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Enhance Your Stay in Sirmione with Additional Privately Guided Sightseeing

Private Tour to Verona: A comfortable chauffeured drive from Sirmione brings you to Verona, one of northern Italy's most captivating cities and a UNESCO World Heritage Site whose well preserved historic center spans more than two thousand years of history. Meeting your expert resident guide on arrival, you'll embark on a walking tour to discover the city's rich layering of history, from ancient Roman to medieval and Renaissance. With insight from your guide, you'll discover important monuments like the Arena di Verona, a first-century Roman amphitheater still used for concerts and opera performances, and the elegant Piazza delle Erbe, built on the site of the ancient Roman forum and framed by medieval palaces and a lively open-air market. In the nearby Piazza dei Signori, you'll admire the elaborate Gothic funerary monuments of the Scaliger family, rulers of Verona in the 13th and 14th centuries. Then visit the courtyard of Juliet's House, forever linked to Shakespeare's immortal tragedy, before your guide leads you inside the magnificent Basilica di Sant Anastasia, its soaring Gothic interior adorned with remarkable frescoes and works of art. After sightseeing, your guide will be happy to offer dining and shopping suggestions to make the most of your free time before your private car and driver take you back to your hotel in Sirmione. *Tour Duration: 6 Hours with roundtrip transfers from Sirmione.*

Private Full-Day Tour to Cremona: A scenic chauffeured drive from Sirmione brings you to Cremona, a medieval city on the banks of the Po River whose name has been synonymous with the world's finest stringed instruments for more than five centuries. It was here that the Amati family gave the modern violin its definitive form in the 1500's. A century later, the Guarneri dynasty produced instruments of legendary power, including one that Niccolò Paganini nicknamed The Cannon for its powerful resonance. And it was here that the legendary Antonio Stradivari spent his decades-long career crafting more than a thousand instruments whose sound has never been equaled. Today, over 150 master luthiers still work in Cremona, a living tradition recognized by UNESCO as an Intangible Cultural Heritage.

With your private guide, you'll explore the medieval city center before diving into this remarkable story at the Museo del Violino, where instruments by Stradivari, Guarneri, and Amati are displayed alongside original tools and workshop models from Stradivari's own atelier. A visit to a working luthier's workshop offers a rare look at the craft as it is practiced today, and a private performance on one of these instruments makes for an unforgettable finale to the day. *Tour Duration: 7 Hours with roundtrip transfers from Sirmione*