

LANGHE & ROERO, PIEDMONT: JOURNEY IN THE WINE & FOOD VALLEY



Day 1

Arrival at Malpensa Airport, meeting with the driver and transfer to the Langhe hills – UNESCO Vineyard Landscapes. Welcome drink and check-in at the charming accommodation facility chosen. Time to relax. Dinner in the inner elegant restaurant and overnight stay.

Day 2

After the rich breakfast, the first day is dedicated to discover the Barbaresco wine growing area and the Piedmont truffle. Departure with the driver and your local English-speaking guide. Panoramic tour along the Barbaresco UNESCO vineyard landscapes in bloom. In the Langhe hills, the Nebbiolo vine species has three elective areas: Barolo, Barbaresco and Roero, all lying in a radius of 15 km from the town of Alba. Of these three, the smallest and more particular is Barbaresco, this is precisely the area that includes just four municipalities (Barbaresco, Neive, Treiso and a hamlet in Alba, San Rocco Seno d'Elvio). The clay-limestone composition of the soil is enriched with sand and blue marl, making the wines in this area famous for their natural elegance and feminine persuasive touch. Guided visit to a prestigious Barbaresco wine cellar with tasting. Lunch in a small local family-run osteria, to savour simple and traditional dishes. Possibility to admire the beautiful landscapes that stretches from Langhe and Roero to the Alpin Arch from the medieval panoramic tower in Barbaresco town centre.

In the afternoon, the tour goes on toward Neive, one of the nicest villages in Italy, and then with an exciting truffle hunting demonstration in the woods: this is the most exciting of experiences for truffle enthusiasts. A hunter accompanied by his dog will lead the group into the woods to seek out the precious underground tuber, guided only by the dog's sense of smell and the intuition resulting from years of experience. (Sporty clothes and extra pair of shoes recommended. Please note: in spring, black truffles available; no Alba White Truffles.)

Back to the accommodation to relax, the guide leaves the guests. Transfer for dinner in an elegant restaurant and overnight stay.



After the rich breakfast, the day is dedicated to discover the Monferrato area with a professional cooking school and visit the Underground Cathedrals in Canelli. Meeting with the driver and the guide and transfer to experience an exciting local cookery course in a professional school. Preparation of a traditional menu to discover the roots of our local food & wine culture, picking up some of the secrets behind the flavors and ingredients from an expert cook, alongside magical ways of combining them to create the dishes of the region in order to take a part of our land back home forever. After the course, lunch with the dishes prepared to toast to the wine & food valley. In the afternoon, the tour goes on towards Canelli: here there are those spectacular and wonderful galleries called “Underground Cathedrals”, UNESCO World Heritage site: in these underground tunnels time passes slowly, allowing the classic method to replicate the miracle of the monk Pierre Perignon. Guided visit to an historical wine cellar: the oldest part extends under the hill of Canelli for a total of 5 thousand square meters and a depth that reaches 40 meters. The origins of the winery date back to 1892. For over 120 years, the family has remained the sole owner. Since the very beginning, the family has managed estate vineyards and bottled their own wine, making it one of the oldest family-run wineries in all of Italy. Back to the accommodation to relax, the guide leaves the guests. Transfer for dinner in an elegant restaurant and overnight stay.



Day 4

After the rich breakfast, the day is dedicated to discover the best products of the Alta Langa region: cheese and hazelnuts. In this area, the tidy vineyards landscapes leave space to wilder woods and hazelnut groves. Visit to a local cheese producer: pasture, sheepfold, milking room, cheese-making process, ageing and tasting lunch with typical products and cheeses in the rustic and simple atmosphere of the shepherd’s home. Later in the afternoon, guided visit to a local hazelnut producer: Nocciola Piemonte IGP – the best in the world according to scientific tests by the National Centre for Tasting Studies. During the visit, all the steps of the transforming process will be explained, followed by the tasting. Back to the accommodation to relax, the guide leaves the guests. Transfer for dinner in an elegant restaurant and overnight stay.



After the rich breakfast, the day is dedicated to a second local cooking class and to discover Alba, the “capital” of Langhe hills. Preparation of a second local menu with a professional chef that will teach some secrets of his fine recipes. After the course, lunch all together with the dishes prepared. In the afternoon, guided visit of Alba town center, among its medieval towers, Romanic churches, liberty buildings and typical products shops. Free time to enjoy some shopping in the elegant boutiques, or to sip an aperitif in one of the many dehors. Back to the accommodation to relax. Transfer for dinner in an elegant restaurant and overnight stay.



Day 6

After the rich breakfast, the day is dedicated to the “King of wines and wine of kings”: Barolo! Meeting with the driver and the English-speaking local guide to discover the Barolo hills, which roll through just eleven municipalities and run parallel to the river Tanaro. The composition of the soil here is so particular as to change from hill to hill for different blends of elegance, longevity and majesty – the elements typical of Barolo. The guide narrates about the beauty of the landscapes, where every hill is ode to Bacchus, where cellars are temples and farmers are vestals, and about the history of the Barolo wine making, in which the Countess Juliette Colbert and the Count of Cavour Camillo Benso played great roles. Guided visit to one of the top-quality wine cellars in the region. Making wine with passion, in its land of origin, preserving the typical characteristics of the autochthonous grape varieties, being convinced that there is a deep and tangible link between the vines, hills and winegrowers, made up of affinities cemented, by habit, to the land. Since 1896, the family has been making wine this way, loyal to this philosophy and to the capacity for innovation in the name of tradition. In short, loyal to itself. Lunch in a typical local Osteria. Panoramic tour with stops in the most representative towns of the area and guided visit to the Grinzane Cavour Castle, Unesco site, to discover more about the local history and traditions. Back to the accommodation to relax, the guide leaves the guests. Transfer for the gala dinner in an elegant restaurant and overnight stay.

Day 7

After breakfast and checkout, transfer to the airport – end of the program. Arrivederci!

WHAT IS INCLUDED:

- ✓ 6 overnight stays in the charming accommodation facility, double rooms,
- ✓ breakfast buffet and access to the wellness area included
- ✓ 1 welcome drink upon arrival
- ✓ 6 dinners in refined and selected restaurants, tasting menus with 4 courses and 2 paired wines included
- ✓ 2 lunches in selected local osterias, tasting menus with 3 courses and 1 wine
- ✓ 1 visit to a well-known wine cellar in Barolo area with tasting
- ✓ 1 visit to a well-known wine cellar in Barbaresco area with tasting
- ✓ 1 visit to a prestigious wine cellar set in an Underground Cathedral (UNESCO site) with tasting
- ✓ 1 visit to a small farm producing local cheese with light tasting lunch, with drinks
- ✓ 1 visit to a small farm producing hazelnuts with tasting
- ✓ 2 hands-on cooking classes with professional chefs to prepare complete local menus, in fully equipped locations, with aprons and printed recipes
- ✓ 2 lunches following the cooking classes with the dishes prepared, with 1 wine
- ✓ Truffle hunting demonstration in the woods with a local truffle hunter and his trained dog (Black truffles)
- ✓ Admission to the Grinzane Cavour Castle, UNESCO site
- ✓ Panoramic itineraries along the Unesco vineyard landscapes
- ✓ Professional English-Speaking guide as per program
- ✓ Transfers with private bus as per program
- ✓ Welcome pack with information material in every hotel room upon arrival
- ✓ Operating costs, tourist accommodation tax and office assistance during the whole stay