



FLAVORS OF NORTHERN ITALY

7 NIGHTS ■ OCTOBER 6, 2024



AAA Travel invites you to join us on this fabulous tour of Northern Italy! Revel in Milan's iconic sites including the Gothic Cathedral and the La Scala Opera House. Visit the beautiful Lake Maggiore and the picturesque island of Isola Bella, known for its incredible palace and stunning botanical gardens. In Piedmont, explore the Grinzano Cavour Castle and an historic winery in Carrelli. This amazing agenda also includes cheese tastings, wine tastings and participation in a truffle hunt! Enjoy pastries at Genoese's renowned confectioner for more wonderful taste sensations. Please join us on this inspiring experience of Northern Italy.

From **\$3,780** per person, land, based on double occupancy

HIGHLIGHTS:

- All transportation by exclusive air-conditioned, restroom equipped motor coach
- Private arrival and departure transfers (Oct 6 and Oct 13 Only)
- 7-nights deluxe hotel accommodations
- Multiple wine tastings as listed in the Itinerary
- Truffle Hunt & Tasting
- Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands
- Grinzano Cavour Castle
- Guided Walking Tours as listed in Itinerary
- 12 Meals; 7 Breakfasts, 2 Lunches and 3 Dinners
- Services of an Expert Local Guide
- Services of AAA Tour Manager

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Day 1

Arrive Milan

Upon arrival you will have a private transfer from the airport to your hotel. Embrace the glamour of Milan today, your introduction to the sights and sounds of Northern Italy. Enjoy a Welcome Dinner this evening along with an orientation drive of the city.

Hotel: Starhotels Ritz Milan – 1 night

Day 2

Milan Sightseeing - Lake Maggiore

Join your 'Local Expert' on a tour of the city that will reveal the city's iconic and unexpected highlights. See the Gothic Cathedral, glass-domed Galleria and La Scala Opera House, then it's time to head to Lake Maggiore. This evening escape to the charming and tranquil island of Isola dei Pescatori. A short boat ride from the shores of Lake Maggiore, this fisherman's Island is inhabited year round by only 50 permanent residents. Stroll through the small piazza surrounded by the tight and winding alleys to enjoy a sumptuous dinner where reservations have been booked in one of the Island's best restaurants. Hotel: Simplon Hotel Baveno – 2 nights

Day 3

Isola Bella

Today experience the premier attraction of Lake Maggiore, the Borromean Islands. We take a private boat over to Isola Bella, the largest and most famous island, renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens. Enjoy a guided tour of this privately owned palace with time to admire the gardens. This evening you have free time to explore and choose where you'd like to dine. (Breakfast)

Day 4

Grinzano Cavour - Carrelli - Pollenzo

Today head to Pollenzo. On the way, visit Grinzano Cavour castle, an imposing squared 13th century structure with a high tower that was home to Camillo Benso, the Count of Cavour, a leading figure in the Italian unification process. He is also acclaimed for introduction of new techniques in agriculture and winemaking. We also visit the ethnographic museum housed within the castle. Then stop in Carrelli, the home of Asti Spumante and visit one of the historic wineries for a wine tasting and lunch. Hotel: Hotel Castello Santa Vittoria – 3 nights

Day 5

Abrigo - Alba - Lange

Today meet with hazelnut grower as we visit the Abrigo farm known for hazelnuts, and enjoy product tasting, including a hazelnut cake. Then visit the small, picturesque town of Alba, once called the "One Hundred Towers Town", famous for the international Truffle Fair which occurs every year. We enjoy a guided stroll through the historic center. Then head to Lange to experience artisanal production and taste of delightful wines of Piemonte. (Breakfast)

Day 6

Bubbio

Head to the little town of Bubbio to visit the only goat's milk cheese maker of Piemonte which has been given the DOP denomination. Here, the Arbiola cooperative selects and matures the best robiolas and other cheeses. We visit the maturing rooms and enjoy cheese tasting. Next meet a local truffle hunter and his dog. We learn about this highly priced delicacy and immerse ourselves in local traditions as we take part in a truffle hunt.

Afterward enjoy a truffle tasting with salami and cheese. Before heading back to Pollenzo, visit a Barolo-producing winery where you will explore the cellars and learn about wine-making methods, as well as enjoy a wine tasting. (Breakfast)

Day 7

Genoa - Milan

Head to Genoa where a Local Expert takes us on a guided walking tour of the Old City. See the Old Port and visit Sottoripa market. Continue on along the narrow alleyway to Piazza Soziglia and admire beautiful Renaissance buildings and palaces along Via Garibaldi. Then visit an early 20th century Torrielli grocery as well as a covered Mercato Orientale built in 1899 on the site of an older cloister. Stop at the Panarello, Genoese's renowned confectioner to have a taste of one of their delicious pastries. Enjoy a delightful lunch of local specialties in one of the traditional restaurants of the historic Old City before returning to Milan for your last night. Enjoy a Farewell Dinner at your hotel this evening. Hotel: Starhotels Ritz Milan – 1 night

Day 8

Depart Milan

After breakfast, you will have a private transfer to the airport for your journey home. (Breakfast)

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