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### THE ITALIAN DOLOMITES

Contrary to popular belief the Dolomites aren't a mountain range. Instead, the term refers to the composition of certain peaks interspersed with other "non-Dolomite" mountains across the north of Italy. The rock, made up of 200 million year old coral, is much lighter in color than mountain compositions anywhere else in the world. However, you might disagree if you see the cliffs at sunset glowing a fiery pinkish red. We will travel through the heart of these coral mountains visiting the "Brenta Group" and the mountain towns at their feet. At Castelrotto (Rick Steves' pick for the best of the Dolomites) we will ski the largest high alpine meadow in Europe. The plateau sits at 6,000' above sea level and is over 20 miles long. Next the Dobbiaco Valley is about as far north as you can get in Italy and is a favorite of Italian Nordic skiers. It is on the border with Austria and shares their Germanic/Alps character. This area has an extensive trail system with trails that lead up and down the valley including one that extends south all the way to Cortina (the most famous/exclusive ski resort in Italy). This provides us the opportunity to ski to Cortina and take the train back. What would a trip to Italy be without a visit to Venice! This town is Europe's best preserved big city.

This carfree urban wonderland of a hundred islands laced together by 400 bridges and 2,000 alleys survives on the artificial respirator of tourism. Born in a lagoon 1,500 years ago as a refuge from barbarians, in the middle ages this city was the seat of the Venetian trading empire and the most powerful half acre in all of Europe for 400 years (the Duke's palace). Our last destination is Rome from which we will fly home. Provided: airfare, rail pass, lodging, most breakfasts. Dates: 1/23-2/4 Cost \$2,680



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