silversea Silver Wind Cruise in the Adriatic Sea July 17-28, 2004: Eleven Nights

Dear Wine Lover,

You are cordially invited to join us on a vacation designed around the greatest wines of Italy, while cruising on the unsurpassed Silversea Silver Wind. Besides all the usual activities and offerings aboard Silver Wind, we will enjoy private wine tastings, and wine-themed dinners produced just for our guests. We will be tasting the great wines of Italy; the great Brunellos, "Super Tuscans", and the Nebbiolo based wines of Piedmont. We feature only the best wines, regardless of cost, the far majority scoring over 95 points by Wine Spectator or Robert Parker. It takes us many months shopping the wine auctions to assemble these collections. Discover why we hear so frequently, and from so many of our travelers, "This is the best cruise I've ever taken". Hosted by Jim Bisciglia.

### ITINERARY:

- Jul 17** Embark Silver Wind in Athens. Spend the evening and the whole next day exploring this fascinating city.
- Jul 18** Depart Athens at 11:00 PM.
- Jul 19** Nafplion, Greece. Enjoy the day ashore. Silver Wind will be offering numerous tour possibilities. Depart 6:00 PM. Wine tasting and orientation for our wine program at 7:00 PM.
- Jul 20** Santorini. Great day ashore on a wonderful island.
- Jul 21** Cruising the Aegean Sea. Tonight at 7:30 PM, our wine-themed dinner features the best of Brunello, and Sangiovese based "Super Tuscans".
- Jul 22** Corfu. Spend the day exploring this beautiful island.
- Jul 23** Korcula, Croatia. Spend this morning in this quaint unspoiled town. Depart at noon. Tonight's wine-themed dinner features the best of the Cabernet or Merlot based "Super Tuscans". Discover why Robert Parker claims

- that Tuscany produces the best Merlot in the world outside of the grape's native territory of Pomerol in Bordeaux.
- Jul 24** Dubrovnik, Croatia. Enjoy your day in one of the best preserved walled cities of Europe.
- Jul 25** Ancona, Italy. Take in one of the many tours offered by Silver Wind. It might be interesting to take in the beautiful Byzantine mosaics in Ravenna. Depart at 6:00 PM. Tonight, our theme dinner features the best of the great nebbiolos from Piedmont, the Barolos and Barbarescos.
- Jul 26** Trieste. A city not too often visited by North Americans, Trieste is a fascinating cultural fusion of Italy with German and Slavic elements, which reflect its history as the main seaport of the Habsburg Empire.
- Jul 27** This morning we arrive in Venice with a full day and night to explore this unique and fascinating city.
- Jul 28** Disembark Silver Wind.

### INCLUDED IN YOUR CRUISE:

- All port charges.
- All beverages, including premium champagnes, wines spirits, bottled waters and sodas.
- All gratuities for staff onboard cruise ship.
- Wine-themed dinners and wine tastings produced by Specialty Wine Cruises.
- Twenty-four hour room service onboard ship.
- Fresh flowers and fruit in your luxury suite.

**Prices** - If purchased by Jan 19, 2004, Vista Suites are \$5,595 per person and Vernada Suites are \$6,995.  
If purchased after Jan 19, 2004, Vista Suites are \$5,995 per person and Veranda Suites are \$7,495.

**Note:** All accommodations on Silver Wind are suites. Vista Suites have a large picture window and are 240 square feet. Veranda Suites all have private Verandas and are 295 square feet. The Silver Suite is one of the most luxurious accommodations at sea and is 541 square feet with a huge Veranda.

**SILVERSEA® SILVER WIND**



Come cruise with us and enjoy many private wine tastings, dinners, and spectacular views from around the world.



## Adriatic Sea Cruise, July 17-28, 2004 continued

### Package Enhancements (at additional cost) -

Air, transfers and one night pre-cruise hotel stay at the Athenaeum Inter-Continental can be purchased from Silversea for \$1,555 per person from East Coast cities, \$1,625 from Central, and \$1,755 from West Coast cities.

Three night pre-cruise Athens. Three nights deluxe hotel at the Athenaeum Inter-Continental, transfers, breakfasts, one half day sightseeing tour and taxes. For passengers purchasing air from Silversea \$345 per person. For cruise only passengers \$595 per person.

Alto Adige Wine and the Val Badia-This 5 night post cruise tour is very unique and for most of our guests should be a new experience. We are so smitten by this part of Italy that we find any excuse to spend time here ourselves. The package begins with a private boat/car transfer to Val Badia. This wonderful alpine valley is a 2 1/2 hour drive from Venice in the Dolomite mountains. More dramatic scenery can not be imagined. This valley looks like it's out of the Sound Of Music, but with more dramatic mountains. The valley is in an Italian/German bilingual area of Italy, but the residents of the valley speak Ladin, another Romance language altogether. The valley has three restaurants that are just fantastic, some of the very best in Italy. The package includes dinner in each one, as you will spend three nights in this paradise. You will stay at the Relais/Chateau property, Rosa Alpina for three nights. Breakfasts are included. You can spend your days sightseeing, walking, hiking in the mountains, or just relaxing. The last two nights are spent at Castel Rundegg in Merano. On the way there, you will have a car and driver at your disposal who will

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(Words we often hear!)

give you a tour of the wineries in the Alto Adige wine zone. The area is beautiful, the wine good, and the people are an interesting cultural mixture of Latin and Teutonic. You will also be brought to the museum in Bolzano where the ice man "Oetzi" is kept. He was found about five years ago, completely preserved in a glacier and is over 5,000 years old. Fascinating, and far older than the Egyptian mummies! Your driver will bring you to the airport at the end of your Alto Adige Sojourn. \$2,695 per person.

Lake Como-Villa d'Este Experience. Post-cruise three night deluxe accommodations at the Villa d'Este. Transfers between Venice and Villa d'Este. Transfers between hotel and airport in Milan. Private guided tour by boat on Lake Como. Full breakfast daily. \$2,695 per person.

Gualtiero Marchesi. Two nights post-cruise. Deluxe accommodations at L'Alberta, a fantastic country hotel which houses the famed Michelin 2 star Ristoranti Gualtiero Marchesi. This chef was the first to bring nouvelle cuisine to Italy. Indeed some restaurant critics divide Italian cooking into two eras; before Gualtiero Marchese and after him. The restaurant is awesome and the service so

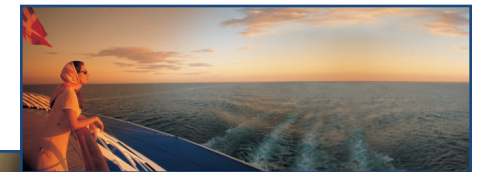
professional. An experience! Dinner one night is included in the package. The area itself is beautiful and vines come right up to to hotel. The Franciacorta and Bellavista wineries are minutes away, as is beautiful lake Iseo. Private car transfers from Venice and to Milan airport are included. \$1,995 per person.

Shopper's Milan. Two nights post-cruise at the Four Seasons Milan, located right among the designer shops. Transfers from Venice and to the airport. Breakfast daily. \$1,695 per person for cruise only guests.

**Wine List** - Approximately thirty-five wines will be featured in our program, of which the following is a partial list. Note that the number in Italics is a Wine Spectator or Robert Parker rating.

- 1990** Pio Cesare Barolo Ornato 95
- 1996** Elio Grasso Barolo Runcot (Gambero Rosso Wine of the Year 2002)
- 1997** Roberto Voerzio Barolo La Serra 97

- 1990** Tenuta dell'Ornellaia 96
- 1998** Antinor Bolgheri Superiore Guado Al Tasso 95
- 1997** Tenuta dell'Ornellaia 96
- 1998** Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 95
- 1997** Castello di Ama Chianti Classico Bellavista 95
- 1997** Isole e Olena Toscana Cepparello 96
- 1997** Antinori Solaia 98
- 1997** Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 98
- 1990** Antinori Solaia 97
- 1990** Isole e Olena Cabernet Sauvignon Coll. de Marchi 98
- 1990** Col d'Orcia Olmaia 98
- 1990** Altesino Brunello di Montalcino Montosoli 98
- 1988** Antinori Solaia 97
- 1988** Tenuta San Guido Sassicaia 98
- 1999** Tua Rita Redigaffi 99
- 1997** Le Macchiole Merlot Messorio 98
- 1997** Villa Cafaggio Cortaccio 96
- 1999** Tua Rita Giusto dei Notri 96
- 1997** Le Pupille Saffredi 96
- 1999** La Rampa di Fugnano Gisele 94
- 1985** Gaja Barbaresco Sori Tildin 97
- 1985** Gaja Barbaresco 95
- 1989** Gaja Barolo Sperss 96
- 1989** Gancia Barolo Cannubi Ca dei Gancia 96
- 1990** Gaja Barbaresco Sori Tildin 100



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