



Tour:

SUMMIT & SOUL THE DOLOMITES EXPERIENCE

Destination:

The Italian Alps, Italy

Itinerary:

10-days / 9-nights total trip

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San Vito di Cadore / Cortina d'Ampezzo / Italian Alps, Italy

Day	Meals	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
1		Travel overnight to Europe		
2	D	Arrive Venice, Italy; transfer to San Vito di Cadore in the Italian Alps and check into your hotel	Guides Briefing & Gear Check: Goals, Grades, Safety Systems, Movement Coaching	Italia Welcome Dinner
3	B, L	<i>Dolomites Crag Day 1 Climbing: Local Coaching & Supervision - Sass de Stria YDS 5.6-5.10, Lagazuoi YDS 5.8-5.9 or the Crepe d'Oucera YDS 5.10a-5.11a / 4 alpine guides allocated</i>		Dinner on Own / Free Time
4	B, L, D	<i>Dolomites Crag Day 2 Climbing: Advanced Skills Coaching - Cinque Torri (single & multi-pitch), Landro YDS 5.10a-5.10c, Croda da Lago YDS 5.10c or Rio Gere YDS 5.10c / 4 alpine guides allocated</i>		Group Dinner
5	B, D	Free Time / Mountain Refresh	Whitewater Rafting Experience (3-hrs)	Italian Cooking Class & Dinner, Local Wine & Cheese Tasting
6	B, L	<i>Via Ferrata Climb: WW1 Historical (Grades B / C Sentiero dei Kaiserjaeger or Ferrara Fusetti) OR Advanced / Steep (Grade D such as Ferrata Olivieri to Punta Anna or Ferrata Tomaselli) / 4 alpine guides allocated</i>		Dinner on Own / Free Time
7	B, L, D	<i>Multi-Pitch Climb Day (UIAA IV to VI) Spigolo del Sass de Stria, Via Dibona on Torre Falzarego or Primo Spigolo della Tofana di Rozes / 10 alpine guides allocated</i>		Celebration Dinner
8	B, Tapas	Free Time / Mountain Refresh	Transfer to Venice, Italy; Hotel Check-In; Refresh	Traditional Cicchetti & Bacari Tour
9	B, D	Guided Venice Tour with Doge's Palace & St Mark's Basilica	Free Time for Venice Exploration - Grand Canal, Murano, Arts, Shopping; Water Taxi tickets included	Italy Farewell Dinner
10		Travel to Venice International Airport; Return flight to USA		



As with all sample itineraries, please be advised that this is an 'example' of a schedule and that the activities and hotels shown may be variable dependent upon dates, weather, special requests and other factors. Itineraries will be confirmed prior to travel.



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A Message From Our Team

At Hammock Expeditions, we believe adventure should wake you up - mind, body, and spirit. Every journey we design is crafted with purpose, built to push your limits, spark connection, and immerse you in the wild beauty of a place. Our trips blend challenge with culture, skill with story, and the kind of moments that stay with you long after you're home.

Whether you're climbing limestone towers, crossing mountain passes, or exploring a new corner of the world, we're here to create experiences that feel intentional, exhilarating, and deeply human.

— Michele & the Hammock Expeditions Team

Why Travel With Hammock Expeditions

Adventure travelers choose us because we design programs that are **expertly organized, authentic, and crafted for real exploration**. We obsess over the details - logistics, safety, pacing, local partnerships - so you can focus on the climb, the trail, the moment, and the joy of being fully present.

Our guides are seasoned professionals, our itineraries are built with intention, and our support is constant. You get the freedom to adventure boldly, knowing the foundation beneath you is solid.

What Sets Us Apart

- ❖ **Purpose-Built Adventures** — Every itinerary is designed to challenge, inspire, and connect you with the landscape and its people.
- ❖ **Safety, Structure & Professionalism** — Vetted guides, clear communication, and 24-hour support mean you can push your limits with confidence.
- ❖ **Hands-On, High-Impact Experiences** — Climbing, canyoning, trekking, skill-building, cultural immersion - we create moments that feel alive and unforgettable.
- ❖ **Traveler-Centered Design** — We balance intensity with rest, structure with flexibility, and challenge with comfort. You get adventure without chaos.
- ❖ **A Team That Lives Adventure** — We're climbers, trekkers, planners, and explorers who care deeply about meaningful travel. Your goals become our goals.

Our Commitment to You

When you travel with Hammock Expeditions, you gain a partner who understands the rhythm of adventure - the preparation, the anticipation, the challenge, and the reward. We're here to support your journey, elevate your experience, and deliver a trip you'll talk about for years.

We can't wait to adventure with you.

Michele, Christina, Izzy, Dana, Taylor, and the Team



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Summit & Soul: The Dolomites Experience

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Climb beyond the ordinary in Italy's majestic Dolomites, where limestone towers meet timeless culture. This immersive journey blends technical adventure with refined local experiences - from multi-pitch ascents and alpine coaching to cooking classes and Venice. Designed for passionate explorers, Summit & Soul celebrates the art of movement, connection, and discovery - a true ascent of both body and spirit.

The Dolomites: A Legendary Landscape for Climbers

Rising in pale, jagged towers above northern Italy, the Dolomites are one of the most iconic mountain ranges on Earth - a UNESCO World Heritage Site shaped by time, tectonics, and the dreams of generations of climbers. Their unique limestone creates sweeping faces, sharp ridgelines, and dramatic spires that feel almost sculpted for movement. Since the early 20th century, the Dolomites have been a proving ground for pioneers like Emilio Comici and Reinhold Messner, whose bold ascents helped define modern alpinism. Today, these mountains remain a living museum of climbing history, where classic routes meet contemporary challenges and every summit carries a story.

Why the Dolomites Are a World-Class Climbing Destination

The Dolomites are considered one of the top climbing destinations in the world because they offer something few ranges can match: immense variety, unmatched beauty, and a deep cultural connection to the sport. Climbers can move from long, elegant multi-pitch lines to technical crags, airy via ferrata routes, and historic alpine walls - all within a single valley. The rock is grippy, expressive, and endlessly interesting, making every pitch feel like a conversation with the mountain. Add in Italy's mountain hospitality, rich alpine culture, and the sheer concentration of world-renowned routes, and you get a destination where adventure feels both elevated and effortless. **For climbers seeking challenge, heritage, and breathtaking scenery, the Dolomites are simply unparalleled.**

The Local Guide Team: [Guide Dolomiti](#)

(please note - mountain providers are subject to change based upon dates and availability)



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Dolomites Accommodation Options

Groups will choose a single option for all group members when booking. Pricing will be shown in your quote for each option. Please feel free to reach out regarding additional possibilities and options.

Option A: [Villa Santa Maria Ausiliatrice](#); San Vito di Cadore Basecamp

This property is a traditional Italian *Casa per Ferie* (Religious Guesthouse) specialized in hosting groups. It offers a peaceful, community-focused atmosphere that provides a highly authentic alpine experience. The hotel is regularly used by climbing & hiking groups visiting the area.

- **The Vibe:** Serene, welcoming, and community-oriented, featuring spacious common areas specifically designed for groups to gather and relax.
- **The Rooms:** Simple, exceptionally clean, and functional. They provide a comfortable, no-nonsense basecamp for sleeping and recovering without the frills of a commercial luxury resort.
- **Internal Restaurant:** The facility features its own private dining room where you will be served your daily breakfasts and hearty, home-cooked Italian dinners tailored for hungry climbers.
- **Location:** [View on Google Maps](#)

Option B: [Hotel Alaska Cortina](#); Cortina d'Ampezzo Basecamp

Hotel Alaska is a premium 4-star hotel located right in the vibrant heart of Cortina d'Ampezzo. Offering breathtaking views of the Dolomites, it serves as the perfect upscale basecamp for our climbing expeditions.

- **The Vibe:** Elegant alpine charm combined with modern comforts, placing you steps away from Cortina's famous boutiques, cafes, and restaurants.
- **The Rooms:** Spacious, well-appointed, and designed for ultimate relaxation and recovery after a demanding day on the rock.
- **Internal Restaurant:** Enjoy hearty buffet breakfasts and exquisite local dinners at the hotel's renowned internal restaurant, ensuring you are well-fueled for the mountains.
- **Location:** [View on Google Maps](#)

VENICE: [Hotel Kette](#), Venice Base

Hotel Kette is a classic, refined 4-star hotel tucked away in the historic heart of Venice, just a short stroll from St. Mark's Square and the famous La Fenice Opera House. The property perfectly captures the charm of Venetian history with elegant, traditional decor paired with modern comforts.

- **The Vibe:** Sophisticated and classically Venetian, offering a luxurious and restful urban oasis after a physically demanding week in the mountains.
- **Accessibility:** Located on a quiet canal, you can easily step out right into the city's labyrinth of bridges, boutiques, and cafes.
- **Location:** [View on Google Maps](#)



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Your Itinerary

Day 1 – Travel Overnight to Europe

Meals en route on flight

Begin your journey to Italy's alpine heart. Settle in for your overnight flight and prepare for the week ahead - a balance of challenge, culture, and camaraderie.

Day 2 – Hello Italy!

Breakfast in flight, lunch on own, Group Dinner included

After arriving in Venice, Italy, we'll transfer to your mountain hotel. After checking in, we'll meet our guides and have our Welcome, Safety & Orientation Briefing before getting refreshed and having a fabulous Welcome Dinner. Today's discussions will include goals and expectations, grades, safety systems and movement coaching from a climb standpoint. Other topics include a general international travel overview and a very warm welcome!

Day 3 – Dolomites Crag Day 1

Breakfast & lunch included; dinner on own

Your first climbing day in the Dolomites sets the tone for the entire adventure - a blend of exhilaration, focus, and that unmistakable alpine magic. As you step onto the limestone for the first time, you'll feel why these mountains are legendary: the rock is textured and expressive, the routes are elegant, and every move invites you deeper into the rhythm of the climb. Under the guidance of expert local instructors (example: 22 climbers = 4 local mountain guides), you'll warm up on classic Dolomites lines that build confidence, refine technique, and reconnect you with the joy of movement. It's the perfect introduction to the vertical world you'll be exploring all week.

Safety is woven into every moment of the day. Your guides will walk you through local systems, route etiquette, and the unique characteristics of Dolomite limestone, ensuring you feel grounded and supported before you ever leave the ground. Expect clear communication, thoughtful pacing, and coaching that meets you exactly where you are - whether you're rediscovering your flow or pushing toward new grades. By the end of the session, you'll be fully tuned into the terrain, your team, and the adventure ahead. It's the kind of first day that leaves you energized, capable, and hungry for more.

This evening, dinner is on your own to enjoy Italy with new friends, or rest and relax at your own pace!

Day 4 – Dolomites Crag Day 2

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Your second day on the rock is where everything starts to click. With the confidence and familiarity you built yesterday, you'll move into routes that challenge your balance, footwork, and mental flow. The Dolomite limestone reveals its personality - pockets, edges, and expressive features that reward precision and creativity. Under the guidance of expert local instructors (example: 22 climbers = 4 local mountain guides), you'll refine technique, sharpen efficiency, and feel yourself settling into the rhythm of climbing in one of the most iconic ranges on Earth. It's a day designed to elevate your skills while keeping the joy of movement front and center.



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Safety remains the backbone of the experience. Your guides will reinforce best practices for clipping, communication, route reading, and rope management, ensuring every climber feels supported as the grades progress. Expect thoughtful pacing, clear instruction, and coaching tailored to your comfort level. Whether you're pushing into new terrain or savoring the flow of familiar movement, you'll climb with confidence, clarity, and a team that's fully invested in your success.

Day 5 – Alpine Relaxation, Whitewater Adventure & Italian Culinary Evening

Breakfast & dinner included; lunch on own

The morning is yours to enjoy at a slower pace. After your high-energy alpine adventure, this relaxed window lets you savor the Dolomites in your own way - a quiet coffee in town, a scenic walk, or simply time to unwind and take in the mountain air before the afternoon's excitement.

In the early afternoon, the group heads out for a three-hour **whitewater rafting experience**. Guided by expert river leaders, you'll navigate lively rapids, cool stretches of flowing water, and the dramatic scenery of the Dolomites from an entirely new perspective. It's an exhilarating, laughter-filled adventure that blends teamwork, movement, and the thrill of being on the river.

As evening settles in, the pace shifts to something warm and celebratory. You'll gather for a **hands-on Italian cooking class paired with a local wine and cheese tasting - a perfect blend of culture, flavor, and connection**. Together, you'll prepare regional dishes, learn culinary techniques, and enjoy a shared dinner that feels both intimate and festive. It's a beautiful way to close out the day: adventure in the afternoon, artistry in the evening, and the unmistakable joy of good food, good wine, and good company.

Day 6 – Via Ferrata Climb

Breakfast & lunch included; dinner on own

Today you step onto one of the Dolomites' most legendary experiences: the Via Ferrata. These protected climbing routes were originally built during World War I, allowing soldiers to move across exposed ridgelines and steep faces with speed and security. Now, they offer modern adventurers a rare opportunity - to ascend dramatic alpine terrain using fixed cables, ladders, and iron rungs while surrounded by sweeping views that feel almost unreal. It's a thrilling blend of history and movement, where every step connects you to the climbers and mountaineers who shaped this region's legacy.

Your guides will lead you along a route tailored to the group's comfort and skill level, from classic Grade B/C paths with airy exposure to more advanced Grade D lines that offer steeper, more technical sections. The experience is exhilarating but grounded in professionalism: before you clip into the first cable, you'll receive a full safety briefing covering harness systems, proper clipping technique, pacing, and communication. Throughout the climb, guides maintain clear oversight, ensuring every participant feels secure, supported, and confident as they navigate the terrain.

The reward is extraordinary. As you traverse ledges, climb iron ladders, and move across high alpine walls, the Dolomites open up around you - jagged peaks, deep valleys, and the unmistakable glow of limestone catching the sun. It's the kind of adventure that leaves you breathless in the best way, blending physical challenge with the awe of standing in a place where history and nature collide. By the time you return to Cortina, you'll carry not just the satisfaction of the climb, but the story of having walked one of the world's most iconic alpine routes.



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Day 7 – Multi-Pitch Climb

Breakfast, lunch & dinner included

Today you step into the full alpine experience: a multi-pitch climb on the legendary limestone walls of the Dolomites. This is where the range reveals its true scale - sweeping faces, dramatic exposure, and elegant lines that rise pitch after pitch toward the sky. With the confidence you've built all week, you'll move into longer, more sustained routes graded UIAA IV–VI, chosen specifically to match the group's ability and comfort level. Each pitch offers its own rhythm: delicate footwork, thoughtful movement, and the quiet thrill of gaining height in one of the most iconic climbing destinations on Earth.

Your guides will lead with precision and care, managing anchors, belays, pacing, and route-finding so you can focus fully on the climb. Before leaving the ground, you'll receive a detailed briefing on multi-pitch systems - communication, transitions, stance management, and efficient movement - ensuring every climber feels grounded and prepared. Throughout the ascent, guides maintain clear oversight and steady support, creating an environment where challenge and safety work hand in hand. It's a day designed to stretch your skills while keeping you secure, confident, and connected to your team. One mountain guide is paired to every two climbers for safety today.

As you rise higher, the world opens around you: jagged spires glowing in the sun, deep valleys carved by centuries of weather, and the unmistakable feeling of being exactly where you're meant to be. Topping out on a Dolomites multi-pitch is more than a physical achievement - it's a moment of perspective, pride, and pure alpine magic. By the time you return to Cortina for a well-earned group dinner, you'll carry the satisfaction of a climb that will stay with you for years.

Day 8 – A Relaxed Alpine Morning & Off to Venice

Breakfast included; lunch on own; Cicchetti & Bacari evening tour included

After a week of climbing, today begins with a relaxed morning in Cortina - a chance to slow down, enjoy the alpine air, and take in the Dolomites at a gentler pace. Whether you choose a quiet coffee in town, a scenic walk, or simply time to unwind, the morning offers space to reflect on the movement, the views, and the confidence you've built throughout the week.

Late morning, you'll say goodbye to the mountains and begin your scenic transfer to Venice. The drive winds through alpine valleys and rolling foothills before opening into the lagoon - a dramatic shift from rugged peaks to shimmering water. Arriving earlier in the afternoon gives you extra time to explore: wander the canals, discover hidden corners, or settle into a café as Venice welcomes you with its unmistakable charm.

In the evening, the group gathers for a **Traditional Cicchetti & Bacari Tour**, a flavorful introduction to Venetian culture. You'll hop between classic bacari (local wine bars), sampling regional small plates, local wines, and the stories behind Venice's culinary traditions. It's a warm, social, and delicious welcome to the city - the perfect way to begin the final chapter of your journey.

Day 9 – Venice Exploration & Farewell Dinner

Breakfast & farewell dinner included; lunch on own

Your final full day in Italy begins with an immersive walking tour through the heart of Venice - a city unlike anywhere else in the world. Led by a local expert, you'll wind through narrow alleyways, cross stone bridges, and explore hidden squares as you learn how this floating city rose from a lagoon to become a center of art, trade, and maritime power. Along the way, you'll visit **Doge's Palace**, the former seat of Venetian leadership,



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where grand halls, intricate frescoes, and centuries of history reveal the city's political and cultural legacy. It's a rich, atmospheric introduction to Venice that blends storytelling, architecture, and the magic of simply wandering.

After the guided portion of the day, you'll receive admission tickets to **St. Mark's Basilica**, allowing you to enter at your own pace. Because wait times can vary, this flexible, self-guided approach lets you explore the basilica's mosaics, marble, and Byzantine artistry whenever it fits your rhythm. The rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy Venice however you choose - glide along the Grand Canal by water taxi, browse artisan shops, cruise to stunning Morano to explore blown glass, sip espresso in a quiet campo, or lose yourself in the maze of bridges and walkways that make this city unforgettable. It's a gentle, reflective contrast to your week in the mountains.

As evening settles over the lagoon, the group gathers for a **farewell dinner** - a warm, celebratory meal honoring the journey you've shared. Expect incredible food and the kind of conversation that only happens after days of adventure. It's the perfect closing chapter before tomorrow's departure.

Day 10 – Departure Day

All meals on own / en flight today (dependent upon flight times)

After a final Venetian morning - quiet canals, soft light, and the gentle rhythm of the city waking up - it's time to begin your journey home. Enjoy breakfast at the hotel, take one last stroll through the narrow streets, or savor a final espresso before your scheduled transfer to the airport. Whether you're heading straight home or continuing your travels, you leave Italy with new skills, new stories, and the unforgettable memories of a week spent climbing, exploring, and connecting in one of the most iconic mountain ranges in the world.

Our team will ensure your departure is smooth, organized, and stress-free. As you board your flight, you carry not just the experience of the Dolomites and Venice, but the confidence, camaraderie, and sense of accomplishment that come from a true adventure. We're honored you chose to travel with us and we can't wait to welcome you back on your next Hammock Expeditions journey.

Arrivederci, Italia!

Thank you for adventuring with us! We can't wait to welcome you on your next Summit journey.



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Minimum Booking Numbers: 20 paying passengers

What's Included:

- ✓ Roundtrip international flights to Venice, Italy
- ✓ 8-nights' accommodation in Italy: 6-nights in Cortina, 2-nights Venice
- ✓ Italy airport transfers and local transfers via coach/shuttle
- ✓ Group meals as shown in the itinerary: 7 breakfasts, 4 lunches, 5 dinners, 1 tapas
- ✓ Climb inclusions:
 - 2-days Dolomite Crag (days 3, 4 & 8)
 - 1-day Via Ferrata
 - 1-day Multi-Pitch
- ✓ Local Mountain Guide team
 - 2-days Dolomite Crag = 1 Guide to every 5-6 climbers
 - 1-day Via Ferrata = 1 Guide to every 5-6 climbers
 - 1-day Multi-Pitch = 1 Guide to every 2 climbers
- ✓ Mountain Whitewater Rafting Experience (equipment provided)
- ✓ Venice Guided Tour with Doge's Palace included
- ✓ Admission to St. Mark's Basilica
- ✓ Personal Tour Director
- ✓ 24-hour emergency cover

What's Not Included:

- ⊗ Fully comprehensive insurance (**mandatory**; available during registration)
- ⊗ Baggage costs, pay directly to airline if required (one bag meeting specified dimensions/weight is generally included on international journeys)
- ⊗ Baggage handling - everyone should be able to pull / load their own bag
- ⊗ Transfers to/from home airport
- ⊗ Italian hotel tourist tax, pay direct to the hotel, €4.50 (est) per person, per night of occupancy
- ⊗ Any meals, snacks or beverages other than the ones states as "included" on the itinerary
- ⊗ Meal selections other than ones provided for the entire group (we are generally able to cater for allergy conditions, vegetarians, halal and in some cases vegan)
- ⊗ Alcoholic beverages (pay on own)
- ⊗ Cost of personal passports, visas or visa waiver fees
- ⊗ Cost of inoculations or medication required for travel
- ⊗ **Cost of Climbing Rental Equipment** – approximately \$225 for 4 climb days, TBD based on specific dates
- ⊗ **Lift tickets for climbing** – these will vary based on climb selections with your guide, cable or hike to climb point, etc. Payable directly to the provider on site. Please budget up to €40 per climb day for these tickets.
- ⊗ Sightseeing / Entertainment / Transport not shown in Itinerary
- ⊗ Hotel incidental deposits & bills – mini-bar, movies, etc.
- ⊗ **Gratuities** – drivers, hotel services, National Guide, Tour Director (budget \$75 pp)
- ⊗ Credit card fees if individuals wish to pay via credit card instead of ACH
- ⊗ Additional taxes, fuel surcharges or fees levied by governments / suppliers

As always, our staff are always available to you to answer any questions you may have regarding programming.
If we may serve you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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