

in the cellars of the castle, now the regional Enoteca before dining at the restaurant inside the castle. You return to the hotel after dinner.

Day five - Wine estate and fly home

Check-out of the hotel after breakfast and head to your final wine tasting at the estate of Marchesi d'Alfieri, who have been making wine since 1696. This is an estate immersed in the history of the region and its wine-making, situated in the hills between Alba and Asti. They are respected for their wide range of Barbera but they also make Grignolino, another indigenous variety, a lighter red, often drunk young with tones of cherry. You discover the appeal of their wines over lunch before your onward journey to Turin and the flight back to Gatwick, the BA2579 departing at 17.05 and arriving at 17.50.



Barbaresco

Your tour leader

Cindy-Marie Harvey tells us that having discovered a love of Pinot Noir at an early age, she seemed destined for a life in the wine trade. However, her love of languages led her to work in Italy. After living in Piemonte for five years, discovering the delights of Nebbiolo and white truffles, she returned to the wine trade in the UK. She has spent the last 20 years planning and escorting wine tours to all the main wine regions of the world, from South America to Burgundy and Bordeaux. She now shares her passion for food and wine on her own website, Love Wine Food Ltd as well as in her own kitchen where she is often found surrounded by recipe books in Italian, French or Spanish. She looks forward to sharing her passion for the region of Piemonte with you.

Your hotel

Relais Villa d'Amelia, Benevello
The four star Relais Villa d'Amelia, member of the Small Luxury Hotels, sits amid 7 acres of parkland and hazelnut groves about 20 minutes' drive from Alba and about 35 minutes' drive from Barolo. In its transformation from estate villa to hotel, it has retained its traditional features, which blend in with contemporary furnishings of its 37 bedrooms. The Villa d'Amelia has a Michelin-starred restaurant whose chef Damiano Nigro trained with Gualtiero Marchesi, an outdoor swimming pool and wellness centre. We include the hotel buffet breakfast with a wide choice of items. Cooked eggs and freshly squeezed juice can be ordered A la carte at a supplement.



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