

Truffles, Wine & Cheese



piedmont, lake maggiore, isola bella

6 DAYS/5 NIGHTS – Truffles, Wine and Cheese

1 DAY: MILAN – LAKE MAGGIORE

After your arrival at Milan airport, pick up your car at the rental and drive to Pallanza, a nice locality on Lake Maggiore. Accommodation at Grand Hotel Majestic and dinner in hotel. Overnight.

2 DAY: PALLANZA – ARONA – STRESA – BORROMEAN ISLAND – PALLANZA

After breakfast drive to Arona for an artisan cheese lesson: you'll learn how to couple Italian cheese with salumi, mustards, breads and wines followed by a cooking class and a good lunch. After that, drive to Stresa for an excursion by private boat to discover the three Borromean Islands. Embarkation in Stresa and departure towards Isola Bella. Visit of the 17th century Baroque Palace and the scenic gardens. Next stop to Isola Madre. Its gardens are full of rare plants and exotic flowers, helping to create the charm of a tropical land. Finally Pescatori island (Fishermen's Island), the only steadily inhabited where you will enjoy a dinner at a picturesque restaurant. Return and overnight at Grand Hotel Majestic.

3 DAY: PALLANZA – GHEMME WINE CITY – BENEVELLO

After breakfast drive to Ghemme, the city of wine, honey and special breads where you could visit wine cellars to taste the typical products of the medieval town. Enjoy a guided wine tasting with salumi and cheese and honey with the sweet bread. Drive to Benevello for a welcome dinner and overnight at Hotel Villa D'Amelia.

4 DAY: PIEDMONT LANGHE, WINE AND TRUFFLES LAND

After breakfast drive to an important restaurant in the Langhe to take a cooking lesson with an expert chef to discover the traditional regional dishes. You'll follow all the steps that transform natural products into culinary masterpieces. After the course, comfortably seated at the table, you will taste the dishes prepared; also in this second part the comments of the experts who will guide you through the tasting of the dishes and the choice of combinations with the noble wines of the Langhe will not miss. After lunch, in the company of the "truffle hunter" and his dog you go forward through the woods along the Langhe ancient paths, to discover the secrets of truffle hunting, an activity remained

unchanged over time, charming in its simplicity. A tasting in the shop of truffles product complete the excursion. A gourmet truffle dinner in a local tavern concludes your day. Overnight at Hotel Villa d'Amelia.

5 DAY: BENEVELLO – ALBA – BAROLO – MILAN

After breakfast, departure to Alba for a visit with audio-guide of the Langhe "capital". The city is characterized by a suggestive historical centre with a medieval structure rich in towers and Romantic-gothic monuments. At the end of the morning a special tasting of products that come from truffle will be served in a local shop. After a typical lunch, the trip continues inside the Barolo Castle, which hosts the innovative WiMu Wine Museum, where wine will be celebrated in history and arts, in cookery and cinema, in music and literature, in universal myths and local traditions. Of course the itinerary cannot end without a wine tasting in cellar. Drive to Milan overnight at Hotel The Square in Milan.

DAY 6: MILAN

After breakfast, return your car at airport and board your flight home. Arrivederci!

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HIGHLIGHTS DAY BY DAY

DAY	Accommodation
1° - 2°	Grand Hotel Majestic, 4 stars in Pallanza or similar
3° - 4°	Hotel Villa D'amelia, 4 stars, in Benevello or similar
5°	Hotel The Square, 4 stars in Milan or similar
1° - 5°	Accommodation in standard room in bed & breakfast
DAY	Services/Excursions/Experiences/Meals as follow
1° PALLANZA	Dinner in hotel
2° ARONA - STRESA	Cheese lesson with cooking class and final lunch and private tour by boat to Borromean Island with dinner at Pescatori Island
3° GHEMME - BENEVELLO	Tasting in Ghemme village and dinner at Hotel Villa d'Amelia
4° LANGHE	Cooking lesson with expert chef and final lunch, Truffle hunter experience with tasting, dinner with truffle product
5° ALBA - BAROLO	Visit of Alba with audio-guide, lunch in restaurant, visit of Barolo Castle with wine tasting
1° - 6°	car rental (cat E) - Pick up at airport, Unlimited mileage, CDW, THW & taxes

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