



The Ultimate Gourmet

Discover Northern Italy through its finest Culinary Treasures



A coast to coast journey, from Piedmont to Slovenia, to experience some of northern Italy's greatest restaurants.

Itinerary

Day 1 – Intro to Piedmont gourmet



Arrival at Turin airport and transfer to luxury hotel accommodations in the heart of the Langhe wine region of Piedmont. Check-in with free time to rest and settle in.

That evening we'll stop at the charming town of Alba to explore the historic city center and have an aperitivo at a piazza caffè before heading to dinner at one of the region's greatest Michelin Star restaurants overlooking the vineyard covered hills of Barbaresco. A brilliantly renovated schoolhouse transformed into this renowned restaurant specializing in gourmet cuisine based on the finest local ingredients.

Day 2 – Barolo wine tour



After enjoying breakfast at the hotel travel into the heart of the Barolo wine region to visit one of Barolo's leading wineries where you'll enjoy a private tour of the estate followed by a tasting of estate wines. A gourmet lunch will follow consisting of a traditional Piedmont meal paired to an array of varietal wines from the Barolo area.

That afternoon enjoy free time to explore the area, shop in Alba or return to the hotel.

In the evening we'll travel to a wonderful Langhe restaurant to sample the cuisine of a leading young Chef.

Day 3 – Undiscovered Piedmont and Lago d'Orta



After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we'll check out and journey north into the heart of the Monferrato wine region where we'll meet our dear friend and award winning winemaker Fabrizio Iuli. We'll walk through the vineyards before descending into the cellar for a barrel tasting of Iuli wines. We'll then enjoy a private home cooked lunch at Cascina Iuli paired to the full array of Iuli wines. After our leisurely lunch, we'll continue north to breathtaking Lago d'Orta where we'll check into luxury accommodations. Relax and settle in to the hotel before heading to dinner at the hotel's 2 Michelin star restaurant.

Day 4 – Lago d'Orta



After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, spend the day exploring beautiful lake Orta and the charming island of San Giulio.

We'll enjoy a light lunch of local specialties and in the afternoon we'll move on Lago Maggiore to visit another one of Italy's most famous lakes followed by dinner at an up in coming trendy and modern restaurant where creative cuisine is served in the modern ambience.

Day 5 – Lake Garda



After enjoying breakfast at the hotel, we'll check out and head towards our next wonderful lakeside retreat and one of Italy's most famous hotels on lake Garda.

But first, we'll stop for an unforgettable lunch at the Cerea family's 2 Michelin star Restaurant, where we'll relax over a leisurely lunch immersed in the restaurant's 25 acres of private gardens.

We'll then move on to magical accommodations on lake Garda for a luxurious free afternoon and evening to enjoy the villa with dinner at the hotel's gourmet restaurant.

Day 6 – Verona & Le Calandre



After enjoying breakfast on lake Garda, we'll check out and travel to the beautiful city of Verona, where we'll enjoy free time to explore the historic city center (a guided tour with a local art historian can be arranged), followed by lunch at a traditional Veronese trattoria.

We'll then travel on to Padova where we'll check into charming accommodations at the inn of one of Italy's most famous restaurants Le Calandre, where we will sample the art of Massimiliano and Raffaele Alajmo, choosing wines to pair from Le Calandre's 1500 labels.

Day 7 – Hisa Franko



After enjoying a lovely continental breakfast, travel on towards the border of Slovenia. We'll stop en route to visit one of our favorite wineries in the heart of the Collio wine regions of Friuli Venezia-Giulia.

After enjoying a light lunch at a charming local trattoria we'll head over the border to "paradise" where we'll check into accommodations on top of the world at Nebesa (Slovenian for paradise)

<http://nebesa.si/ang/nebesa.html>.

At Nebesa we'll check into our mountain top chalets and enjoy free time to relax with the magnificent view over the Soca river valley before heading to Hisa Franko for dinner. At Hisa Franko (<http://www.hisafranko.com/>) we'll discover the hidden gems of Slovenia with a wonderful meal of creative cuisine paired to an array of top class Slovenian wines.

Day 8 – Pri Lojzetu at Zemono



After enjoying breakfast at Nebesa and a leisurely morning to relax and enjoy the breathtaking surroundings (optional visit to the famous WWI museum of Kobarid, stage of Hemingway's Farewell to Arms) we'll travel to the Vipava wine region where we'll meet leading Slovenian winemaker Primoz Lavrencic, owner of Sutor winery (<http://www.sutor.si/>) where we'll visit the vineyards and cellars with Primoz before heading to our farewell dinner at Pri Lojzetu at the castle of Zemono (<http://www.prilojzetu.com>) for a gourmet paired to an array of wines from Sutor.

Day 9 – Departure

After enjoying breakfast at Nebesa check out and transfer to Trieste airport* for departure.

* Itinerary includes transportation to Trieste airport. Alternative airport transfers are available (ex: Venice or Ljubljana), additional fees may apply.

Prices for this private custom gourmet journey will vary according to the number of people in your group, hotel selections and final custom itinerary.



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