

Reader's Digest

How This Travel Writer Is Satisfying Her Wanderlust From Home

Just because we're currently grounded, it doesn't mean that we can't explore the world virtually—and plan our next amazing trip.

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The hills of Conegliano Valdobbiadene in Italy



The small region of **Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG** captured my heart last fall. Located 30 miles north of Venice, this area is nestled between the Dolomites and the Adriatic Sea in Veneto. It is home to the hill towns and steeply terraced vineyards between Conegliano and Valdobbiadene, one of the newest UNESCO World Heritage Sites and also the region where Prosecco Superiore is produced. I traveled along the winding 20-mile-long stretch of the Prosecco Road, toured the precipitous hillside vineyards with the winemakers, and had a picnic lunch at one of the vineyards. I still smile when I think about the day I spent with Ruth and Andrea at their picturesque B&B nestled in the hills, where we laughed, cooked, and shared stories over a delicious meal.

For now, my husband and I are enjoying Prosecco Superiore at home and visiting the region virtually with this video. I'm even learning about making Prosecco Superiore from the Consortium's Conegliano Valdobbiadene Academy, which offers three online lessons in English. These informative sessions cover everything from the history and characteristics of the wine to proper food pairings and storage techniques. I'm also following the region's #SparkleatHome initiative on social media and will be participating in their first #SparkleatHome Zoom webinar. This virtual wine tasting will be held in early June in partnership with Wine.com. Participants can purchase the wine and do the tasting, or they can just tune in to listen and learn.

