



Wine Masters Piedmont

Barolo, Barbaresco & white truffles of Alba - 6 day Itinerary

November 2 - 7, 2009



Luxury wine & food experience

We will spend our days traveling through the Barolo and Barbaresco wine producing regions, visiting vineyards and cellars with important local producers and sampling some of Italy's greatest food and wine at gourmet wine tasting feasts. You'll stay at charming accommodations in the heart of the wine country overlooking the rolling vine-covered hills that surround Barolo.

***Wine** - Visit the owners and winemakers of some of Piedmont's leading wineries, enjoying private tours of wine cellars and guided wine tastings.*

***Cuisine** - Sample some of Italy's finest cuisine at the best traditional regional restaurants pairing your meals with top class local wines.*

***History** - Step back in time as you relax in your charming accommodations nestled in the Barolo vineyards, completing your experience of "full immersion" in the history and beauty of this magical region.*

***Learn** - A bilingual diVino sommelier will lead you throughout your journey, sharing information on the wines and history of the region, leading you through wine tastings and wine paired meals, taking care of logistics and arranging every detail so you can experience all the best Piedmont has to offer.*

Day 1 – Arrival & ‘Welcome to Piedmont’ winemaker’s dinner



Rendezvous with your guide and driver at Turin airport and travel to one of the world’s greatest wine producing regions.

Check in to your accommodations in the heart of the Barolo wine country with free time to relax and settle in.

In the evening enjoy an unforgettable introduction to Piedmont with a sommelier-guided tasting of varietal wines (Dolcetto, Barbera & Nebbiolo) followed by a Barolo winemaker’s dinner. We’ll have the unique opportunity to dine with the owner of a local Barolo winery and sample traditional Piedmont dishes accompanied by estate wines that will be presented by the winemaker who will share inside and in-depth information on Piedmont wines.

Day 1 includes:

- *‘Welcome to Piedmont’ sommelier-guided intro and tasting of Piedmont varietal wines*
- *Barolo winemakers dinner paired to estate wines*
- *Transportation in a private van with driver*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino sommelier guide*

Day 2 – Barolo wine tour



After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Barolo.

Visit the estate of one of Barolo’s leading wineries, enjoying a private tour of the winery and tasting of estate wines. Explore the nature of Barolo Cru vineyards and native grape varieties as you taste wines from different micro zones and single vineyards of the area.

Enjoy a delicious lunch of traditional Piedmont dishes paired with regional wines.

After lunch visit another leading Barolo estate to tour the cellars with the estate owner or enologist and taste the array of estate wines.

Free time at the hotel to rest and relax, before heading out to a delicious dinner paired to regional wines at one of our favorite local trattorias.

Day 2 includes:

- *Winery entrance and tasting fees*
- *Traditional Piedmont lunch with wine*
- *Dinner with wine*
- *Full day transportation in a private van with driver*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino sommelier guide*

Day 3 – Piedmont cooking class & Barolo winery tour



In the morning travel to one of Piedmont's most unique restaurants where you will learn about some of the region's most delicious food specialties; then head to the kitchen for a cooking lesson where we will prepare a traditional Piedmontese meal.

Following our class sit down to enjoy all that we've prepared together paired to the wines of a local organic winery. After lunch travel to another wonderful Barolo winery and enjoy a tour and tasting of estate wines.

Return to the hotel with free time to rest and relax before heading out for a gourmet dinner at one of the region's top restaurants, paired to the wines from another Barolo estate.

Day 3 includes:

- *Piedmont cooking class followed by lunch with wine*
- *Gourmet wine dinner paired to the wines from a Barolo estate*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino sommelier guide*
- *Transportation in a private van with driver*

Day 4 – Barbaresco wine tour



After breakfast at the hotel, depart for Barbaresco.

Visit the cellars of one of Barbaresco's leading wineries, enjoying an in-depth tour followed by lunch at the winery, paired to estate wines.

*After lunch visit the village of Barbaresco with an optional stop at the **Enoteca regionale del Barbaresco** to taste Barbaresco wines from various producers; then we'll move on to our winery tour and tasting at the historic winery in the town center to learn about the history and traditions of Barbaresco and the nature of its top Cru vineyards.*

After free time to rest at the hotel we'll travel to one of the region's trattorias to enjoy a delicious dinner with more wonderful local wines.

Day 4 includes:

- *Winery entrance and tasting fees*
- *Barbaresco winery lunch paired to estate wines*
- *Trattoria dinner with wine*
- *Full day transportation in a private van with driver*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino sommelier guide*

Day 5 – Barolo hike & wine tour – afternoon truffle hunt



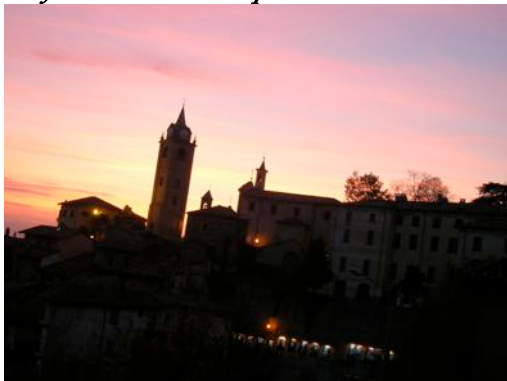
After enjoying breakfast at the hotel enjoy a guided hike through the beautiful Barolo vineyards on our way to our winery tour.

Arrive at one of the region's historic wineries, touring the estate with the owners and enjoying a tasting of estate wines. After a light lunch at a local trattoria we'll head to the Monferrato countryside to meet a local truffle hunter who will teach us about truffles, sharing his knowledge on the history and traditions of the world famous white truffles of Alba. Then we'll head into the woods in the company of his amazing "truffle dogs" to see the work in action. After our hunt enjoy an aperitivo with truffles, cheese and sliced meats. Return to the hotel with time to relax and then in the evening we will travel to one of the region's most famous restaurants to enjoy a gourmet 'Farewell to Piedmont' dinner paired to world-class Piedmont wines.

Day 5 includes:

- *Winery entrance and tasting fees*
- *Light lunch with wine*
- *Truffle hunt with "mini truffle class" and aperitivo*
- *Gourmet wine-paired dinner*
- *Full day transportation in a private van with driver*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino sommelier guide*

Day 6 – Alba & Departure



In the morning, check out and travel to the historic city center of Alba. Enjoy free time to shop and explore before heading to Turin airport for departure.

Day 6 includes:

- *Transportation in a private van with driver*
- *Services of a bilingual diVino Sommelier guide*



This 6 day itinerary includes:

- *5 nights in charming accommodations in the Barolo wine country*
- *'Welcome to Piedmont' sommelier-guided introduction and tasting of varietal wines*
- *5 dinners with wine including Barolo winemaker's dinner and farewell gourmet dinner*
- *4 lunches with wine including Barbaresco winery lunch and Piedmont cooking class lunch*
- *Cooking class of traditional Piedmont specialties*
- *Truffle hunt with a local expert including aperitivo with truffles*
- *All winery entrance and tasting fees*
- *Restaurant gratuities*
- *6 full days transportation in a private van with driver including two airport transfers*.*
- *Information packets including details on local history, winemaking and more*
- *Baggage assistance*
- *6 days services of a bilingual diVino sommelier wine expert guide who will share details on local culture, wine & food as well as take care of logistics so you can sit back and enjoy all the best Piedmont has to offer.*
- *Professional photographer Margaret Leon photography package including 6 days on site photo shoot of the tour and CD of professionally edited trip photos mailed to your home after the trip.*

Price per person for a group of minimum 6, maximum 10 participants - €2,975 per person

Based on double occupancy. Single supplement - €350

- **Trip includes pick-up and drop-off at Turin airport. Transfers from different airports may be arranged. Prices may vary.*
- *Itinerary may be subject to change.*

Does not include:

Airfare

Travel insurance

Meals other than those specified

Personal shopping items

Truffles not included in the diVino menus. Extra or optional truffles will be charged at market price.

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About Us:

Travel With Taste – Rosemary Pedretti & Jeanie Brown

Travel With Taste is the result of a combined effort of Rosemary Pedretti and Jeanie Brown to offer travel tailored to clients' specific requests and interests. The family-run travel agency they were affiliated with closed in 2007 and they decided to continue their love of travel planning for their clients under their own agency, Travel With Taste. Travel With Taste combines their desire to arrange specialty travel for clients to exciting destinations all around the world, and often highlights the food and wine of specific regions.

Jeanie has 15 years experience in both corporate and leisure travel; she also brings to these itineraries her knowledge of and enthusiasm for the culinary arts. She has completed culinary programs at both La Varenne in Paris and Tante Marie's Cooking School in San Francisco. Jeanie has worked as a culinary instructor, caterer, recipe tester, and has assisted many celebrity chefs. Rosemary began her travel industry career in 1993. It resulted in a departure from the corporate business world combined with her love of travel. She is a full-service travel consultant, specializing in European independent travel. Since its inception in 1997, Rosemary was one of the original agents for KB Travel Service, a company offering travel planning using itineraries designed by Karen Brown and published in her guidebooks.

diVino & Amy Wadman

diVino (which in Italian means both "divine" and "of wine") was born out of Amy's desire to share her passion for wine and knowledge of Italy with others. diVino specializes in Custom & Wine tours in Tuscany and throughout Italy (<http://www.divinotours.com>) Amy believes there is no better way to discover Italy than through it's fine wines and traditional local food products and she also believes that the only way to truly experience Italy's wines and foods is to travel to each region and see the land, the vines, the cellars, get to know the winemakers & people, the local food products, the seasons... diVino's goal is to share this passion with travelers by creating one of a kind wine & food experiences throughout Italy.

Besides the wine & food aspect, the other characteristic of diVino is the personalized nature of each of our "tours". Each tour is a completely customized itinerary catering to individual travelers' interests and needs. In fact we like to get to know each one of you before you arrive in Italy and we look forward to welcoming you as friends visiting us here in Piedmont. To view testimonials from some of our past travelers please visit this page of our web site <http://www.divinotours.com/testimonials.html>

Amy Wadman



Amy is the owner and creator of diVino. She's a bilingual Sommelier who has been living in Italy for 20 years. She's passionate about Italy's fine wines and foods and looks forward to sharing this passion with each one of our travelers. As a result of her experience living, working and traveling in Italy, Amy is both bilingual and bicultural which makes her uniquely qualified to share her knowledge with people who are seeking a deeper understanding of the Italian lifestyle.

Amy specializes in coordinating diVino's Custom itineraries and gourmet tours throughout Italy. She works closely with each individual traveler to handcraft experiences to fit individual travelers needs.

Margaret Leon, photographer



Since Margaret Leon was old enough to hold a camera, photography has been her passion.

Margaret moved to Paciano (Umbria), Italy in March 2002 from the "witch city" of Salem, Massachusetts, north of Boston. Previously she spent six months sailing the East Coast. She fell in love with Italy while taking a break from sailing, and decided to step back from her financial planning business of 24 years, bought a home inside the walls of this medieval walled village, officially trading the boat for the "Boot" of Italy. Already, after a short time in Italy, Margaret has won recognition in the Concorso Biennial di Fotografia, a photography contest held in Italy every 2 years. Her first entry in 2002 won Honorable Mention and her second entry in 2004 was awarded First Place in the digital category. In 2004, her photo won Honorable Mention in the USA-Photographer's Forum/Canon Annual Photo Contest. She was chosen in the top 100 out of 19,000 entries and was published in the annual book "Best of Photography 2004" and again won equal recognition in "Best of Photography 2005, 2006, and 2007". Her photos have also been published on various on-line magazines. She recently did the photos for the website of the British Institute in Florence, Italy and many other sites for various agriturismo and posted events. Margaret exhibits photos annually in galleries in Italy, often in the city of Cortona, where the famous book and movie "Under the Tuscan Sun" takes place. Her work also decorates the walls of the restaurant Il Casale in Paciano, and Villa LeMura in Panicale.

Margaret is also passionate about traveling and you can accompany her on her trips through her exhibits. Other than Italy, her photos include an African Safari to Botswana, France, Spain, Greece, Bulgaria, Scotland, Germany, sailing adventures crossing the Atlantic to Bermuda, and more. www.margaretleon.com

Photography during the Wine Masters Piedmont tour

During the Wine Masters Piedmont tour, Margaret Leon will be with our group daily at all events, tours, wine tasting, meals, etc. She will be taking hundreds of photos of all these events, mostly candid while the guests are participating in activities. Margaret will include photos of the breathtaking landscapes and scenery that Piedmont has to offer, as well as take individual and group photos "on demand". This personalized professional "photo shoot" of our tour will provide an unforgettable keepsake of your visit to Italy.

After the tour, Margaret will professionally edit all of the digital photos and burn CDs for each couple, which will be mailed to your home.



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