

# ITALY

## Craft, Culture & Cuisine Tour

2026

**Sept 27-  
Oct 9, 2026**

*Tour Hosts:*  
**Linda Timms &  
Alice Garrett from  
Alice Caroline**

*Join Us!*



- Tailored Small Group Tour
- English speaking expert guide
- Detailed custom itinerary
- Visits to Liberty of London Mill, Aurifil Thread Factory, Fortuny Fabrics, Bevilacqua Venetian textiles, Lake Como and much more
- Visits to working studios, Arezzo Antique Market
- Olive harvest & olive oil mill tour, Tuscan Cooking class, Wine testing and more
- Maximum 35 travelers
- Interest free payment plan option

*To Register*

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**Tour Dates:** Sept 27-Oct 9, 2026

**Tour Hosts:** Linda Timms (Blue Barn Quilt Co) & Alice Garrett (Alice Caroline UK)

**Land Tour price:** \$6795 per person

**Single supplement:** + \$1807 per person

**Pre Tour Hotel in Milan:** \$176 per night, Single room is \$321 per night

All Prices in USD

**Non-refundable registration deposit:**

\$500 per person

**Maximum Places:** 35 (minimum 20)

**Price does NOT include:**

Return Airfare, Travel Insurance, Spending money or Gratuities & Service Charges, and any meals not listed

**Optional: Mosaic Workshop in Ravenna:**

\$99 per person

**Itinerary:** 12 nights/ 13 days, 3 & 4-star hotels, Milan (2 nights), Venice (3 nights), Ravenna (1 night), Arezzo (1 night), Tuscany (5 nights)

**Includes:**

- Breakfast daily & 7 group dinners

## Overview

- Visit to Liberty of London Textile Mill, visit to Aurifil Thread Factory. All day excursion to Lake Como
- Full-day tour to Murano and Burano including Murano Glass and Burano Lace working studio tours
- Visits to Fortuny Fabrics factory, and Bevilacqua: The World of Venetian Textiles
- Arezzo Antique Market
- Full-day excursion in Tuscan Countryside for "Olive Harvest Experience" with Lunch and a visit to an Olive Oil Mill
- Cooking Class in Tuscany at Villa Casagrande
- Full-day excursion to Siena and San Gimignano. Private walking tour in Siena with a local English-speaking guide
- Visit Marco's Studio in Sienna for a Gold Leaf Painting Demonstration. Visit Tenute Torciano Winery in San Gimignano for a wine tasting & lunch
- Private walking tour of Florence, including visit to Accademia Gallery.
- Visit Marble Paper Factory – Alberto Cozzi Rilegatore Firenze
- Unesco World Heritage site of Ravenna
- Luxury coach/professional driver
- ...and so much more!

## Overview

### Hotels:

12 nights' hotel accommodation in the following hotels, or similar:

September 27: Milan – 2 nights, 4-Star

**Hotel Scandiavia**

September 29: Venice – 3 nights, 4-Star

**Hotel Avani**

October 2: Ravenna – 1 night, 4-Star

**NH Ravenna**

October 3: Arezzo – 1 night, 4-Star

**Hotel Minerva**

October 4: Figline Valdarno (Tuscany) – 5 nights, 4-Star **Hotel Villa Casagrande**

### Meals:

Breakfast each morning, except day of arrival

September 27: Dinner in a local restaurant in Milan, within walking distance of the hotel

September 29: Dinner in the hotel in Venice

October 2: Dinner in hotel in Ravenna

October 5: Lunch in Tuscan Countryside

October 6: Private group cooking class in Villa Casagrande

October 7: Lunch in Tenute Torciano Winery, San Gimignano

October 8: Farewell dinner in Villa Casagrande

### Tour Manager:

Services of a professional English-speaking Tour Manager for 12 days

### Transport:

Luxury touring coach for all transfers and sightseeing with professional driver

### Outline of Inclusions:

**Sept 27:** Guests arrive to Milan. **Day tour to Lake Como** with a boat ride. Welcome dinner at local restaurant. Overnight in Milan

**Sept 28:** Visit to **Liberty of London Textile Mill**, visit to **Aurifil Thread Factory**. (B)

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**Sept 29:** Transfer by coach from Milan to Venice. Private group transfer by water taxi from coach drop-off point in Venice to Venice hotel. Dinner in the hotel. Overnight in Venice. (B/D)

**Sept 30:** Full-day tour to **Murano and Burano** including **Murano Glass and Burano Lace workshop tours**. Overnight in Venice. (B)

**Oct 1:** Visits to **Fortuny Fabrics factory**, and **Bevilacqua: The world of Venetian Textiles**. Overnight in Venice. (B)

**Oct 2:** Private group transfer by water taxi from Venice hotel to coach pick-up point. Transfer by coach from Venice to Ravenna. Dinner in the hotel. Overnight in Ravenna. (B/D) Optional Mosaic Workshop (\$99)

**Oct 3:** Morning transfer by coach from Ravenna to Arezzo. Late morning and afternoon free time in **Arezzo Antique Markets**. Overnight in Arezzo. (B)

**Oct 4:** Transfer by coach from Arezzo to Figline Valdarno. Overnight in Villa Casagrande. (B)





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**Oct 5:** Full-day excursion to Tuscan Countryside for **"Olive Harvest Experience"** with Lunch and a visit to an **Olive Oil Mill**. Overnight in Villa Casagrande. (B/L)

**Oct 6: Cooking Class** at Villa Casagrande. Afternoon free in Figline Valdarno. Overnight in Villa Casagrande. (B/L)

*Note: If the group is larger than 20 people, the cooking class will be split in to 2 groups – one in the morning with lunch, and one on the afternoon with dinner.*

**Oct 7:** Full-day excursion to **Siena and San Gimignano**. Private walking tour in Siena with local English-speaking guide (2 hours). Visit **Marco's Studio** in Sienna for a **Gold Leaf Painting Demonstration**. Visit Tenute Torciano Winery in San Gimignano for a **wine tasting** and lunch. Enjoy some free time in San Gimignano before returning to Figline Valdarno. Overnight in Villa Casagrande. (B/L)

**Oct 8:** Transfer by coach to Florence for a private walking tour of Florence, including visit to **Accademia Gallery**. Visit **Marble Paper Factory – Alberto Cozzi Rilegatore Firenze**. Overnight in Villa Casagrande. (B)



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**Oct 9:** Private group transfer to Florence airport. (B)

- Also Included:
- Hotel portorage of one suitcase per person
- City taxes
- Portfolio of electronic travel documents
- 24-hour emergency customer service while in Italy
- Optional Mosaic Workshop in Ravenna:

**Important Information:**  
**Hotels are subject to availability at time of booking.**



## Registration Form

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To obtain access to our online form,  
please email Linda at  
**[info@bluebarnquiltco.com](mailto:info@bluebarnquiltco.com)**





## Meet Your Hosts

### Linda Timms

I'm **Linda Timms**, proud owner of Blue Barn Quilt Co., a destination where tradition, craftsmanship, and community come together. Nestled in a peaceful rural setting, our barn is more than a quilt shop-it's a place for travellers and makers to slow down, be inspired, and connect.

My love of travel, especially **Italy**, has shaped how I see quilting: as a way of celebrating beauty, history, and shared stories. At Blue Barn Quilt Co., you'll find curated fabrics, heirloom quality designs, and events that bring quilters together near and far.

Whether you join us for a workshop, a retreat, or a simple visit, you'll leave with more than fabric - you'll take home memories, inspiration, and perhaps even new friendships stitched along the way.



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**Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc.** - a boutique quilt shop and longarm studio, offering a wonderful collection of carefully curated fabrics. Blue Barn Quilt Co. Inc. is Canada's #1 source for Liberty of London Tana Lawn and Quilting cotton fabrics!

**Blue Barn Quilt Guild** - a quilting community where you will learn from industry-leading teachers, try new techniques, and meet new friends in an encouraging atmosphere.

**Blue Barn Classroom** - a place to learn! Whether you are new to quilting or a seasoned veteran, Blue Barn offers a wide variety of lectures and workshops - in-person and virtually.

### Alice Garrett

I've always loved playing with fabrics, finding particular joy in combining colours. Finding a snippet of Liberty amongst my grandmother's quilting stash of worn-out dresses and vintage fabrics was always a highlight and, from there, my passion for Liberty fabrics grew.

I've been running my business for over 10 years and love spending time designing sewing patterns and kits. Many of my kits are stocked in the iconic Liberty of London store which is always so exciting when I visit. One of my favourite times of the year is Quilt BOM design - I simply adore getting lost in both design and Liberty fabric choosing. I love the fact that these Quilt BOM boxes will be sent out across the globe - sharing that quilty Liberty love worldwide.

*Alice Caroline*   
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