

“IN VINO VERITAS”

Wine tour of Piedmont and Tuscany



Day 1: ARRIVAL DAY

Arrival and transfer to Turin hotel.

Dinner and overnight.

Day 2: TURIN / DOGLIANI

Guided tour of *Turin* city center, and free lunch.

In the afternoon, departure to the *Langhe area*, in the hills where the most famous red wines of Piemonte, such as Barolo, Barbaresco, Nebbiolo, Barbera, Dolcetto, Moscato d’Asti and many more, are produced.

Visit a beautiful winery in *Dogliani* and taste some of their wines.

Back to hotel in Alba area, dinner and overnight.

Day 3: ALBA / BARBARESCO

The village of *Barbaresco* has given its name to the famous wine.

Take a walk around the famous 10th century tower, visit to the Enoteca Regionale, and *taste the Barbaresco* wine in a local winery.

Late morning departure for the fascinating medieval centre of *Alba*, worldwide capital of the White Truffle. Free lunch. After a guided visit of the town, get the extraordinary opportunities for wine and food shopping.

Back to hotel in Alba area, dinner and overnight.

Day 4: BAROLO / LA MORRA / CASTELLO DI GRINZANI

Today we'll visit *Barolo*, the Italian town that gives the name to the most important wine of Piemonte. *Tasting session* of Barolo Classico and free lunch.

In the early afternoon, visit to the *Brunate Chapel* and short walk through *La Morra*, along the narrow streets of the medieval town. Visit the *Benedictine Abbey of S. Martino* di Marcanasco, a Roman Baroque building whose wine cellars house the Ratti Museum dedicated to the wine history. Tonight we'll dine in *Castello di Grinzani* with a local tasting menu and wine matching.

Back to the hotel in Alba area and overnight.

Day 5: FLORENCE

Early departure to the Chianti area, with a stop en route to the birthplace of the Italian Renaissance: *Florence*, a city of extraordinary and timeless beauty with exceptional cultural and artistic heritage. Free lunch. After a half day guided tour of the *Cathedral*, *Piazza della Signoria* and *Ponte Vecchio*, you will get some free time for relax or shopping.

Dinner and overnight in Siena or Poggibonsi area.



Day 6: MONTALCINO / ABBEY OF SANT'ANTIMO

Early departure for the famous Chianti area.

Brunello di Montalcino is one of the most famous and evocative names for wine collectors, and this Tuscan village itself is a sheer delight to visit. *Montalcino* has an aristocratic pedigree, and was already famous for its red wines in 1400s. Let's visit a traditional *winery*, see the cellars, enjoy the fabulous views and of course taste a range of their best wines, from Rosso di Montalcino to the high end Brunellos. Free lunch. After visiting Montalcino, we'll follow the road signs to the *Romanesque Abbey of Sant'Antimo*, a beautiful and evocative abbey built in the 12th century. The drive along the winding country road leading to the monastery will be an incredible pleasure for your eyes: vineyards, olive groves, green hills, and isolated farmhouses. The Abbey, built in travertine stone, stands in perfect isolation on a plain among secular olive groves and lovely wheat fields).

Accommodation in Siena or Poggibonsi area, dinner and overnight.

Day 7: SAN GIMIGNANO / FATTORIA SAN DONATO / VOLTERRA

On a hilltop in the heart of Tuscany, with a 360 degrees view into the surrounding valleys, stands a majestic medieval walled town, its profile bristling with tall towers: *San Gimignano*. Truly a little gem, it is so precious that UNESCO has declared it a “World Heritage Site”. At lunchtime we’ll visit a *Farm* in the area of S. Gimignano, their winery, the vineyards, and see the full details about all the making procedures of the wines you will taste at the end of the visit, together with their extra-virgin olive oil, Vinsanto, Grappa, and other typical products of the area like cheeses, honeys, cold cuts, and season fruit.

Volterra: a jewel of Etruscan, Roman, Medieval and Renaissance art, dominates the whole valley of the river Cecina from a hill 550 m above sea level. Its unique position and its ancient history leave everyone enchanted.

Dinner and overnight in Siena or Poggibonsi area.

Day 8: SIENA / BROLIO CASTLE

The city of Siena is best known for its cuisine, art, museums and last but not least the Palio, a spectacular horse race preceded by an impressive parade. The most famous square of *Siena* is without a doubt *Piazza del Campo*. Another highlight of the city is the magnificent Cathedral of Siena, one of the finest examples of Italian Gothic architecture and home to great artistic treasures! Free lunch.

Castle of Brolio: The castle passed into the hands of the Ricasoli family due to an exchange of lands in 1141. The castle rose at the center of *boundless vineyards*, from which the Ricasoli distilled their famous wines, place to grow old in the cellars inside the mighty walls of the fortress. Bettino Ricasoli was one the most important figures of the Italian 19th century, a vigorous politician, and also the experimental agronomist who invented a new *Chianti wine* formula. Visit of the Castle and *wine tasting*.

Dinner and overnight in Siena or Poggibonsi area.

Day 9: DEPARTURE DAY

Free morning and transfer to Florence or Pisa Airport for your departure.

