



Tasty Piedmont by bike

8 days / 7 nights

Piedmont and Turin: a real surprise. The majestic Alps are a backdrop for the entire tour. The region is known worldwide for its wines and fine cuisine that includes a unique specialty: the truffle. You ride among green orchards, vineyards and beautiful hills, away from the bustle of mass tourism. Turin, Italy's first capital, known as "Little Paris", is also the capital of taste: great restaurants, bakeries and historic coffee bars. Full of life and elegant city, characterized by a French flair, rich of green, is the ideal city to be visited by bike.

In short: a memorable tour.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Individual arrive to Turin

The first capital of Italy in the year 1861, rich of royal residences, Turin is a former industrial city which now, after the Winter Games 2006, reveals itself as a cultural city. The city offers to visitors the Egyptian Museum (the 2nd in the world), the Cinema Museum (the only one in Italy) and the Automobile Museum, all recently renovated. Along his four rivers and in the city there are 200 km of cyclepaths.

Day 2 - Turin – Pinerolo

The way is flat. From Turin you cycle along the Po river and its small affluents on cycle paths and small roads to the foot of the mountains; you get to the hunting palace of Stupinigi, royal residence of the Savoy family, masterpiece of the architect Filippo Juvarra in rococo style; then park by park, always along the rivers, you get to Pinerolo in a very pleasant way. The selfguided can taste and visit the food museum in Frossasco. Overnight stay in the delicious Pinerolo, medieval town where in the past there was one of the most famous schools of cavalry in Italy.

Ca 51 km

Day 3 - Pinerolo – Cavour - Saluzzo

The way is flat. Along country roads crossing orchards and vineyards, you get to Cavour with its curious "Rocca", a morainic hill just in the middle of the flat, at the present time protected area. Along the day, in the small castle of Macello, the group taste some typical food of Piedmont. Overnight in Saluzzo, medieval town and realm of fruits, above all kiwi exported in all world

Ca 46 km.

Day 4 - Saluzzo – Fossano – Benevagienna - Bra

Today the way is medium/easy; there are some easy ups after Fossano. There is the possibility to short and simplify the leg. On the way you can visit the very pleasant castles of Manta and Costigliole, the ancient roman town of Benevagienna and its archeological area. After Cherasco, 7 century of story and art, we arrive in Bra, the capital of gourmet, hometown of the "Slow Food" movement.

Ca 69 km

Day 5 - Bra – Pollenzo – Barolo - Alba



Day medium/easy; we are in Langhe area. In Pollenzo, the roman Pollentia, there is the University of taste and here we taste a good wine; then you will cycle to Alba along the river Tanaro, perfectly flat, but in the middle of the way we go with some ups to Barolo, where we can taste the wine in the castle (included on the guided tour). There is the possibility to do the tour in the hills. Overnight in Alba, the town of the white truffle and of the high houses-towers.

Ca 39 or 55 km

Day 6 - Alba - Asti

Medium or easy way. Today we are in Roero area. On the way there are the castles of Guarene and Cisterna. The 1st part along the river Tanaro and after two possibilities, continue along the river or continue in the hill. Overnight in Asti, chief town very rich of history, famous for the white wine "spumante" and his Palio, historical running of horses. For the group tasty of chocolate and torrone.

Ca 45 or 55 km

Day 7 - Asti - Casale

Medium difficulty. We cycle on the charming hills of the Monferrato, another part of the gourmet system. From Moncalvo you can have a very pleasant view on the surrounding vineyards. In the afternoon , after a last taste in a "agriturismo" (only for the group), you reach Casale, barock town at the foot of the hills of Monferrato, along the river Po.

Ca 56 km

Day 8 - Casale Monferrato

End of services after breakfast ; possibility of return to Torino by train or by private minibus (own bike included).

Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 720 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Single room supplement : 240 euros per person.

Half board supplement : 210 euros per person.

Rental bike (24-speed bike with free-wheel + 1 pannier bag & 1 tool kit) : 95 euros per person.

Rental E-bike (+ 1 pannier bag) : 180 euros per person.

Safety helmet : 6 euros per person.

Bike tachymeter : 15 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

"Salone del Libro" extra-charge (9-14 may) double room : 30 euros per person.

"Salone del Libro" extra-charge (9-14 may) single room : 40 euros per person.

High season (September October) extra charge double room : 15 euros per person.

High season (September October) extra charge single room : 25 euros per person.

Non Saturday departure (if less than 4 participants) : 60 euros per person.



Extra night in Turino (based on a double room) : 60 euros per person.

INCLUDED

- accommodation in 3 and 4 star hotel
- bed & breakfast buffet
- optional booking of half-board is possible
- luggage transport
- travel documents (route description, maps, tips for sightseeing,...)
- parking place in Torino is possible (€ 10 per day, to pay on spot)

NOT INCLUDED

- arrival and departure transfer
- lunches & dinners
- tips
- personal extras
- everything not specified under the voice "the rate include"

LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY

Medium/easy; cycle paths and small roads; some dirt patches in fairly good conditions; flat from Torino to Fossano; some easy hills in the Langhe to Barolo and in the Monferrato from Asti to Casale; some possibilities to choose between short/long and easy/medium leg.

CARRYING

Baggage transfer from hotel to hotel

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation in 3 and 4 star hotel

SIZE OF GROUP

2 people minimum

DEPARTURES

Every Saturday from March 23 to October 12 2019.

Other dates from 4 people and more.

DEPARTURE

At your arrival at the hotel in Turin.

DISPERSION

In the morning of the 8th day, after the breakfast.