



ITALIAN GASTRONOMIC WALK

9 DAYS / 8 NIGHTS

from \$4279.00* per person twin share

On this self-guided, hotel-to-hotel walking holiday, you'll explore the beautifully tranquil Langhe region of Piedmont, a gastronomic gem quietly tucked into Italy's north-western corner. Recently recognised by UNESCO, the countryside is a glorious mix of gently rippling, wave-shaped hills cloaked by layers of vines, sunflowers and oak forests, crowned with honey-hued hamlets and majestic Savoy castles.

Includes:

- 8 nights hotel-to-hotel accommodation
- All breakfasts and gastronomic evening meals
- Luggage transfers between hotels
- Services of a local representative
- Route maps and directions
- Wine collection Service



*TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Departures every 2nd day from August to October 2019, April to October 2020 subject to availability. Price is for Land Only from starting point of walk, varies according to departure date and is subject to currency fluctuation. Payment of required deposit secures pricing. A Single Supplement is payable for solo travellers. This is a self-guided tour, as such there will be no group or tour leader and you are free to complete the walks at your own pace. A local representative is on hand to assist you and will meet you at the beginning of the trip to go through the route notes and point out particular places of interest. The walking and luggage transfers included in this tour are subject to a minimum of 2 people (in total) booked on the departure. A supplement (payable in advance) to cover these transfers and sole occupancy of a room will apply if only 1 person travelling on a departure date. Moderate level of fitness is required. Compulsory Credit Card fees apply. Other terms and conditions apply, please discuss with your consultant.

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ITINERARY:

DAY 1 Arrive at Benevello (D)

Arrive at your hotel in time for a swim before dinner. The Michelin-starred chef here trained under Marco Pierre White so you're certainly in for a treat! (Staying at Villa d'Amelia)

DAY 2 Benevello to Grinzane Cavour (B, D)

After a short transfer you follow a gentle path alongside the clear waters of the Tanaro River, next to which pheasants and partridges rustle in the oak forest. It's on to Roddi (the castle here used to house the University of Truffle Dogs!) and Grinzane Cavour with its wonderful megalithic castle with amazing views. Time for a drink on the terrace at our stunning 4 star hotel in the village centre before dinner. (Staying at Casa Pavesi)

DAY 3 At Grinzane Cavour (B, D)

Grinzane Cavour is an atmospheric wine village with wine tasting on offer in its UNESCO-recognised castle. Gastronomic capital, Alba, is easily reached from here; explore the cobbled crimson squares and bustling porticoed streets. (Staying at Casa Pavesi)

DAY 4 Grinzane Cavour to Castiglione Falletto (B, D)

After a short transfer to panoramic hilltop Diano d'Alba you follow lush paths with hawks cruising overhead as you cross the Talloria River. Then it's a gentle climb through holm oak to reach Serralunga d'Alba, whose 13th century castle seems to surge towards the sky - you still need to cross the drawbridge to visit it. A last gentle ascent through vines takes you to the centre of Castiglione Falletto and your welcoming village hotel. (Staying at Hotel Le Torri.)

DAY 5 At Castiglione Falletto (B, D)

Perhaps follow a circular route today, first visiting tiny Annunziata with its frescoed chapel (and an excellent farmhouse trattoria). Then it's on through sun-dappled hamlets and delicate swaying vines to reach La Morra, the 'Balcony of the Langhe', with plenty of wine-tasting opportunities in the bustling centre. (Staying at Hotel Le Torri)

DAY 6 Castiglione Falletto to Monforte D'alba (B, D)

Descending gently to the Talloria Valley, you follow the stream's poplar-shaded path towards the ochre-hued 16th century castle of Barolo, which stands guard over the village's world-famous vineyards. Maybe visit panoramic Novello, a belvedere town built as a summer retreat for the residents of Alba, before continuing through fields ablaze with colourful wild flowers to reach our elegant villa hotel at Monforte d'Alba. (Staying at Villa Beccaris). Optional shorter walk: 2hrs, distance 8km/5mi

DAY 7 At Monforte D'alba (B, D)

Situated in its own scented garden with views across mediaeval Monforte and beyond (even Mont Blanc on a clear day), Villa Beccaris offers a tempting swimming pool and a sun-trap courtyard. Alternatively, explore this pretty town with twisting streets clinging to the hillside. There are also plenty of opportunities for wine tasting. (Staying at Villa Beccaris)

DAY 8 Monforte D'alba to Benevello (B, D)

Take a lift to lovely Serravalle Langhe, from where you join the Sentiero della Valle Tanaro. First, shaded by hazelnut, oak and poplar trees, you reach Albaretto della Torre dominated by its 13th century Duecentesca tower. After lunch the panorama opens out with spectacular views back to Alba and the Tanaro Valley as you descend gently towards Benevello. There's time for one last swim before dinner. (Staying at Villa d'Amelia)

DAY 9 Leave Benevello (B)

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