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9 Days/7 Nights

THE ITALIAN PROVINCE OF PIEDMONT

*Featuring Biella, Oropa, Courmayeur,
Aosta, Vercelli, Alba, Candelo,
Canelli, Turin & Barolo*



**Valid
Passport
Required!**
Passport MUST be valid 3 months from
your RETURN date!

Departures:
March at \$TBA*
April & Early May at \$TBA*
Late September & October at \$TBA*

***Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for discount cash/credit rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$TBA in air taxes, fees and fuel surcharges (subject to change).**

OUR PIEDMONT ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~MILAN: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Milan (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – MILAN~OROPA: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at Milan Malpensa Airport, we will meet our Tour Escort and taken to the motorcoach for our transfer to Oropa, where we will visit the Sanctuary with a guided tour, including entrance to the Museum and Royal Apartments. Following the tour, we will check in at the hotel located at the Sanctuary. This evening, we will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight at the Sanctuary. (D) Hotel Website: www.santuariodioropa.it

DAY 3 – COURMAYEUR~AOSTA: After breakfast, we will drive to Courmayeur, the oldest Italian health resort in the Alps, set at the foot of Mont Blanc, Europe's highest mountain peak. During the stop here, we will have a chance to take the cable car up to Helbronner at 3,462 meters (not included). In the afternoon we will get to know the old Roman town of Aosta before returning to Oropa for dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – VERCELLI: After breakfast, we are off on an excursion to Vercelli, which is located in the Po Plain and is the main center of European rice production. The rice fields stretch as far as the eye can see, and our visit to a local rice farm will brief us on this important food source. The Basilica of St. Andrew is an architectural masterpiece, based on the Gothic churches in Northern France. The Duomo and the Church of St. Christopher are not far away. The main shopping street is Corso Libertà, which has beautifully kept houses with inner courtyards. We have planned a light lunch today, featuring risotto! Afterwards, we move on to Casale Monferrato before heading back to Oropa for dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – OROPA~BIELLA~CANDELO~ALBA: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we depart Oropa for Biella. Here, we will see the Roman baptistery, and the church and convent of San Sebastian. We will also see Candelo, a well-preserved medieval village. Here we will see the Ricetto, an ancient fortification from the Middle Ages, which used to be a storehouse for agricultural produce as well as a temporary shelter for the locals during invasions. We will enjoy a vintner's lunch before travelling on to Alba, where we will check into Hotel I Castelli (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) Hotel Website: <http://www.hotel-icastelli.com>.

DAY 6 – CANELLI: After breakfast, we will visit Canelli, a town with traditional wine cellars, also known as "underground churches." After visiting one of these fascinating cellars, we will continue our travel to a truffle estate to learn all about this precious "black and white gold." We will enjoy a tour around the estate and also enjoy a sample of a small truffle delicacy before returning to Alba for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 7 – ALBA~BAROLO~TURIN: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we'll set out for Barolo. Here we will visit the Falletti Castle and Wine Museum before tasting this famous red wine named after the town. Our journey will then continue towards Turin. En route, we will visit the most famous Italian liquor-producing establishment, Martini & Rossi. Upon arrival we will check in to Holiday Inn City Center (or similar) for dinner and overnight. (B, D) Hotel Website: <http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/turin/torit/hoteldetail>

DAY 8 – TURIN~VENARIA: After breakfast, we will enjoy a sightseeing tour of Turin. During our tour, we will see the Palazzo Reale, Palazzo Madama, and San Lorenzo and get a wonderful first impression of the city. We will have time on our own afterwards to stroll through the lively Baroque Old Town. This afternoon, we will drive outside the city center to Venaria, where we will visit Venaria Castle. This newly renovated castle is the Italian equivalent of the Palace of Versailles. A guided tour will take us through the impressive halls adorned with wonderful pictures and into the gardens. After our tour, we will return to Turin for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – MILAN~INTERMEDIATE STOP~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to the airport to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate stop*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT PIEDMONT TOUR INCLUDES:

- ★ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ★ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ★ Round-trip, regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Milan and return with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- ★ All transfers and sightseeing aboard a private, deluxe, temperature-controlled motorcoach.
- ★ 7-nights' accommodations at the hotels described in the itinerary (or similar), based on twin occupancy. The Single Supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability – may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples available at the twin rate.
- ★ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ★ Breakfast each morning (B), 2 lunches (L), and dinner each evening (D).
- ★ Comprehensive sightseeing program, as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees, where applicable, and plenty of time for shopping and browsing.
- ★ Services of a professional Tour Escort, who will accompany our group throughout the tour, and English-speaking guides, where required.
- ★ All room and meal taxes (for included meals), and gratuities to bellmen.
- ★ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service travel bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

TRAVEL PROTECTION INSURANCE: All persons traveling with **Durgan Travel Service** are automatically enrolled in **Travel Protection Insurance** through **Trip Mate (1-800-888-7292)** if they checked off the "YES" box on the Reservation Form. Please *ONLY* call **Trip Mate** if you have questions about your insurance or your eligibility. The plan covers trip cancellation or pre- or post-trip interruption, and tour operator/cruise line/airline bankruptcy up to the cost of the trip and travel delay up to \$750 (*max. \$150 per day*). Emergency evacuation is covered up to \$50,000. Accident or Sickness Medical Expense is covered up to \$25,000. Lost or stolen baggage/personal effects are covered up to \$2500. Baggage delay (24 hours or more) up to \$250 reimbursement, and death or dismemberment benefit \$25,000 max.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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The Italian Province of Piedmont/Promo/ml/rd

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