



## **Piemonte & Lake Como**

*Indulge in world-class wines, a white truffle hunt, and scenic lake views on a luxurious Northern Italian escape.*

**Sep 25-Oct 2, 2025**

Explore the rich culture of Northern Italy on this unforgettable journey through Piemonte and Lake Como. Begin with a walking tour of Turin, Italy's first national capital. Discover the famed Barolo, Barbera, and Barbaresco wine regions, indulging in world-class wines and cuisine. Join a thrilling truffle hunt as the white truffle season begins, and meet a local cheese refiner – an “affinatore” -- specializing in aging fine cheeses. Then, head to picturesque Lake Como, where you'll stay in the charming town of Tremezzo. Enjoy a day-long, private panoramic boat tour on the lake, visiting the iconic towns of Bellagio and Varenna. This tour promises a perfect blend of culinary delights, natural beauty, and cultural experiences.

### **Includes**

- 8 days, 7 nights
- 1 night in 4-star Hotel Concord Torino, in Turin
- 4 nights in 4-star Hotel Calissano, in Alba
- 2 nights in La Darsena Hotel, in Tremezzo on Lake Como, lake-view rooms
- Expert city guide in Turin for 3 hours with audio system
- Aperitif and Bicerin drink in Turin
- Transportation throughout via private bus per itinerary and schedule below
- Full-time local tour guide for 8 days
- Wine host and tour director for 8 days
- Traditional dinner with wine included in Alba
- Traditional dinner with wine tasting at the iconic Marchesi di Barolo winery
- 1 dinner on Lake Como with wine included
- 4 winery visits:



- Barbera d'Asti wine tasting paired with home-cooked farmer's lunch
- Barolo winery and tasting
- Marchesi di Barolo dinner (see above)
- Barbaresco winery and tasting
- Truffle hunting and lunch in truffle hunter's home (4 courses + wine, water and coffee).
- Cheese refiner tasting (12 types) with jams and honey
- Private boat tour on Lake Como from Tremezzo to Bellagio and Varenna
- Expert local guide on Lake Como for 3 hours
- Tickets to Villa Melzi's gardens on Lake Como
- Airport transfer from Lake Como to Milan Malpensa (MXP) on last day

### **Rate**

- **\$4,200 per person** (double occupancy)
- **\$4,900 per person** (single occupancy)

### **Does not include**

- Airfare
- Airport transfer on first day (Turin)
- Any other meal, tasting, entrance fee, transfer, personal expense, tips or other item not mentioned above in the above field "Includes".

### **Program**

#### **Day 1 – September 25    Welcome to Piemonte**

*Meals included: Pre-dinner Aperitif with Light Bites*

- Arrive on your own in Turin
- Check-in at the 4-star Hotel Concord Torino in central Turin
- Free afternoon
- Meet in the lobby of the hotel for an orientation talk with your tour manager



- Traditional Italian aperitif at a local café in Turin, with finger food and a drink
- Dinner on your own. We will have plenty of restaurant recommendations in Turin

## **Day 2 – September 26 Turin**

*Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner*

- Breakfast and check out
- Luggage will be stored at the hotel until afternoon
- Enjoy an informative walking tour with our expert city guide through the elegant squares and streets of Turin, the former first Capital of Italy
- Tasting of chocolate and coffee, in a historic coffee house
- Free time for lunch on your own, shopping or to visit a museum
- Transfer on our private bus to Alba in the afternoon
- Check-in at the Hotel Calissano, in central Alba
- Dinner is included in a traditional Piemonte restaurant within a walking distance of the hotel

## **Day 3 – September 27 Barolo & Barbaresco Wine Region**

*Meals included: Breakfast*

- Board our bus to drive to the Barolo wine region
- Enjoy a panoramic bus ride across the region and stop for a leisurely walk with your tour manager in the medieval village of Serralunga d'Alba, overlooked by the imposing and historic fortress
- Visit the Costa di Bussia winery and enjoy a tasting of four wines including two unique single-vineyards. Costa di Bussia is a leading Barolo producer.
- Lunch on your own in La Morra or Barolo
- Transfer to the Barbaresco region
- Visit Montaribaldi Winery and enjoy a tasting of premium wines
- Return to the hotel
- Dinner on your own. We will have lots of restaurant recommendations



#### **Day 4 – September 28 Truffle Hunting**

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*

- Drive to the truffle farm (30 min.)
- Experience a truffle hunt with the farmer and his truffle dog
- Enjoy a multi-course authentic home-made lunch in the cozy dining room of the farm
- Truffles will be served in 2 of the 5 courses. Local wine is also included
- Drive to Alba
- Take a leisurely walk with your tour manager through medieval towers, Baroque churches, and explore on your own the vibrant shopping streets
- Rest of the day is free time to relax
- Dinner on your own. We will have lots of restaurant recommendations.

#### **Day 5 – September 29 Piemonte Cheese & Dinner in an Historic Barolo Winery**

*Meals included: Breakfast, Cheese Tasting & Dinner*

- Breakfast and enjoy a late morning in Alba
- Drive to the Monferrato hills in the countryside of Asti
- Visit the aging cellar of a cheese refiner cellar and partake in a guided tasting of 12 types of cheese paired with jams, honey, wine, and a hot dish
- Take a short transfer to Asti for a coffee break, gelato or traditional cookies from an artisanal workshop
- Transfer to Alba and take time to relax
- Short transfer to Barolo. Visit the historic cellar of Marchesi di Barolo, an iconic wine producer with over 200 years of history
- A multi-course dinner is hosted in the private dining room of the winery, paired with various wine selections
- Drive back to the hotel



## **Day 6 – September 30    Barbera Wine & Lake Como**

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*

- Breakfast and check out of hotel
- Drive to a family-run Barbera winery focused on the DOCG appellation Nizza and other local wines
- After a tour of the vineyards and cellar, enjoy a traditional farmers' lunch paired with wine tasting
- Drive to Lake Como (3 hours)
- Take a stroll with the tour manager in the city of Como for a gelato and free time for shopping
- Drive to the town of Tremezzo, located in the central lake district
- Check-in at La Darsena, a boutique hotel built on the lakeshore opposite Bellagio
- Enjoy a local pizza dinner on your own in town

## **Day 7 – October 1    Lake Como**

*Meals included: Breakfast & Lunch*

- Breakfast on the lake
- Meet our local expert guide and board a private Venetian-style water taxi from the dock of the hotel
- Take a panoramic boat tour in the bay of Lenno to spot some of the villas and towns built on the lakeshore (about 30 min)
- Then, continue on foot on the Bellagio peninsula for an introduction to the local area's history and step inside the iconic Villa Melzi's private gardens
- Arrive in the town center of Bellagio for an al-fresco lunch (on your own) and enjoy at your own pace exploring stores specializing in leather, silk and jewelry or sit in a café with spectacular views of the lake
- The afternoon continues with a short boat ride to the town of Varenna located on the opposite side of the lake. Follow your tour manager on a walk to the upper town or enjoy free time and a gelato by the water



- Arrive back at the hotel
- Enjoy a group farewell dinner at the hotel restaurant

**Day 8 – October 2 Arrivederci**

*Meals included: Breakfast*

- Group transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)