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Bikes'n Wines in the hills of Emilia Romagna

Bologna: "the learned one" (la dotta), "the red one" (la rossa) and "the fat one" (la grassa). Come and explore its beautiful architecture — the elegant and extensive arcades — and its rich culinary tradition — the red and white DOC (Controlled designation of origin).

Enjoy the unspoilt nature, the history of the region and

let yourself be seduced by the finest food tradition of these ancient burgs.

Taste the delicious "mountain bread" and the chestnut flour products and don't miss the chance to learn the secrets of Parmigiano-Reggiano and of the famous traditional balsamic vinegar.



Arrive in Bologna's airport and a private transfer will take you to the hotel in the centre of Bologna. Free time, typical dinner and a small briefing of the tour.

Day 2

Bologna / Ponte Rivabella – Distance: 20 km (13 miles) Altitude: (+ 85, - 0) Travel time: 2h 30min

The day will start with a short guided tour of Bologna in the morning and the visit of the ancient medieval markets, where you will have the chance to buy your lunch; in the afternoon bicycles will be delivered and the trip will start with a cycle tour along the historical Reno canal, then riding on across Zola Predosa vineyards, where you will taste 3 quality DOC wines. Then you will head to Ponte Rivabella, where you will reach the hotel and have dinner.

Day 3

Ponte Rivabella / Tolè – Distance: 26 km (16 miles) Altitude: (+ 720, - 150) – Travel time: 4h

After breakfast you will start your tour to the mountains of Emilia Romagna. Here you will have a beautiful view on te Apennins and on Monte Cimone, wich is the highest peack of the Northern Apennins (2165 metres). In hotel you will have a cooking class to learn how to make homemade pasta, that you will eat for dinner.

Day 4

Tolè / Montese – Distance: 29.5 (18.3 miles) km Altitude: (+ 786, - 661) – Travel time: 3h 30min

Luxuriant chestnuts will shade your way to Santa Lucia,



where you will learn the secrets of Parmigiano Reggiano, of ricotta cheese and of prosciutto (italian cured ham). As you cycle to Castel d'Aiano and Villa d'Aiano take in the beauty of the Roffeno Romanesque parish church. Then cycle along the stream that flows here, feel the breeze, enjoy the fresh water and...just have fun! Once arrived in Montese you can choose either to relax indulging in an exclusive visit of the town centre and of the Historical Museum of Montese situated in its fortress, or to go for an extra ride. You will then reach the hotel and have dinner.

Day 5

Montese / Zocca – Distance: 38 km (26 miles) Altitude: (+ 517, - 557) – Travel time: 4h 30min

The itinerary winds its way along the highest peaks of the Tuscan-Emilian Apennines, offering a breathtaking scenery and a look back at the historical events of 1944-1945; cycle on to the ancient Ospitale di San Giacomo and visit the adjacent Ethnographic Museum, where you will taste the "borlenghi" (thin and crunchy stuffed pancakes) and other delicious chestnut flour products. The final destination of this journey is Zocca, where you can either relax or go for a longer ride (Trappola - Montalto - Semelano - Rosola) or else decide to spend the afternoon in an adventure park for an extra charge. In the evening you will have dinner in the hotel.

Day 6

Zocca / Modena – Distance: 54.5 km (34 miles) Altitude: (- 737, + 50) – Travel time: 6h

Typical lunch and visit of the fortresses of Vignola and Guiglia; balsamic vinegar tasting. In the morning the tour begins at the Sassi di Roccamalatina Natural Park, where you will admire the beauty of these rocks. Then following the natural course of the river Panaro you will cycle up to Vignola, where you will stop for a lunch break and a visit of the castle. The tour will continue in the afternoon on the bikebath which runs along the river Panaro leading you to Modena. Here you will have the unique opportunity to see a traditional balsamic vinegar producer at work, as well as to do some tasting. You will arrive at the hotel and have a closing dinner at the hotel/ restaurant.

Day 7

Guided tour of Modena and transfer to Bologna's airport.



TRAVELING TOUR

Duration: 6 days / 7 nights

The package includes:

6 nights in double room in 3* and 4* hotel/farm holiday, 7 breakfasts, 6 packet lunches, 6 dinners, 1 cooking class, guided visits of: typical winery and tasting, Parmiggiano Reggiano factory and tasting, Castle of Montese, Castle of Vignola, Bologna city, Modena city, private transfer from/ to Bologna airport, staff monitoring daily 24 h, support van for luggage transfer and for water, minerals, cereals bars, sandwiches and fruits, support for small repairs, and professional cycling guide for 5 days.

not included:

air flights, bike rental (upon request), beverages during meals, hotel room taxes, anythink not quoted above in (see included).





Cycling from Bologna to Firenze

Wonderful experience in Emilia Romagna and Tuscany. We will combine cycling to the culture, tradition and food and wine of two of the most beautiful cities of Italy: Bologna and Florence. We will pass through the Appenines to discover the wonder of this land with its historical centers,

villages and old churches. It will be exciting tasting famous food and visit Parmigiano Reggiano Factory and winerys. We will visit the most important battlefilds of Italy of the Second War where the Americans, Brazilians and many others nations fought against the German army.

Day 1

Arrive in Bologna's airport and a private transfer will take us to the hotel in the centre of Bologna. Free time, small briefing of the tour, dinner in typical restaurant and overnigt in Corona d'oro.

Day 2

Bologna / Ponte Rivabella – Distance: 22 km (13 miles) Altitude: (+ 250 mt)

The day will start with a short guided tour of Bologna in the morning and the visit of the ancient medieval markets, where you will have the chance to buy your lunch; in the afternoon bicycles will be delivered and the trip will start with a cycle tour along the historical Reno canal, then riding on across Zola Predosa vineyards, where you will taste 3 quality DOC wines. Then we will head to Ponte Rivabella, where we will reach Admiral Park Hotel and have dinner.

Day 3

Ponte Rivabella / Montese – Distance: 44 km (27 miles) Altitude: (+1200 mt)

After breakfast we will start our tour to the mountains of Emilia Romagna.

Here we'll have a beautiful view on te Apennins and on Monte Cimone, wich is the highest peack of the Northern Apennines (2165 metres).

Free time in Montese with dinner and overnight in Belvedere Hotel.



Day 4

Walking tour throw the battlefilds of the Second War. After breakfast a short private transfert will take us in the sites of the battles.

We will walk on the ridges up to Monte Belvedere where we'll enjoy a fantastic view.

After the walking tour, we will visit the medieval castle of Montese with its beautiful Museum dedicated to the Second War.

Dinner and overnight in Belvedere Hotel.

Day 5

Montese / Porretta Terme – Distance: 31 km (19 miles) – Altitude: (+ 350 mt)

In the morning the tour begins with the visit of Parmigiano Reggiano Factory where we will have an unique opportunity to see how the producers make this famous cheese and as well we'ill do some tasting. We'll proceed with our tour to Porretta Terme to reach our hotel Helvetia with its beautiful thermal Spa. Dinner and overnight.

Day 6

Porretta / Pistoia – Distance: 46 km (28 miles) Altitude: (+ 900 mt)

We will cross the Apennines to arrive to the Tuscany side. After that, we'll do a cycle tour to visit the city. Dinner in a typical restaurant in Pistoia and overnight in Hotel Roma.

Day 7

Pistoia / Firenze – Distance: 45km (28 miles) Altitude: (+ 0 mt)

An easy path will lead us to the capital of the Renaissance. In the afternoon, guided visit of the most important monuments of the city.

Dinner in a typical restaurant and overnight at Mediterraneo Hotel.

Day 8

Private transfer from Firenze to Bologna Airport.



TRAVELING TOUR

Duration: 7 days / 8 nights

The package includes

7 nights in double room in 3*S 4*S hotel, 7 breakfasts, 6 packet lunches, 7 dinners, guided visits of: typical winery and tasting, Parmiggiano Reggiano factory and tasting, Castle of Montese, Bologna city, Firenze city, 1 walking tour, private transfer from/ to Bologna airport, staff monitoring daily 24h, support van for luggage transfer and for water, minerals, cereals bars, sandwiches and fruits, support for small repairs, professional cycling guide for 6 days.

not included:

air flights, bike rental (upon request), beverages during meals, hotel room taxes, anything not quoted above in (see included).





Slow cycling across the World Heritage sites

Art, culture and environs of three extraordinary World Heritage Sites all in one tour: from Modena — with its Cathedral, the Torre Civica and Piazza Grande — to Ravenna with its enchanting mosaics, cycling through Fer-

rara and along the river Po. We will visit the Enzo Ferrari Museum and traditional food factories in this fantastic experience in Emilia Romagna.



Arrive in Bologna's airport and a private transfer will take us to the hotel in the centre of Modena. Breefing for explaine the bike tour and free time. Dinner and overnight in hotel Real Fini.

Day 2

Modena / Finale Emilia Distance: 52 km (32 miles)

Starting from Piazza Grande, the artistic heart of Modena, with the Cathedral and the civic tower Ghirlandina.

Visit to the house where Enzo Ferrari was born and where he built the first factory. During the ruote we will stop to visit the old vinegar Factory of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena. Dinner and overnight in Estense Park Hotel.

Day 3

Finale Emilia / Ferrara Distance: 41 km (25 miles)

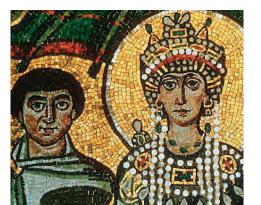
Beautiful cycle tour in the old lands of Estense Family. This important family of the Renaissance period, built wonderful palaces, churches and squares for their capital city of Ferrara.

We will visit the most beatutiful monuments of this city. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Orologio.

Day 4

Ferrara / Ostellato Distance: 68 km (42 miles)

From the Castello Estense, through secondary roads that surround small rural towns and large plumbing plant,



churches and country buildings, we will reach the Po di Volano. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Villa Belfiore.

Day 5

Ostellato / Pomposa / Comacchio / Ostellato Distance: 63 km (39 miles)

From Ostellato — in the heart of the province we'll ride along the Volano canal and we will arrive up to Pomposa, the important ancient abbey. From here we'll get to Comacchio, with its small canals it looks like Venice. Return to Ostellato for dinner and overnight in Hotel Villa Belfiore.

Day 6

Ostellato / Marina di Romea Distance: 50 km (31 miles)

We'll start our tour from Ostellato through the Comacchio's valleys to Marina di Romea with its beautiful pine forest in front of the sea. Dinner and overnight in Hotel Corallo.

Day 7

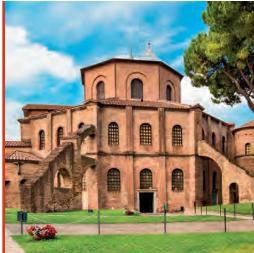
Marina di Romea / Ravenna Distance: 20 km (12 miles)

Short tour through the Byzantine capital of Ravenna to see its beautiful mosaics. Finish of the cycle tour and private trasfer to Bologna. Guided visit of the city and typical dinner in a nice restaurant. Overnight in Hotel Orologio in Bologna.

Day 8

Free time to enjoy Bologna. Private transfer to Bologna airport.





EXCLUSIVE TOUR

Duration: 8 Days / 7 nights

The package includes

7 nights in double room in hotel 3*S and 4*, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, 6 packed lunches, guided visits of: typical vinegar factory of Aceto Balsamico Tradizionale di Modena, Enzo Ferrari Museum, Pomposa abbey, Modena city, Ferrarra, Ravenna, Bologna, private transfer from Bologna Airport to Modena, from Ravenna to Bologna, from Hotel Orologio to Bologna airport, 24h staff monitoring daily, support van for luggage transfer and for water, minerals, cereals bars, sandwiches and fruits, support for small repairs, and professional cycling guide for 6 days.

not included:

air flights, beverages during meals, hotel room taxes, anything not quoted above in (see included). Bike rental: on request various models.





Cycling in the food valley and Castelli del Ducato zone

An unforgetable experience in the birthplace of Parmigiano Reggiano, Prosciutto di Parma, Salame di Felino, Vini dei Colli Piacentini e Parmensi on other fantastic products. A visit to these factories will be organized, followed by product tasting. We will cycle through this magnificent zone enjoying the most beautiful castles in Italy and a visit to Busseto where Giuseppe Verdi spent most of his life. During the week will have overnight accommodation in castles or historical buildings. One afternoon is dedicated to shopping in Fidenza Village, a number one outlet in Italy with 92 brand shops like Valentino, Armani etc...



Arrive in Bologna Airport, private transfer to Rivalta Castle. Later a guided tour of the castle and dinner in a typical restaurant. Overnight in superior room in Torre of San Martino Castle.

Day 2

Rivalta Trebbia / Vigoleno – Distance 44 km (27 miles) – Altitude: (+ 450) – Travel time: 4h

After a buffet breakfast, we start on our cycling tour visiting Castel Arquato and Cardinali winery producer of Vini Doc dei Colli Piacentini (with tasting). Arrival at Vigoleno Castle, followed by a typical dinner and overnight at the Castle of Vigoleno.

Day 3

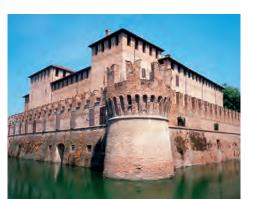
Vigoleno / Soragna – Distance 53 km (33 miles) – Altitude: (+0) – Travel time: 4h

We leave on a 50 km cycling tour on flat land visiting on the way the town of Busseto where Giuseppe Verdi was born and Villa Verdi where he lived and where his relatives are still living. We proceed to Castello di Polesine Parmense visiting Corte Pallavicina Farm: Michelin Chef Massimo Spigaroli, Culatello di Zibello is produced in the very old cellers (with tasting). Arrive in Soragna for dinner and overnight in a historical palace hotel Locanda del Lupo.

Day 4

Soragna / Tabiano Castello – Distance 55 km (34 miles) – Altitude: (+ 260) – Travel time: 4h

After breakfast, we visit the Magnificent Soragna Castle



and start on our cycling trip. In the morning we discover the Parmigiano Reggiano Factory (with tasting). We continue our way towards the Castles of Roccabianca, San Secondo and Fontanellato. In the afternoon we arrive in Tabiano Castle, where one can relax in a beautiful Spa followed by dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Tabiano Castello – Distance 33 km (20 miles) Altitude: (+ 460) – Travel time: 4h 30min

A wonderfull day cycling in the low hilly region of Salsomaggiore. We return to Tabiano castle for relaxation, dinner and overnight stay.

Day 6

Tabiano Castello / Parma – Distance 55 km (34 miles) – Altitude: (+ 230) – Travel time: 4h

We leave for Parma visiting the majestic Torrechiara Castle, the factory of Prosciutto di Parma and Salame di Felino where we taste these wonderfull products. The cycling tour finished in the centre of Parma. Check in at Hotel Pacchiosi follow by dinner in a typical restaurant.

Day 7

A three hour guided tour of Parma, followed by transfer to Fidenza Village Shopping Outlet (approximately five hours) where one can also have lunch. Return to hotel. Free evening in Parma and return to Hotel Pacchiosi

Day 8

Private transfer to Bologna airport.





LUXURY CYCLING TOUR

Duration: 8 Days / 7 nights

The package includes

7 nights in double room in castle or historiacal hotel 4* or 5*, 7 breakfasts, 6 typical dinners, 6 packet lunches, guided visits of: winery and tasting, Corte Pallavicino Farm and tasting, Parmigiano Reggiano Factory, Villa Verdi, Prosciutto di Parma and salame di Felino factory and tasting, Castle of Soragna, Torrechiara castle, Parma city, staff monitoring daily, support van for luggage transfer and for water, minerals, cereals bars, sandwiches and fruits, support for small repairs, professional cycling guide for 6 days, bike rental for 6 days, all the transfers mentioned in the program.

not included:

air flights, beverages during meals, hotel room taxes, anything not quoted above in (see included). Up-grade Bike rental: on request various models.





Cycling in the Classical Tuscany

An unforgettable experience in the wonderful Tuscany. We will ride through this famous hills, cypresses and old medieval villages between Florence and Siena.

We will see unique places like: Montepulciano, San Gimignano, Monteriggioni, Pienza, Volterra, Montalcino and many others cities and Vilages in Val d'Orcia and Chianti.

Overnight in luxury hotels with Spa to enjoy after the cycle tours. During this week we will taste delicious products and we'll drink famous wines of this beautiful area. We will have the opportunity to visit important cities like Siena with is "Palio" and the beautiful capital city of the Rennaissance Florence where we spend a night.



Arrive in Firenze airport and a private transfer will take us to the hotel in Montepulciano. Free time for relax in the Spa. Short briefing with the guide.

Dinner with local products and overnight in Etruria Resort Hotel.

Day 2

Montepulciano / Monticchiello / Pienza Distance: 35 km (21 miles) – Altitude: (+ 730 mt)

The day will start with a ride through this soft rolling Tuscan hills visiting the famous town of Montecchiello and stop to Pienza for a light lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon we will visit the medieval town of Pienza and in the way back to the hotel we will stop to visit a food factory which produces typical cheese and organic olive oil. Dinner and overnight in Etruria Resort Hotel.

Day 3

San Quirico d'Orcia / Bagno Vignoni / Castiglione d'Orcia – Distance: 35 km (21 miles) Altitude: (+700)

A magnificent bike tour through this beautiful landscapes of the Val d'Orcia which is part of UNESCO heritage. We will visit important towns like San Quirico d'Orcia, Bagno Vignoni e Castiglione d'Orcia. Short transfer to Montalcino where we will visit a gorgeus vinery where we will have the opportunity to admire its



vineyards and also we will have a taste session. Relaxing evening in Spa, dinner and overnight in Etruria Resort Hotel.

Day 4

Colle Val d'Elsa

Private transfer to the famous town of Volterra once an important Etruscan center. Here we will visit the Roman Theatre, Palazzo dei Priori with its beautiful square and the Cathedral. Lunch in typical ristorant. Transfer to Palazzo San Lorenzo hotel for relax in Spa, dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Monteriggione / San Miniato / Siena Distance: 32 km (19 miles) - Altitude: (+550 mt)

We will ride to the Classical Tuscany where we can admire these little old villages and the charming Piazza del Campo, home of the famous Palio di Siena.

Light lunch in a typical restaurant in Siena and guided tour of the city. At the end we will reach Palazzo San Lorenzo Hotel for relax in Spa, dinner and overnight.

Day 6

Colle Val d'Elsa / San Gimignano Distance: 35 km (21 miles) – Altitude: (+700 mt)

We will start our day with a bike ride to reach San Gimignano to visit the city and the its main monuments. Stop to the Fattoria II Torciano where we can admire its beautiful vinery. Light lunch in the fattoria with own products. Transfer to the Palazzo San Lorenzo for relax in Spa, dinner and overnight.

Day 7

Transfer for the magnificent Florence for a guided tour of the Capital of the Renaissance.

Dinner in typical Restaurant and overnight in Hotel De La Ville.

Day 8

Transfer to the Firenze airport.



LUXURY CYCLING TOUR

Duration: 8 Days / 7 nights

The package includes

7 nights in double room in 4* and 4*S hotel, 7 breakfasts, 7 dinners, 6 light lunches in restaurant/food factory, guided visits of: typical cheese factory and tasting, vinery and tasting, Tenuta Torciano and tasting Firenze city, 1 Volterra card private transfer from/ to Firenze airport and all the transfers included in the program, 24h staff monitoring daily, support van for luggage transfer and for water, minerals, cereals bars, sandwiches and fruits, support for small repairs, and professional cycling guide for 6 days.

not included:

air flights, bike rental (upon request), beverages during meals, hotel room taxes, anything not quoted above in (see included).







PIEDMONT BY E-BIKE!

A different way to visit less known areas of Piedmont: Canavese and Biella area, two lands separated by the longest moraine hill in Europe, but linked by the same passion for beautiful sceneries, good food and an active yet relaxed life style. Our tour is specifically conceived for people enjoying cycling but not too fit. Stress and competition-free paths are designed with stops along the way to admire the scenery,

make visits, have lunch and taste local wines. The group, up to a maximum of eight people, will allow your cycling guide to take special care of you, and you will feel pampered, relaxed, in tune with the landscape, theplaces visited and the people you'll meet. It will all be topped with the deserved relax in unique structures, different but always of excellent quality and comfort!

THE DAILY PROGRAM

Day 1: Arrival and relax at Villa Matilde.

Welcome to Piedmont! Your tour begins on your arrival at the beautiful Relais Villa Matilde in Romano Canavese (if you wish, Bugella Welcome will be glad to arrange car or minibus transfers. You will have plenty of time to enjoy a welcome drink by the beautiful swimming pool and relax in one of its rooms, all different from each other, or enjoy the warm and nice weather swimming and sunbathing! The day will end with dinner at the Relais Restaurant Le Scuderie and a well-deserved rest. Meals: dinner and welcome drink. Places: Romano Canavese.

Lodging: Relais Villa Matilde (see box).

Day 2: Castles, Viverone Lake, a Romanesque church and the number one Golf Club in Italy!

Here you go! After breakfast you will meet your personal cycling guide who will accompany you for the next days. The guide will explain the program and provide you with information about the route, the places you will visit, your security and how to make the most of your e-bike. Your assisted bicycles will be waiting in the garage of the Relais, with the battery fully charged and ready to start your adventure. The route runs on the flat land and then up to the wonderful Castle of Masino. The Castle, overlooking the wide plain of Canavese and immersed in a huge romantic park, is located on a hill in front of the long barrier of the Serra, the moraine hill of Ivrea (you will bike it in the following days!).

You will discover its interiors and history on a guided tour and will be able to enjoy a drink at the panoramic bar. The next stop will be the Viverone Lake where you'll enjoy a lake fish menu lunch on the terrace of Marina Hotel. Rested and refreshed you'll continue your ride along quiet roads or dirt roads to the pretty Bertignano lake, then to the villages of Zimone and Magnano. Do not miss a visit to the Romanesque church of San Secondo,immersed in the tranquility of the surrounding nature. Arrival at the hotel for the night: Golf Hotel Le Betulle. You will be welcomed by the "english style" atmosphere of the hotel inside the Golf Club, for a wine tasting and dinner. Overnight, perhaps in one of the rooms overlooking one of the 18 holes of the course. Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Places: Romano Canavese, Masino Castle, Viverone Lake, Zimone, Magnano. Route: 46 km / 28.5 miles, vertical drop: 820m

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Duration: 6 Days / 5 nights

COUNTRY: ITALY

REGION: NORTH WEST PIEDMONT **DURATION:** 5 DAYS/4 NIGHTS

LEVEL: EASY

TERRAIN: PAVED/WHITE ROADS. EASY

CLIMBS WITH EBIKE HELP.

INCLUDED:

- 4 nights accommodation, reinforced breakfasts and dinners in 4 stars hotels or similar
- Lunches / light lunches as planned.
- Welcome cocktail at the hotels.
- 4 full days electric pedal cycle bike rental and insurance (see box)
- 4 full days service of a cycling guide.
- luggage transfer service and van support
- Minibus transfer service from last day arrival to the hotel of the first day..
- Tourist guide service as planned.
- Wine tasting as planned.
- Free use of Villa Matilde SPA, Golf Hotel Le Betulle sauna and Hotel Bucaneve SPA.
- 4 hour SPA in La Bossola

NOT INCLUDED:

Extras, gratuities for the bike tour guide, everything not mentioned in "Included"

RIDER TYPE:

MODERATE

Electic pedal cycle bike, unisex, equipped with:

- Rear bags
- Battery charger
- Mixed dirt-road tires.
- Bigger rear gear.
- Liability insurance (€ 1.000.000 limit)
- theft insurance (€ 300 franchise)
- GPS tracker.







PIEDMONT BY E-BIKE!

Day 3: the longest moraine hill in Europe, a SPA in the mountains and the Unesco Heritage Sanctuary!

Up hill day on the Serra, the moraine hill separating Canavese from Biella. The vertical drop, aided by your ebike, will not fear even the less trained! We will be riding along easy off-road trails for nearly 20 km, along the entire hill, among its wonderful forests, to reach the village of Andrate and then continue, always slightly uphill, up to our first destination where we'll relax and refresh: The Bossola of Netro. This hotel and restaurant has a special feature: a small and intimate spa where you can relax in a hot tub or sauna and taste the local dishes while enjoying a splendid view on the Biellese, the Serra, the Po Valley and mount Monviso in the background! The ride will continue on Tracciolino, the scenic road that connects the two most important sanctuaries of the Biella area: Graglia and Oropa. Before reaching your final destination of the day, you'll stop at a must: the Trappist monastery of Sordevolo. A surprise among the Biella mountains. Finally you'll get to the Oropa Sanctuary and its Sacred Mount, where you'll have dinner at the lovely Betty's restaurant, nestled among the trees, and will sleep in the rooms of the Sanctuary featured by their unique, mystical atmosphere, yet offering all the comforts of a modern hotel. Rest, relaxation, mysticism, nature and history will accompany you in your stay. Meals: Breakfast, lunch, dinner.

Day 4: The Oropa and Valle Cervo Valleys, the most mysterious village in Italy and the natural oasis born from the dream of Ermenegildo Zegna!

After breakfast at one of the historical bars of the Sanctuary, a tour guide will accompany you to the discovery of the Sanctuary: the Royal Apartments where the Savoys, the Kings of Italy, used to stay when visiting these places, the gallery of votive offerings, the treasure museum ...you will then resume your bike and, after a paved road with some turns and a tunnel dug into the rock, you'll be right into the next valley: the Cervo valley. There, a guided tour of Rosazza village and its fascinating mysteries will be waiting for you. Attracting especially those interested in esoteric and mysterious places, Rosazza owes its fame to Federico Rosazza, Senator of the Kingdom of Italy, who was said to be the Grand Master of the Freemasons of Biella and hold his secret meetings in this village. After lunch, a last biking effort will take you first on a climb to Oasi Zegna and, after a stop to visit the stone village of Sassaia, to a well-deserved rest at the Bucaneve Hotel. For those still filled with energy and wishing to discover the Sessera Valley, another 10 km cycling tour will let you discover this pristine and wild valley! At dinner, everybody will enjoy a gourmet menu prepared by chef Andrea, accompanied with the fine wines recommended by sommelier Katia. Overnight at the hotel rooms offering the thrill of an alpine residence, in full respect of the original style.

Day 5: Casa Zegna, medieval villages, wine cellars of Piedmont wine and ... a piece of African savannah in Biella!

Before leaving Biella you can't miss two important aspects of life of Biella: the textile and the wine-making tradition. In an extraordinary setting, where the mountain environment surrounds the factory, Casa Zegna tells the story of the Ermenegildo Zegna Group, the global leader of luxury menswear: you will discover the stylistic, technological and human values of the group and of the entire textile industry of Biella! Always down-hill and in complete relax, you will cross peaceful valleys and landscapes, the medieval village of Masserano, and finally reach your wine tasting stop, at one of the wineries in program: the Sella Estate in Lessona, owned by the Sella family of Biella since 1671. Marco will let you taste the wines produced with Nebbiolo grapes (Lessona, Bramaterra, Coste del Sesia) accompanied with very tasty local specialties.

The next wine tasting stop will be the Castellengo Castle with its Centovigne wines. Jutta and Alessandro will take you to the discovery of this castle perched on a hill overrlooking the ovebeautiful valley below, its back to the smooth hills of Biella. Shortly after leaving this place, the landscape changes completely and you'll find yourself crossing the Natural Reserve of Baragge. The dense heath alternating with vast expanses of prairie, makes it look like the African savannah, with the Biella Alps as a background. After visiting Ricetto, one of the best preserved medieval towns in Italy, your journey will come to an end: a minibus will take you back to Villa Matilde, from where you started four days before, and you'll return home!

Day 6: Flight back home

After breakfast you will be transferred to the airport to board your flight back home...arrivederci!!!!



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