



## **Piedmont Italy: Barolo and Barbaresco Tour**

**October 7-14, 2023**

### **Tour Overview**

- 8 days, 7 nights
  - 2 nights in the lake country (Baveno)
  - 4 nights in the Barolo wine country
  - 1 night in Turin
- Arrival airport: Milan (MXP)
- Departure airport: Milan (MXP)

### **Hotels**

- Hotel Splendid in Baveno (2 nights): lake view rooms
- Hotel Brezza Barolo in Barolo (4 nights)
- Starhotels Majestic in Turin (1 night): superior rooms

### **Rate**

- **\$3,675** per person (double occupancy)
- **\$3,800** per person (single occupancy)

### **Includes**

- 2 nights at 4-star hotel Splendid in Baveno, lake view rooms. Breakfast included.
- 4 nights at 3-star hotel Brezza Barolo in the Barolo wine region. Breakfast included.
- 1 night at Starhotels Majestic in Turin, in superior rooms. Breakfast included.
- Transportation with private bus as per itinerary and timing below.
- Local guide for 8 days.
- 4 wineries visits as follows:
  - 1 Barbera d'Asti wine tasting paired with homecooked farmer's lunch
  - 2 Barolo wineries and tasting of 4 wines in each



- 1 Barbaresco winery
- 3 traditional dinners, 1 lunch and 1 fine-dining experience with 3 to 4 courses each, wine, water and coffee.
- Truffle hunting demonstration and lunch at truffle farm (5 courses + wine, water and coffee).
- Cheese tasting (12 types) with jams and honey (no wine)
- Bicerin (chocolate drink) and 2 cookies.
- Native city guide in Turin for 3 hours with audio system

The rate does not include:

- Airfare

### **Program**

#### **Day 1 – SATURDAY (10/7) ARRIVAL DAY**

*Meals included: none*

The group gathers at Milan Malpensa airport, arrival level, door #8

2:00 PM Transfer to Lake Maggiore (50 min)

3:00 PM Check-in at Hotel Splendid

Free afternoon

5:30 PM Meet Sam and our local guide for an orientation talk in the lobby of the hotel

Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

#### **Day 2 – SUNDAY (10/8) LAKE MAGGIORE**

*Meals included: breakfast, lunch*

Breakfast

9:30 AM Board a private boat with a local guide for a 30-minute cruise around the three Borromean islands

10:30 AM Guided tour of Isola Bella, including the Palace and the gardens. Free time for souvenir shopping.

1:00 PM Short boat transfer on Fishermen's island and lunch at a traditional restaurant

3:00 PM Boat drop off in Stresa for free time and shopping



5:00 PM Guests can return to Baveno via public bus or taxi. Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

### **Day 3 – MONDAY (10/9)                      BARBERA WINE REGION**

*Meals included: breakfast, light lunch and dinner*

Breakfast and check-out

10:00 AM Depart for Piedmont: the first winery is set in the province of Asti where Barbera d’Asti wine is produced

11:45 AM Visit **Erede di Chiappone** winery and enjoy a home cooked traditional farmer’s brunch with salami, cheese, vegetable appetizers, a pasta course and dessert, prepared by the mom of the family. The food is paired with five wines including the DOCG appellation “Nizza”, which is Barbera wine aged in oak.

2:30 PM Drive to Barolo (45 min.)

3:00 PM Check-in at the Hotel Brezza Barolo

5:00 PM Discover the village of Barolo on foot with Sam and our local guide

7:30 PM Traditional 3-course Piedmont dinner at the restaurant in the hotel, with wine included

### **Day 4 – TUESDAY (10/10)                      BAROLO WINE REGION**

*Meals included: breakfast, dinner*

Breakfast

9:30 AM Enjoy a panoramic bus ride across the Barolo wine region and stop in at one of the villages in the area to stroll around the medieval castle of Serralunga

11:00 AM Visit Costa di Bussia winery and enjoy a tasting of 4 premium Barolo wines paired with small food bites.

1:00 PM Lunch on your own in La Morra, the highest hilltop town in the region

3:00 PM Visit Poderi di Gianni Gagliardo winery and enjoy a tasting of four wines including two unique single-vineyards.

5:30 PM Return to the hotel for a short rest before going out again for dinner.

7:00 PM Drive to a nearby restaurant (20 min. drive)

7:30 PM Traditional 4-course dinner, with wine included



## **Day 5 – WEDNESDAY (10/11) TRUFFLE HUNTING**

*Meals included: breakfast and lunch*

Breakfast

9:30 AM Drive to a truffle farm (45 min.)

12:30 PM Enjoy a home-made lunch in the cozy restaurant at the farm. Truffles will be served with two of the five courses. Local wine is also included

2:30 PM Drive to Alba

3:15 PM Enjoy a leisurely walk with Sam and our local guide through medieval towers, Baroque churches and explore on your own the vibrant shopping streets.

5:30 PM Drive back to Barolo Dinner on your own. We will be available for restaurant suggestions.

## **Day 6 – THURSDAY (10/12) CHEESE AND BARBARESCO**

*Meals included: breakfast, cheese tasting and dinner*

Breakfast

This late morning is yours to take in the vibe of the countryside: maybe take a short hike through the nearby vineyards or relax before our next tasting

11:00 AM Drive to a cheese refiner's farm (45 min)

11:45 AM Visit a small cellar where cheese is refined and indulge in a rich cheese tasting, consisting of 12 cheeses paired with breadsticks, jams and honey

3:45 PM In the afternoon we will stop in the village of Neive, awarded the "Orange flag", as one of the most picturesque towns in Italy

6:00 PM After a 10-minute bus transfer, visit **Azienda Agricola Montaribaldi** set on a hillcrest overlooking the Barbaresco wine region. Gorgeous views.

7:30 PM Enjoy a tasting of 4 wines including Barbaresco, paired with salami and cheese  
Drive back to the hotel (45 min) and enjoy some free time  
Fine-dining experience (3 courses, water and wine)



**Day 7 – FRIDAY (10/13)      TURIN**

*Meals included: breakfast and dinner*

Breakfast and check out

8:30 AM Drive to Turin (1 hour)

9:45 AM Enjoy an informative walking tour with a native of Turin cityguide through the amazing squares and streets of Turin, the first capital of Italy

12:00 PM Toast with Bicerin, the traditional chocolate and coffee drink of Turin, in a historic coffee house

1:00 PM The rest of the day is yours for shopping, perhaps a tour of the Egyptian museum (second largest in the world) or the Car museum --- or a ride in the glass elevator to the top of the historic former synagogue.

Check-in at Starhotels Majestic at your convenience after 2:00 PM.

6:00 PM Follow Sam and our local guide to our Farewell dinner, a fine-dining experience (walking distance from the hotel), set in an exclusive location.

**Day 8 – SATURDAY (10/14)      ARRIVEDERCI**

*Meals included: breakfast*

Breakfast and check-out

11:00 AM      Group transfer to Milan Malpensa airport (MXP)