

Trip **5**

Piedmont & Northern Tuscany

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Suggestions **for an unforgettable** *journey*



We represent unique, extraordinary independent and privately-owned boutique hotels, villas and yachts in Italy. To promote the hotels we represent we take pride in creating travel suggestions and itineraries, where our local knowledge meets the needs and interests of travel advisors and clients. Make this your very own tale of discovery along this unique peninsula, whether your primary concern is art, architecture, archaeology or even fine dining and shopping.

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Extraordinary hotels, whose credo is painstaking attention to details, excellence throughout, and whose experience is one you will treasure at length. Light varying a thousand times in a day, sensational dawns and sunsets, ever-changing hues, the lull of the waves by the shore, a star-studded sky, savouring an outstanding meal: you will simply ask for more.

Welcome to our world

Trip 5

5 days / Piedmont & Northern Tuscany

PIEDMONT

● Nordelaia Boutique Hotel
/ Cremolino

TUSCANY

● Il Bottaccio Boutique Art Hotel
/ Montignoso / Massa Carrara

● day 1, day 2 / **Piedmont**

2 nights at Nordelaia Boutique Hotel

● day 3, day 4, day 5 / **Northern Tuscany**

3 nights at Il Bottaccio Boutique Art Hotel R&C

Season

● All year round

● Suggested period: from October to beginning of December
to enjoy the International White Truffle Fair in Alba

To make the experience even richer, every itinerary can be designed by Italian DMCs to the last detail. Every visit, every lunch and dinner, every overnight stay and every transfer is carefully selected to be part of a story, your story.



PIEDMONT / MONFERRATO

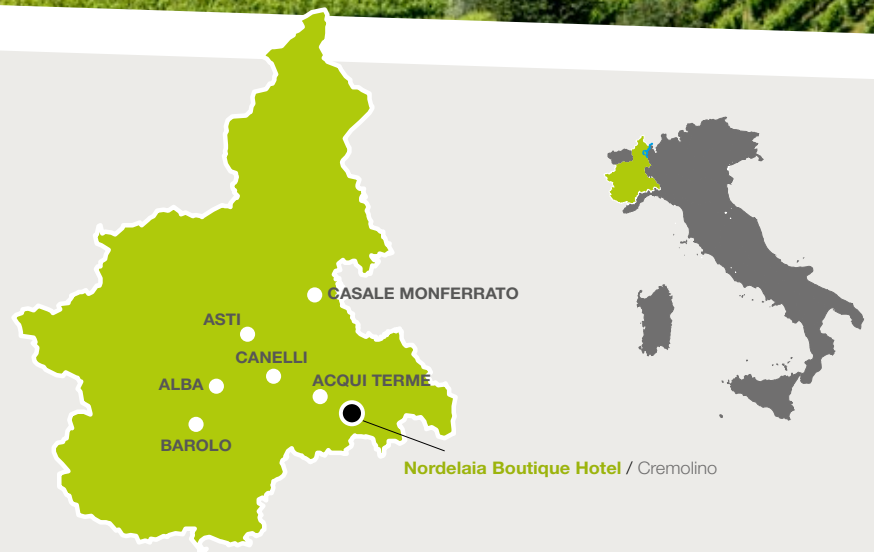


day 1 / day 2

Piedmont. At the foot of the mountains. This is the place where a realm of unexpected surprises unwinds in front of your eyes. Northwestern Italy may well have been off most people's radars in the past, but the spell has now been cast. With the **Langhe, Roero and Monferrato** UNESCO sites since 2014, this staggering region provides a soul-stirring journey that will conquer your hearts. Autumn is the ideal time to visit, auburn and gold abounding and blessing the painterly landscapes.

It's high time you hit the road. **Alba**, the main town in the Langhe region, once known as the city of a hundred towers, still preserves the beautiful medieval city centre. Head to **Barolo**, where the world-famous wine is produced, and admire the castle, once home to Italian writer and patriot Silvio Pellico.

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>> Visit **Canelli** the capital of Italy's most famous white sparkling wines. Canelli also boasts the **Underground Cathedral**, a network of more than 20 km of tufa, whose digging started in the 18th c. Go from one cantina to another, invariably leading to the Canelli and Artesana Enoteca (wine cellar). A thermal spa town since the Roman era, **Aqui Terme** is a very pleasant little town with the famous Piazza della Bollente, a 19th c. kiosk beneath which the Spa water rises at a temperature of 75 °C. Enjoy a visit of the **castles** in Cremolino, Rocca Grimalda, Tagliolo Monferrato and Trisobbio. In **Casale Monferrato** visit the baroque Sinagoga degli Argenti, a museum of Jewish art and history.



Not to be missed

- Truffle hunting • Bra International Cheese Fair (Oct) • Alba International White Truffles Fair (Oct-Nov) • La Via del Dolcetto, by Ovada, goes along lovely vineyards
- E-bike or vespa along the vineyards • Brunate Chapel in La Morra, redecorated by David Tremlett and Sol LeWitt • Antique market in Ovada • Castagnole Monferrato hosts the biggest sundial • Cooking Class at Nordelaia

Buon appetito!

- Piazza Duomo ☼☼☼ / Alba • I Caffi ☼, Trattoria Parisio / Acqui Terme
- Archivolto Osteria Nostrale / Ovada • Wine tasting at Enoteca Regionale / Ovada • Enoteca Regionale in Acqui Terme for Brachetto tasting
- Bistrot and Orto at Nordelaia

Food ectstatic

- Battuta di fassona • Bollito • Raviolo del plin • Tajarin al tartufo
- Piedmontese cheeses • Baci di dama • Bonet • Brut&Bon
- Gianduiotti • Krumiri

Wine

- Barolo • Barbera • Dolcetto • Barbaresco • Brachetto
- Grignolino • Spumante Moscato d'Asti • Gavi • Malvasia



NORDELAIA BOUTIQUE HOTEL

Sublime
Piedmont flair



Nordelaia, 12 rooms and suites, set within five hectares of arable land, is a destination where heritage, design, comfort and nature blend into an experience to enrich the soul and ease the mind. Uplifting, tranquil, inspiring. Welcome to Nordelaia. Take time to enjoy what's important in life. Friends and loved ones. Amazing views. Time for yourself. A perfect night's sleep. Delicious food. Being at one with nature.

Nordelaia Boutique Hotel / 2 nights

T U S C A N Y

BARGA AND ALPI APUANE



day 3 / day 4 / day 5

The beauty of this area in northwestern Tuscany is the juxtaposition of mountains and the sea, rolling hills and medieval towns. All this majestic scenery can be contemplated by the wild and remote **Apuan Alps** soaring high and well visible from the coast. **Carrara** is the largest source of marble in the world and the place where you can sense history happening. The marble blocks for the Pietà of Michelangelo (Saint Peter's, Rome) comes from here. Head to **Pietrasanta**, also known as Little Athens, thanks to the concentration of artists who have decided to settle here. Among the best known in decades are Igor Mitoraj and Fernando Botero. **Forte dei Marmi** is an attractive resort where trendy shops and antiques fair, as well as music festivals, attract many visitors, who enjoy the beauty of the sea in a unique setting.





>> Quaint, picturesque, scenic and pretty: **Lucca** has it all.

Walk along fashionable Via Fillungo, with its series of trendy shops, before reaching sublime Piazza Anfiteatro, perhaps Tuscany's loveliest square, named after an amphitheatre that stood here in Roman times. **Pisa** and its leaning tower are so famous that you may be tempted to glance at the **Campo dei Miracoli** and move on; you should, instead, visit the epic Camposanto, the cemetery that was sadly heavily bombed during WWII and bestows an air of serenity and calm in an otherwise busy corner of the city. The Baptistery and the 11th c. Duomo are worth a visit. Further south, **Bolgheri** is famous for its epic cypress avenue and for the production of delicious Sassicaia.

Not to be missed

- Private tour to Carrara marble quarries • Private tour to Cinque Terre • Wine tasting at Antinori and Ornelaia • A trip into Chianti
- Visit Artistic Atelier in Pietrasanta • Puccini Festival • Lucca summer Festival
- Cooking class at Il Bottaccio with Chef Nino Mosca • Horse Trekking in the Apuanian Alps

Buon appetito!

- Il Bottaccio / Montignoso • Filippo, Enoteca Marcucci, La Martinatica / Pietrasanta
- Maitò, Lorenzo ☘ / Forte dei Marmi

Food ecstatic

- Lardo di colonnata • Ribollita • Fiorentina steak • Panigacci/Testaroli • Tordelli
- Tagliarin con fagioli • Zuppa Viareggina • Castagnaccio • Cantucci • Torta di riso
- Cecina (soft focaccia-style bread made with chickpea flour)

Wine

- Chianti Classico • Brunello di Montalcino • Rosso di Montalcino • Sassicaia
- Morellino di Scansano • Vin Santo • Tignanello • Solaia • Vermentino



Hidden gardens

IL BOTTACCIO
BOUTIQUE ART HOTEL

Il Bottaccio Relais & Chateaux with 8 rooms and suites is an exclusive boutique art hotel in Tuscany, dreamed of being a unique place where nature meets the most sophisticated luxury.

Il Bottaccio is famous for its distinct personality and for providing a cosy and intimate vibe to guests, an environment that is both welcoming and relaxing.

Il Bottaccio / 3 nights





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