

Saturday October 10 to Friday,

October 16, 2020 PIEDMONT



The Picture above: Tour guests at a dinner following a day of cooking at our villa in Piedmont 2012; we are happy to return in 2020!

Day 1 Saturday, October 10 we meet and greet at the Hotel at Malpensa airport in the area of Milan, where we check in and enjoy our welcome evening and dinner. Don't unpack, as we will be leaving early in the morning.

Day 2 Sunday, October 11- After breakfast, we get an early start on our private bus to visit a rice producer in the area to learn about this very important local product. They will provide us tastings and a chance to purchase some of the products that they grow.

Back on the bus, we drive to Alba, to spend a couple hours exploring the world renown Truffle Festival. We are happy to be in the area for this once a year opportunity. The end of our busy day brings us to our villa in Cortemilia, our lodging for the next five days. Here the chef-owners, Carlo and his wife, Paola, our hosts, have planned a welcome reception in the wine cellar, followed by dinner.

Day 3 Monday, October 12- Shortly after breakfast, we have a cooking class with Chef Carlo in his kitchen where we will make several specialties of the area and taste all the dishes we prepare; enough that it will serve nicely as lunch. Next up, we board the bus to the town of Bergolo, an historic stone village where we have some free time. Next, we find ourselves in Castelletto, visiting a famous local chef's pastry shop, acclaimed for its hot chocolate drink, paired with pastries. A short bus ride finds us back at our villa, getting ready for dinner and wine pairings there.

Day 4 Tuesday, October 13- Breakfast of course, then we bus again for a day to visit producers of local products. First to a hazelnut factory where we will see our guide, Paola, taking notes to use at her farm back home in Oregon, (Oregon is the USA's largest producer of hazelnuts). Then on to a truffle producer, and lastly a Barolo wine producer. Again, tasting at all locations! Back at the villa we enjoy another one of Carlo's wine dinners.

Day 5 Wednesday, October 14- After breakfast today we visit a goat cheese farm, for a tour and tasting. Nearby is the old town of the underground cathedrals where we also enjoy tasting wine. Next up, a short drive to Acqui Terme where we have time on our own, and where we will taste the special "Bosca Spumante" sparkling wine.

Our *villa farewell dinner* will mark our last evening last evening at the Villa San Carlo. Take time to secure your luggage for the trip north in the morning.

Day 6 Thursday, October 15, On the way to Malpensa, we will stop in Neive, one of the most beautiful medieval villages in the area. There we visit another family farm where we have a home cooked family lunch with tastings of their delicious wines, which are well known in some of America's best restaurants. We sleep again at the airport, and get ready for our departures.

Day 7 Friday, October 16- After good night's sleep and our last breakfast, we say our farewells for our Individual departures.

Tour Features

- 6 nights' accommodation in double room with private bath
(2 in Milan, 4 at Villa San Carlo in Cortemilia)
- 6 Italian style breakfasts
- 4 chef prepared dinners, typically including local wine; 2 hotel dinners in Milan
- 1 Truffle processor with light lunch tasting
- 1 Rice plantation visit with tasting
- 1 cooking class with Chef at villa
- 1 family lunch and wine Barolo tasting
- 1 spumante winery visit and tasting
- 1 trip to Bergolo to visit historic stone village
- 1 visit to a famous local chef's pastry shop with tastings
- 1 tour of a hazelnut factory
- 1 cheese factory visit with tasting
- 1 entrance to the 2020 Truffle Festival in Alba with time to explore
- All land transportation in private bus per itinerary
- English-speaking tour director assistance as per itinerary
- Taxes and entrance fees per itinerary

Tuition: €3460 per person, double occupancy (current conversion of 1.2); single stipend: \$ to be decide

To express your interest or to sign up for this tour, contact Bob and Lenore;

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