



ITALY

## SELF-DRIVE PIEDMONT (TOUR CODE: 11587)

### STARTS AND ENDS

in Pollenzo

### TRAVEL PERIODS

01 Mar 2022 - 20 Dec 2022

### EXPERIENCE

Food & Wine  
Self-Drive

### TRAVEL STYLE

Independent Holiday Packages

An itinerary to discover the extensive wine and food traditions as well as the historical heritage of the Piedmont region.

### Highlights

- Taste the delicious, authentic dishes of the regional cuisine by eating at restaurants selected from those recommended by **Slow Food in the "Osterie d'Italia" guide**, small "trattorie" that still use fresh, local produce and traditional recipes for their dishes.
- Sample beverages at risk of "extinction" - and other local delicacies from Slow Food recommended quality producers, such as the wines of the **Barolo Vineyards** and the wines of the **Barbaresco Hills**
- Accommodation in a **charming historical residence** nestled among the Langhe and Roero Hills
- Discover **Carmagnola**, enjoy a visit to a **cheese producer** and learn more about the cheese-making process

Immerse yourself in this enchanting region, where days are spent amongst rolling hills covered with vineyards. You will witness all sorts of beauties, from elegant palaces dating back to the former Italian Kingdom to ancient cellars, tiny streets and traditional fresh produce markets, imposing castles and antique shops.

Additionally, participants will have the unique chance of sampling several **Slow Food Presidia** products (high-quality, traditional food and beverages at "risk of extinction") and will taste authentic regional dishes at restaurants selected among those recommended by the Slow Food Association in their "**Osterie d'Italia**" guide: small "trattorie" that still use fresh, local produce for traditional recipes.

**Slow Food** is an organisation that promotes local food and traditional cooking. It was founded by Carlo Petrini in Italy in 1986 and has since spread worldwide. Promoted as an alternative to fast food, it strives to preserve traditional and regional cuisine and encourages farming of plants, seeds, and livestock characteristic of the local ecosystem. It promotes local small businesses and sustainable foods. It also focuses on food quality, rather than quantity. It was the first established part of the broader slow movement. It speaks out against overproduction and food waste. It sees globalisation as a process in which small and local farmers and food producers should be simultaneously protected from and

included in the global food system.



- ✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 5 nights in Cuneo at Albergo dell'Agenzia - 4\*
- Car Hire Credit of \$600
- Daily Buffet Breakfast
- 1 Slow Food welcome dinner upon arrival at the hotel
- 1 lunch at a Slow Food Restaurant "Osterie d'Italia"
- 7 guided tastings of Piedmont's Slow Food wines and/or Presidia products

## ITINERARY

Day **1**

### Pollenzo

Arrival at your hotel in Pollenzo, near the town of Bra. Dinner at the hotel restaurant, focused on products of the **Slow Food Presidia of Piedmont**.

Overnight stay in Pollenzo at **Albergo dell'Agenzia**.

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Dinner



Day **2** Pollenzo Carmagnola Pollenzo

Morning departure for a tour of the wonderful **Barolo Vineyards**.

We suggest a first stop at La Morra scenic viewpoint, where you can admire the hills and surrounding vineyards. Visit an historic wine cellar and taste their extraordinary wines accompanied by some typical local produce of the Langhe region.

Departure for Carmagnola with visit to a **cheese producer** to learn more about the cheese-making process, followed by a tasting. Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Pollenzo at **Albergo dell'Agencia**.

Breakfast



Day **3** Pollenzo Barbaresco Monforte d'Alba Pollenzo

Morning departure for **Barbaresco to visit its typical cellars**, which boast several top class historical vineyards and a

range of quality wines. Introduction and tasting of a selection of Barbaresco wines.

We then recommend departing to Cherasco to visit the old historical centre. Free time to wander around the little streets which are home to the traditional workshops of the delightful 'Baci di Cherasco' (dark chocolates with hazelnuts). In the afternoon, continue to Monforte d'Alba to visit its wine cellars: introduction and tasting of the exclusive wines accompanied by local products.

Return to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Pollenzo at **Albergo dell'Agenzia**.

Breakfast



BARBARESCO VILLAGE AND ITS VINEYARDS

Day **4**

Pollenzo Nizza Monferrato Asti Pollenzo

Morning departure for **Nizza Monferrato**. Located deep in the heart of Monferrato, Nizza Monferrato is “a working man's town”. The vineyards literally come to the edge of the city. We suggest to visit the historical part of the town.

Lunch at an "Osterie d'Italia", typical trattoria (***Slow Food** is an organisation that promotes local food and traditional cooking*).

In the afternoon, leave for Asti. Stop at “Torrionificio” for a **tasting of its typical chocolate sweets and nougats**. We then suggest to visit the city of Asti, which is the provincial capital of one of the most important wine areas in Italy and lends its name to some illustrious wines.

Return to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Pollenzo at **Albergo dell'Agenzia**.

Breakfast, Lunch



Day **5**

## Pollenzo Grinzane Cavour Pollenzo

Morning in Pollenzo. Stroll through the centre and then visit the Wine Bank for a tasting. In the afternoon, drive to **Grinzane Cavour** to visit and taste some of the Piedmont DOC and DOCG wines, especially those from Langa and Roero.

Overnight stay in Pollenzo at **Albergo dell'Agenzia**.

Breakfast



Day **6**

## Pollenzo

Your itinerary comes to an end after breakfast.

Breakfast

## ACCOMMODATION

### Albergo dell'Agenzia

#### Pollenzo (Cuneo)

Endowed with a charm all of its own, Albergo dell'Agenzia is situated only a few kilometers from the enchanting towns of Alba and Bra, between the Langhe and Roero hills, UNESCO world heritage sites.



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

Italian

#### LOCAL CURRENCY

EURO

- We work with a selection of hotels in each location. All bookings are subject to availability, which means our team will confirm your specific hotels upon confirmation and payment of deposit. The package price is based on 4-star accommodation.
- **FLEXI CAR HIRE CREDIT**  
This self-drive package includes a \$600 (\$100/day) Flexi Car Hire Credit. This provides the flexibility of selecting a vehicle based on your own preferences and requirements. As each location has vehicle limitations, please speak to our team for options.

Blackout dates may apply during festive season.

### Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package