



in association with **THE GRAND WINE TOUR**

Ormina Tours is a tour operator based in Sydney, Australia. They sell small group journeys and private city breaks and regional discoveries across all Europe with a focus on Mediterranean countries such as Italy, to Australian, New Zealand and Northern American markets.

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Small Group Journeys

Good things come in small packages.

For some, a 'small group' experience means travelling with 20 to 40 other guests – that doesn't sound very 'small' to us. We feel that even a maximum of 20 guests is too big, too impersonal and cannot deliver all the benefits of small group travel.

✓ Maximum 10 Guests

Our small group set departure tours are limited to 10 guests, the smallest group size on the market. This means a more intimate experience with like-minded travellers; a seamless journey, better access to guides and attractions; the ability to stay in charming boutique hotels; and greater flexibility on tour. And, if a set departure small group tour is not for you, we also curate private journeys, tailored to your interest (see over page).

✓ Guaranteed Departures

Our Small Group Journeys are guaranteed to depart with a minimum of just two guests. This gives you the additional confidence and certainty to book with us well in advance.

✓ Leisurely Paced – 2 & 3 Night Stays

One night is never enough, which is why our well-designed itineraries focus on 2 and 3 night stays. This makes your experience more leisurely, relaxed and well-paced. We ensure our tours include plenty of leisure time for self-discovery.

✓ Exquisite 4 & 5-star Hotels Only

We use exquisite 4-star superior and 5-star hotels only on our small group journeys. All city hotels are centrally located within a short walking distance of places of interest, ensuring you are at the heart of the city. Our country properties are chosen for their unique charm and local influences.

✓ Value

We deliver this exclusive experience with no premium. Compared to group tours of 20 or more, our Small Group Journeys represent incredible value. There are no hidden costs or optional extras with our tours. All sightseeing, admissions and transfers are included as per the itinerary. The only cost you need to cover are meals not specified, city taxes on hotel stays (if applicable) and personal expenses.

✓ Trusted

We have been delivering quality travel journeys for over 20 years so we are very proud of the outstanding feedback we receive from our guests and that they choose us again and again. As the rest of the market plays catch up, you can rest assured that you're travelling with the experts in Small Group Travel. We are also ATAS accredited, identifying that we have been assessed to meet strict industry financial and customer service criteria.

Private Journeys

Ormina Tours are curators of bespoke itineraries, tailored just for you.

Whether you are looking for the best season, the smallest crowds or have specific dates in mind, private journeys allow for complete flexibility.

We have people on the ground in almost all of Europe, so we are perfectly placed to take care of your entire European holiday, from the moment you land to the moment you leave.

We have designed thousands of private journeys from leisure vacations to European weddings and honeymoons, bucket list adventures, family generational trips and special need assisted holidays. We can also fill in the gaps with one-off services or hotel bookings.

Every journey is assigned to one of our personal curators who will be delighted to tailor a special and unique journey for you.

"We have undertaken a number of overseas tours with groups of varying sizes but never before independently using arrangements such as those you made for us. We may never tour with a group again!"

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REVIEW

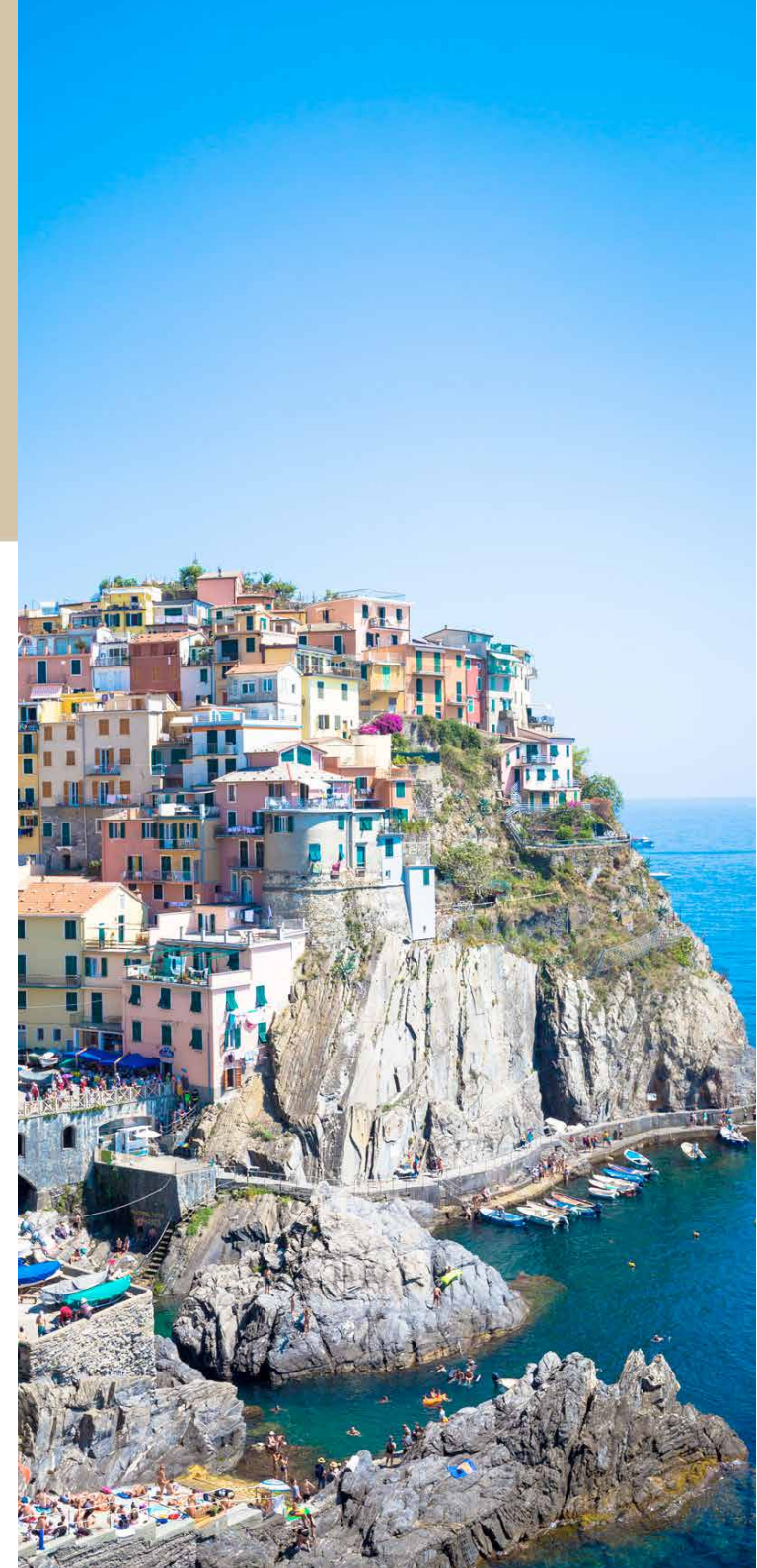
Denis and Barbara – Malta and Puglia Regional Discovery, April 2019

Itinerary Starters

We have designed a number of itineraries to introduce you to the best and most interesting parts of a European city or region.

These may be enjoyed as a stand-alone package or as an add-on option before or after our scheduled Small Group Journeys. Each itinerary is curated to provide an extensive and immersive experience of a destination.

All itineraries are completely flexible and can be tailored to suit your interests.



Piedmont (Turin): Food, Wine & Truffles 7 DAYS

Satisfy your culinary cravings with delicious truffle infused cuisine, paired with the finest Barolo and Barbaresco wines in an idyllic setting, amidst rolling plains, mountainous green hills and the Alps. This is Piedmont, which boasts one of Italy's finest winegrowing regions, contains the UNESCO World Heritage Listed Langhe area, produces the world-famous Alba white truffle and is at the centre of the Slow Food movement. Throughout this culinary discovery, partake in a local wine appreciation lesson from a master sommelier; experience the thrill of a truffle hunt; visit an aged cheese producer; partake in a cooking class; visit the region's capital Turin and picturesque towns of Alba and Barolo; relax in two magnificent rural retreats; and indulge in food, wine and truffles at wineries.



Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Experience local activities in Piedmont.
- > 6 nights in a 5-star hotel and 4-star retreats.
- > 6 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L), 1 dinner (D).
- > Guided sightseeing tour of Turin and Alba.
- > Truffle hunt with hunting dog.
- > Local wine appreciation master class with sommelier.
- > Aged cheese tasting paired with local sparkling wine.
- > Lunch and tasting at a renowned Barolo winery.
- > Tasting at a Barbaresco winery.
- > Degustation dinner with wine pairing.
- > Cooking class and lunch.
- > Deluxe VIP transport.
- > Airport transfers on first and last day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

TOUR FOCUS



Food
& Wine



Towns &
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DAY 1 Turin

Welcome to beautiful Turin, the capital of Piedmont and a historically important political and cultural centre that served as the capital of the Duchy of Savoy and the first capital of the Kingdom of Italy. Transfer to your hotel from Turin airport or train station and enjoy the day at leisure.

STAY **2** NIGHTS : Grand Hotel Sitea 5-star or similar

DAY 2 Turin (B, L)

Discover Turin by foot with a private guide, visit Piazza San Carlo, "living room of the city", John the Baptist Basilica and Piazza Castello, dominated by the presence of both the Royal Palace and Palazzo Madama. The latter was home to the first Senate of unified Italy, while the parliament was in Palazzo Carignano, now the location of the Museum of the Risorgimento. Continue along Via Po with its expansive arcades and the Mole Antonelliana, which houses the National Museum of Cinema. Finish with a Turin aperitif "Vermouth" and a welcome lunch at Mercato Centrale, close to Porta Palazzo Market which is the largest open-air food market in Europe.



Black truffles



DAY 3 Turin – Costiglione d’Asti – Benevello (B, L)

Depart for the Piedmont countryside, Italy’s picturesque region of mountains and valleys, overrun with vineyards, castles and incredible cuisine. Our regional discovery begins with a thrilling truffle hunt with hunting dog on a family property that has been passed down through generations. Unlock the mystery and allure of the truffle and enjoy the find with a light lunch, paired with local sparkling wine. Afterward, continue through Langhe, a UNESCO World Heritage listed area to check into an amazing rural retreat and relax before participating in a late afternoon wine appreciation masterclass and tasting with a sommelier. Once the seat of the Savoy Empire, Piedmont is known for Barolo and Barbaresco, the wine of kings and queens made from the Nebbiolo grape, that are among the most coveted wines in the world. The evening is yours to relax at this rural paradise.

STAY **2** NIGHTS: Relais Villa d’Amelia 4-star or similar



Enjoy a special wine appreciation masterclass with a local sommelier with tastings of Piedmont wines, the perfect introduction to the wine and wineries to be visited in the coming days.

DAY 4 Benevello – Bra – Barolo – Benevello (B, L)

Visit a family cheese business established in Bra in the 1920’s and learn the secret of aging to reflect the tradition of the territory. Enjoy a cheese sampling before venturing into Barolo for a tasting and lunch at renowned Ceretto or Cascina Chicco wineries (depending on their availability). In the afternoon, enjoy time to explore the town of Barolo

before returning to the hotel to relax for an evening at leisure. One option is to partake in an unforgettable dinner in Chef Nigro’s one-star Michelin restaurant with wine pairings within the hotel.



Enjoy a tour, wine tasting and lunch at a prestigious Barolo winery served with a magnificent view.

DAY 5 Benevello – Alba – Barbaresco – Gavi (B, D)

Enjoy a guided tour of Alba, considered the capital of Langhe and formerly known as the city with a hundred towers. The town features the Romanesque Alba Cathedral, dating to the 12th century, and is home to the world-renowned Ferrero confectionery company. Enjoy time for self-discovery and an independent lunch, which may include the famed 3-star Michelin restaurant, Piazza Duomo. In the afternoon, venture to a Barbaresco winery for a tasting and an incredible view of the Barbaresco Cru hills, before continuing to Gavi to check into another amazing retreat. In the evening, visit the properties impressive cellar before enjoying a degustation dinner in its fantastic restaurant.

STAY **2** NIGHTS: Villa Sparina 4-star or similar

DAY 6 Gavi (B, L)

Relax in the morning before partaking in a special cooking class to learn the culinary secrets of select local dishes. Afterward, enjoy the fruits of your labour with a celebratory closing tour lunch. The afternoon is yours to relax at the hotel or perhaps walk or cycle to nearby wineries.

DAY 7 Gavi – Milan (B)

If not extending with us on our Tuscan Villages tour, to nearby Cinque Terre or Bologna, return to Milan for your ongoing journey.



RELAIS VILLA D’AMELIA BENEVELLO

STAY **2** NIGHTS

- > A spectacular setting with stunning views of the Monviso Alps, this charming 19th century estate is set among vineyards and hazelnut trees.
- > Features a brilliant Michelin star restaurant as well as a heated pool, Turkish spa and Finnish sauna.
- > The Relais property is part of the Small Luxury Hotels of the World.