



USEFUL INFORMATION

Minimum number of participants: 50

Duration: 7 days / 6 nights

Type of itinerary: cultural - food and wine tour

Target: adults

When: 23rd – 29th May 2019

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- GT bus journey departing from Oropa on 23rd May and arriving in Milan on 29th May
- 3 and 4 star hotel accommodation in a double room
- Full board treatment
- Guided tour of the city of Biella
- Guided tour of the Ricetto of Candelo
- Guided tour of a winery and wine tasting in the Biella area
- Visit to "Les Tisserands" company
- Visit to the "fontina" firm and its warehouse
- Visit to the Valgrisa Store and local breeder
- Guided tour of the city of Turin with tasting of Bicerin/Vermouth and Giandujotti
- Cruise on Maggiore Lake with visit to the palace and gardens of Isola Madre
- Guided tour of the cities of Alba, La Morra and Barolo
- Entrance and visit to the "Banca del Vino"
- Visit at distillery with tasting
- Visit to cellar with wine tasting

A "taste" of North West Italy



23rd May – BIELLA: 09h30 departure from Oropa to Biella. Meeting with our assistance and beginning of our guided tour of the historical centre of the city, called "**Borgo del Piazza**", reached by means of a small cable railway. It is certainly one of the most characteristic neighbourhoods of the city, made of alleys and ancient buildings, which amazes many visitors for its beauty and for the spectacular view of the city. Walking under the silent arcades of Piazza you reach Piazza Cisterna and some of the great historical residences of Biella such as Palazzo La Marmora, Palazzo Gromo Losa

and Palazzo Ferrero. With a short walk down the "coste", narrow cobbled streets typical of the village, you get to Biella Piano, where the most important monuments are represented by the Cathedral of Santo Stefano, the Baptistery and the Church of SS. Trinità. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon bus transfer to Candelo for a guided tour of Ricetto, one of the most beautiful villages in Italy. Desired by the people of Candelo, it was built in the Middle Age to preserve mainly wines and grains, the "**Ricetto of Candelo**" is one of the most well-preserved examples of this type of structure; it enjoys a panoramic view of the entire area of Biella's Pre Alps and towards the Baraggione, also called the "Biellesse Savannah". During the visit to this complex, consisting of about two hundred buildings called "cellule" and crossed by roads called "rue", you can lose yourself in a unique and unforgettable atmosphere of this place, also known as the "Medieval Pompei of Biella". Visit to a winery: guided tour of its cellars and wine tasting. Transfer to the hotel, accommodation in reserved rooms. Dinner and overnight stay.

24th may – AOSTA AND VALGRISENCHÉ: breakfast in hotel. Departure for the trip to the Valle d'Aosta. Arrival in **Valgrisanche** for a visit to the "Les Tisserands" atelier, a well-known Valdostan cooperative that protects, promotes and develops loom weaving: in addition to the real workshop, where you can find looms used for normal production, you can visit the permanent exhibition regarding the activity of the cooperative and the historical origins of weaving in the territory of Valgrisanche. Following, a visit to a firm which produces "fontina" and its impressive warehouse dug into rocks. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, free time for a walk in the centre of **Aosta**, called the "Rome of the Alps", thanks to its rich past of which there are still significant proof: the Arch of August, the Porta Pretoria, the theatre and the walls. The city also preserves interesting vestiges of the Middle Ages, in particular the collegiate church of Sant'Orso, probably the most important monumental complex in the city. Visit to the **Valgrisa Store**, in the hearth of Aosta: this is the first "prêt – a – porter" brand in the Western Alps that has created a clothing line inspired by the most authentic and traditional Aosta Valley clothing, created thanks to the processing of wool, hemp and cotton. Visit to a **local breeder**. Return to Biella. Dinner and overnight stay.



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NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- Transfer to departure airports on 29th May
- Cancellation policy € 50,00
- Drinks at meals
- Optional excursion "Biella by Night" (price on request)
- Anything not indicated in "included in the price"

INDIVIDUAL PARTECIPATION FEE:

€ 1.490,00

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SINGLE ROOM ON REQUEST

CONFIRMATION METHODS:

25% deposit to confirm the reservation

Balance by 23rd April 2019

RESERVATIONS WITHIN 31ST OCTOBER

Prices subject to confirmation in the case of less than 50 participants.

All guided tours are in ENGLISH.

The order of visits may change due to technical reasons.

Please communicate any kind of alimentary intolerance or allergy when booking

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED: copy of ID card or passport



25th May – TURIN: breakfast at the hotel and departure by bus to **Turin**, for an interesting guided tour on foot to discover more than 2000 years of the city's history, from the Roman era to the Baroque splendour, up to the recent

developments of the automobile industry and success as set of unforgettable international films, the most important of which being "The Italian Job". Stop in historical café to taste the "**bicerin**", the famous drink based on chocolate, cream and coffee, or "**vermouth**", another eno-gastronomic jewel exported all over the world. Lunch at the "Ristorante del Circolo dei Lettori", in the elegant "Granieri della Roccia" palace, to taste the traditional Piedmontese dishes. Free time. In the afternoon, you can discover the Baroque jewels and UNESCO Heritage Palaces, with attention to the great connection between Turin and chocolate, with a stop in the atelier of the Master of Taste, Guido Castagna, to taste the famous "**giandujotti**". Return to Biella. Dinner and overnight stay.

26th May – MAGGIORE LAKE: after breakfast, journey by bus to **Stresa**. Upon arrival boarding on private boat and beginning of journey to the "**Isola Madre**", with its English botanical gardens and its palace with antique furniture. Guided tour of the palace and gardens. Transfer to the "**Isola dei Pescatori**" and lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, sailing in the Borromeo Gulf to discover the beautiful pink granite quarries and the coasts of Verbania. At the end of the tour, return to the hotel in Biella. Dinner and optional excursion "**Biella by night**". Overnight stay.

27th May – THE LANGHE: after breakfast, departure for the Langhe. The morning begins with a guided tour of the historical centre of **Alba**, the city of one hundred towers and the "capital" of the Langhe, while truffles and wines. Lunch in a restaurant. In the afternoon, through a panoramic route on the UNESCO hills, passing by **La Morra** and its panoramic terrace, visit to the "**Banca del Vino**", a complex created by Slow Food to protect and promote all Italian wine excellences, with special consideration for the Piedmontese reality. Visit to a distillery where grappa is still produced using ancient steam stills. Final tasting of grappas with different ageing, fresher and younger products such as vermouth and aperitifs. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight.

28th May – THE LANGHE: breakfast in hotel. **Search for truffles** with the "trifulao" and his faithful dog (simulated). You learn what truffle is and what the different species are, how to find it and research techniques used. Seeking for truffles involves the active intervention of guests. Lunch in a restaurant. The itinerary continues with a panoramic view of the **Barolo** area by bus: across the sinuous hills of the lower Langhe and following the scenic road from which you can admire picturesque landscapes, including castles and vineyards of the precious Barolo wine, the "king of Wines", with a stop in the quaint village of Barolo, a small town known internationally to produce Barolo. **Wine tasting** at a winery. At the end, transfer to the area of Milan. Accommodation in hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

29th May: Breakfast in hotel. End of the services and transfer to the departure airports (cost extra) based on your operation flights.



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