

Castello Concierge Services

The Area's BEST Tours, Excursions, Classes, Special Occasions & Dining Arrangements

When you reserve one of the activities below, we immediately pay the supplier a 15% deposit to assure your confirmation, which will be added to your hotel bill at the time of booking. In some cases, the BALANCE should be paid directly to the supplier by you. If paid with a credit card the 10% Sales Tax will be added at the time of payment. You may pay the supplier in cash, in which case no sales tax will be added. **Services MAY be billed to your room & the 10% Sales Tax will be added to your bill along with the 15% deposit which was paid to the supplier when we reserved for you.** Prices indicated here do not include sales tax.

DINING/RESTAURANT & WINERY GUIDANCE & RESERVATIONS:

Expert local knowledge to the best restaurants, wineries & other attractions – guidance & selection plus reservations secured to the best dining or winery experiences, either ones requested by you or our suggestions. We are true experts to everything in the area. Your requests curated, 5 € per reservation billed to your room.

WINE TOURS & EXPERIENCES:

Self-Drive Castello Created Itinerary – specially designed Winery Tour with private appointments to showcase the different terroirs & expressions of Barolo & Barbaresco. You can choose all Barolo or all Barbaresco or a combination. Each Private Appointment is apx 2 hours & includes cellar tour and sit down formal tasting of 3 to 6 wines. A special packet of information accompanies your itinerary to help you appreciate the various wineries, wines and vineyards, complete with directions. Tasting fees not included. **3 wineries per day + restaurant res if requested - € 40. 2 Wineries per day + restaurant res if requested – € 30. 1 Winery + restaurant - € 15.** Billed to your room.

Barolo & Barbaresco Comparative Tastings & Classes € 55 - € 125 per person – by appointment
Barolo Classic 5 Terroirs / Barolo & Barbaresco Comparative / Barolo Single Vineyard Cru Comparative

Best Wine Experience in the area! **Barolo MASTER CLASS lead by Sommelier: Classic, Cru & Older Vintages**
a 2 hour class lead by Sommelier with 14 wines! A MUST as the start to any of the tours, or on its own. You will really understand Barbaresco & Barolo wines after this class that gives you both theory WITH the wines that will bring sharp focus to the area, the winemaking and the wines. This class guaranteed to greatly enhance your pleasure of the wines & the area! **€ 125 per person by appointment**

Chauffeured Private Winery Touring & Sightseeing – the most requested tour, every one personalized individually
Full Day €325 x 2 people, 4 people €495 1/2 Day €195 2 people, € 295 4 people
Full day departs hotel at 9:30 & returns at 5:30 includes 3 winery or Enoteca visits, sightseeing & stop for lunch
Half day departs hotel at 9:30 or 1:30 pm includes 1 or 2 winery or Enoteca visits & sightseeing
Chauffeurs are licensed professionals & English speaking with Luxury cars such as Mercedes S class or Jaguar
SCENIC TRATTORIA 3 course LUNCH INCLUDED FOR ADDITIONAL 39 €uro per person, wine included

Guided Private Winery & Wine Tasting Tours such as Grand Barbaresco, Full Emersion Barolo or Wine Cheese & Chocolate
Tours consist of 1 to 3 private winery visits with cellar tour and formal sit down guided tastings of 3 – 8 wines, including Barolo and/or Barbaresco (duration 1 ½ - 2 hours each), sightseeing of some of the 11 medieval wine villages in the Barolo docg and/or 5 of the medieval wine villages in the Barbaresco docg, area Castles, regional Enoteca wine tasting rooms, panoramic vistas and special inside knowledge only points of interest. **Tours last 7 to 8 hours & departs the hotel at apx 9:00 to 9:30 am with return to the hotel at apx 5:00 pm.**
Please note that the guide rides in your car. Chauffeured Transportation is possible but at an extra cost of apx €275.
Prices €165 to €195 per person for 2 people, €55 supplement for Cheese & Chocolate, single person €295. Half day tours possible.
Our Professional Guides are licensed & trained in the area's history & wines & speak excellent English.

GASTRONOMIC EXPERIENCES:

TRUFFLE HUNT - Go on a REAL Truffle Hunt € 95 per person
Available all year, during the established black and white truffle hunting dates allowed. Spring & summer is black truffle season & apx. Mid-September starts the white truffle season. Our truffle hunts are with a true truffle hunter and his dog, Luna, accompanied by a translator and truffle expert to explain how the Truffle hunter and dog work together along with everything that you ever wanted to know about truffles; how and where they are found, where they grow and why, who finds them! Boots provided.

COOKING LESSON in local Trattoria – learn to make the recipes of the Barolo zone! Prices range from € 140 to € 175 per person, billed to hotel room account. Half day lessons – 9.30 or 10:30 am start time, thru lunch OR 4:00 pm thru dinner . Includes 2-3 hours of hands on cooking with the meal of what you cooked afterwards & written recipes. Menus tend to be set by the school although some special dietary requirements can be requested. Additional person joining for dinner ONLY varies from class to class.

CHEESE FARM VISIT & CHEESE MAKING LESSON - € 95 per person Visit a true, authentic Langhe farm, one of the last that raises the ever rarer breed of Sheep from the Langhe. Enjoy a private cheese making lesson where you will participate in the process of actually making the famous Toma of the alta Langa. Cheese tasting/ light lunch or afternoon snack in the farm kitchen included.

CHOCOLATE LESSON WITH MY FAVORITE CHOCOLATIER & PASTRY SHOP – € 75 per person Learn to temper chocolate and make chocolate truffles. Our area is famous for chocolate and this two hour class gives you the opportunity to go behind the scenes with one of our local legends in what many of us think is the best chocolate & pastry shop in the area. Take home what you make, tasting included.

HAZELNUT GROVE & FAMILY HAZELNUT FACTORY € 65 per person Our area has the largest and highest quality hazelnut production in the world and is home to Nutella. But what you don't know is that almost every family has a grove. You are invited to visit a large family owned organic grove and then tour their production facility and do a tasting of their products. Calculate about 2 & 1/2 hours.

ACTIVE EXPERIENCES:

Guided CYCLING Tours – various degrees of difficulty & distances in combination with Gastronomic & Wine Adventures
Includes Bikes of your choice, helmet & pedal preference. Our guide has worked extensively with Giro Italia & Tour de France.
Inquire for itineraries: Full Day all Cycling €245/pp / Half Day all Cycling €185/pp / Cycling+Gastronomy&Wine €295/pp

Guided TREKKING - guided trekking to medieval villages through the vineyards, trails & forest – with winery visit by request.
“Zero Asfalto” by Giuseppe & Giovanni, certified & licensed Naturalists 6-7 hour guided Trekking €195 per person 9am -5pm, 3 villages, 1 winery visits, lunch included – NO asphalt! **4 hour guided Trekking €115 per person** departs at 10am or 2pm 2 villages, 1 brief winery visit and brief wine bar snack break included.

CHAUFFEURED OPEN-AIR SIGHTSEEING – Sunset Panoramic Aperitivo in Apetta

Panoramic drive in an “Apetta”, a small, stylish, open air “tuk-tuk”, where you will see the countryside in a way that is impossible from inside a car. Departs the hotel at 5:30 to see the sunset from different panoramic vantage points throughout the Barolo zone, with a stop for Aperitifs to see the Sunset sinking behind Mount Viso. **3 hour Sunset Tour with Aperitifs - €220 for 2 people**
Sunset Tour WITH Transport to dinner + restaurant reservation € 275 Euro with return in Mercedes

BICYCLE RENTAL - Any type of Bike can be delivered to the hotel.

Specify your height and what type of bike you would like: Mountain, Hybrid, City, Electric or Racing **€75 Euro per day per bike**

SEGWAY TOURS – of Alba, vineyards of La Morra, Barolo & Tanaro River Park: Albaway Srl (Segway)

3 hour guided tour on a Segway: **Alba & Hills €125 per person, Barolo, La Morra or Grinzane Cavour €150 per person**

VESPA RENTALS – delivered to the hotel for your daily use

Rent a Vespa to tour around the vineyards, **€145 per Vespa per day**

SPECIAL OCCASION SERVICES:

Flowers for Birthdays & Anniversaries: - floral arrangements from € 60 to € 125, unique and beautiful designs by our expert Lara

Champagne or Prosecco in the room - € 50 - €75

Renew Your Vows – all arrangements made, prices vary