



ENJOY A SPECIAL WEEKEND GETAWAY IN PIEDMONT

WINE, FOOD & TRUFFLES

FRIDAY TO SUNDAY - OCTOBER WEEKEND'S ONLY

- * LUXURY VINEYARD ACCOMMODATION
- * MEET THE WINEMAKER SESSIONS
- * ALBA INTERNATIONAL TRUFFLE FAIR & WINE FESTIVAL
- * ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDES AND DRIVER
- * (OPTIONAL) AIRPORT TRANSFERS
- * INFORMATION PACKS FOR TOURS & WINE TASTINGS
- * FANTASTIC FOOD - INCLUSIVE OF 3 BREAKFASTS, ALL EVENING MEALS AND LUNCH ON SUNDAY
- * TRUFFLE HUNTING (WITH GUIDE)
- * WINE TASTING EVENTS
- * CANTINA VISITS
- * "BOLT-ON" PACKAGES AVAILABLE FOR A LONGER STAY

RELAX AND ENJOY THE GOOD LIFE WITH OUR AUTUMN WINE & FOOD WEEKEND OFFER

DAY 1 - FRIDAY

Your wine and food weekend starts when on arrival at your weekend destination at Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana. We are a luxurious vineyard retreat in the heart of Piedmont's Monferrato wine growing region. (Optionally we will collect and return you from your arrival airport).

BENVENUTO YOUR VINEYARD RETREAT.

On arrival guests will be served welcome drinks during which introductions and general orientation to the vineyards accommodation will take place.

RELAX RELAX RELAX.

Guests will be given time to relax, freshen up and settle into rooms and surroundings. Enjoy the peace and tranquillity of our vineyards, for the more adventurous, swim, walk or use our mountain bikes.

VINEYARD TOUR

Weather and arrival time permitting and for those who want to, a guided walk around the vineyards of Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana. You can experience the beauty of the autumn colours, the beautiful landscapes and if we are lucky good visibility to see the magnificence of the Alps, oh! and learn about wine growing.

Special offer price - E550 per person

WINE TASTING AND PAIRED BUFFET



For your first evening we have arranged a wine tasting and buffet meal to be hosted at Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana. The wines will come from the cellars of Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana. They will all be selected to represent the best of traditional Piedmontese grape varieties. All will have been produced locally by some of the best but lesser known boutique wineries in the area. These wines cannot be found on supermarket shelves. The food will be selected from local specialities; it will be in season and prepared fresh that day. Careful thought is given to the pairing of the wine and food. Tasting notes and information on the wines being sampled will be provided in English. Recipes can be provided by request.

DAY 2 - SATURDAY

MORNING GLORY

Awake and enjoy a leisurely breakfast of home-made local produce.

EARLY MORNING VINEYARD TOUR

(time permitting for any who arrived too late the day before) a guided walk around the vineyards of Vecchio Podere Santa Cristina. You can experience the beauty of the autumn colours, the beautiful landscapes and if we are lucky good visibility to see the magnificence of the Alps, oh! and learn about wine growing.

TO THE TRUFFLE AND WINE FAIR.

Set off for the International Alba Truffle Fair. On route you will be driven along the Astesana "strada del vino" wine road passing through the famous village of Barbaresco where the Nebbiolo grape is king, to arrive in Alba.



EXPLORE AND ENJOY

You are now free to explore the historic city of Alba and visit the world famous truffle festival taking place this weekend. Tickets etc will be arranged and provided for you. Your hosts will also provide local maps and information about places of interest. You will also be given advice and guidance about how to get the best from the truffle and wine fair events. Your guides will remain in the area to answer questions or help with directions or indeed purchases of the famous white truffles should

you wish to buy some. Please note that no formal lunch has been arranged. Through experience we know that after sampling many of the local products available at this event, most people do not want a big lunch. However there are lots of local cafes and restaurants catering for anyone wishing to eat more or simply wanting a coffee break.



MEET THE WINEMAKER

At a pre arranged time and place in Alba your host will meet with you again and take you for a personal introduction to one of the wine makers participating at the wine festival. You can sample some of the wines from the Langhe region where the Nebbiolo grape is king. You can learn about the history and development of this noble wine variety that now enjoys world wide acclaim. Subject to time we may visit a nebiollo vineyard on the return journey.

LATE AFTERNOON

Your hosts will return you to Vecchio Podere Santa Cristina where you can relax and change to be ready for an evening of excellent dining.

AT THE BAR

Guests gather at the bar in Vecchio Podere Santa Cristina for pre-dinner drinks and then are driven on to an exceptional dinner at a world class Piedmont restaurant.

GOURMET GALA DINNER

In the ambient surroundings of one of the regions best known restaurants enjoy outstanding dishes freshly prepared to compliment both your tastes and the season. There will be an opportunity to meet the chef and discuss the meal. All paired with outstanding wines of the area.



DAY 3 - SUNDAY

A LIGHT BREAKFAST PLEASE (do we have to eat more!)

An early start with hot and cold drinks, fresh fruit, homemade preserves and fresh croissants for breakfast this morning.

THE GREAT OUTDOORS - TRUFFLE HUNTING



Experience the excitement of the hunt for the famed white truffle. Walk with a local truffle hunter and his dogs over mist clad hills through the vines and woods in search of this all elusive Piedmont tuber.

Opportunity to buy any truffles that we find.



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ALWAYS TIME FOR FINE WINES

After all that exercise its time to visit another local cantina before returning to Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana for lunch pre departure.

LUNCH

An opportunity to recap on all the wines tasted over the weekend, with tasting notes available to take home along with any recipes that have caught your imagination



TIME TO GO BUT CAN WE GET THE WINE HOME?

It is also possible to stay longer, please discuss your specific requirements with us.

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PACKAGE PRICE

Euro 600 per person.

ATTENTION TO DETAILS

Airport transfers are available as an option. We will provide you with a competitive quote on request (arrival airport and time is a factor).

This offer is subject to availability and is limited to a maximum of 4 couples per weekend. We are happy to accept a group booking or individual couples.

The price is based on 2 people sharing a room. Single occupancy will incur a substantial surcharge.



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Truffle hunting with an experienced truffle hunter is subject to weather conditions and we cannot guarantee that we will find truffles! (Shame but always true). If however truffles are discovered they will be offered for purchase following negotiation of the price with the truffolao [the truffle hunter].

Flights are not included in this offer.

Lunch in Alba on Saturday is not included.

In the event of unforeseen circumstances we reserve the right to cancel this event - in which case a full refund will be offered.

A booking is only confirmed on our receipt of a deposit. Deposits are refundable for 24 hours after payment but non-refundable if paid within one month from dates of arrival.

If you have any special dietary requirements you must let us know at least 48 hours in advance of your arrival to avoid problems with choice of food.

Vecchio Podere Santa Cristiana has a no smoking policy inside the house and all guest rooms.

For luggage transfer we allow for one piece of luggage and one hand bag or back pack per person. If you arrive with serious amounts of luggage for transport you need to discuss details with us before getting here.

This year we are offering “bolt-on” packages so if you wish you may stay for extra days to take advantage of our “introduction to Italian” language programme or “best of Piedmont wine and grapa” tour. These can be of between two and five extra days. Offer price (only when booked with the truffle weekend) is €250 per person per day including accommodation and all meals. Please ask us for more details if this is of interest.

