

PIEDMONT - LAND OF LAKES, WINE & TRUFFLES

8 Days FROM \$3,083



Langhe Vineyards

PRIVATE DELUXE ESCORTED PROGRAM

(3) Biella • (2) Bra • (2) Turin



FRANCE

ITALY

- No. of overnight stays

— - By Sendan/Minivan

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience the magic of Piedmont, a historic gem and culinary destination of astronomical proportion known for its cheeses, truffles, wines, varieties of rice, chocolate, hazelnut and time-honored recipes
- Explore breathtaking Biella and the medieval village of Pizzo
- Sip on Piedmontese sparkling wine and grappa in Roppolo and savor lunch at a typical restaurant in the Ricetto di Candelo
- Visit the imposing Sanctuary of Oropa, home of one of the country's famous Black Madonnas
- Discover Sordevolo, where every five years the town presents the Passion of Christ
- Sip on sparkling Spumante wine in Asti and svelte Barolo wines in the Langhe Hills
- Tour amazing Alba and captivating Turin with insightful local guides
- Relish gastronomic delights at an acclaimed Osteria in Bra and at the original Eataly in Turin

DAY 1 | MILAN | BIELLA After your morning arrival into Milan's Malpensa airport, you'll be met and taken to your hotel in Biella, a city rich in architecture, art and archaeology. An afternoon walking tour of Biella will be followed by dinner in a lively restaurant located in the medieval village of Piazzo. (D)

DAY 2 | BIELLA | ROPPOLO | RICETTO DI CANDELO | BIELLA This morning, travel to the village of Roppolo to visit a castle on the hills overlooking Lake Viverone and to visit its "Serra" wine cellar for a tasting of Piedmont's sparkling wines and grappa. We then continue to Ricetto di Candelo, a medieval fortified village built between the 13th and 14th centuries to protect food supplies, as well as the farmers' possessions in moments of extreme danger. Lunch is included in a typical local restaurant. Walking in the long "rue" (streets) paved with river cobblestones, between the high walls and the vigilant towers, time seems to have stopped and visitors can lose themselves among hidden courtyards and frescoed walls. Overnight in Biella. (B,L)

DAY 3 | BIELLA | OROPA | SORDEVOLO | BIELLA Today, explore the Sacred Mountains of Piedmont, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Oropa, placed at 3,900 feet above sea level, is tied to the cult of the Black Madonna. After a visit of the Sanctuary, we head to Sordevolo, a village where, every 5 years since the beginning of the 18th Century, a Passion Play is performed by all local villagers**. After a visit of the museum, you will enjoy a dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 4 | BIELLA | ASTI | BRA Today begins with a stop in Desana at a rice factory for lunch and a tasting of different rice types to learn why certain rice varieties make better risottos. Later, we continue on to the medieval town of Asti. Famous for its sparkling Spumante wine, Asti is the principal town in one of the world's most important wine-producing provinces, and point of reference in the development of new agricultural practices for Italy and Europe. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Bra. (B,L,D)

DAY 5 | BRA | LANGHE HILLS | BRA Today, venture into the Langhe Hills, home of the famed Barolo wine. The visit of WiMu, the Wine Museum at Barolo Castle will be followed by a wine tasting at the Marchesi di Barolo estate and cellars. Continue to Alba, a city known for its white truffles, peaches and wine production, for an orientation tour. In the evening we dine at the famous Murivecchi, a delightful osteria in Bra. Overnight in Bra. (B,D)

DAY 6 | BRA | TURIN This morning, arrive in Turin, Italy's first capital. After a visit of the Basilica of Superga, we stop at Eataly, an outstanding fine foods venue where you can eat and shop for gastronomic delights. Afternoon at leisure. (B,L)

DAY 7 | TURIN In the afternoon, tour the city and learn of Turin's earliest Italian automotive industries and how the city has become a dynamic cultural and artistic hub. The charm of Turin is reflected in the Royal Residences, listed as a "World Heritage Site" by UNESCO. Other noteworthy sights are the Mole Antonelliana, the Porte Palatine and the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. The remainder of the day is at leisure. Containing the finest collection of Egyptian artifacts

outside of Cairo, the Egyptian Museum is definitely worthy of a visit. Tonight, enjoy a delightful farewell dinner in a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 8 | TURIN | MILAN TO USA (OR EXTEND YOUR STAY) This morning you are taken to the airport for your return flight home. (B)

(B) Breakfast - (L) Lunch - (D) Dinner

INCLUDED FEATURES

- First class hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- 15 included meals consisting of:
 - 7 buffet breakfasts
 - 1 gourmet lunch with mini a-la-carte menu at a local restaurant
 - 1 lunch at a rice factory
 - 1 voucher for lunch at Eataly
 - 4 gourmet dinners with mini a-la-carte menu at local restaurants
 - 1 dinner at hotel
- Wine, mineral water and coffee or cappuccino served with meals
- Touring by private deluxe air-conditioned sedan/minivan
- Assistance of an English-speaking professional driver/escort for the entire length of the program
- Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees, as follows:
 - Walking tour of Biella
 - Wine tasting at Roppolo Castle
 - Visit of Ricetto di Candelo
 - Tour the Sacred Mountains of Piedmont, including Oropa and Sordevolo
 - Visit of Desana Rice Factory
 - Orientation tour of Asti
 - Excursion to the Langhe Hills region, including a visit to the Wine Museum at Barolo Castle
 - Wine tasting at Marchesi di Barolo winery
 - Orientation tour of Alba
 - Visit of Basilica of Superga
 - Guided tour of Turin
- Arrival and departure airport transfers
- Baggage handling
- Document holder and luggage tags
- Hotel taxes and service charges

PREFERRED HOTELS (OR SIMILAR)

City	Nts.	Hotels	Cat.
Biella	3	Agora	First Class
Bra	2	Cavaliere	First Class
Turin	2	S. Stefano	First Class

2020 TOUR DATES & PRICES

April- October**

Daily Departures

Minimum of 6 people

Minimum of 4 people

Minimum of 2 people

SAVE
up to
10%*

Price
\$3,083
\$3,908
\$6,384

**Performances of the Passion Play are held on Fridays and Saturdays from mid-June through September - Call us for tickets

Single supplement: On Request

Reduction for third person sharing twin-bedded room: On Request

Price is per person based on double occupancy. Rates for additional nights at first and last city are available

*Book and pay in full 4-7 months or more before departure. See website for full details.



Red Wine & Black Truffles