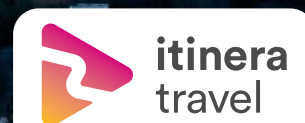




Italy 2024

Best of Piedmont

Food & Wine 2024



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A tour in the prosperous **Piedmont**, where precious cities of art alternate with flourishing crops and green hills and valleys dominated by medieval villages and castles. All accompanied by the intense aromas and strong flavours of the local cuisine, including the intense white **truffle of Alba**, fine **chocolate** and tasty **Piedmontese cheeses**. Great wines such as the legendary Barolo, Barbaresco and Asti Spumante (all DOCG wines) are the perfect accompaniment to these high quality delicacies.

PROGRAM (8 days for small groups - 15/20 pax)

Day 1 - Arrival

Arrival in Italy. Meeting with tour leader, transfer by private bus to the Langhe area.
Check-in at the hotel and welcome dinner.

Day 2 - Truffle and Barolo

In the morning, transfer to the starting point of the truffle hunt, an exciting experience with the trifulau - the truffle expert - and the dog.

The fresh truffle also characterizes the lunch at a typical restaurant in the Langhe: its intense aroma will exalt every dish. In the afternoon, visit of Barolo, the charming village that gives the name to the worldwide known wine Barolo. Afterwards, visit of a winery and wine tasting, including Barolo.

Day 3 - Canelli: Spumante and Grappa

In the morning, transfer to the village of Canelli, UNESCO heritage site thanks to the "Underground Cathedrals", historical underground wine cellars: during the visit of a local winery, all the secrets about these impressive buildings and the wine here produced will be revealed.

A glass of the typical sparkling wine will accompany also the lunch in a panoramic restaurant with view over the village.

In the afternoon, visit of a distillery in the countryside, including the tasting of grappa and other local spirits.

Day 4 - Hazelnuts and Alba Truffle Fair

The Langhe region is not only about wine and truffle but also hazelnuts: never heard about Nutella? Besides of this famous brand, there are many family-run farms that transform this fruit in delicious products. The morning is dedicated to the visit of a farm that produces these delicacies.

After lunch, transfer to Alba, the main town of the Langhe. The International Alba White Truffle Fair takes place in this medieval town every autumn: in the afternoon we visit this vibrant festival, where truffles and traditions match perfectly.

Day 5 - Chocolate and Sacra di San Michele

Besides of the strong flavours of the regional dishes, Piedmont is also famous for the master chocolatiers: pralines, gianduiotti and chocolate truffles are true delicacies. In the morning we visit a chocolate laboratory where the master chocolatiers shows us the transformation of cocoa into great chocolate.

The second half of the day is devoted to the visit of the Sacra di San Michele, one of the main monument of the region, a religious building situated on the top of a hill and surrounded by high mountains.

After the visit, transfer to Torino, check-in at the hotel and dinner.

Day 6 - Torino and cooking class

Torino, first capital of Italy, is the base of the last two days of this trip. In the morning we get a general introduction to this elegant city accompanied by a fully licensed guide: not only art and history, but also curiosities and food traditions, there are many secrets to be discovered in Torino!

After a lunch with typical Torinese dishes, the afternoon is dedicated to the own exploration of the city, there is plenty to do and see here. The day ends with a funny and captivating cooking class: challenge your fellow travelers cooking traditional and innovative dishes!

Day 7 - Rice and cheese

The countryside East of Torino is large farmland, where rice is one of the major crops. This flat countryside covered with endless rice paddies is dotted with ancient

farmsteads that still grow rice. We learn about the technics of production of this cereal by visiting one of this historical farmsteads. The visit is followed by a lunch with a tasting of different types of risotto, the main dish of this area.

The last food experience of this trip is focused on cheese: there is something for everyone, from fresh to aged to blue cheeses. We visit a dairy to better understand how these cheeses are made and we taste some local specialities. Farewell dinner at a special location.

(The last afternoon of the trip is free. Unleash your passion for shopping or art, Torino meets the needs of every traveller!)

Day 8 - Departure

After breakfast, transfer to the airport and end of services. Arrivederci!

Services included

- 7 Nights accommodation in 4*/5* Hotel in Turin, Boutique Hotel in Langhe area. All Hotel taxes.
- All ground transfers.
- 7 Breakfasts.
- 6 Lunches with local wines.
- 7 Dinners (one of which is a cooking class) with local wines.
- 1 Langhe winery visit with tasting.
- 1 Canelli winery visit with tasting.
- 1 visit to distillery with tasting.
- 1 guided visit of Torino historical center.
- 1 visit to organic rice farm.
- 1 visit to dairy with cheese tasting.
- 1 truffle hunting experience with Tartufo and its dog.
- Visit to Alba International Truffle Festival.
- 1 visit to boutique Chocolate laboratory with tasting.
- 1 Cooking class.
- Service of an English-speaking personal guide throughout the trip.
- Service of private bus for the entire length of the tour.
- Pick up at Malpensa airport on arrival day (at scheduled time).
- Drop off at Malpensa airport on departure day (at scheduled time).

Does not include

- International flights and all associated fees.
- Meals other than those specified in the specific tour itinerary.
- Visa and passport fees.
- Travel insurance (medical travel insurance is highly recommended).
- Free time activities and sightseeing and all personal expenses.
- Items of a personal nature.

Please note

To visit to the Truffle Fair in Alba, plan this tour in October or November. The feasibility of truffle hunting must be checked. Looking for a longer trip? Add the destinations: Lombard lakes or Milan.

This proposal is fully customizable!



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