



Piemonte - Turin and the Langhe

8 day private tour including regal Turin, with its fabulous architecture and museums, and the Langhe hills, famous for food and wine!

Dates:

All year

Cost:

from AUD 4,490 per person

Experience the highlights of Turin and the Langhe in this fabulous eight-day private tour. You'll start the tour in what is, possibly, Italy's most elegant city and explore the history, architecture and museums of this fabulous centre that was the first capital of Italy.

Your time in the Langhe will give you a first-hand taste of the agricultural life as you meet with farmers and winemakers to learn about the production of local delicacies that have been produced in this area using the same methods for centuries. There will be time to take in the stunning natural scenery and explore some quaint small towns.

As with all our Private Tours, this itinerary is completely customisable depending on your preferences and interests. We can adjust the pace and style of the tour and include additional activities that appeal to you (hiking, fly-fishing, truffle hunting etc.). We can offer a range of

accommodation options (hotels, apartments, houses) depending on the group.

We design our private tours to be to be "semi-escorted", meaning you will enjoy time with expert local guides at key points throughout the itinerary and plenty of time to explore on your own and at your own pace. If you'd prefer to be accompanied by a full-time tour leader, we can also arrange this.

We can arrange private tours for couples or small groups of family and friends at any time throughout the year.

Our private Piemonte Tour starts at AUD 4,490 per person. The final price will be affected by such things as time of the year, size of the group, additional activities and accommodation choices.

Get in touch to start planning your private tour now.

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Highlights

- ❖ Plenty of time to explore the sophisticated city of Turin, its architecture, food and café culture
- ❖ Private guided tours of the Palazzo Reale and the Venaria Reale, two of the Savoy's most impressive palaces
- ❖ Private visit, degustation and lunch at a family-run hazelnut farm and cheese producer - meet the locals
- ❖ Winery visit and tasting at top Barolo winery
- ❖ Beautiful accommodation in the heart of Turin and in the country village of La Morra
- ❖ Taking in the stunning scenery of the Langhe from rolling vine-clad hills to the wild beauty of the Alta-Langa



01. Porta Palazzo food markets / 02 The Langhe / 03 The Venaria Reale / 04 Cheese tasting in the Langhe

Itinerary

Day 1 - Arrival and orientation - Turin

Arrive in Turin and check in to your hotel, located right in the heart of Turin. Meet your local guide (who will be looking after you for the next few days) in the late afternoon for a relaxed "passeggiata" or afternoon stroll to orientate you in the city. You will stop for an aperitivo in one of Turin's most beautiful squares before heading to dinner at a local trattoria for an introduction to Piedmontese cuisine (your guide will leave you to dine on your own).

Meals: Pre-dinner drink (aperitivo) at a historic cafe

Overnight: Turin

Day 2 - Central Turin

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide for a 3-hour private walking tour of central Turin to learn about the history, art and

architecture that makes Turin unique. For centuries, Turin's fortune was linked to that of the ruling Savoy family, who, in 1860, became the Royal house of the newly unified Italy. Your tour will include a visit to the Palazzo Reale (royal palace) and a lot of time outside admiring the elegant architecture of the city centre.

The afternoon is "free time" to pursue your interests. There are many fascinating museums in Turin, and we'll provide a detailed list of other possible activities for you.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Turin

Day 3 - Venaria Reale

This morning we leave you with free time again, with the recommendation to visit the Porta Palazzo markets, the largest outdoor food markets in Europe! If you are at all interested in food, you won't be disappointed. Stop at the historic Caffè il Bicerin (where the eponymous drink was invented) and poke your head into the Consolato, a Baroque church that is entirely overwhelming (we'll let you decide whether you like high Baroque or not!).

After lunch, your local guide will pick you up at the hotel with a car and driver to visit the Venaria Reale on the outskirts of Turin. The Venaria Reale was one of a series of "hunting lodges" built around Turin, each within an easy day's ride of the next, allowing the Savoy court to progress from one splendid palace to the next. Don't let the terminology "hunting lodge" mislead you; these palaces were built to impress!

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Turin

Day 4 - The Sacra di San Michele

Your local guide will meet you again this morning for a guided visit to the Sacra di San Michele, an extraordinary monastery built on a mountain top looking over the Val di Susa. The Sacra was the inspiration for Umberto Eco's best selling novel, *In the Name of the Rose*.

Return to Turin around lunchtime, and the rest of the afternoon is free time.

Optional: Private chocolate degustation at one of Turin's chocolatiers

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: Turin

Day 5 - To the Langhe

This morning you will depart Turin and drive towards the Langhe. First, a stop in Alba, the region's principal town and an attractive, bustling rural centre. Meet a local guide for a short walking tour of Alba to learn about the history of this small city that dates back to the Romans.

After some free time for lunch (there are lots of options in Alba, from top restaurants to casual bars), your driver will pick you up for the transfer to your hotel in the pretty town of La Morra.

Optional: Winery visit - the Langhe is famous for its red wine: Barolo, Barbera, Barbaresco Dolcetto, and you will have the opportunity to try these in coming days, but perhaps a little less known, but equally as fantastic, are the white wines Roero and Roero Arneis. We can arrange for you to visit a cantina that makes these impressive white wines.

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: La Morra

Day 6 - Hazelnuts, meet the locals and the scenery

Today you will drive through some of the wildest and most picturesque scenery in the Langhe as your driver takes you towards Cortremilia to visit a hazelnut farm. The local hazelnut variety, the Tonde Gentile delle Langhe, is an integral part of the gastronomical culture of the area and is the principal ingredient of Nutella.

The hazelnut farmer is also an excellent pastry chef, so you'll be treated to a delicious lunch with many opportunities to try the farm's produce.

In the afternoon, your driver will return you to your hotel, where you can sit on the terrace or by the pool or wander through the small town.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight: La Morra

Day 7 - A Cheese producer, Barolo winery and a pretty village

Your day today is devoted to the food and wine producers of the Langhe. In the morning, you will visit a producer of Murazzano cheese, made by small independent farmers with milk from a local breed of sheep. You'll have a tasting of a range of their cheeses as well as lunch made by the family.

In the afternoon, you will visit a local cantina (winery) where they produce the renowned Barolo wines for a visit and tasting and stop in the pretty town of Monforte d'Alba.

Meals: Breakfast, lunch

Overnight: La Morra

Day 8 - Departure

The tour finishes today, and we will arrange a transfer back to the centre of Turin or Turin's airport or train station.

You can also extend your stay in the Langhe or add on another few days on Lake Maggiore or the Italian Riviera (both within easy reach of the Langhe!).

Meals: Breakfast

Overnight: NA

Inclusions

- ❖ Four nights staying at the NH Piazza Carlina, right on one of Turin's most elegant piazze.
- ❖ Three nights staying at the Corte Gondina, a boutique hotel in La Morra with a gorgeous terrace and pool
- ❖ Breakfast each day
- ❖ Two lunches (at the hazelnut producer and the cheese producer)
- ❖ Wine tasting at a Barolo winery
- ❖ Transport with private car or minivan as indicated in the itinerary
- ❖ Private guided tours as described in the itinerary
- ❖ Extensive trip notes with recommendations for activities in your free time
- ❖ Restaurant recommendations and bookings