



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

**Oct 21-28, 2023**

### **Tour Overview**

- 7 days, 6 nights (with the option to add pre-nights in Milan before tour begins)
- 1 night in Milan
- 4 nights in the Barolo wine country
- 1 night in Turin
- Arrival airport: Milan (MXP)
- Departure airport: Milan (MXP)

### **Hotels**

- Bianca Maria Palace in Milan (1 night): deluxe room for doubles and comfort rooms for singles
- Castello di Santa Vittoria (4 nights)
- Starhotels Majestic in Turin (1 night): superior room for doubles and classic room for singles

### **Rate**

- **\$3,500** per person (double occupancy)
- **\$3,750** per person (single occupancy)

### **Includes**

- 1 night at 4-star hotel Bianca Maria Palace in Milan city centre. Breakfast included.
- 4 nights at 4-star hotel Castello di Santa Vittoria in the Barolo wine region. Breakfast included.
- 1 night in a 4-star hotel in Turin city centre. Breakfast included.
- Transportation with private bus as per itinerary and timing below.
- Local guide for 6 days.
- 5 wineries as follow:
  - 1 Barbera d'Asti wine tasting paired with homecooked farmer's lunch



- 2 Barolo wineries and tasting of 4 wines in each one
- 1 Barolo winery with five-courses dinner paired with five wines
- 1 Barbaresco winery
- 3 traditional dinners with 3 to 4 courses each, wine, water and coffee.
- Truffle hunting demonstration and lunch in 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 – SUNDAY (10/21)      ARRIVAL DAY**

*Meals included: none*

AM            Arrive to Milan on your own

9:00 AM     First transfer from Milan Malpensa to the hotel

2:00 PM     Second transfer from Milan Malpensa to the hotel

3:00 PM     Check-in at Bianca Maria Palace hotel in the city center of Milan

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 – MONDAY      BARBERA D’ASTI and ALBA**

*Meals included: breakfast, lunch and dinner*

Breakfast and check-out

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



- 11:45 AM **Erede di Chiappone** winery (Daniele's) 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 5 wines including the DOCG appellation "Nizza" which is Barbera wine aged in oak
- 2:30 PM Drive to Alba (45 min.)
- 3:15 PM Enjoy a walking tour in the town center of Alba and visit a truffle shop for a complimentary tasting of gourmet truffle condiments
- Free time for shopping
- 5:30 PM Drive to the village of Santa Vittoria (20 min.)
- 6:00 PM Check-in at Castello di Santa Vittoria, a 4-star hotel perched on a cliff overlooking the Tanaro river and the Langhe hills
- 7:30 PM Traditional 3-course dinner at the restaurant of the hotel, with wine included

### Day 3 – TUESDAY

### BAROLO WINE TOUR

*Meals included: breakfast and dinner*

Breakfast

- 9:30 AM Enjoy a panoramic bus ride across the Barolo wine region and stop in one of the villages of the area to take a stroll around the medieval castle of Serralunga
- 11:00 AM Visit **Costa di Bussia** winery and enjoy a tasting of 4 premium wines paired with small food bites.
- 1:00 PM Lunch on your own in the village of La Morra, the highest hilltop town of the region
- 3:00 PM Visit **Podere di Gianni Gagliardo**, famous Barolo winery, and enjoy a tasting of 4 wines including two unique single-vineyard selections
- 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) either in the town of Cherasco in a farmhouse in the Roero hills
- 7:30 PM Traditional 4-course dinner with wine included



#### **Day 4 – WEDNESDAY TRUFFLE HUNT**

*Meals included: breakfast and lunch*

Breakfast

9:30 AM Drive to the truffle farm (45 min.). Go on a truffle hunt with the farmer.

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

2:30 PM Drive back to the hotel (45 min.)

Enjoy a free afternoon to explore the small hamlet of Santa Vittoria and maybe take a walk in the countryside

6:00 PM Short bus transfer to the town of Bra, where the “Slow Food Movement” started

6:20 PM Take a walk around the compact town center of Bra with our local guide before taking some free time for dinner. Bra has several dining options: the Slow Food’s Osteria Boccondivino, an original Neapolitan pizza place and other local restaurants

9:30 PM Meet in Bra and drive back to the hotel (20 min.)

#### **Day 5 – THURSDAY BARBARESCO AND CHEESE**

*Meals included: breakfast, light lunch and dinner*

Breakfast

09:00 AM Drive to the village of Neive, awarded the “Orange flag”, as one of the most picturesque towns in Italy

09:30 AM Follow your tour guide on a walk to admire medieval architecture and charming private homes

10:45 AM After a 10-minute bus transfer, visit **Azienda Agricola Montaribaldi** set on a hillcrest overlooking the Barbaresco wine region

Tasting of 4 wines including Barbaresco, paired with salami and cheese

12:45 PM Drive to the cheese refiner farm (30 min)



- 1:30 PM Indulge in a rich cheese tasting, consisting of 12 types of cheese paired with breadsticks, jams and honey
- 3:30 PM Drive back to the hotel (45 min) and enjoy some free time
- 6:00 PM Drive to Azienda Agricola Marrone, in the heart of the Barolo Wine region
- 6:30 PM Dinner in the restaurant of the winery, overlooking vineyards and medieval castles in the background. A 5-course meal is paired with 5 wines, including Barolo
- 9:30 PM Drive back to the hotel (20 min)

## **Day 6 – FRIDAY            TURIN**

*Meals included: breakfast and dinner*

- Breakfast and check out to depart for Turin
- 8:30 AM Drive to Turin (1 hour)
- 9:45 AM Enjoy an informative walking tour with our expert Turin city guide through the elegant squares and streets of the former first Capital of Italy
- 12:00 PM Toast with the traditional chocolate and coffee drink, 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 maybe a ride in the glass elevator to the top of the former Jewish synagogue.  
  
Check-in at Starhotels Majestic at your convenience after 2pm.
- 6:00 PM Depart for our Farewell dinner, a fine-dining experience (a walking distance from the hotel), set in an exclusive location.

## **Day 7 – SATURDAY        ARRIVEDERCI**

*Meals included: breakfast*

- Breakfast and check-out
- 11:00 AM Group transfer to Milan Malpensa airport (MXP)