

SENTIERI TOURS

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One Week

in the

Langhe

Language, Culture,

Food and Wine



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Day 1: Drive through the beautiful **Val Casotto** to the *Borgo dei Formaggi*, the cheese aging and finishing cellars for noted Piedmontese cheese-maker, **Beppino Ocelli**. After touring the cellars there will be lunch and a **degustazione** of some of Ocelli's best cheeses in their quaint **Formaggeria**.

After lunch it is only a five minute drive to the *Castello Certosa Reale di Casotto*. This Savoy palace was built in the 12th century and was originally a Charter House for the **Carthusian Monks**. **King Carlo Alberto of Savoy** bought the property and converted it to the royal summer palace.



Dinner at a charming Piedmontese trattoria in nearby **Briaglia**.

Day 2: Drive to the nearby town of **Mondovì**. Spend the morning exploring the streets and shops of **Mondovì Breo**. Leisurely stroll the covered porticos, squares and the charming Medieval streets of Mondovì's commercial center.

Lunch at **Le Ripe** where you find the best pizza in Mondovì.

In the afternoon take the Funiculare from Mondovì Breo to **Mondovì Piazza**. Tour the magnificent **Piazza Maggiore** in the centro storico. Medieval, Gothic and Baroque architecture dominate this part of town. The giant clock tower, **Torre Bressani**, is located in the center of the **Belvedere**, a park that offers panoramic views of the surrounding **Langhe** and the Alps. Afterwards, meet in the **Piazza Maggiore** and relax with an aperitivo at an outdoor café.

Dinner will be at a family-run trattoria in the **Corsaglia Valley**.

Day 3: Drive to the provincial capital of **Cuneo** and spend the morning exploring this charming city of 55,000 people. Cuneo is surrounded on three sides by the Alps with the twin-peaked, **Mt. Bisalta** dominating the view. Extending in all directions from the central **Piazza Galimberti** are miles and miles of shops under the famous porticos of Cuneo.

Free time for lunch in Cuneo.

After lunch, drive to the nearby **Val Grana** and visit the town of

Castelmagno and its **Santuario di San Magno**. Castelmagno is located in the *Occitan* part of Piemonte and people here still speak Occitano. Castelmagno is famous for its namesake cheese which you can purchase in one of the local cheese shops. **The Santuario di San Magno** is a magnificent church



dedicated to a Roman soldier who was martyred on the surrounding hills. The site was originally a pagan temple to the Roman god, Mars. The Santuario contains beautiful murals from the year 1514 by artist **Giovanni Botoneri**.

Return to Villa Favolosa for aperitivi and afterwards walk to a local restaurant for a dinner featuring **Castelmagno** cheese.



Day 4: You have the whole day to explore the beautiful wine country of the *Langhe*. Visit castles, cantine and wineries along the road to **Alba**. In charming wine towns like **Barolo, La Morra** and **Grinzane Cavour** you will find many enoteche, trattorie and cantine which feature the famous wines

of the Langhe ... **Barolo, Barbaresco, Barbera** and **Dolcetto**.

You are free for lunch and to continue touring the **Langhe** in the afternoon.

Dinner will be at a traditional Piemontese trattoria, **Da Lele**, in the town of **Murazzano** in the **Alta Langa**. Da Lele is where locals go to celebrate. The cuisine is traditional **Langarola** and the you meal will begin with a series of at least 10 **antipasti**, followed by several **primi**, then several **secondi**, followed by **formaggi, dolci, caffè** and **grappe**.



Day 5: Take the train from Mondovì to *Torino*. In less than one hour you will be in the historic center of Torino and free to discover the city. Torino offers elegant shopping, world-class museums, royal **Savoy** palaces, the **Mole Antonelliana** and is a center for modern Italian art.

You are free for lunch in Torino.

Take the train back to **Mondovì**. Dinner will be at a classic Monregalese restaurant, **Il Marchese d'Ormea** in Mondovì Piazza.

Day 6: Cross the border into France and spend the day on the *French Riviera*. You are free all day to discover this beautiful region. **Nice, Cannes** and **Monte Carlo** are all within a two hour drive of Villa Favolosa.

SENTIERI'S TOUR OF THE LANGHE

Arrival July 13 – Departure July 20 (morning)

Airport transfer from Malpensa Airport at noon on July 13th

Price per person, double accommodation is \$1,790.

Airfare is not included. Minimum of 10 participants required.

Registration and non-refundable deposit of \$700 due

February 15, 2008; balance due April 15, 2008.

Make checks payable to Sentieri, Inc.

Price includes:

- Seven nights in double room with private bath at Villa Favolosa
- daily breakfast
- cheese tasting
- six meals + cooking class
- airport transfers
- bus for daily excursions
- half-day guided tour in Torino
- half-day guided tour in Cuneo
- one-hour optional Italian lesson

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Villa Favolosa **Montaldo di Mondovì (CN)**

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Villa Favolosa Bed & Breakfast is located in the town of Montaldo di Mondovì in the Langhe wine region of southwestern Piemonte.

The story of Villa Favolosa begins in 1653, when the house was built by Luigi Roà, a landowner who produced Dolcetto wine and cultivated grapes, chestnuts and fruit for local markets. Signor Roà chose to build here because of the location looking out over the Roburentello Valley.

The original house was expanded over the years and has been passed down from generation to generation in the Roà Family. After World War II, the villa was transformed into a pensione. Pensione Roà was a popular summer destination for city dwellers from Turin and Genoa who were looking for a tranquil place to enjoy the cool, fresh air and the hearty cooking of the Langhe Monregalesi.

Today, the house is still owned by the Roà Family and has been lovingly restored and renovated to continue the family's tradition of offering guests the best of Piemontese hospitality.

Villa Favolosa is the perfect home base for exploring the beauty and bounty of this amazing territory. By automobile it is located about one hour from Turin and Genoa, and about two hours from Milan. Within one hour you can drive to the Italian Riviera, the south of France, or world-class alpine skiing.

