

# PIEDMONT: Wine & Castles, Lakes & Truffles



The 9-day tour of the Piedmont region is filled with a variety of landscapes, food & wine, castles & the many picturesque villages. Piedmont is in Italy's northwestern corner, at the border with France and Switzerland. The tour begins in Turin, and ends in Milan. In Turin, we will make our way around town on a food tour where we will also see some of the most important sites (including the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, where the Holy Shroud is

housed). On our way to the wine area, we will stop to see a palace of the Royal family.

We will spend two nights in the heart of the wine area, and stay in a characteristic boutique hotel for two nights. This area produces not only the award winning Barolo and Barbaresco wines, but also the world famous truffles. We will make our way through wineries, castles and other scenic spots.



After the wine area, we head to the Borromeo Islands on Lake Maggiore. We will spend two nights in this scenic area to fill our eyes and souls with the beauty the area has to offer.

We will then make our way to Milan, where we will spend our last nights. We will make our way to Milan's highlights, and allow for free time to finish up any shopping needs!



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*(The itinerary is subject to change, with or without notification. The final itinerary will be provided before departure).*

**Day 1: Meet in Turin:** *We will meet in the hotel lobby in the late afternoon for a walking tour to orient ourselves with Turin, ending the evening at a famous local restaurant.*

*(Dinner)*

**Day 2: Discover Turin:** *A local, licensed guide will take us on a food and discovery tour of Turin, home to the slow-food movement. We will fill our eyes with historic and architectural delights and our stomachs with culinary delights! (Breakfast, lunch)*

**Day 3: Le Langhe Wine Area:** *On our way to the resort in the wine area, we will stop to see a palace of the last sovereign family that ruled Italy. As we make our way into the wine country, we will visit a famous winery. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

**Day 4: Discovering the vino:** *This will be a day dedicated to seeing, tasting and learning all about the production of Barolo and Barbaresco wines. (Breakfast, lunch)*

**Day 5: To the Lake!** *Today we will travel north to Lake Maggiore, with stops along the way to UNESCO heritage and other sites. Our historic hotel is located in the center of one of the quaint villages on the banks of the lake. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner).*

**Day 6: All day at the lake:** *You will have the day to discover on your own! (Breakfast)*

**Day 7: Off to Milan:** *We will make our way to Milan, stopping along the way to take in traditions such as truffle-making. We will arrive in Milan in the late afternoon, in time to take a walking tour and eat dinner in the famous Brera district. (Breakfast, lunch, dinner)*

**Day 8: Discover Milan:** *We will see some of the highlights of Milan, including Leonardo's Last Supper, with a private guide. The afternoon will be yours to enjoy. (Breakfast, dinner)*

**Day 9: Arrivederci!** *Transportation to the airport will be arranged according to your departure. (Breakfast)*

**Cost: Euro 5550/person (single supplement is Euro 1000)**

Included in cost

- 9-day privately guided tour of Piedmont area, including: Turin, Le Langhe, Lake Maggiore, and Milan
- 8 nights in luxury, boutique, historical hotels
- Private, air-conditioned minibus transportation for day excursions
- Unique tours to famous producers of wine, truffles, and other local culinary delicacies
- Entry, with private, locally licensed English-speaking guides, to local UNESCO world heritage sites
- All breakfasts, 5 lunches and 5 dinners (beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee and 2 glasses of wine with included lunches and dinners)
- Private transportation upon arrival from airport in Turin and for departure at Milan airport

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Optional add-on experiences:

- Additional days at beginning or end of tour
- Upgrade of hotel room to jr. suite or suite

Note: airfare is not included in price

Prices indicated are for groups of minimum 8 people, maximum 14. Prices for smaller or larger groups will vary. All prices are indicated in Euro. Payments will be made in US dollars (prices will be converted when final payment is due).



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