

Castello Exquisite Experiences

The Area's Best & Most Authentic Tours, Excursions, Classes, Activities & Dining

WINE TOURS & WINE TASTING EXPERIENCES:

BOOK EARLY! An additional charge of 25% will be added for requests within 10 days of your arrival.
Prices do not include 10% sales tax.

GUIDED Private Wine, Gastronomic & Sightseeing Tours. We think this is the most personal & best overall value. Our, and our Guides, inside knowledge & relationships make the difference! We and our handselected Guides are Sommeliers & have lived in the area for years. This is the tour to choose when you want a deeper experience of the wines and the area. The tours can be all wine or any combination of apx 3 activities **plus lunch included**. All wine tours consist of 3 private winery visits with cellar tour and formal sit down guided tastings of 3 to 5+ wines, including Barolo and/or Barbaresco (duration 1 ½ - 2 hours each). Each tour includes some sightseeing 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 insider knowledge points of interest. Special, very authentic cooking experiences can be added, takes 2 time slots. Our Professional Guides are Sommeliers, licensed & trained in the area's history & wines & speak excellent English.

Tours last apx 8 hours & depart the hotel at apx 9:00 to 9:30 am with return to the hotel at apx 5:00 pm., 50 € each extra hour

Guide with Transportation: Full Day Guide & Transportation € 275 per person up to 4 people.

Guide Only: Full Day Guide, no transportation € 195 per person up to 6 people.

LUXURY Chauffeured Transportation is possible but at an extra cost of apx € 310 in sedan or € 395 in minivan.

Chauffeured Private Winery Touring & Sightseeing – NON Guided custom tour. An excellent way to see our beautiful Barolo & Barbaresco wine country, visit wineries when a guide is not essential but transportation and planning is. Each tour custom created & individually personalized.

Prices: Full Day €415 for 2 people, 4 people €595 1/2 Day €295 2 people, € 395 4 people

Full day departs hotel at 9:30 & returns at 5:30 includes 3 winery or Enoteca visits, a little sightseeing & stop for lunch

Half day departs hotel at 9:30 or 1:30 pm includes 1 or 2 winery or Enoteca visits & a little sightseeing

Chauffeurs are licensed professionals & English speaking with Luxury cars such as Mercedes E class, Jaguar or Discovery SUV

Scenic Trattoria 3 course Lunch Added to Itinerary ADDITIONAL 45 Euro per person, wine included

SELF DRIVE Custom Itinerary - Winery Cellar Tour with private appointments of wineries you request or we are happy to select for you. This tour is created for those who want to have an itinerary created but want to drive themselves. The tour endeavors 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 usually 3 or more. 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 - € 50. 2 Wineries per day + restaurant res if requested – € 40. 1 Winery + restaurant - € 20.** Billed to your room.

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PERSONAL CONCIERGE MULTIPLE DAY CUSTOM ITINERARY PLANNING – ideal for those who don't want to figure out all the details and logistics and prefer to let the local experts (us!) make all the arrangements. Select the things you would like to do and we will do all the custom planning including logistics, activities, tours and/or transportation.

50€ per day planning fee for 2 - 6 people, 75€ per day planning fee for 7 – 16 people

Includes a complete written Itinerary with up to 2 revisions.

Guided or Chauffeured WINE, CULTURE & CHOCOLATE TOUR – Half or Full Day Chauffered **€180 pp/day or € 265 pp/day. Tour with Guide is available in Full Day Only € 295 per person**

Visit to the Santuario of Vicoforte, including climbing to the upper dome and using a harness, rope & clamp to climb to the space between the brick dome and the copper dome that covers it, then up to the very top cupola. One of the best experiences I've had! Then lunch at the Chocolate Museum follows with a chocolate tasting to finish & finally a visit to one of the most revered Piemontese wine producers who has a special winery nearby with views on to Mondovì! Alternatively the upper town of Mondovì can be added or substituted. Lunch & Tasting Fees if applicable, are not included in price. Tour of the Santuario & Chocolate Tasting included.

CASTELLO WINE APPRECIATION EXPERIENCES:

***Best Way to Start Your Wine Adventure* Introduction to Wines of the Langhe, a 2 hour tasting held here at the Castello, lead by our favorite Sommelier.** You will taste through and learn about all the most typical & important varietals grown & produced in the Barolo & Barbaresco appellations. There will be 7 wines and 1 bonus wine blind tasted! The wine will include 2 whites & 5 reds with a surprise indigenous wine and you will learn how to do a professional wine examination (HOW to taste) and the olfactory profile for each varietal. Plus, you will have a lot of fun and have a great basis for continuing your wine tasting adventures here in and all over world. **€ 80 per person by appointment but regular classes are held 2 to 3 times a week at the Castello**

***Best Barolo 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! **€ 155 per person by appointment**

Barolo & Barbaresco Comparative Tasting Classes € 55 - € 125 per person by appointment or held here at the Castello
Classes: Barolo Classic 5 Terroirs / Barolo & Barbaresco Comparative / Barolo Single Vineyard Cru Comparative

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 € 185 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 - € 85 per person 4 hour cheesemaking lesson / € 45 per person 2 hour tour & tasting only- This is a remarkable opportunity to visit a true, authentic Langhe farm, one of the last that raises the ever rarer breed of Sheep from the Langhe run by a wonderful young couple that has chosen the country life and commitment to keep alive a breed that is threatened by extinction and a way of live that is disappearing . 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 – € 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.

ASK ABOUT VINEYARD, CELLAR & HARVEST ACTIVITIES
all exclusive to the Castello

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.

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

When you reserve one of the activities below, we immediately pay the supplier a minimum 15% to 50% deposit to assure your confirmation, which will be added to your hotel bill at the time of your confirmation and is non refundable once booked. 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 deposit which was paid to the supplier when we reserved for you, the price of which you will be informed of at the time of booking.** Prices indicated here do not include sales tax. Requests for services within 10 days of your arrival carry a last minute surcharge of an extra 15% and Wine Tours a surcharge of 25% for “last minute” requests.