

“The Little Black Book of all the people you need to know in travel: the exceptional individuals who transform trips into adventures, who have the personal history and expertise, the stories and the access, to set them apart from all the humdrum...”



Jonathan Pollock: Italy

This man has ticked a lot of boxes: originally from New York, he majored in Italian Studies at Duke University in North Carolina, lived in Florence, worked in Milan and got an MBA at Harvard Business School. While he has a deep love and understanding of Italian culture, his business acumen and organizational skills keep the logistics flawless but personal. In addition to his more general country tours, his superb company Ciao Andiamo excels in culinary and wine trips. Pollock has now designed a number of truffle-hunting experiences from Piedmont to Tuscany. For example, in Norcia in Umbria, guests head out on a mission to find black truffles in the breathtaking Sibillini Mountains National Park, accompanied by local hunters (and brothers) Mario and Marco and their team of dogs. Umberto can also take you to the Holy Grail of truffle areas near Montalcino in Tuscany; and in Spoleto in Umbria — one of the most authentic hunting grounds of the lot. After a tough search, Giovanni will provide you with a feast of fresh pasta, fresh truffles and local cheese, washed down, of course, with a glass or two of wine from the region. The combination of homegrown charm with a faultless sense of planning makes Ciao Andiamo one of Italy's best new outfitters. Get truffling, *pronto!*