

LOVE TO ITALY

FOOD TRAVEL EXPERIENCE

BUONGIORNO PIEMONTE



HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 days/7 nights
- Period: from April to October
- N° pax: from 2 to 6 pax
- Arrival and departure from Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP)
- 4-star hotel accommodations
- Transportation: private transfers
- Visit **ICONIC ITALIAN DESTINATIONS** and immerse yourself in authentic experiences, including:
 - Turin, Italy's first capital
 - Cheese cave experience & Isola Bella tour
 - The enchanting Aosta Valley
 - Langhe: Barolo winery tour, Barolo town and La Morra
 - Vercelli, the Abbey of Lucedio, Monferrato winery tour and tasting

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DAY 1

PICK-UP AT MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT AND DROP OFF IN TURIN



BENVENUTO, WELCOME TO ITALY'S FIRST CAPITAL! After your arrival at **Milan Malpensa Airport**, you will be **transferred to your preferred hotel in Turin** (transfer time: approx: 40 min.). Time for check-in and relax. Afternoon at leisure. Take a breath and enjoy your first day in Italy—you deserve a break before the busy week ahead! Your **WELCOME DINNER** will be served at the hotel's restaurant (3-course dinner, drinks not included), the perfect place to celebrate the beginning of your Piedmont tour! **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

DAY 2

TURIN 3-HOUR WALKING TOUR WITH PRIVATE GUIDE

ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. After breakfast, you will be met by our **expert guide** who will take you to discover the beauties of Turin. Turin was Italy's first capital after the unification and one of the most influential cities during the Risorgimento period. It is also the place where FIAT (today FCA) started its business and where several gastronomic events are held each year. Turin is a fantastic mix of art, culture, industry, and gastronomy. In fact, UNESCO declared part of the historical city center a World Heritage Site in 1997. During the leisurely **3-HOUR WALKING TOUR**, you will discover part of this heritage: the majestic castle **Piazza Castello**, the **Royale Palace** (external visit), **Piazza San Carlo** and the ancient

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cafeterias. Lunch will be on your own. Leisure time in the afternoon. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

DAY 3

CHEESE CAVES VISIT WITH LIGHT LUNCH AND TOUR OF THE ISOLA BELLA (LAKE MAGGIORE)



ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. After breakfast at the hotel, you will be **transferred to LAKE MAGGIORE** (transfer time in 1 hour and 30 min.). Separating Italy from Switzerland, Lake Maggiore will stun you with small inhabited islands and crystalline waters. Nearby Botanical Gardens give horticulturists an opportunity to explore the unique flora and fauna of the region. We will first venture to the **CAVES** of a very important **CHEESE REFINER** located near Lake Maggiore. These ancient caves, in use since the 15th century, contain an amazing assortment of cheese from different parts of Italy! After the tour, we will provide a **light lunch** in a private room of the refinery, which will include an array of cheese, salumi, and a main course. After lunch, we will drive across Stresa town—one of the main highlights of the lake. This city's lively culture values music and conversation, with period hotels overlooking the lake and offering guests the chance to explore the charming area like a local in peace. From Stresa, we will take a **scenic boat ride** to the **ISOLA BELLA** - the best of the **BORROMEAN ISLANDS** - where you will have a 1-hour tour of the famous Palace and Gardens, which many say rival the beauty of Versailles. We will transfer you to Stresa by boat and then **transfer back to Turin**. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN**

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DAY 4

THE ENCHANTING AOSTA VALLEY



ENJOY BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. Today we cross the Piedmont border to discover another amazing region: **THE AOSTA VALLEY!** The Aosta Valley is known in the world for its majestic peaks such as Cervino, Monte Rosa, Gran Paradiso and and the king of them all, Mont Blanc, which at 15,781 feet is the highest mountain in Europe, the roof of the old Continent. The smallest region of Italy, considered one of the best winter destinations of Europe, offers unique enogastronomic products, which come from farmers, food manufacturers and artisans making premium-quality local food. After breakfast you will be **transferred to Aosta Valley** (transfer time: approx. 1h and 20 min.) to visit a **local distillery** and **ham factory**. After the visit you will **taste the traditional salumi, cheese, and spirits!** After the **tasting, you will be transferred to COURMAYEUR** (transfer time: approx. 40 min.).

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“The nature here is gentle, expressive, majestic, whimsical, wild, fascinating, and it seems to call out and say: stay!”. This is how Auguste Argentier described Courmayeur in 1864, using words that do true justice to the timeless charm radiated from this small town at the foothills of Mont Blanc. An important ski tourism draw the world over, **Courmayeur**, in Valle d’Aosta, is known for both its beauty and hospitality. This ancient village weaves that authentic Alpine atmosphere into its entire being: the visitor can feel it whether walking through its main streets - such as the central **Via Roma** - or getting lost in its most hidden corners. Courmayeur stands at the 4,016 feet-marker of **Mont Blanc**, within a verdant basin surrounded by firs, spruces and larches, and of course mountain peaks, glaciers and other gorgeous and traditional towns along the Dora Baltea River that traverses the entirety of Valle d’Aosta! In late afternoon, you will be **transferred back to Turin**. Dinner will be on your own. **OVERNIGHT STAY IN TURIN AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH BED AND BREAKFAST SERVICE.**

DAY 5

THE LANGHE TOUR: BAROLO WINERY TOUR AND TASTING, VISIT OF BAROLO AND LA MORRA



BREAKFAST AND CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL. After breakfast at the hotel, you will be transferred to **LANGHE VALLEY**, one of Italy’s top wine areas (transfer time: approx. 1h and 15 min.). Your tour will start with a visit to a **TRADITIONAL BAROLO WINERY** located in Barolo town. To take in some history, let us guide you through our XIX century Cellars and Enoteca...where history is contained in all 36000 bottles of Barolo that have been carefully kept here since the end of the

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1800s. Lunch will be on your own. After lunch, you will have leisure time in Barolo before being transferred to **LA MORRA**, also known as the **Balcony of Langhe**. Here you will have the chance to take pictures from the most beautiful panoramic point of the area! Take your time to admire the surroundings and purchase souvenirs from the small shops in the village. After visiting this stunning locale, you will be **transferred to your next accommodation nestled in the heart of Monferrato Valley (transfer time: approx. 1h and 30 min.) - UNESCO World Heritage Site** - the place where your 4-star accommodation is located. Your accommodation is an elegant 16th century property that has been given a contemporary makeover and is now a beautiful, comfortable four-star hotel with state-of-the-art conferencing facilities, a relaxing spa centre and an excellent restaurant. **Dinner** will be arranged at the hotel's restaurant (3-course dinner, drinks not included). **OVERNIGHT STAY IN MONFERRATO VALLEY AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH HALF-BOARD SERVICE (BREAKFAST, 3-COURSE DINNER, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED).**

DAY 6

VERCELLI AND THE ABBEY OF LUCEDIO



After **BREAKFAST** you will be transferred to **VERCELLI** (transfer time: approx. 1h), the capital of the Vercellese Plain, the most important Italian place for rice production. Vercelli is a small city of art with an incredible ecclesiastic and cultural heritage: during the **2,5-HOUR WALKING TOUR** you will visit the church of **St. Andrew**, the church of **St. Eusebius**, **Piazza Cavour** and the church of **St. Christopher**. **Lunch** at a traditional restaurant with tasting of the main dish of this area, the risotto (3-course lunch, drinks not included)! In the afternoon you will visit the **ABBEY OF LUCEDIO**. The Abbey of Lucedio was founded in 1123 by the

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Cistercian Monks that reclaimed the land starting here, first in Italy, rice growing at the beginning of the XV century. As time went by, thanks to its strategic geographic position along the Via Francigena, the Abbey became a prosperous centre of economic and political power: three were the Popes that visited Lucedio. Several noble Italian families fought for the possession of Lucedio which from the Gonzaga passed to the Savoy until it has been annexed to the properties of Napoleon at the beginning of the XIX century. Later on, the Abbey became property of the Marquis Giovanni Gozani di San Giorgio, the ancestor of the present owner, Countess Rosetta Clara Cavalli d'Olivola Salvadori di Wiesenhoff. **After the visit, you will be transferred back to the hotel. Dinner** will be arranged at the hotel's restaurant (3-course dinner, drinks not included). **OVERNIGHT STAY IN MONFERRATO VALLEY AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH HALF-BOARD SERVICE (BREAKFAST, 3-COURSE DINNER, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED).**

DAY 7

MONFERRATO WINERY TOUR & TASTING (METODO CLASSICO)



BREAKFAST AT THE HOTEL. After breakfast, you will be transferred to **CANELLI** where you will have a visit to one of the best wineries of the city! In 151 years of winemaking, the winery went from producing Moscato and red and white wine to **Spumante Metodo Classico**, as well as Vermouth, tonic and syrups. The historic cathedral cellars, now designated to become a UNESCO Heritage Site, are a real treasure, and among the finest of their kind. These huge underground cellars, covering more than 5,000 square meters, were built into the heart of the hill that protects the small town of Canelli, excavated from tuff limestone to a depth of 32 meters. The visit includes the **tour of the winery** and **tasting of 3 wines.** **After the**

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tour, you will be transferred back to the hotel. Lunch will be on your own. Leisure time in the afternoon. **Dinner** will be arranged at the hotel's restaurant (3-course dinner, drinks not included). **OVERNIGHT STAY IN MONFERRATO VALLEY AT 4-STAR HOTEL ACCOMMODATION, DOUBLE ROOM (DOUBLE OCCUPANCY) WITH HALF-BOARD SERVICE (BREAKFAST, 3-COURSE DINNER, DRINKS NOT INCLUDED).**

DAY 8

TRANSFER TO MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT (MXP)

BREAKFAST and CHECK OUT FROM THE HOTEL. In the morning, you will be transferred to Milan Malpensa Airport by private transfer. Arrivederci and we hope to see you again!

PRICE:

- on request.

SERVICES INCLUDED:

- Pick-up at Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) and drop off to the hotel in Turin by private transfer (Day 1);
- 4 nights in Turin at 4-star hotel accommodation, double room (double occupancy) with bed and breakfast service (Day 1-5);
- Welcome dinner at the hotel's restaurant, 3-course dinner, drinks not included (Day 1);
- Turin 3-hour walking tour with private guide (Day 2);
- Cheese & Lake Maggiore Tour: private transfer by bus, Cheese refiner's tour and lunch tasting, Isola Bella 1-hour tour, boat transfer from Stresa to Isola Bella and from Isola Bella to Stresa (Day 3);
- The Enchanting Aosta Valley: private transfer, distillery and ham factory tour, tasting of local products (salumi, cheese and spirits), leisure time in Courmayeur (Day 4);
- The Langhe tour: private transfer, full-day English-speaking guide, Barolo winery tour and tasting, visit of Barolo town and La Morra, transfer to the hotel located in Monferrato Valley (Day 5);
- 3 nights in Monferrato Valley at 4-star hotel accommodation, double room (double occupancy) with bed and breakfast service, there 3-course dinners, drinks not included (Day 5-8);
- Vercelli & The Abbey of Lucedio Tour: private transfer, Vercelli and the Abbey of Lucedio tour, 3-course lunch, drinks not included (Day 6);

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- Private transfer, Monferrato winery tour and tasting, entrance to the SPA of the hotel (Day 7);
- Transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport (MXP) by private transfer (Day 8).

SERVICES NOT INCLUDED:

- Flight ticket;
- Visa;
- City tourist taxes;
- Lunch and dinners not included in the section “SERVICES INCLUDED”;
- Basic medical insurance: on request;
- Tips and everything not mentioned in the section “SERVICES INCLUDED”.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Period: from April to October. Other months on request;
- Prices have been calculated with a minimum of 2-6 pax;
- Prices have been calculate with an occupancy of two pax each room;
- Private transfers during the trip: during the trip, the private transfers will be arranged by car/minivan. The car/minivan can contain max. 1x20/23kg luggage per person and 1x10kg hand luggage per person;
- We create our quotes based on the best possible options for accommodations and experiences currently available, taking into account your budget and timeframe of travel. Italy is a popular destination for travelers and the availability may change while you are making your final decision. If any of the accommodations and services listed above are no longer available, we will do out best to place them with others of the same quality; however, the itinerary presented above includes the best options currently available. We recommend reviewing the program and returning your acceptance, changes, or rejection as soon as possible;
- The order of the day trips could be changed according to the supplier’s availability;
- If some suppliers/travel experiences are not available they will replaced by others
- of the same quality;
- The travel agency is not responsible for extra costs due to delays/strikes;
- We regret to inform that this tour is not suitable for guests with wheelchairs or with impaired mobility and difficulties in walking;
- We reserve the right to change an itinerary after departure due to local circumstances or events outside of our control;

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- Booking: advance booking is recommended;
- Cancellation Policies: please see our Terms and Conditions.

PAYMENT:

- 30% deposit at the time of booking (non-refundable).
- Balance 90 days prior to the departure date.

CONDITIONS & TERMS:

- In case of cancellation after the booking, the organizer will keep the amount equal to 25% of the price referred to Article. 6, paid pursuant to art. 5 and can hold an additional sum equal to 5% of the price paid, as penalty for the reimbursement of the cost of individual practice management, cost of insurance coverage required at the time of conclusion of the contract or other services already given, except, in each case, the claim of the major damage pursuant to Art. 1382, paragraph 1, of Civil Code;
- in case of withdrawal from 119 days to 90 days before the departure, the organizer will keep an amount equal to 50% of the price paid;
- in case of withdrawal from 89 days to 60 days before the departure, the organizer will keep an amount equal to 75% of the price paid;
- in case of withdrawal from 59 days to day of departure an amount equal to 100% of the price paid will be retained to the tourist.
- It is, however, expressly excluded - pursuant to art. 32, paragraph 2, Code of tourism - the right of withdrawal of the customer as provided for in Art. 64 and ss. Legislative Decree no. 206/2005.