



TURIN

SORDEVOLO & PIEDMONT

10 Days/9 Nights Itinerary

Day 1 Arrival in Milan. Meet Tour escort and transfer to your hotel in Biella. Check in. Enjoy some free time before an afternoon tour of Biella. Welcome dinner at local restaurant.

Day 2 Breakfast at your hotel. An exciting day of discovery awaits you as we will drive to the Sacro Monte di Oropa (Sacred Mountain of Oropa). It is one of the nine Sacred Mountains of Piedmont and Lombardy and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The 12 chapels (plus another seven nearby) create a devotional path. Inside each chapel scenes of the Virgin Mary life. The path culminates on top of the hill with the Crowning of Mary. We also have a chance to visit the old Basilica. Return to Biella. Early evening we depart for Sordevolo. Sordevolo is the village where, every 5 years, a Passion Play is performed, with all the actors being local village residents. Dinner will be at a local restaurant in Sordevolo before we attend this remarkable performance of "The Passion of Christ" Return to Biella for overnight

Day 3 Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visit of a local cheese factory. We will have the chance to see how they produce the cheese of the Piemonte region and also get to taste it. After the tour the balance of the day is free to do as you wish. Shop, walk around exploring on own. Have some delicious gelato!

Day 4 Breakfast at hotel. Depart for Torino. Stop en route in Desana to visit the Agricultural Farm where many types of rice are produced. After the visit of the fields you will have the chance to taste the different types of Rice. After the tasting we continue to Torino. Check in to hotel. Enjoy an orientation tour of the city. Dinner at your hotel.

Day 5 Breakfast. We continue our Torino tour including a visit of the Cathedral where the Holy Shroud is kept and also entrance fee to the Nation Cinema Museum. The Museum is more than a museum and whoever enters it isn't just a visitor but also an explorer, an author, an actor, a spectator...

We continue with a visit to Eataly Torino. Walking into Eataly is like entering the Land of Oz the emotions of an experience we hope won't be easily forgotten. You will receive a voucher which you can exchange for lunch at one of the many food stands. Have some free time to walk around before returning to the hotel. Balance free (B & LV)

Day 6 Breakfast at hotel. Enjoy the morning in Torino for some shopping or visit one of the many museums. Late morning we depart for the Barolo wine area. We will stop to visit one of the many wineries for wine tasting and lunch. Return to Torino for overnight (B, WT & L)

Day 7 Breakfast at hotel. Morning departure for Stresa on the waters of Lake Maggiore. Stresa has skyrocketed from being a simple village of fisherman to a first class international resort. After check-in enjoy an afternoon boat ride to visit the Borromean Islands in the middle of Lake Maggiore. We will visit Isola Bella



PASSION PLAY SORDEVOLO

(Beautiful Island) to see the 17th century Borroemo Palazzo we will also visit the largest island Isola Madre (Mother Island) to see its Botanical Garden. Return by boat to Stresa. This evening enjoy a lovely dinner at a local restaurant (B & D)

Day 8 Breakfast at hotel. Full day excursion to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano, the largest town in the holiday region of Ticino, is not only Switzerland's third most important financial centre and a conference, banking and business centre, but also a town of parks and flowers, villas and sacred buildings. With Mediterranean flair, Lugano offers all the advantages of a world-class city, combined with the cachet of a small town. Enjoy lunch before we depart for Como. Como is at the southern tip of the lake and is known for its silk industry. We have some time to stroll around and see what Como has to offer. Return to Stresa for overnight (B & L)

Day 9 Breakfast at hotel. Full day free for last minute shopping, swimming or simply relaxing.

This evening dinner included at a local restaurant (B & D)

Day 10 Breakfast at hotel. Morning transfer to the airport for return flight home (B)

TOUR FEATURES

- 9 nights accommodations at indicated First Class hotel or similar with private bath or shower
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Buffet breakfast daily
- \$25 lunch voucher for Eataly
- Wine tasting and lunch at local winery from Torino
- Rice tasting
- Cheese tasting
- Lunch at local restaurant in Lugano
- 5 Dinners at local restaurants including wine (1/4 bottle pp), mineral water (1/2 bottle pp) and coffee:

- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guide and all entrance fees\
- Play ticket
- Touring and transfers by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
- Stay Tax included
- Hotel taxes and service charges

