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Piedmont Truffle Time Culinary & Wine Tour

International Alba White Truffle Fair

Cooking Classes & Winetasting Sessions

Piedmont Villages, Countryside & Gardens

November 9 - 14, 2021

A “flavors of fall” dream trip for all food lovers... visit to the **Piedmont Region** of Northern Italy during the height of the truffle season and attend the world-famous **International Alba White Truffle Fair!**

We'll stay five nights in Piedmont's beautiful and historic Langhe-Roero Region -- a foodie's paradise!

Piedmont's deeply rooted, traditional and wholesome autumn cuisine... slow food cooking with local fresh ingredients... white truffles... game, meat & poultry... garlic... crisp vegetables... tajarin and plin pasta... rice/risotto... world-class cheeses, Gorgonzola and Castelmagno... antipasti and desserts... hazelnut chocolate... Piedmont's three "B"s of pedigreed wines - Barolo, Barbaresco and Barbera... all Piedmont specialties we'll enjoy on this extraordinary culinary trip.

With our Barolo hills born local food & wine guide, we'll tour through the majestic vineyard landscape of Piedmont's Langhe-Roero and Monferrato regions, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, learning about the history, culture and gastronomic significance of different villages.

We'll immerse ourselves in the Piedmont authentic gastronomic history and wine-making traditions. We'll have two days of private cooking classes, visits to two historic winemakers to taste vintage wines, attend the International Alba White Truffle Fair, go on an authentic truffle hunt, and much more.

This is a Piedmont gourmet adventure you'll never forget!

Itinerary Summary:

- Tue - Welcome Reception with Piedmont Wines & Antipasti.
- Wed - "Barolo Secrets" & Cooking Class Day
- Thu - Piedmont Gardens Day
- Fri - "Barbaresco Secrets" & Cooking Class Day
- Sat - Alba Truffle Fair & Alba Farmers Market Day • Truffle Hunt
- Sun - Say Our Goodbyes... Travel Home or to Onward Destinations

"Barolo Secrets" & Cooking Class Day

For this Barolo-focused day, we will depart our hotel at 9:30am and make our way to an appointment with a passionate professional Piedmont chef, meeting in his restaurant hidden in the less touristic part of the Langhe Hills. Here a hands-on cooking class will disclose us the secrets of the traditional Piedmontese cuisine. We'll prepare a real Piedmont Sunday lunch, four delicious courses, including homemade local "grandma" pasta. During the lesson we will take a short break to enjoy a tasty aperitif. After the cooking class, we will delight our palates by tasting what we have prepared, accompanied by fine local wine.

After the relaxing lunch we will travel to a small charming hamlet to enjoy a private cellar visit and comprehensive wine tasting with a premium Barolo producer in the most well-bodied, structured and well-known Barolo area.

"Barbaresco Secrets" & Cooking Class Day

In the morning we will attend an exclusive cooking class in the kitchen of a local Italian "cooking mamma" in the heart of historic Langhe region. Aprons on, following our chef's skilled instructions, we will learn how to prepare multiple "antipasti," including the popular "bagna caoda," hand-rolled pasta, and dessert, too. We'll measure, mince, mix and stir (and taste, of course, to get the seasonings right!)... and finally sit down with a glass of Nebbiolo wine and relish a delicious Piedmont meal. During the class we will relax with a glass of wine and crispy snacks. The recipes will be sent by email to allow guests to reproduce the Italian traditional lunch for family and friends.

In the afternoon we'll visit a traditional premium Barbaresco cellar in the southern part of the Langhe Hills where the soil is sandier and wines more approachable. After the cellar visit we'll enjoy a comprehensive tasting including both different traditional local wines and Barbaresco.

Piedmont Gardens Day

Piedmont is home of extraordinary Italian gardens and villas. We'll spend the day visiting renowned Piedmont gardens, seeing a combination of private gardens and public spaces. It will be a day all garden lovers will relish.

Alba Truffle Fair & Alba Farmer's Market... and Truffle Hunt Day

With our local guide we'll attend the world-famous Alba Truffle Fair, Alba's Farmers Market, and the village's most ancient truffle shop for a full immersion in the local history, traditions and truffle-based products. While truffle fairs are held in many northern and central regions of Italy, and truffles can also be found in other countries (France, Croatia & Slovenia)... Italian white truffles found in the Piedmont region are the most valuable on the market... and the International Alba White Truffle Fair is the world's best truffle fair.

In Alba we'll go on a sensorial journey of the fair and market, devouring delicacies and expanding our senses. We'll spend the morning tasting truffle products & specialties from the Alta Langa region -- local cheeses, cured meats, honey, wine, olive oil and hazelnut products.

For lunch we'll travel to a unique restaurant on top of a Barolo hill, in the middle of the Nebbiolo vineyards, for a leisurely and extensive formal Piedmontese weekend luncheon.

In the afternoon we will take part on an authentic "Truffle Hunt." This is an adventure you'll want to tell your friends back home about! We'll follow our local guide's good friend, Giovanni, a professional "trifolao" (truffle hunter,) in his search for the highly sought-after tuber magnatum, white truffle, with his trusty dog. A two-hour experience in the world of truffle hunting which will take us in the woods. It's the real deal! What truly makes the experience all the more worthwhile is discovering all the tips and tricks about dog training and night hunting.

Guests not wanting to go on the truffle hunt, we'll visit a local traditional cellar, meet the wine producer to learn about their winemaking philosophy, and enjoy an afternoon tasting session.

We'll stay in one of Piedmont's prettiest villages at a specially-selected elegant family-owned *luxury boutique hotel*.

Each evening on-your-own group dinners will be arranged at different nearby restaurants/trattorias to enjoy delicious and relaxing local cuisine meals.

Optional before breakfast group pleasure walks are organized for travelers who want some morning exercise before starting their vacation day.

Bravissimo... this is a not to miss trip for all lovers of Italian food and wine!

The Piedmont Culinary & Wine Tour Is Designed To Provide:

- A fabulous vacation experience exploring Piedmont villages and viewing the majestic vineyard countryside... discovering the region's history, culture, architecture, natural beauty, cuisine and wine.
- Friendly and fun small group environment limited to 15 persons. Enjoy the camaraderie and begin friendships with like-minded travelers.
- Many activities -- visiting historic Piedmont hamlets with a local culinary & wine guide... learning about Piedmont cuisine, enjoying delicious gastronomic meals, having hands-on cooking classes with local chefs... visiting historic winemakers and having tasting sessions... attending the International Alba White Truffle Fair & Alba Farmer's Market... touring beautiful Piedmont gardens... and much more!
- Free personal time for individual sightseeing... relaxing... shopping.
- Optional group morning pleasure walks led by WalkEurope president, Tom Harter.
- Recommended restaurants to explore on your own, yet everyone is invited to join local-cuisine group meals.

What's Included:

- An authentic Piedmont experience - touring with a local Piedmont culinary & wine guide, visiting small hamlets in the Barolo and Barbaresco regions, seeing the majestic vineyard landscapes of the Piedmont's Langhe-Roero and Monferrato districts, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit to International Alba White Truffle Fair and to the Alba Farmer's Market.
- Five nights in a luxury boutique hotel -- an elegant environment to relax and enjoy your Piedmont visit.
- Welcome Reception with Piedmont antipasti and wines.
- Five daily Piedmont breakfasts at the hotel.
- Two Piedmontese Cooking Classes with Lunch:
 - Traditional Piedmont Cuisine Cooking Class & Lunch - hands-on class learning the secrets of traditional Piedmont cuisine with a local chef, preparing a Piedmont Sunday four-course lunch, including homemade pasta; followed by an aperitif, lunch & wine.
 - Antipasti Cooking Class & Lunch - learn from a local chef how to prepare multiple antipasti and desserts, followed by lunch with wine.
- Formal Piedmontese Weekend Lunch - an extensive traditional local cuisine lunch at a specially-selected restaurant in the Barolo hills.
- Two Piedmont Traditional Winery Visits:
 - Visit to a historic premium Barolo wine cellar & wine tasting session.
 - Visit to a historic premium Barbaresco wine cellar & wine tasting session.
- Aperitif tasting session.
- Farewell Gala Dinner with traditional Piedmontese cuisine and local wines.
- Truffle hunt with a professional “trifolao” (truffle hunter) and his dog.
- Day trip touring to Piedmont gardens.
- Morning pleasure walks - optional before breakfast group walks.
- Airport transport - between Milan or Turin airports to hotel.
- Ground transportation for all group activities and day trips.
- *Concierge service & support* – fully escorted tour, personal & customized service for a fun and WORRY-FREE vacation.

Arrival & Departure Cities:

Arrival City: La Morra, Italy

Departure City: La Morra, Italy

Nearest Major Airports:

Turin/Torino (TRN)

Milan/Milano (MXP or LIN)

Trip Cost:*Luxury Boutique Hotel:*

- \$4,450 – 6 days / 5 nights per person in double occupancy shared hotel room. Tour cost does not include airfare.
- Added cost for private single room hotel accommodation option - \$675

Space Is Limited -- Recommend to Reserve Early!

Limited to 15 persons.

Please Note: WalkEurope strives to operate according to our published itinerary. However, in the event of unforeseen circumstances beyond our control or opportunities that would enhance the itinerary, adjustments may be necessary. Hotels and itinerary are subject to changes. Trip subject to eight person participation.

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