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NEW LANDSCAPES, BUT IN HAVING NEW EYES."

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Piedmont: 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.



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



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



Winery lunch



Villa Sparina, Gavi

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 on a winery overlooking the vines. In the afternoon, enjoy time to explore the town of Barolo, the namesake city for the ‘king of wines and the

wine of kings’, 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.

Departures and Pricing

2022			2023		
STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*	STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*
Turin	Milan	Twin Share per person	Turin	Milan	Twin Share per person
22-May-22	28-May-22	\$4,990	21-May-23	27-May-23	\$5,190
26-Jun-22	02-Jul-22	\$4,990	25-Jun-23	01-Jul-23	\$5,190
24-Jul-22	30-Jul-22	\$4,990	23-Jul-23	29-Jul-23	\$5,190
11-Sep-22	17-Sep-22	\$4,990	10-Sep-23	16-Sep-23	\$5,190
02-Oct-22	08-Oct-22	\$4,990	01-Oct-23	07-Oct-23	\$5,190
		Single Supplement \$2,500			Single Supplement \$2,600

* All prices are listed in AUD unless otherwise stated.
Prices in other currencies are available on our website.



UNIQUE EXPERIENCES

- > Truffle hunt with hunting dog.
- > Local wine appreciation master class with sommelier.

Want to discover more?

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

A Italian Lakes & Swiss Mountains (9 Days)

Small Group Journey

- > A scenic, nature-inspired journey delivering the best of Italy and Switzerland's stunning lakes, intimate lakeside villages and beautiful mountains.
- > Covers six lakes of Italy & Switzerland including Lake Como, Maggiore, Lugano and St Moritz and a ride on the famous Bernina Express.
- > Boasts incredible 5-star hotels, unrivalled on any small group journey.

Explore more on page 33.

Milan City Break (4 Days)

- > Visit the main sites in Milan with a private guide including admission to the Milan Cathedral with rooftop access, Brera Picture Gallery and Leonardo da Vinci's Vineyard.
- > Enjoy a day excursion to beautiful Lake Como with guided tour and admission to Villa Carlotta, Bellagio and Villa Melzi d'Eril.

Explore more on page 65.

POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

B Tuscan Villages (8 Days) Small Group Journey

- > Tuscany's beautiful winding roads, secluded villages and famous wine region pairs beautifully with Piedmont.
- > Activities include lunch and wine tasting in Chianti and Montalcino, truffle hunting, cooking class, Cheese farm visit and tasting and guided tours of the towns of Lucca, Volterra and Siena.

Explore more on page 41.

Emilia-Romagna Regional Discovery (6 Days)

- > Continue your gastronomy adventure into Emilia-Romagna to visit producers of Italy's most important foods such as prosciutto, Modena balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese. Also visit Antica Corte Pallavicina for a Michelin star lunch.
- > The region also boasts the medieval towns of Bologna and Ravenna that played significant roles in Italy's history; as well as the coastal town of Rimini which is one of Europe's most popular beach destinations.

Explore more on page 69.