

Art, Faith and Taste

CONSORZIO OPERATORI
TURISTICI
VALLI DEL CANAVESE

This tour will introduce you to Canavese Valleys, through religious art treasures located in charming sanctuaries and churches, as the extraordinary frescoes in San Giorgio's Church in Valperga, the ancient mosaics in Fruttuaria Abbey in San Benigno, the Belmonte Sanctuary, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and the Parishes and Baptisteries of San Lorenzo in Settimo Vittone and San Ponso. You can admire there testimonies of the "spirit" of the area and then visit to some of its ancient castles (Valperga, Castellamonte Ozegna and Rivarolo) discovering the fascinating and rich history. The tour offers moments of gastronomic excellence, from dinners at the well known Ristorante Tre Re in Castellamonte, lunches at some of the best restaurants in the area and a stage for a tasting tour in the cellar of the producers of Nebbiolo Carema DOCG.



Day 3

Breakfast and transfer to Settimo Vittone to visit the Church of San Lorenzo, with the Baptistry of the ninth century. This is an emblematic example of Romanesque architecture that preserves inside some frescoes, from the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries. A leisurely stroll will take you on a hill at the foot of Montestrutto Castle. After lunch at the Osteria La Sosta, antique hospitale of the Via Francigena, the afternoon will continue with a visit to the Chestnut Museum and with a stop for wine tasting in the Carema DOCG winery. Return to Albergo Ristorante Tre Re in Castellamonte with dinner and overnight.

Day 1

Arrival in Canavese and transfer to San Benigno Canavese to visit the beautiful and historic Benedictine Abbey of Fruttuaria, which was built in the eleventh century by the Marquis of Ivrea and King of Italy Arduino, who retired here and died after a life of struggles and war. Transfer to Castellamonte with typical dinner and night at the Albergo Ristorante Tre Re Castellamonte.

Day 2

After breakfast, transfer to Valperga to admire San Giorgio's Church, one of the most important medieval monuments in Alto Canavese, with its rich cycles of frescoes and terracotta decorations. Afterwards, you will visit the Valperga Castle and have lunch at the restaurant la Tradizione in Forno Canavese. In the afternoon, we will reach Belmonte Sanctuary and Holy Mount, Unesco heritage, to visit the Church, the curious Museum of votive offerings and the chapels of the Via Crucis (Way of the Cross), scattered in the woods over the hill. Return to Albergo Ristorante Tre Re Castellamonte for typical dinner and overnight.

Day 4

After breakfast, transfer to San Ponso, to discover its ancient Romanesque Baptistry, one of Piedmont's most unusual, because of its odd architectural form with a bell tower on the roof. Then you will move to Ozegna, with a visit to the Castle and the Church of San Besso. Transfer to Castellamonte where, after lunch at Peccati con Gusto restaurant, located in an ancient furnace for the production of ceramics, you will visit the Castellamonte Castle, restored in the seventeenth century by Amedeo di Castellamonte. Return to Albergo Ristorante Tre Re Castellamonte with dinner and overnight.

Day 5

After breakfast, transfer to Rivarolo Canavese, to visit Malgrà Castle and its Park and then discover this small city with a walk in the streets of its historical city center. End of the Tour.

Period	all year
Target	for all
Duration	5 days / 4 nights
Max people	12
Min people	8



Rates per person from **499 euro**

Rate includes: 4 half board in double room at the Albergo Ristorante Tre Re*** Castellamonte, 3 lunches, entrance fees and guided tours to all religious sites indicated, to castles of Valperga,

Castellamonte Ozegna and Rivarolo Canavese and the Chestnut Museum, wine tasting, a guide for all the tour.

Not included: transfers (available on request), drinks, personal expenses and anything not mentioned in "Rate includes".

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