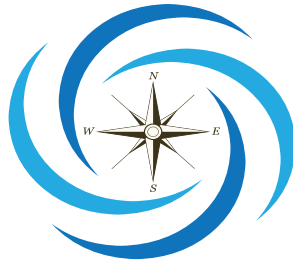


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EMILIA ROMAGNA

CULINARY DELIGHTS OF EMILIA ROMAGNA & MARCHE

Emilia Romagna, Bologna, Ravenna, Pesaro, Urbino, Gradara, Fano, Ancona, Conero, Loreto & Roma
8 Days/7 Nights

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Welcome to Emilia Arrive at Milan Malpensa international airport where you will be met to start your “Central Italy Experience” and transfer to your elegant hotel in Emilia area. Free time to freshen up and then be ready for a delicious Welcome Dinner, accurately prepared by the resort’s master chef, with local products. Overnight in your hotel. **(D)**

DAY 2: Parmigiano & Balsamic Vinegar Tastings

Early bird breakfast this morning! Today you will leave your Hotel quite early in order to get to an authentic Parmigiano Reggiano producer on time for the cheese making (roughly 8AM). There are dairies in an array of cities and you’ll visit a dairy in Reggio Emilia, about one hour from

Modena. The visit is complete, and you will be an expert by the end of the cheese tour. You’ll see all elements of the Parmigiano production from the processing of milk in the vats, the molding of the curd, the salting and then the aging process of the photogenic cheese wheels. After this fascinating visit you will head back to the wealthy little Modena for a visit to the 11th century Unesco heritage preserved Duomo and relax over an aperitif of a bubbly “vino bianco,” outside if weather permits. Lunch today is at a local trattoria, right in the heart of Modena, tasting traditional cuisine. After lunch, you will probably want to enjoy a short little digestive walk! Before returning to the hotel, you will visit a beautiful “Acetaia,” a real “Aceto Balsamico” cellar, where you’ll learn about the interesting history and production of this liquid

gold and taste a few aged balsamic. This is a treat! Return to the hotel, dinner on your own and overnight at your hotel.

(B, L)

DAY 3: Culatello Ham Tasting The Motor Valley

Breakfast at the Hotel and then head towards Colorno, in Parma province, to visit a small and upscale Culatello cellar producer’s; you will taste some slices of the Crème de la Crème prosciutto of Italy, finishing with an elegant lunch focusing on local specialties. Sample dishes will be offered, including Culatello di Zibello d.o.p. and a selection of the best charcuterie. Superb wines will be chosen for you from the encyclopedic wine list. After lunch enjoy a digestive passeggiata in Parma, a small gourmet town that was also the home of Italy’s famed composers





RAVENNA

Giuseppe Verdi and Arturo Toscanini. Don't miss the wonderful Duomo. Also, you can't miss the great Teatro Farnese and the art gallery renowned for its paintings by Correggio. On the way back to the Hotel, along the Via Emilia, you will have an interesting tour of the most important factories and museums dedicated to engines such as Ferrari (Maranello), Lamborghini (Modena), Maserati (Sant'Agata Bolognese) and Ducati (Bologna). When in Maranello, learn all about the "prancing horse" and visit the museum, which is quite large, and you can see over 40 real models such as Formula 1 racecars from many different decades. For Ferrari lovers, there is also a Ferrari shop and you can even have the opportunity to enjoy a test drive (Ferrari California or Ferrari 458 Italia)! Return to the hotel, dinner on your own and overnight. **(B, L)**

DAY 4: Bologna, Ravenna, Pesaro

Breakfast at the hotel, this morning you will have a walking tour of Bologna, with a local art guide, who will lead you through the best highlights of Emilia Romagna's capital, such as the Two Towers, Piazza Maggiore and Piazza del Nettuno,

the Jewish Ghetto, and the fascinating 16th century Anatomical theater in the Archiginnasio Palace ancient home of the University of Bologna "the learned", that shows on its walls one of most precious heraldry collection in the world. Also visit Piazza Malpighi where stands the apse of the Gothic church of St. Francis next to the graves of Glossatori, the first professors at the University of Bologna. Lunch on your own, with our suggestions for many wine bars and restaurants. In the afternoon you will leave Emilia Romagna to Le Marche, going southern, and you will stop on the way in Ravenna, where you will be taken back by the breathtaking 6th and 7th century mosaics, all with your own private art guide. These are some of the most gorgeous mosaics in the world. Located close to the Adriatic Coast, Ravenna is a town with a lot of history!

The Roman Emperor Octavian Augustus built a port here, denoting the strategic importance of Ravenna and later the city was one of the main hubs of Byzantine culture in Italy. You'll learn all about the town's history and visit some major highlights such as the mosaics of 5th

century Galla Placidia (daughter of Emperor Theodosius), the Saint Francesco Basilica with Dante's Tomb, the Basilica of San Vitale (with some of the best early Christian art in Italy) and more.

In the early evening arrival at your hotel in the region Marche. After checking in, you will have a tasty dinner at the hotel's restaurant. Overnight. **(B,L or B,L,D)**

DAY 5: Urbino

Today after breakfast we explore the land once ruled by the lords of Montefeltro. The day is devoted to visiting Urbino, one of Italy's most fascinating towns of the Renaissance, seat of an ancient university and perfect destination for art history lovers. It is also the birthplace of Raphael and site of the Unesco world heritage.

Have a guided tour of the magnificent Palazzo Ducale, one of the most interesting architectural and artistic examples of the Italian Renaissance; it is a wonderful and mysterious place, which houses the Galleria Nazionale delle Marche with its precious paintings by Piero della Francesca, Tiziano, Paolo Uccello and Raphael.





SIENA

Among the many rooms of the building there's a private one where the Duke Federico used to spend his time in the study room. It preserves valuable stuccos on the vaulted ceiling and a lower section paneled with engraved wood. Lunch on your own, and your local expert tour manager will be happy to give you some advices to choose the best spots.

After this local experience, you will head back to Pesaro, and have a guided walking tour of this beautiful town, birthplace of the famous musician, Gioachino Rossini. There's so much to see and do in Pesaro: from the ancient Roman remains dating from when it was called Pisaurum, to the Museum of Ceramics and Art Gallery; from the fascinating mosaics in the Cathedral to the Gothic church facades; from Villa Ruggeri in the Liberty style to the Sforza Fortress and the Ducal Palace. Pesaro boasts parks, beaches, art, history and music. Properly talking about music, you can't miss a visit to Rossini's house, the theater and the Conservatory that conserve Rossini's operas and memorabilia. **(B,D)**

DAY 6: Gradara, Fano
Breakfast. A trip to Le Marche should include a visit to one of the most famous castles in Italy. Then, you need to schedule a day exploring the historical beauties of Gradara. You will see this lovely town even before getting there, as the beautiful medieval castle stands out among the woods and hills. Just a few steps and you will be immersed in an atmosphere of old times that recalls a thirteenth century tranquility. The Castle of Gradara was the first military fortress on a border land which was turned into a majestic noble residence by powerful families. Tradition in this medieval village certainly contributed to making this fortress famous as the background of the unfortunate love between Paolo and Francesca, sung by Dante. But what really makes the Castle of Gradara unforgettable is the architectural beauty of an extraordinarily well preserved complex, that has retained the appearance and atmosphere of an ancient medieval settlement.

Lunch on your own and in the afternoon, you will move southern towards Fano, known as the city of fortune, because

of the Temple Fortuna around which the entire city has developed. The historic walls of Fano stretch for over half a kilometer, interspersed with cylindrical towers offering a wonderful example of Roman architecture that dates back to the period of the Emperor Augustus. You will have a walking tour of the city center, including a visit to the mysterious underground Fano, a fascinating itinerary through tunnels and galleries, taking you to truly unique places. Before dinner enjoy a walk by the seaside, you can perceive the long seafaring tradition of this city in the characteristic fishermen's houses, along its beaches and in the many excellent restaurants. Your local expert tour manager will show you the Walk of Lisippo, on a fixed dock protected by the rocks, overlooking the sea.

After all these beautiful walks to discover Fano that will never cease to amaze you, it's finally time to sit at the table and try the two local specialties: Brodetto and Moretta. The Brodetto of Fano (fish soup) is a typical dish of the Adriatic Sea cooking tradition, while Moretta is a hot drink mixed with a liquor born among sailors and fishermen in the port of Fano to get





ANCONA

warm before going out to sea. Return to the Relais for overnight. **(B,D)**

DAY 7: Ancona

Conero Loreto Roma After breakfast, you will head, in the morning, to Ancona and Riviera del Conero.

Overlooking the sea, with one of the largest ports in Italy, Ancona is a city full of monuments and beautiful landscapes; it is also known as “City Dorica,” a name which refers to its Greek origins. The Cathedral which dominates the city from above and from which you can enjoy a special view, the picturesque arch of Trajan and Mole Vanvitelliana on the side of the harbor, the War Memorial overlooking the sea in one of the most unique areas of the coast. Don't stop at the most famous monuments!

Walking through the alleys and historical streets, you can discover hidden spots and panoramic views. After lunch at a local winery and tasting of Rosso Conero one of the best red wines of the region, you will have a panoramic tour of the Conero Riviera: the stretch of coast

on the slopes of Monte Conero, rich of beaches, bays and coves of exceptional beauty. Last stop of the day but not the least as per importance, will be in Loreto, a beautiful hill town second only to Assisi and Rome as a place of religious pilgrimage. The town is a showcase of some of Italy's greatest artists and architects.

People come here from all over the world to visit the Basilica della Santa Casa, known for enshrining the house in which the Blessed Virgin Mary is believed by some to have lived. Devotees believe that the same house was flown over by Angelic beings from Jerusalem to Tersatto Trsat in Croatia) then to Recanati before arriving at the current site. In the early evening proceed onto Rome, where you will spend the last night of the tour. Check in at the hotel, dinner and overnight. **(B,L,D)**

DAY 8: Arrivederci Italia! Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport to take your flight back home. **(B)**

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner



Bologna, Italy





NIZZA MONFERRATO

ITALIAN COOKING TOUR

Nizza Monferrato, Canelli, Costigliole d'Asti, Acqui Terme, Gavi, Barbaresco, Barolo, Alba, Grinzane Cavour,
Torino - 8 Days/7 Nights

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Nizza Monferrato

Arrival at Nizza Monferrato in Piedmont. In the evening you will enjoy an “apericena,” an aperitif with plenty of different appetisers, a mixed combination between an aperitif (aperi) and a full dinner (cena), a very popular tradition in Piedmont. Accommodation in a deluxe farmhouse/country inn. Overnight in hotel. **(D)**



Day 2: Nizza Monferrato/Canelli/Nizza Monferrato

Breakfast in hotel. Morning visit of the Bersano wine cellars and old farm tools museum in Nizza Monferrato, displaying a collection of top wines, including Barbera d'Asti D.O.C.G. and Barbera del Monferrato D.O.C.G. Transfer to the nearby village of Canelli, home to the Asti D.O.C.G., the bestselling Italian wine abroad, made with sweet Moscato grapes with the champenois method, the same used in the production of Champagne in France, adapted to this sweet wine. Visit of a winery and cellar to get a full knowledge of this wine and of course, a taste of it! Back to the farmhouse in Nizza Monferrato. Lunch in restaurant in Nizza Monferrato. Afternoon experience the first session of your Piedmontese and Italian cooking class, an award winning

chef will show you all the secrets of the most renowned Piedmontese and Italian dishes. Lesson ends with the delicious dinner, prepared by yourself under the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel.

(B, L, WT, CC, D)

Day 3: Nizza Monferrato/Costigliole d'Asti/Nizza Monferrato

Breakfast in hotel. Morning transfer to the village of Costigliole d'Asti for a truffle hunting (white or black depending on the time of the year). You will visit the “Casa del Trifulau ” (truffle hunter's house) and will be taught everything about history, characteristics, environment and traditions of truffles. Most important thing, you will take part actively in the truffle hunting with the support of an expert and his dogs, trained for this purpose.





TRUFFLE HUNTING

Afternoon visit of Costigliole d'Asti's old city center and his wonderful Castle. This majestic building was built in the XIII century. In the sixteenth century it was an important military stronghold, but what we see today is the result of a restoration made in the nineteenth century that transformed the building into a fashionable neogothic structure. Lunch in a typical restaurant. Return to Nizza Monferrato. Second session of your cooking course with a dinner made by yourself under the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel. **(B, L, CC, D)**



Day 4: Nizza Monferrato/Acqui Terme/ Nizza Monferrato

After breakfast in the hotel you will just relax and unwind! Transfer to the nearby Roman historic city of Acqui Terme, the

most renowned spa resort in Piedmont, where you will enjoy a few hours of total care of your body and mind. Lunch in restaurant. Afternoon visit of the old city center. Return to Nizza Monferrato. Third session of your cooking class with a dinner made by yourself under the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel.

(B, L, CC, D)

Day 5: Nizza Monferrato/Gavi/Nizza Monferrato

After breakfast in the hotel enjoy a driving tour through the hills and vineyards of Monferrato up to the village of Gavi, that gives its name to the Gavi D.O.C.G., probably the most renowned white wine of Piedmont. Visit of its fort and its main wine cellar and shop. Lunch in restaurant.

Afternoon: return to Nizza Monferrato, fourth and last session of your cooking course. Overnight in hotel. **(B, L, CC, D)**

Day 6: Nizza Monferrato/Barbaresco/ Barolo/Alba/Grinzane Cavour/Nizza Monferrato

After breakfast in the hotel you will ex-

plore the Langhe area, a part of Piedmont that may be considered the food and wine district along with Monferrato and Roero, UNESCO heritage. First stop at Barbaresco, giving its name to one of the best red D.O.C.G. wine, nicknamed "The wine of queens" according to an old saying. Here you will visit and have a taste at the renowned Marquis of Gresy wine cellars. Trip goes on to Barolo, home to the worldwide famous Barolo D.O.C.G., also nicknamed "Wine of the kings." Visit at a local wine maker premises followed by a Piedmontese typical lunch accompanied by a taste of different kinds of Barolo D.O.C.G. and other wines of this area. Afternoon depart for Grinzane Cavour, where you will visit its castle hosting the Enoteca Regionale Piemontese Cavour (Cavour Piedmontese regional cellar) and Langhe Museum. The castle is also home to a famous international literary award held here once a year, named Grinzane Cavour Prize. Transfer to Nizza Monferrato with a stop along the way in Alba, the "capital" of the Langhe, a beautiful medieval city home to the famous white truffle and the "round and mild nut", basic ingredient of Nutella, the worldwide famous nut and





BAROLO

cocoa cream produced by Ferrero company, which has its headquarters here. Back to your hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, WT, L, D)**

Day 7: Nizza Monferrato/Torino

After breakfast in the hotel. Transfer to Torino to begin a walking tour through the beautiful streets of the old town centre. Free Afternoon: visit to the Royal Residence hub: Palazzo Reale and its Gardens, symbol of the magnificence and opulence of the Savoy dynasty, is the epicentre of all this power, and where the Royal Collections are held, bearing witness to the careful administration by the Savoy and their love of art; Palazzo Madama, the first Senate of the Italian Kingdom, and takes its traditional name from the embellishments it received under two queens (madama) of the House of Savoy; Palazzo Carignano, a symbolic place for the history of the House of Savoy and the Italian Risorgimento: as well as being the birthplace of Charles Albert and Victor Emmanuel II, it was the site for the Piedmontese Parliament and the first Parliament of Italy. Dinner and overnight in hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 8: Departure

Breakfast in hotel. Time at leisure according to departure time. **(B)**



Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
CC	Cooking Class
WT	Cooking Class





BAROLO CASTLE, LANGHE REGION, PIEDMONT

LUXURY PIEMONTE WINE TOUR

Milano Malpensa, Serralunga D'Alba, Santo Stefano Belbo, Langa Territory, Canelli, Monforte D'Alba, Barolo, Grinzane, Cavour, Dogliani, Torino and the Royal Route Of Turin Wines - 7 Days/6 Nights

ITINERARY

Day 1 - MILANO MALPENSA / SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

Arrival in Milano Malpensa. Transfer to Serralunga d'Alba by private bus and accommodation at the beautiful Boscareto Resort (or similar). Free time to relax. Dinner and overnight. **(D)**

DAY 2 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/SANTO STEFANO BELBO: THE DOOR TO THE LANGA TERRITORY/SANTO STEFANO BELBO/CANELLI/SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to Santo Stefano Belbo, native land of the famous Italian writer Cesare Pavese. Guided tour. Visit to Pavese's native house with the room where he was born, books, documents and pictures of the author. Lunch in a restaurant in Santo Stefano

Belbo. Transfer to the nearby village of Canelli, home to the Asti D.O.C.G., the bestselling sparkling Italian wine abroad, made with sweet Moscato grapes, using the champenois method, same process in the production of Champagne in France and adapted to this sweet wine. Visit to one of the historic cellars, re-named "Underground Cathedrals," which have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner in cellar. Transfer to Serralunga d'Alba and overnight. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 3 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/MONFORTE D'ALBA/BAROLO/SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

After breakfast in the resort transfer to Monforte d'Alba, brief town tour and then proceed to Barolo, the capital of Langhe. Visit the Falletti di Barolo Castle, the Wine Museum "WIMU" with wine tasting and

to the Corkscrews Museum. Free lunch. In the afternoon: transfer to Serralunga d'Alba to relax, before dinner and overnight. **(B, L, WT, D)**

DAY 4 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/GRINZANE /CAVOUR/DOGLIANI/ALBA/SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

After breakfast at the resort tour of some villages on the hills where the famous Barolo wine is produced. Arrival in Grinzane Cavour, with its wonderful Medieval Castle, a UNESCO site, and houses, the Regional Wine Cellar, the Ethnographic Museum and the Langa Museum. Wine tasting in the Regional Wine Cellar. Transfer to Dogliani, where travellers will visit the "Poderi Luigi Einaudi." The history of the Poderi (estates) started in 1897, when Luigi Einaudi (second President of the Italian Republic), only 23 years old,





SERRALUNGA D'ALBA CASTLE, PIEDMONT

acquired the farmhouse 'San Giacomo' in the village of Dogliani, surrounded by 40 acres of vineyards. Visit of the winery, the cellar with wine tasting. Light lunch in a local restaurant, and back to the hotel for time to relax.

In the late afternoon transfer to Alba, a city known for its White Truffle International Fair. The Dome has been rebuilt in Gothic style; not far away, the Church of San Giovanni Battista hosts works of art from the fourteenth century. The Federico Eusebio Museum presents artifacts from Prehistory to the Roman era, as well as a section dedicated to natural history. Dinner at "Piazza Duomo" Restaurant by Chef Enrico Crippa (3 Michelin stars). The restaurant is located near the ancient town of Alba, closed to its Dome. Return to Serralunga d'Alba and overnight. **(B, L, WT, D)**



DAY 5 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA / TORINO AND THE ROYAL ROUTE OF TURIN WINES (80 Km – 50 miles)

After breakfast at the resort transfer to Torino; Visit of the Egyptian Museum, and archaeological museum, specialised in Egyptian archaeology and anthropology. It houses one of the largest collections of Egyptian antiquities, with more than 30,000 artefacts. It is the second most important Egyptian museum in the world after the Cairo museum and one of the largest museums in Italy. Afterwards enjoy a pleasant walk towards the historic centre, lunch in restaurant at Baratti & Milano, one of the oldest and most prestigious historic caf  s in Turin.

In the afternoon: transfer to Pessione to visit the Martini & Rossi Museum of Oenology an exceptional location, home to

an iconic Italian brand. Wine experience "Make Your Own Vermouth", an innovative format that offers an immersion in the art of making Vermouth, a solid Piedmontese cultural heritage. Discovering the principles of preparation and the use of aromatic extracts and distillates to personally recreate the flavours of your Vermouth, playing with aromatic notes and aromas. You will have the opportunity to experience a real oenological laboratory. Dinner at "Terrazza Martini" new Bar Lounge, with an unmistakable charm. Return to Torino for overnight. **(B, L, WT, D)**

DAY 6 -TORINO

After breakfast at the hotel transfer to Piazza Castello and visit to the Royal Residence hub: Palazzo Reale and its Gardens, symbol of the magnificence and opulence of the Savoy dynasty. This is the epicentre of all this power, where the Collezioni Reali are held, to show the careful administration by the Savoy and their love for art; Palazzo Madama, the first Senate of the Italian Kingdom, that takes its traditional name from the embellishments it received under two queens (madama) of the House of Savoy. Lunch





PALAZZO REALE

at historical “Ristorante del Cambio” the most renowned and gastronomic restaurant in Turin, a real city institution.

In the afternoon visit to Palazzo Carignano, a symbolic place for the history of the House of Savoy and the Italian Risorgimento: besides being the birthplace of Charles Albert and Victor Emmanuel II, it was the site for the Piedmontese Parliament and the first Parliament of Italy. Walk through the central Via Po up to the Mole Antonelliana, the symbol of the city. Visit of the National Cinema Museum and panoramic lift to the terrace overlooking the entire historic centre. Dinner at the Officine Grandi Riparazioni, an ancient repair and maintenance centre for railway vehicles turned into a meeting and exhibition centre with its excellent restaurant. Overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, D)**



Torino

DAY 7 – TORINO / MILANO MALPENSA (140 km 85 miles)

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to Milano Malpensa for your return flight home.

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
L	Lunch
WT	Wine Tasting





Nizza Monferrato

PIEDMONT COOKING TOUR

A journey to find out the secrets of the most beloved and appreciated food in the world....a way to experience what it is not, simple food, but a way of life.

Nizza Monferrato, Canelli, Costigliole d'Asti, Acqui Terme, Gavi, Barbaresco, Barolo, Alba, Grinzane, Cavour, Torino - 8 Days/7 Nights

ITINERARY

Day 1: Nizza Monferrato

Arrival at Nizza Monferrato in Piedmont. In the evening you will enjoy an "apericena," an aperitif with plenty of different appetisers, a kind of mix between an aperitif (aperi-) and a full dinner (-cena), a very popular tradition in Piedmont. Accommodation in a deluxe farmhouse/country inn. Overnight in hotel.

Day 2: Nizza Monferrato/Canelli/Nizza Monferrato (19 Km – 11 miles)

After breakfast in hotel visit of the Bersano wine cellars and old farm tools museum in Nizza Monferrato, displaying a collection of top quality wines, including Barbera d'Asti D.O.C.G. and Barbera del Monferrato d.o.c.g. Transfer to the nearby village of Canelli, home to the Asti

D.O.C.G., the best selling Italian wine abroad, made with sweet Moscato grapes with the champenois method, the same used in the production of Champagne in France, adapted to this sweet wine. Visit of a winery and cellar to get a full knowledge of this wine and of course, a taste of it! Back to the farmhouse in Nizza Monferrato. Lunch in restaurant in Nizza Monferrato.

In the afternoon experience the first session of your Piedmontese and Italian cooking course: an award winning chef will show you all the secrets of the most renowned Piedmontese and Italian dishes. Lesson ends with a top quality dinner made by yourself with the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel.

(B, L, WT, CL, D)

Day 3: Nizza Monferrato/Costigliole d'Asti/Nizza Monferrato (32 Km – 20 miles)

After breakfast in hotel transfer to the village of Costigliole d'Asti for a truffle hunting (white or black depending on the time of the year). You will visit the "Casa del Trifulau" (truffle hunter's house) and will be taught everything about history, characteristics, environment and traditions of truffles. Most important thing, you will take part actively in the truffle hunting with the support of an expert and his dogs trained for this purpose.

In the afternoon visit of Costigliole d'Asti's old city center and his wonderful Castle. This majestic building was built in the XIII century. In the sixteenth century it was an important military stronghold, but what we see today is the result of a





Langhe

restoration made in the nineteenth century that transformed the building into a fashionable neogothic structure.



Truffle Hunting

Lunch in a typical restaurant. Return to Nizza Monferrato. Second session of your cooking course with a top quality dinner made by yourself with the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel. **(B, CL, D)**

Day 4: Nizza Monferrato/Acqui Terme/Nizza Monferrato (38 Km – 24 miles)

After breakfast in hotel you will just relax and unwind! Transfer to the nearby Roman historic city of Acqui Terme, the most renowned spa resort in Piedmont, where you will enjoy a few hours of total care of your body and mind. Lunch in restaurant.

This afternoon visit of Acqui Terme's old city center. Return to Nizza Monferrato. Third session of your cooking course with a top quality dinner made by yourself with the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel. **(B, CL, D)**

Day 5: Nizza Monferrato/Gavi/Nizza Monferrato (102 Km – 63 miles)

After breakfast in the hotel enjoy a driving tour through the hills and vineyards of Monferrato up to the village of Gavi, that gives its name to the Gavi D.O.C.G., probably the most renowned white wine of Piedmont. Visit of its fort and its main wine cellar and shop. Lunch in restaurant.

In the afternoon return to Nizza Monferrato, fourth and last session of your cooking course with a top quality dinner made by yourself with the chef supervision. Overnight in hotel. **(B, L, CL, D)**

Day 6: Nizza Monferrato/Barbaresco/Barolo/Alba/Grinzane Cavour/Nizza Monferrato (111 Km – 69 miles)

After breakfast in the hotel you will ex-

plore the Langhe area, a part of Piedmont that may be considered the food and wine district along with Monferrato and Roero, UNESCO heritage. First stop at Barbaresco, giving its name to one of the best red D.O.C.G. wine, nicknamed "The wine of queens" according to an old saying. Here you will visit and have a taste at the renowned Marquis of Gresy wine cellars. Trip goes on to Barolo, home to the worldwide famous Barolo D.O.C.G., also nicknamed "Wine of the kings." Visit at a local wine maker premises followed by a Piedmontese typical lunch accompanied by a taste of different kinds of Barolo d.o.c.g. and other wines of this area.

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TORINO, PALAZZO REALE

famous white truffle and the “round and mild nut”, basic ingredient of Nutella, the worldwide famous nut and cocoa cream produced by Ferrero company, which has its headquarters here. Dinner and overnight in hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 7: Nizza Monferrato/Torino (90 Km – 56 miles)

After breakfast in hotel transfer to Torino to begin a walking tour through the beautiful streets of the old town centre. Free lunch. In the afternoon visit to the Royal Residence hub Palazzo Reale and its Gardens, symbol of the magnificence and opulence of the Savoy dynasty, is the epicentre of all this power, and where the Royal Collections are held, bearing witness to the careful administration by the Savoy and their love of art; Palazzo Madama, the first Senate of the Italian Kingdom, and takes its traditional name from the embellishments it received under two queens (madama) of the House of Savoy; Palazzo Carignano, a symbolic place for the history of the House of Savoy and the Italian Risorgimento: as well as being the birthplace of Charles Albert and Victor Emmanuel II, it was the site for the Piedmontese Parliament and

the first Parliament of Italy. Dinner and overnight in hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 8: Nizza Monferrato/Torino (90 Km – 56 miles)

Breakfast in hotel. Time at leisure according to departure time. End of our services. **(B)**

What's Included:

- 5 accommodation in 4 stars hotel in Nizza Monferrato in B&B
- 1 accommodation in 4 stars hotel in Nizza Monferrato in HB
- 1 accommodation in 4 stars hotel in Torino in HB
- 4 sessions of cookery course (drinks not included)
- 3 visits to a prestigious wineries with tasting of Monferrato wines, in the second, third and fifth day of the tour
- 4 lunches in restaurant (drinks not included)
- 1 visit to the prestigious Barolo wine tasting cellar with lunch on the third day of the tour
- 1 visit to the “Casa del Trifulau” with truffle tasting
- Piemonte Card (free Entrance in museums and tourist attractions)

- 1 Spa entrance in Acqui Terme
- All entrance fees to museums and tourist attractions as written in the program
- Medical/luggage insurance
- All local taxes

Not Included:

- Incoming/outgoing flights and airport taxes
- All kind of transfers
- Lunches, beverage if not indicated
- Porterage at hotels
- Personal expenses, tips
- All things not enlisted above

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
CL	Cooking Lesson
WT	Wine Tasting





Trulli Houses, Alberobello

SAVORING APULIA

Masseria, Bari, Alberobello, Martina Franca, Locorotondo, Fornello, Cisternino, Monopoli, Ostuni, Gioia Del Colle, Altamura, Matera - 8 Days/7 Nights

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN MASSERIA

Arrival at Bari international airport and meet your local guide; transfer to a Deluxe Masseria Hotel in Fasano, the best area to discover Apulia living like a local. Check in and free time at your disposal to relax. Before dinner, you will have a welcome cocktail in the Masseria garden and then get ready for tasting some very special local food at your Welcome dinner. Of course, local wines of the area will be combined with the various dishes. Overnight. **(D)**

DAY 2: BARI - ALBEROBELLO (B,D)

Breakfast at the Masseria. Today will begin with a guided tour of the beautiful city of Bari, capital of Apulia region. While strolling around the old town, you will

have the chance to watch women in the streets making “strascinati and orecchiette”, two typical pastas of the area. You will be amazed at how fast they make these foods! Lunch on your own and in the afternoon, head toward the Murgia area, a subregion of Apulia between the Ionian and Adriatic coasts. Its main characteristic is the geology it presents, in fact, the landscape is riddled with holes and ravines through which small streams and rivers gurggle, creating what is in effect, a giant sponge.

Excursion in Alberobello, this small town is the capital of the Trulli (small, white buildings with conic roofs that are unique just to this region in Italy and are a UNESCO World Heritage Site). Guided visit of the Trulli followed by dinner with local specialties at a restaurant in the area.

Return to your Masseria, overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: MARTINA FRANCA - LOCOROTONDO FORNELLO - CISTERNINO

Breakfast at the Masseria. In the morning, you will visit a local olive oil mill that has been operated by the same family for almost 100 years. The farmers will teach you everything you need to know about olive oil, and you will taste some of their best oils produced at the mill. Proceed then to the elegant little town of Martina Franca; during the local guided tour, you will learn about the town's baroque architecture. First stop will be at factory producing the famous “Capocollo di Martina Franca”, salume that is lightly smoked with local herbs, and enjoy many other specialties there for lunch. Return to the Masseria for a short rest in the early afternoon and go then to Locorotondo,





Brindisi

which is a jeweled hilltop town considered to have the best views of the Valley of Itria and Murgia. The day will end in Cisternino, another beautiful hill town with stunning views. You will indulge in the town's traditional dinner, which is held at the butcher shop with an annexed wooden oven. You will choose between lamb, veal, or sausages that will be cooked "al Fornello" just for you. An experience you can only have in Cisternino! Return to the Masseria, overnight. **(B, L, D)**

DAY 4: MONOPOLI - OSTUNI

After breakfast, you will visit a nearby cheese producer where you will get to see the interesting process of making fresh mozzarella and other cheeses. Lunch on your own. Have a nice stroll through Monopoli in the early afternoon and experience next a wine tasting at the Tenuta Gemi, a local farmhouse in the neighborhoods of Monopoli, offering homegrown products and typical wines from the area. Continue on to your next outstanding accommodation in Ostuni. After checking in, relax some time before enjoying a delicious just caught fish dinner at hotel.

Return to the hotel, overnight. **(B, WT, D)**

DAY 5: GIOIA DEL COLLE - ALTAMURA MATERA

Breakfast at the hotel. Today will begin with an excursion to Altamura with a stop in Gioia del Colle at a terrific winery to taste Primitivo and other local wines. You will have lunch at the winery and then continue the drive to Altamura, a town famous for making one of the best breads in Italy. Here you will have the chance to visit a century old bakery where you will see how bread, focaccia, and other delicacies of the region are made. Afterwards, visit a beautiful nearby cathedral and observe the unique architecture. Arrive Matera in the early afternoon, this city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and is located in the Basilicata region that borders Apulia. The Sassi district is the ancient heart of the city and still has existing prehistoric dwellings from thousands of years ago that are carved out of the face of the calcareous rock.

Your local guide will bring you in a tour of the Sassi, to learn more about these

fascinating habitats. Dinner will be served in Matera at a charming restaurant. You could enjoy food with different flavors that belong to the Basilicata region. Return to the hotel, overnight.

(B, L, WT, D)

DAY 6: OSTUNI - BRINDISI

Breakfast at the hotel before your transfer south to the Salento area, where Lecce is the most prominent city. Stop on the way in Ostuni, known as "the white town;" in fact, it is a gleaming white hilltop town with sun bleached streets and cobbled alleyways. Continue toward Brindisi, where we will visit a winery for a tasting of local wines. Lunch on your own. Arrive in Lecce early afternoon. This lively university city is considered one of the most interesting cities in the region for its typical seventeenth century architecture. It is often called the Florence of the South for its monuments, mansions, and ornate buildings. Your deluxe hotel in Lecce is very close to the city center, and you will stay here for the remaining two nights of the tour. After checking in, you will have an aperitif in the heart of the city followed by a delicious fish dinner.





Apulia, Province of Lecce

Return to the hotel, overnight.

(B, WT, D)

DAY 7: LECCE

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide for a city tour; visit the central food market and then have some free time when you can enjoy shopping and strolling in the lively city center. Lunch on your own In the afternoon, you will have one last food experience: creating your own local specialties that you will enjoy during your Farewell dinner.

Return to the hotel, overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 8: ARRIVEDERCI ITALIA (B)

After breakfast, depart to Brindisi airport to catch your flight back home. **(B)**



Ostuni

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
L	Lunch
WT	Wine Tasting





TUSCANY

TUSCANY & PIEDMONT LUXURY WINE EXPERIENCES

Tuscany, Florence, Siena, Monsanto, Monterigioni, Barberino Val D'Elsa, Panzano Val D'Elsa, Radda, Firenze
11 Days/10 Nights

ITINERARY

Day 1 - TUSCANY/FLORENCE/SIENA

Arrival in Italy (Florence Airport to be confirmed); meeting with you English speaking Assistant and transfer to Siena, in Chianti area, by private bus. Check-in at the Hotel, welcome drink and briefing about the destination and the program. Dinner and overnight at the Hotel.

Day 2 - SIENA/MONSANTO/MONTERIGIONI/SIENA

Breakfast at the Hotel and private transfer to the Castello di Monsanto winery to learn a lot about the Tuscan winegrowing with a tour through the Castle and the wine cellar (tasting of 3 wines) Lunch free. On the way back to Siena, stop at Monteriggioni, small town, completely surrounded by defensive walls and

towers inviting to linger. Transfer back to Siena and visit this beautiful city with the world-famous Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful "piazza" in Italy. In the historic Caffè Nannini you will enjoy an espresso with a "dolce," a pure joie de vivre for Sienna's gourmets! Back to the hotel to enjoy your dinner. Overnight at the hotel. **(B, L, WT, D)**

Day 3 - SIENA/BABERINO VAL D'ELSA/PANZANO VAL D'ELSA/SIENA

Breakfast at the Hotel. What would Italy be without pasta? Private transfer to Barberino Val d'Elsa and get to know the art of pasta preparation during your cooking lesson. From the base dough to the matching sugo. Afterwards you can enjoy the different pasta dishes at lunch. In the afternoon, visit the Fattoria Pasolini Dall'Onda Borghese or similar one in the

same village and taste different wines. Dinner at an historical "Macelleria" (butcher shop) in Panzano Val d'Elsa where you will taste the real Fiorentina with all your senses. Transfer to the hotel and overnight. **(B, CL, D)**

Day 4 - SIENA/RADDA/FIRENZE/SIENA

Breakfast at the Hotel. Today you will discover the heart of the Chianti Region with the medieval castle and winery Castello d'Albola in Radda. During the guided tour you will of course see the historic wine cellars and enjoy wine and extra virgin olive oil tasting. Transfer to Florence and guided visit of the pearl of Renaissance of Italy. Imagine with your heart. Back to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, WT, D)**





FLORENCE

Day 5 - TUSCANY: SIENA/LANGASER-RALUNGA D'ALBA

Breakfast at the Hotel.

Morning: transfer to Serralunga d'Alba Langa Area. Light lunch free on the way to Piedmont.

PIEDMONT: LANGASERRALUNGA D'ALBA

Afternoon arrival in Serralunga and accommodation. Free time to relax. Welcome Dinner with briefing about the destination and the program. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, L, D)**

Day 6 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/GRINZANE CAVOUR/ALBA/SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

Breakfast at the Resort.

Morning meeting with our Guide: tour of some villages on the hills where the famous Barolo wine is produced. Arrival in Grinzane Cavour, with its wonderful Medieval Castle, UNESCO site, the Regional Wine Cellar, the Ethnographic Museum and the Langa Museum. Wine tasting in the Regional Wine Cellar. Lunch in the Restaurant "Il Castello" by Chef Marc Lanteri, Michelin Star Chef. Afternoon: Transfer to Alba, famous for its White Truffle International Fair (October/November) "Truffle Sensor Analysis" Experi-

ence: Full in-depth experiences guided by the judges of Sensory Analysis of the National Center for Truffle Studies, where you can discover the organoleptic characteristics of Tuber Magnatum Pico. At the end, "Taste Alba" Experience: tour with a Wine Teller, a special personal food shopper, who will guide you in a walking tour through history and food & wine specialties among winery shops and Truffle specialized shops. Dinner in Fontanafredda at Guido Restaurant. Back to hotel for overnight. **(B, WT, L, D)**

Day 7 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/MONFORTE D'ALBA/ BAROLO/LA MORRA/SERRALUNGA D'ALBA

After breakfast morning transfer to Monforte d'Alba, brief town tour in this little town famous for its Barolo wine production; then proceed to Barolo, the capital of Langhe. Visit the nice Corkscrews Museum, the Falletti di Barolo Castle with its Wine Museum "WIMU," with wine tasting. Lunch at Massimo Camia Restaurant (Michelin Star Chef) in La Morra. Afternoon: transfer back to Serralunga d'Alba to relax at the hotel. Dinner and overnight. **(B, WT, L, D)**

Day 8 - SERRALUNGA D'ALBA/SANTA VITTORIA D'ALBA/POLLENZO/TORINO

Breakfast and transfer to Santa Vittoria d'Alba. Morning visit to the important Diageo Glass Collection. Light lunch in Pollenzo at the "Albergo dell'Agenzia" Restaurant, made from a Slow Food idea. Afternoon arrival in Turin and check-in at your hotel.

Free time to relax or luxury shopping in the city centre or at the Torino Luxury Outlet Village (private transfer and personal shopper on request). Special Wine Tasting Dinner in the ancient Cellar at the historical "Ristorante del Cambio" the most renowned and gastronomic restaurant in Turin, a real city institution, situated in front of Palazzo Carignano, a symbolic place for the history of the House of Savoy; it was the site for the Piedmont Parliament as well as the first Parliament of Italy. Overnight in Hotel. **(B, WT, L, D)**

Day 9 - TORINO/PESSIONE/TORINO

Breakfast in Hotel. Morning visit of the Egyptian Museum, an archaeological museum, specialised in Egyptian archaeology and anthropology. It houses one of





SIENA

the largest collections of Egyptian antiquities, with more than 30,000 artifacts. It is the second most important Egyptian museum in the world after the Cairo museum and one of the largest museums in Italy. After a pleasant walk towards the historic centre, lunch in restaurant at Baratti & Milano, one of the oldest and prestigious historic café in Turin. Afternoon transfer to Pessione to visit the Martini & Rossi Museum of Enology: an exceptional location, home to an iconic Italian brand. Wine experience "Make Your Own Vermouth," an innovative format that offers an immersion in the art of making Vermouth, a solid Piedmontese cultural heritage. Discovering the principles of preparation and the use of aromatic extracts and distillates to personally recreate the flavours of your Vermouth, playing with aromatic notes and aromas. You will have the chance to experience a real oenological laboratory. Back to Torino. Dinner at the hotel.

(B, L, WT, D)

Day 10 – TORINO

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning transfer to Piazza Castello and visit to the Royal Residence hub: Palazzo Reale and its

Gardens, symbol of the magnificence and opulence of the Savoy dynasty, where the Royal Collections are held, to show the careful administration by the Savoy and their love for art; Palazzo Madama, the first Senate of the Italian Kingdom, that takes its traditional name from the embellishments it received under two queens (Madama) of the House of Savoy. Free time for Lunch. Afternoon: visit to Palazzo Carignano, a symbolic place for the history of the House of Savoy; it was the site for the Piedmontese Parliament and the first Parliament of Italy.

Visit of the National Cinema Museum, situated inside of the Mole Antonelliana, with its panoramic lift to the terrace overlooking the entire historic centre. Visit to a Chocolate Laboratory with chocolate tasting experience Dinner at the Officine Grandi Riparazioni, an ancient repair and maintenance centre for railway vehicles turned into a meeting and exhibition centre with its excellent restaurant. Overnight at the hotel.

(B, L, CT)

Day 11 – TORINO/MILANO MALPENSA
Breakfast in hotel. Transfer to Milano Malpensa. Depart for your return home.

(B)

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
L	Lunch
CT	Chocolate Tasting
WT	Wine Tasting





Sagrantino grapes, Umbria, Montefalco

UMBRIA BETWEEN WINE AND NATURE

Montefalco, Assisi, Spoleto, Gubbio, Perugia, Bevagna, Todi, Deruta, Orvieto, Citta' Della Pieve, Magione, Paciano, Castiglione Del Lago, Tuoro Sul Trasimeno, Isola Maggiore - 7 Days/6 Nights

ITINERARY

DAY 1: ROME - MONTEFALCO

Arrival at Rome Fiumicino Airport and private transfer to Umbria. Check in at an elegant farmhouse in Montefalco area, the best of the fascinating villages in the Valle of Spoleto. Get ready for a very special welcome dinner, with local dishes prepared with on site products. Overnight. **(D)**

DAY 2: ASSISI - SPOLETO

Breakfast in hotel. This morning you will travel through a dream landscape to Assisi, St. Francis was born here in 1182 and spent most of his adult life preaching around this area of Umbria. Your local guide will introduce you to the Roman remains under the still standing temple of Minerva, and the Basilica of San Fran-

cesco with Giotto's frescoes which decorate the lower church. Also worth a visit is the Basilica of Santa Chiara, dedicated to Saint Clare of Assisi, a follower of Saint Francis of Assisi and founder of the Order of Poor Ladies, known today as the Order of Saint Clare; the remains of Saint Clare are kept in the Basilica. After lunch on your own, you will proceed to Spoleto, a town rich in Roman and medieval history; explore the ancient center including the Roman house the Duomo to see Filippo Lippi's final fresco cycle. There is also free time to wander the streets, shops and cafes in this evocative town. Return to the farmhouse in Montefalco and enjoy a relaxed dinner in Umbria's countryside. Overnight. **(B,D)**

TOUR ITINERARY DURING HARVEST: ASSISI, GUBBIO

Assisi (same itinerary as previously described).

In the afternoon you will move to Gubbio, a town with a strong medieval aspect, which is austere in appearance because of the dark grey stone, narrow streets, and Gothic architecture. Many houses in central Gubbio date to the 14th and 15th centuries and were originally home of wealthy merchants. The hills above the town were already occupied in the Bronze Age and it was an important town of the ancient Umbrian people in pre Roman times, made famous for the discovery there of the Eugubine Tables, a set of bronze tablets that constitute the largest surviving text in the Etruscan language and transcribed into ancient Umbrian. **(B,D)**





CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO

DAY 3: PERUGIA - BEVAGNA

After breakfast in hotel depart to Perugia, where you will meet your local guide for a half day guided tour of the Umbria's largest town, a rich microcosm of medieval and modern. Its highlights include the magnificent frescoes in the Collegio del Cambio and the town's famous chocolates.

Once an important Etruscan settlement, Perugia has piled up layers of history ever since, turning Renaissance palaces into shops and inserting modern escalators into medieval remains. You will walk through the medieval ghost town under Rocca Paolina. The virtual underground city was a stroke of genius by the architect who was ordered to destroy the area. The tour also includes a visit to an Etruscan well and the extraordinary Etruscan gate from the 2nd century BC. Before lunch you can't miss the visit of Perugia's chocolate factory and the Chocolate Museum to learn about chocolate production. The museum explains the process of converting cocoa into chocolate and introduces the history of the Pe-

rugina chocolate company. Independent lunch. On the way back to Montefalco, you will make a stop in Bevagna, one of Umbria's most evocative towns. During Spring you can view a circuit of mediaeval artisans in their workshops including Francesco, the artisan paper maker surrounded by shredded fabrics, an enormous water operated pulping mill, and boiling animal hides. Part of the guided tour is the visit to a revocation of a Medieval house complete with frescoes, bedlinens, bath and weaving loom. Also visit the town's Roman mosaics and the beautifully evocative piazza encircled by Bevagna's other essential sights; the two Romanesque churches that face each other across Piazza Silvestri, the intact medieval main square. San Michele and San Silvestro (its utter lack of adornment and steeply raised presbytery radiate a stern Romanesque purity). **(B,D)**

TOUR ITINERARY DURING HARVEST: PICKING GRAPES WITH THE FARMERS & SPOLETO

Breakfast in hotel. Today you will have a unique experience by spending the

morning with the farmers in the vineyard. This is the time of the year for the grape harvest: you will see and experience all the traditional activities of the countryside. At the end of this hard work, you will enjoy a delicious picnic lunch in the vineyard, sipping of course a local red wine!

Return to the hotel and have some free time to relax before an excursion to Spoleto (same itinerary as before). There are plenty of restaurants and bars here where you can decide to have independent dinner. Return to Montefalco for overnight, which is a jeweled hilltop town considered to have the best views of the Valley of Itria and Murgia. The day will end in Cisternino, another beautiful hill town with stunning views. You will indulge in the town's traditional dinner, which is held at the butcher shop with an annexed wooden oven. You will choose between lamb, veal, or sausages that will be cooked "al Fornello" just for you. An experience you can only have in Cisternino! Return to the Masseria, overnight. **(B, WT, L)**





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DAY 4: TODI - DERUTA COOKING CLASS IN MONTEFALCO

Breakfast in hotel. This morning depart for an excursion to Todi, one of the most strikingly situated of Umbria's famous hilltowns. This ancient Etruscan, and then Roman settlement, still preserves an uncorrupted medieval look, with several churches, three austere public places and many sleepy corners. On the way back to Montefalco, you will stop in Deruta, famous in the world for its ceramics. Here you will be able to admire and, if you wish so, to buy, the typical renaissance inspired ceramics.

Once you reached Montefalco again, get ready for a cooking class with Mrs. Alessandra in the kitchen, she will teach you the ancient Umbria art of cooking. At the end, of course, you will taste your delicious "work", together with a few glasses of wine! Return to the farmhouse, overnight. **(B, CL)**

DAY 5: ORVIETO - CITTA' DELLA PIEVE TODI AREA

After breakfast in hotel, board your minivan and visit more of Umbria, Italy's green heart. You will first stop in Orvieto, perched on a 300 m. Plateau. Orvieto overlooks down a vineyards spotted plain. Visitors admire the Duomo, among the greatest of Italy's Romanesque Gothic Cathedrals. In the afternoon, on the way to Todi area, where you will spend the rest of the nights of your tour, you will stop in Città della Pieve, an Etruscan Roman center, with a rather troubled past, having been contended between medieval lords and the Church state. Worth seeing here is the Duomo, dedicated to Saints Gervasio and Protasio and which still today holds the masterpieces of the great artist Pietro Vannucci, known as "Il Perugino" (The Adoration of the Magi of the Oratory of Santa Maria dei Bianchi, The Baptism of Christ Cathedral, The Descent from the Cross of the Museum of the Diocese of Santa Maria dei Servi), one of the most important painters of the Italian Renaissance. Also, you could visit the Torre del Pubblico and the church of Sant'Agostino. Nowadays this destination is made even more attractive by the Palio

dei Terzieri, an historical reenactment of an ancient contest between the town's neighborhoods, which features a parade with over 700 costumed characters. Proceed then to your elegant farmhouse in the countryside of Umbria. **(B, D)**

DAY 6: MAGIONE - PACIANO OLIVE OIL TASTING

Breakfast at the hotel. Further exploring Umbria, and getting closer to Trasimeno Lake, you will come across Magione, a castle first mentioned at the time of the Knights of Malta. Built in the mid 12th century as hospital of the Knights of St John of Jerusalem, currently Knights of Malta, the facility is now the operational center of a wide farm/estate whose products are known for their high quality. Next stop en route will be Paciano, a charming village founded around the XIV century, on a spur of Mount Petrarvella, and is definitely worth a visit thanks to its four churches, dedicated respectively to Saint Giuseppe, Saint Borromeo, Saint Maria and to the Madonna della Stella. The village is surrounded by 14th century walls, about 600 meters long, which





ISOLA MAGGIORE

includes eight towers and three gates, Porta Fiorentina, Porta Perugina and Porta Rastrella. A walk through the narrow streets of the center allows you to experience this ancient atmosphere. Finally, before heading back to your farmhouse, you will stop at a local farm for an olive oil tasting; the perfect climatic conditions and the fertile soil at the foot of the Apennines are ideal for a slow ripening of the olives and, hence, their low acidity. These olives are the source of an extraordinarily rich quality of extra virgin olive oil produced in the hills of Trasimeno Lake. Return to Todi area; dinner tonight will be at the farmhouse, with tasty dishes prepared with local homegrown crops and wine from local wineries. Overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 7: CASTIGLIONE DEL LAGO TUORO SUL TRASIMENO ISOLA MAGGIORE

After breakfast at the hotel you will have a full day excursion to the Trasimeno Lake area. You will first visit Castiglione del Lago, a town owing its foundation to

Etruscan ancestors, as testified by the burial remains uncovered in the area. Very well preserved within Castiglione are the town hall, the ducal palace of the Della Corgna family, and the castle, with impressive wall, constitutes one of the main examples of military art in the region. own local specialties that you will enjoy during your Farewell dinner. Return to the hotel, overnight. Free time for lunch and in the afternoon, you will continue on to Tuoro sul Trasimeno, where the epic battle between the armies of Rome and of Carthage, headed by Hannibal, took place. Do not miss, in the same area, Isola Maggiore, which rises near the north bank of the lake and is surrounded by typical Mediterranean vegetation, as well as artistic monuments. Final stop will be Passigiano sul Trasimeno, one of the most popular and historically interesting villages among those overlooking the lake. Its middle age walls testify the development of the center, evolving from a small agricultural village to a castle, which, after the Lordship of

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
L	Lunch
WT	Wine Tasting

Return to your countryside mansion for overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 8: DEPARTURE FROM ROME AIRPORT

After breakfast transfer to Rome airport for your return flight. **(B)**





Saint Emilion Village

BORDEAUX WINE TOUR

4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: BORDEAUX

Arrival in Bordeaux. Welcome by your driver and your guide. Transfer to Bordeaux for a Panoramic tour of Bordeaux UNESCO heritage: from the vestige of the Middle Ages, to the elegance of the 18th century, you will discover the different golden ages of Bordeaux's history, dominated by the wine trade and various colonial influences. Settle into your hotel. Welcome dinner & overnight in Bordeaux. **(D)**

DAY 2 : MEDOC VINEYARDS

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by a private coach & your guide. Departure for the Médoc for a guided visit of the city. The most famous of the Bordeaux vineyards which lies to the Northwest of Bordeaux city, a vast spit of land between the Atlantic Ocean to the West and the Gironde Estuary to the East. A geographical location that confers on it a temperate climate suited to wine growing. This symbiosis of plant and environment has given 60 prestigious Grand Crus Classés and 400 Crus Bourgeois in the 8 AOC of the Médoc. During your tour you will have three visits and wine tastings at prestigious vineyards and wineries in Pauillac,

Margaux & Saint-Julien wine appellations of Origin (AOC). Lunch in a typical restaurant to discover the Médoc gastronomy. These places are immersed in a remarkable views of vineyards landscapes and they are based on soils which have been laboured and transformed by the wine-makers' industry and savoir-faire like the distinguished. Back to & overnight at the hotel in Bordeaux. **(B, WT, L)**

DAY 3: SAINT-ÉMILION, POMEROL

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by a private coach & your guide. Transfer to Saint-Émilion for a guided visit of the city. According to UNESCO 'the Jurisdiction of Saint-Émilion is an outstanding example of an historic vineyard landscape that has survived intact and is in activity to the present day'. Enjoy a visit and a unique lunch buffet in a prestigious Château. Your tour pursues with one visit and wine tasting at Grand Cru Classé Saint-Émilion vineyards and the last visit in the Pomerol Appellation. Back to & overnight at your hotel in Bordeaux. **(B, WT)**

DAY 4: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at your hotel. Transfer to Bordeaux airport or train station. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Services of a professional guide during the above program
- Transport in executive coach according to the above program
- 3 nights hotel accommodation-daily breakfast-1 welcome dinner
- 2 lunches-Entrance & Visits according to the above program:
 - 3 Winetastings Grand Cru Classé Medoc & 2 Wine tastings Grand CruClassé St Emilion & 1 wine tasting in Pomerol.

NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks, other meals
- Any other options, tips or personal expenses, luggage handling
- Insurance





Burgundy Wine Cellar

BURGUNDY WINE TOUR

4 Days/3 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: DIJON, BEAUNE

Pick up at Dijon train station by your driver and transfer to your hotel in Beaune. Settle into your hotel. Welcome dinner & overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2: CÔTE DE BEAUNE

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver & guide and transfer to the Côte de Beaune. Walk around the city, capital of the Côte d'Or, in its medieval quarter, courtyards of private mansions. Guided visit of the Hotel Dieu, also called Hospice of Beaune, a masterpiece of Flemish – Burgundian architecture. It is a former charitable almshouse and has now become a museum. Continue the day by enjoying the visit of a family domain in the Montrachet Grand Cru Appellation. This domain has been owned for three generations by a Burgundian family. They will explain wine-growing techniques as well as offer an enjoyable tasting-session.

For lunch, enjoy an original Burgundy setting in a Cellier. Finish the day by a visit and tasting-session at Santenay Domain. Back to & overnight at your hotel in Beaune. **(B, WT)**

DAY 3: CÔTE DE NUITS

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver & guide and departure for the Côte de Nuits. Start the day by a visit of a dairy farm in Brochon and enjoy tasting different cheeses, from the mildest to the strongest in flavour. For lunch, enjoy an outstanding gourmet meal with delicious dishes in an amazing domain! Of course prestigious wines will accompany your lunch. Continue into the heart of the Pinot Noir Grands Crus vineyards of Gevrey Chambertin. Learn about the unique Burgundian Appellations. Visit and winetasting at one prestigious domain. Transfer back to & overnight at your hotel in Beaune. **(B, WT)**

DAY 4: BEAUNE, DIJON

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver & transfer to Dijon. Enjoy a guided visit of Dijon and appreciate the richness and elegance of its architecture heritage from the Palace of the Dukes of Burgundy to the neighbourhood of Parliament, and from the area of Notre Dame to the medieval streets. Transfer to Dijon train station. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 1 night hotel accommodation and breakfast
- 2 lunches in local restaurants
- Full-day shared tour on day 1 & 2 in executive minivan with qualified driver-guide and visits and tasting according to the above program

NOT INCLUDED

- Drinks, other meals
- Any other options, tips or personal expenses, luggage handling
- Insurance





Champagne Vineyards

CHAMPAGNE WINE TOUR

3 Days/2 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: PARIS, REIMS

Arrival in Paris. Pick up at Paris airport by your driver & transfer to Reims. Transfer to Reims for a guided walking tour of the city. Reims offers the most important example in France of an entire town in the architectural style of the 1920s with its Art Deco style facades. Wander through the streets and discover the city of coronation and one of the main gastronomic and Champagne wine centres of France. Enjoy a visit of its Notre Dame Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic art dates from the 13th century as a reminder of the christening of Clovis. Adorned with over 2,300 statues, this is the only cathedral that displays angels with open wings.

Then you will enjoy a visit & a wine-tasting at a champagne house. For a while, take a dip into the heart of their house, their heritage, their savoir-faire, and discover the making-process of their cuvées. The tour includes a tasting of their Brut Yellow Label cuvée.

Your tour continues through another vineyard. This journey will lead you in turn to the vestiges of the abbey Saint-Nicaise

dating from the 13th century, then to 18 meters deep, in sumptuous Gallo-Roman Crayères forming part of the Coteaux, Houses and Caves of Champagne Inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. At the end of your visit, you will appreciate a prestigious wine tasting. Transfer & settle into your hotel in Reims. Welcome dinner & overnight at your hotel. **(WT, D)**

DAY 2: OFF THE BEATEN PAST

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver & Transfer to Hautvillers. Enjoy a Guided tour of Hautvillers, a charming village classified at Unesco which is nested on the historical hill-sides of Champagne. Enjoy the visit of the Abbaye and discover the history of Dom Perignon who finalized the process to elaborate Champagne. Transfer to the little village of Damery for a wine tasting at a family estate. The house was created in 1875 and are focus on the respect of both traditions and ancestral working methods. Transfer to Ambonnay for a lunch & wine tasting at another family estate, a wine grower since the 16th century which own 4 hectares of grand cru vineyard, especially reknown for their Pi-

not Noir. Your tour continues with another wine tasting at Maison Canard Duchêne. The Canard-Duchêne signature perfectly befits its setting in Ludes. The park, with its centuries-old trees, magnificent views over the vineyards, vast residence hosting more than 6km of chalk-carved underground cellars, make this a truly unforgettable visit. Back to Reims and overnight at your hotel. **(B, WT)**

DAY 3: EPERNAY CAVES, PARIS

Breakfast at your hotel. Pick up at your hotel by your driver and enjoy a visit of several different domains and cellars where the famous Champagne is produced. Located in the heart of the Champagne vineyards, Epernay is the capital of Champagne with its Avenue du Champagne, headquarter of the major wine-maker trade and production. This magnificent street is considered as one of the most world prestigious Avenues. This morning your day enjoy two visits & wine tasting sessions in distinguished and ancient cellars learning about the production techniques, & the different types of wines. You will appreci-





Saint-Pierre Abbey of Hautvillers

ate two Grand cru tasting at different vineyards. The wine growers will share their passion with the group and will be glad to answer any question. Enjoy lunch in one traditional restaurant in Epernay. Your tour continues with a visit & cheese tasting at Meaux. You will discover the different stages of the manufacture of Brie de Meaux, from the harvesting of milk to maturing in the cellar. Then you will understand the current stakes of this PDO cheese proudly represented by his brotherhood. Transfer to Paris city center or airport. **(B, WT, L, CT)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Transport in executive coach according to the above program
- 2 nights hotel accommodation
- Daily breakfast

- 2 lunches and 1 welcome dinner
- Visits & Wine tasting according to the above program- Guided tour of Reims, Hautvillers & Epernay

OPTIONAL DAY INCLUDES

- 1 night hotel accommodation
- Full Day Shared tour on day 4 in executive minivan (8 participants maximum) with qualified driver-guide
- Private transfer on day 5



City Hall in Historical Center of Epernay

Legend

B Breakfast
L Lunch
D Dinner
WT Wine Tasting

CT Cheese Tasting
CL Cooking Lesson
A Aperitif
HD Half Day





Paris, Notre Dame

EXCLUSIVE FRENCH WINE TOUR

Paris, Reims, Hautvillers, Beaune, Lyon, Clermont, Ferrand, Libourne, Bordeaux

10 Days/9 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: PARIS, REIMS

Arrival in Paris & transfer to Reims. Your day in Reims start with a guided walking tour of the city. Reims offers the most important example in France of an entire town in the architectural style of the 1920s with its Art Deco style facades: wandering through the streets and discover the city of coronation and one of the main gastronomic and Champagne wine centers of France. Enjoy a visit of its Notre Dame Cathedral, a masterpiece of Gothic art dates from the 13th century as a reminder of the christening of Clovis. Adorned with over 2,300 statues, this is the only cathedral that displays angels with open wings. Then you will enjoy a visit & a wine tasting at a champagne house. For a while, take a dip into the heart of their House, their heritage, their "savoir faire". And discover the making process of their cuvées. Your tour continues through another vineyard. This journey will lead you in turn to the vestiges of the abbey Saint Nicaise dating from the 13th century, then to 18 meters

deep, in sumptuous Gallo Roman Crayères forming part of the Coteaux, Houses and Caves of Champagne registered on UNESCO's World Heritage List. At the end of your visit, you will appreciate a prestigious wine tasting. Transfer & settle into your hotel in Reims. Welcome dinner & overnight at your hotel. **(WT, D)**

DAY 2: REIMS, HAUTVILLERS

Breakfast at your hotel. Departure to Reims Mountains. Today you will discover the champagne path through the vineyards of the Reims Mountains. Lunch in a local restaurant. Enjoy a Guided tour of Hautvillers, a charming village classified at UNESCO which is nested on the historical hillsides of Champagne. Discover the history of Dom Perignon who finalized the process to elaborate Champagne. Continue to Epernay capital of champagne with its Avenue du Champagne, head-quarter of the major wine maker trade and production. This magnificent street is considered as one of the most world prestigious Avenues. There, you will enjoy the

visit of the Moët & Chandon cellars with a tasting. Back to your hotel & overnight in Reims. **(B, WT)**

DAY 3: REIMS, BEAUNE

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Crossing the champagne vineyards with visit and tasting of champagne grand vineyards in a small producer. This Family Estate is a wine grower since the 16th century and producing Champagne under their own brand since 1875. Far from the commercial aspect of the Grandes Maisons you will discover here the ancestral methods for the making process of champagne and meet passionate people.

Stop in the historic center of Troyes. Continue towards Burgundy with stop in Chablis for visit and wine tasting in Chateau Testut. Transfer to Beaune. Settle & overnight at your 3 star hotel in Beaune.

(B, WT)





Cote de Beaune, d'Or, Burgundy

DAY 4: BEAUNE

Breakfast at your hotel. Departure for the route of the vineyards of Côtes de nuits, to discover the Grand Crus of Bourgogne. Stop at a small producer to visit the cave and wine tasting Chateau Entre deux Monts in Nuits Saint Georges. Lunch in a gastronomic restaurant in Vosne Romanée. After lunch, walk to the mythical Romanée Conti vineyard. Then you will visit the Clos Vougeot, former cellar of the Cistercian monks and discover the ancient wine making facilities and the monk's cellar, constructed between the 12th and 16th centuries. Back to Beaune. Overnight in your hotel. **(B, WT, L)**

DAY 5: BEAUNE

Breakfast at your hotel. Today enjoy a guided tour in the medieval town of Beaune with visit to the famous Hospices de Beaune (hotel Dieu), built in the 15th century. Then go to a guided visit of a traditional Mustard Factory Fallot with tasting. Endowed with a successful industrial facilities, it knew how to protect the know how of the craftsman mustard maker; the grinding of seeds in the stone grindstone which protects all the gustatory qualities of the mustard. Enjoy a tour

to the north of the Côte de Beaune. Stop off on the Corton hillside, a unique location in Burgundy for both red and white wines. Then visit & tasting at the Château de Santenay. Overnight in Beaune.

DAY 6: BEAUNE, LYON

Breakfast at your hotel and check out and route through the vineyards of southern Burgundy and Beaujolais. Enjoy a visit and wine tasting in Château Montmelas. The beautiful outline of this castle is made up of numerous turrets, which is why it's often called Sleeping Beauty's castle, especially since it is surrounded by 70 ha of vineyard in the Beaujolais Appellation area. You will visit the interior of the château with tapestry and furniture. Then you enjoy a buffet lunch of Beaujolais Specialities: "Machons" in Château Montmelas. After lunch transfer to Lyon, capital of French gastronomy. Meet your local guide and enjoy a walking tour of Lyon. Visit to the Basilica Notre Dame de Fourviere and discover the quarter of Vieux Lyon considered a UNESCO world heritage site. Settle at your hotel in Lyon. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, L)**

DAY 7: LYON, CLERMONT, FERRAND, LIBOURNE

Breakfast at your hotel and check out and transfer to Libourne. Route through the central Magico and the park of volcanoes with its magnificent mountainous landscapes. Stop in the historic medieval centre of Clermont Ferrand. Visit on your own the Cathedral which is distinctive by its charcoal grey colour resulting from the Volvic lava stone used to build it. The interior conceals a remarkable collection of stained glass windows and murals. Discover Notre Dame du Port Basilica, listed on UNESCO's World Heritage, which takes visitors into the spellbinding world of Romanesque art. Continue to the region of Aquitaine. In the late afternoon arrival in Puisseguin Saint Emilion to visit the cellar and garden of the Chateau de la Vaisinerie followed by a typical dinner. Settle at your hotel in Libourne. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 8: LIBOURNE, BORDEAUX

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Discovery of the wine route of Medoc, through the famous vineyards





St. Emilion, Bordeaux Vineyards

of Margaux, Saint Estephe, Saint Julien, Pauillac. Stop at two grands vineyards Classes of 1855 for a visit of the cellar with wine tasting (Chateau Lynch Bages, Chateau Giscours, Chateau Pontet Canet. Transfer to Cite' du vin in Bordeaux. Discover Cite' du Vin, a new unique cultural facility where wine comes to life through an immersive, sensorial approach, all set within an evocative architectural design. Cite' du Vin gives a different view of wine, across the world, across the ages, across all cultures and all civilizations.

Enjoy a panoramic tour in Bordeaux. Bordeaux UNESCO heritage; from the vestige of the middle ages, to the elegance of the 18th century, you will discover the different golden ages of Bordeaux's history, dominated by the wine trade and various colonial influences. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, WT)**

DAY 9: BORDEAUX

Breakfast at your hotel. You will appreciate a private cruise through the heart of the estuary and stopover on Patiras island. Enjoy the musical atmosphere and taste specialties from the Gironde

estuary. You will discover the view of islands, sailing channels, Medoc vineyards, as well as the history of the people who used to live on the islands. Today, Patiras also invites you to relax in a deckchair and enjoy the peaceful atmosphere of the island. Overnight at your hotel.

DAY 10: DEPARTURE

Breakfast at your hotel and check out. Transfer to the airport.

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting





SAGRADA FAMILIA, BARCELONA

RIOJA AND SPARKLING WINE REGIONS

BARCELONA, PENEDES, SITGES, LOGROÑO, MONTBLANC, HARO, LAGUARDIA, LABASTIDA, STO. DOMINGO DE LA CALZADA, SAN MILLAN DE LA COGOLLA, ZARAGOZA - 7 Days/6 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: BARCELONA

Arrive in Barcelona airport and transfer to your hotel. Afternoon, guided tour to familiarize yourself with the town, strolling around the Gothic quarter full of buildings of the twelfth and sixteenth centuries, and the Cathedral. Next, visiting the district 'Eixample', with the main modernist buildings and the famous Sagrada Familia. To complete the tour, walking through the famous "Ramblas," streets full of life, bars, cafes, restaurants and street performers. Dinner and overnight at hotel. **(D)**

DAY 2: BARCELONA-PENEDES-SITGES-BARCELONA

After breakfast depart for a full day guided excursion to the nearby wine region of PENEDES (about 60 kms), the largest sparkling (in Spanish 'cava') wine region in the whole world. We will visit one of the most famous wineries, Codorniu, featuring

the largest subterranean wine cellar in the world, more than 30 kms, riding on a little train. We will also visit the famous wine cellar of Torres. In the afternoon depart for SITGES we will follow to this beautiful seaside village, residence of many famous worldwide painters due to the amazing light. Return to hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 3: BARCELONA-MONTBLANC-POBLET-LOGROÑO

After breakfast depart for Montblanc. We suggest a walk around this little walled town, with plenty of pretty gothic buildings. There is the curious little Wine Museum Prenafeta, where we can see all the elements used in the traditional family wine process. POBLET The most important middle age monastery in the Catalan region, it is like a little village itself. They had a big influence in the culture of the region. Depart for Logrono (The capital of the Rioja region) Dinner and overnight at

hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 4 : LOGROÑO-HARO- LAGUARDIA-LABASTIDA - LOGRONO

After breakfast depart and visit the Rioja wine world. Everything in this region is in relation with the Rioja wine. We start in the morning with the area called 'High Rioja,' and its main village. Depart for Haro, here we will visit the Museum of the Wine, and The Technical Institute of the Wine. Depart for Laguardia and visit Villa Lucia complex dedicated to wine (possible to arrange tasting and technical talks). In the afternoon, we will go to Labastida a little village which the economy are in relation with Rioja wine. Visit the wine cellar of 'Nuestra Señora de Remelluri (little familiar producer but very nice). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **(B, WT, D)**





JEREZ DE LA FRONTERA

DAY 5: LOGROÑO-STO. DOMINGO DE LA CAL-ZADA-SAN MILLAN DE LA COGOLLA-LOGROÑO

After breakfast depart and visit other wine cellars. Excursion to STO. DOMINGO CALZADA. An important stop in the 'St. James Pathway' and S. MILLAN COGOLLA where the monasteries of Yuso and Suso are located and are considered the 'birth-place of The Spanish' language, it is also an architecture masterpiece. Return to the hotel and overnight. **(B, D)**

DAY 6: LOGROÑO-ZARAGOZA

After breakfast, depart for Zaragoza. Stop for walk in the Pilar Square, where the local citizens congregate for important events, and where there are the main monuments: Pilar Basilic, Seo, XVIth cent. Lonja (old market). Afternoon guided city tour (Basilic of Pilar, Palacio Aljaferia). Dinner and overnight at hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 7: ZARAGOZA-BARCELONA

After breakfast, transfer to the airport in Barcelona for your return flight home. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 6 overnights in hotels (First Superior Category), in standard rooms

- 6 buffet breakfast (hot and cold)
- 6 dinners in hotels (Buffet). No drinks
- Guided tour of Barcelona
- Guided excursion to wine region of Penedes and visit of Codorniu, Torres and Nuestra Senora de Remelluri and other wineries
- Visit Sitges, Montblanc, the wine museum of Prenafeta, the monastery in Poblet, the capital of

the Rioja region Logrono, Rioja wine world, Haro's museum of wine and technical institute, Villa Lucia complex, the little village of Labastida

- Excursion to Sto. Domingo Calzada, St. James Pathway and S. Millan Cogolla for the monasteries of Yuso and Suso
 - Luggage portorage at ho-tels (1 piece of luggage per pax)
- Other itinerary suggestions:
- In case of departure flights before 13'00hrs, Day 6th overnight would be nearer to Barcelona airport (Lleida or same airport area,

etc.)

- This Itinerary also available with slight modifications with arrival and departure Madrid airport or Bilbao Airport
- Day 2 visit of wine cellar can be combined with Montserrat Monastery instead of Sitges
- Barcelona would be worthy of one day more, in case you would have it.

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting





SANTA MARIA LA REAL DE LA ALMUDENA CATHEDRAL, MADRID

TREASURES OF SPAIN

MADRID, TOLEDO, GRANADA, SEVILLE, CORDOBA - 7 Days/6 Nights Itinerary

DAY 1: MADRID

Arrive in Madrid and transfer to your hotel. Welcome drink and orientation of the tour.

DAY 2: MADRID AND TOLEDO

After breakfast depart for your tour of Madrid, through the main avenues of the city: highlights include the magnificent fountains of Neptune and Cibeles, the Alcala Gate, the Plaza de España, with the panorama of most representative buildings. We will visit the spectacular Royal Palace, still in use for official ceremonies and government events. Return to your hotel for an overnight. **(B)**

This afternoon, travel south to Toledo, capital of Spain during several centuries. During XIII and XIVth centuries, Muslim, Jews and Christian populations lived together peacefully, creating a great cultural center. This afternoon, walk along it's narrow streets where the history can be felt in the air. We will walk by the Cathedral and visit St tome Church (featur-

ing El Greco's masterpiece). Return to Madrid for overnight. **(B)**

DAY 3: MADRID, LA MANCHA AND GRANADA

After breakfast depart to Granada. A short stop en route, in Aranjuez, to see the century trees in the magnificent gardens of this old summer residence for the Spanish Kings. Continue south to discover the large flat region of "La Mancha", where Don Quixote lived his crazy adventures, region also known as Spain's largest wine producing area. Visit at a traditional wine producer showing their way of making wine and some curious secrets, like the influence of the moon and stars in the biological process in the vineyards. Tasting of three different wines with tapas of ham, local cheese and bread, the best way to enjoy these wines. After continue to Granada. Overnight in your hotel. **(B, WT, D)**

DAY 4 : GRANADA, LA ALHAMBRA & GENERALIFE GARDENS & SEVILLE

After breakfast morning guided city tour to visit La Alhambra, the best example of the sophisticated Royal life in the Nazari Islamic kingdom from the XI to XVth century. We will find numerous halls and "patios" (courtyards) of amazing beauty. Visit of the famous and beautiful Generalife gardens with its fountains. Afternoon continue to Seville. Overnight in your hotel. **(B, D)**

DAY 5: SEVILLE

After breakfast enjoy a morning guided tour to visit the Gothic Cathedral, the largest in Spain and third in the world with the tomb of Christopher Columbus. You can walk up the Giralda tower (striking minaret of the former mosque) to have superb view over the city. Stroll through Santa Cruz Quarter, a maze of small alleys and peaceful squares, inviting to relax. (*) In the afternoon you will enjoy an introductory Flamenco hour, dancing with a professional dancer **(B)**





PLAZA DE ESPANIA, SEVILLE

DAY 6: SEVILLE, CORDOBA & MADRID

After breakfast, visit an Andalusian horse farm (yeguada) to see a regular day of training and learn about the breeding and taming of these amazing horses. Afterwards, travel north to Cordoba. Cordoba, important, during the Roman age, reached the maximum splendor under the Muslim domination, mostly in the IX and Xth centuries, when the city became the capital of the Caliphate, and was the most populated town in the world (almost 1 million) at that time. Morning guided city tour, to visit the Mosque, beautiful and unique. Then, a walk around the Jewish Quarter, with its narrow streets and Andalusian "patios." Afternoon we continue to Madrid, where a Farewell dinner will be served, a nice moment to enjoy with the new friends met during the tour. **(B, D)**

Day 7: SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA

After breakfast Depart for the airport for your return flight home. **(B)**

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Private deluxe coach for all services. Transport will be provided in mini-van for

groups up to 6 pax, mini coach up to 20 pax and a large coach over 20 pax

- English speaking Tour Escort from day 2-6 (* Madrid portion assisted by our hostess where passengers will be informed about the city)
- English speaking local guide half day in: Madrid, Toledo, Granada, Seville and Cordoba.
- Sightseeing's, including local guide and entrance fee: Madrid - Royal Palace, Cordoba - Mosque, Seville - Cathedral, Granada - Alhambra and Generalife gardens, Toledo - St Tome Church
- 6 overnights in hotels (First Superior Category), in standard rooms.
- 6 buffet breakfast (hot and cold)
- 2 dinner in hotels (Buffet).

No drinks.

- 1 Farewell dinner.
- 1 welcome "soft" drink in Madrid.
- Wine cellar visit with tasting of three kind of wines with tapas of ham, local cheese and bread.
- 1 hour introductory Flamenco lesson, with a professional dancer.
- Visit to an Andalusian horse farm.
- Wi-Fi included in all hotels
- Headsets (Bluetooth technology for a perfect audition in guided explanations)
- Luggage portorage at hotels (1 piece of luggage per pax)

Legend

B	Breakfast
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting





Porto

PORTO & THE DOURO

Porto, Amarante, Peso da Régua, Lamego, Ucanha, Pinhão 8 Days/7 Nights Itinerary

Day 1 Porto

Arrival at the Porto Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Rest of the day at leisure

Day 2 Porto - Penafiel - Amarante

Breakfast at the hotel. Our journey through the most famous wine region begins, Douro. We'll uncover what's behind the high granite walls that safeguards one of the most beautiful wine estates, you'll be amused by exuberant flora and fauna, swan lake, picturesque Victorian style teahouse, not to mention the 120 hectares of vineyards that produce the notorious "vinho verde" (green wine) among others. After delighting ourselves with this enchanted world, we'll proceed to Amarante, a beautiful town in the riverbanks of the Tâmega River with a rich historical center and endless Middle Age and Romanic monuments. Lunch on your own, and in the afternoon, we'll unveil the secrets of Amarante with a lovely stroll

before your dinner in a local restaurant. Overnight at your hotel. **(B, D)**

Day 3 Amarante - Peso da Régua - Lamego - Ucanha - Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. Depart to Peso da Régua, considered to be the capital of Douro Demarcated Region. This town has a unique beauty and glow, starting with the calm waters of the Douro River, the vines terraces sloping steeply towards the river with viewpoints to delight the visitors. Peso da Régua surroundings have a rich heritage with manor houses, renowned wineries and charming small palaces. We'll commence our journey through the world of wine by visiting a unique museum that offers a perfect introduction to the Douro Region. Then we'll continue to a beautiful wine estate in the heart of the Douro, surrounded by vineyards and history, apart from sipping its delicious wines we'll also awaken the

palate in its restaurant. In the afternoon we'll visit the famous Nossa Senhora dos Remédios Sanctuary in Lamego, as well as, tasting a unique sparkling wine produced with the finest grape varieties. After the visit, proceed to Pinhão, along the way we'll stop in a unique place to appreciate one of the best views of Douro. Diner in a local restaurant in Pinhao and overnight. **(B, WT, D)**

Day 4 Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. The day will be dedicated to slowly unveil the enchantments of the Alto Douro Region, a true paradise by the riverside with steep valleys and magnificent vineyards, producing the genuine nectar of the Gods, the Porto and Douro wines. This Portuguese pearl is classified as a World Heritage Site in 2001. We'll start the day appreciating its beauty by navigating the water of the Douro River, a matchless tranquility





Pinhão

that's enhanced with the endless shades of green from the vineyards.

In the afternoon, we'll visit two unique wineries; one is situated on top of a hill, the Portuguese Tuscany, and the other, situated by the riverside bubbling with stories and charm. Overnight in Pinhão. **(B)**

Day 5 Pinhão - Foz Côa - Pinhão

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll discover one of the best well-kept secrets in Portugal, Foz Côa, a small and peaceful village that survived through the different eras. Always safeguarding a unique art engraved in stones from different ages that can be appreciated outdoors. Foz Côa was recently enriched with the opening of a museum. After lunch in a farm with local specialties, we'll continue to a typical village of the Alto Douro region that preserves its own treasure. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Pinhão. **(B, L)**

Day 6 Pinhão - Favaio - Vila Real - Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll uncover another facet of the Douro, the origin of the Galego Branco Muscatel, known world-wide. Favaio is a small village with

breathtaking sceneries, archaeological trademarks, manor houses and religious monuments. We'll finish our morning, tasting the famous muscatel whilst appreciating the distinct beauty of the village. Slowly make our way out of the Douro Region, to discover a palace built in XVIII century, one of the most beautiful baroque style in Portugal.

Apart from its singular beauty, this palace is also surrounded by vineyards that produce a smooth wine. After the visit, we'll continue to Porto. Dinner in your elegant hotel and overnight in Porto.

Day 7 Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. This morning we'll discover Porto, a fascinating city that combines in a unique manner the contemporary and ancient, giving the city a distinct glow. We'll stroll through picturesque streets with typical houses and fascinating monuments. During the afternoon, we'll satisfy the desire of the wine lovers by visiting a wine cellar in Vila Nova de Gaia, followed by a special candle light dinner in the cellar. Overnight in Porto. **(B, D)**

Day 8 Departure

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Airport **(B, WT)**

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting





Lisbon

TREASURES OF PORTUGUESE INTERIOR

LISBON, TORRES VEDRAS, OBIDOS, COIMBRA, ANADIA, CURIA, SANGALHOS, CAREGAL DO SOL, VISEU, SANTAR, AVEIRO, PORTO 8 Days/7 Nights Itinerary

Day 1 Lisbon

Arrival at the Lisbon Airport. Private transfer to the hotel. Check in. Rest of the day at leisure. Overnight Lisbon.

Day 2 Lisbon - Torres Vedras - Óbidos - Coimbra

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll leave Lisbon towards Torres Vedras, to visit a winery that's surrounded with 40 hectares of vineyards, besides being a wine temple, its contemporary architecture will amaze you, at the end of the visit will savor their wines. Continuing to Óbidos, one of the most beautiful villages in Portugal with a captivating medieval history. After lunch, will discover what makes this village special, starting with an arch from the XVIII covered with Portuguese tiles called "azulejos", its narrow and maze like streets with white houses and terraces fulfilled with flowers, dozens of temples, a well preserved castle and handicraft

stores. In the end of our stroll, try a local speciality : Ginjinha, liquor served in a chocolate glass. Our last stop will be Coimbra, a mystical city that has one of the most ancient universities in the World. Overnight Coimbra.

Day 3 Coimbra - Anadia - Curia

Breakfast at the hotel. Our morning will be reserved to carefully unveil the wonders of Coimbra, a charming city situated on the banks of the Mondego River, calmly walk through its narrow streets, passing by the fascinating ruins of Santa Clara Monastery and other enchanting historical traits. At the end of the morning, we'll proceed to another wine region called Dão, we'll have lunch and visit at a unique winery considered to be one of the most modern, due to its avant guard architecture from cellar to the restaurant, and were you will have a taste of Portuguese nouvelle cuisine. Then, we'll visit

another winery with a more traditional background, 16 hectares of vineyards that's been producing wine since XVIII, finishing our visit with a wine tasting. We'll continue to Curia, a city known for its magnificent hot springs, as well as, being surrounded by lushes gardens and forest. Overnight Curia.

Day 4 Curia - Sangalhos - Carregal do Sal - Viseu

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll begin our day jumping into the world of wine and art in a unique manner, appreciating eight art collections with the most diverse themes, that's been carefully blended with the wine universe, finishing with a wine tasting. Then we'll unveil another relic in the heart of the Dão, a place that combines two pleasures in life, wine and gastronomy.





Viseu

This wine estate is well known in the region, its restaurant offers succulent and regional dishes and its cellar produce renowned wines. After lunch, we'll visit the cellar to learn more about the characteristics of the wine. We'll proceed to Viseu, a city that's surrounded by mountains and rivers, besides playing an important role in the Portuguese history, its known for its sacred art and religions architecture. Overnight Viseu.

Day 5 Viseu - Santar - Viseu

Breakfast at the hotel. Our day will be reserved to uncover a beautiful village, that's been preserving its architectural heritage, where the granite reigns with imposing houses, and throughout the years, the wine production has imprinted the lifestyle in Santar. The first visit will be to a property from XVII century, recently renovated, beginning with a stroll in the vineyards, passing by a small garden and finishing with a wine tasting. After lunch, we'll walk down the street to discover another property that's overflowing with history, a magical garden that carefully blends with the vineyards leading to the wine cellar. Dinner at the cellar before returning to Viseu to visit a unique place

that embraces the local wines in a special manner. Overnight Viseu.

Day 6 Viseu - Aveiro - Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll make our way to the coast to Aveiro, known as "Portuguese Venice" due to a set of canals that are intertwined with Aveiro streets. Spending the morning appreciating its pastel colors art nouveau buildings, visiting its monuments and museums, and a lovely trip aboard a typical boat called "moliceiros". During the afternoon, we'll visit a distinctive place that produce a famous pastry made from egg yolk and sugar among other sweets from the region, besides tasting these delicacies; you can roll up your sleeves and make the delicious dough. Continuing to Porto, an enchanting city situated at the banks of the Douro River. Dinner with local specialties and Port tasting. Overnight in Porto.

Day 7 Porto

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll visit the enchantments of Porto, classified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site due to its staggering monuments and historical buildings. During the morning we'll stroll through picturesque streets with typi-

cal houses and fascinating monuments. In the afternoon, we'll see the city from a different perspective, navigating the waters of the Douro River in a typical boat called "Rabeloã." In the past, these boats used to carry Porto Wine Barrels from the Douro Region to Vila Nova de Gaia (Porto), where the wine was stored. Afternoon at leisure. Sight seeing suggestion: unveil the famous Lello bookstore, considered to be one of the most beautiful bookstores in the world. Farewell dinner in a special typical restaurant with Portuguese wine pairing. Overnight in Porto.

Day 8 Porto

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the Airport.

Legend

B	Breakfast
L	Lunch
D	Dinner
WT	Wine Tasting

