



Cruise through the Piedmont vineyards & along the shores of lakes - Como, Lugano & Maggiore

8 day/7nights Piedmont, Northern Italy

This is the perfect 8 day break to “get away from it all” amongst the scenic surroundings of Piedmont including a bonus excursion to the northern lakes of Como, Lugano (in Switzerland) and Maggiore.

This is a unique “rural” motorcycling experience designed for Harley-Davidson motorcycle enthusiasts. The ride comprises a series of Hub rides starting & finishing at your luxury B&B accommodation. This tour also includes an added bonus of a 2 day ride (away from base) to the “northern lakes” and a brief visit to Switzerland along the way. You will cruise along stunningly scenic routes, through medieval villages passing through the famous vineyards of Barolo and along the “Italian Riviera”, stopping at tranquil coastal villages along the way. A visit to a local winery for a wine tasting experience is included in this tour and a perfect opportunity to sample the famous culinary delights of this prized region of northern Italy.

Friendly small group sizes; 1-3 riders max. (plus passengers)

Average total distance covered: 150-250km per day



Itinerary

- **Day 1 – Arrival in Italy & collection from Turin/Genoa Airport.** Luxury minibus transport to “Cascina Belbo” & check-in.

After settling in, there will be a short briefing about the tour programme and time for any questions. Evening meal at a local restaurant.

- **Day 2 – Vineyards & Villages**

Following breakfast, a leisurely cruise to the UNESCO acclaimed hills, vineyards & ancient villages around Barolo. There will be a brief stop in the Roman town of Alba for a light



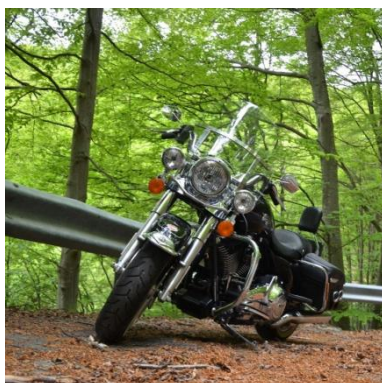
lunch & then back on the bikes

and into the hills for another scenic ride through more vineyards passing medieval castles & ending back at base in the late afternoon.



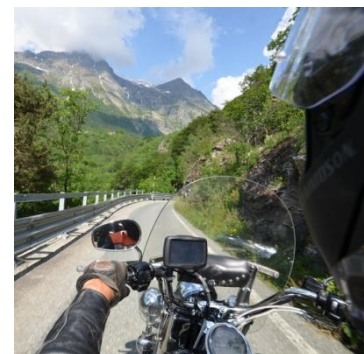
- **Day 3 – Valleys forests & the Italian Riviera**

Today's ride will take you along a twisty road down to a nearby market town then a ride along the Tanaro valley with long sweeping curves to the town of Garresio. At this point we shall take a quick comfort break



& perhaps a coffee before heading into the forested foothills of the Maritime Alps that fringe the Ligurian coastline. A beautiful winding road takes us down to the “Italian Riviera” where we shall follow the coast road stopping at one of the small coastal towns for a

late lunch. After lunch we will continue to follow the coast road for several kilometres then head inland & up into the “Langhe” hills again for a brisk ride back to base.



- Remember to pack an overnight bag for tomorrow's ride to the Northern lakes.

- **Day 4 –Lake Como & Bellagio**

Ride north through the wine region of Asti (famous for the sparkling wine, "asti spumante"). Ride past the outskirts of Milan and on to the city of Como on the shores of Lake Como. We shall follow the winding shoreline road to Bellagio where we shall stop for the evening in a quaint family run hotel overlooking the lake. Dinner at the hotel or in Bellagio town (a short taxi ride away).



- **Day 5 – Lugano, Switzerland & Lake Maggiore**

Starts with a short ride down to the ferry terminal on the lakeshore. Drive the bikes onto the ferry for a brief 10 minute crossing then head up into the hills towards the Swiss border & lake Lugano. Arriving in Lugano late



morning we shall have a short stop for a coffee then continue our journey along a beautiful scenic riverside road crossing back into Italy and onto the third and final lake of this ride, Lake Maggiore. We shall cross the lake by ferry then follow the shoreline passing some majestic

palazzos and iconic hotels near Stresa. We shall stop for a late lunch at a lakeside restaurant on the waterfront then continue on our homeward bound leg, arriving back at Cascina Belbo early evening for a well deserved rest.

- **Day 6 – Coffee & Icecream**



A relaxing local ride to some characteristic villages, antique coffee shops and the wine town of Barbaresco home to the famous Gaja winery. Stopping for lunch along the way in Alba followed by ice-cream in the best "gelateria" on the planet (Mike's personal opinion) then a winding ride back through the vineyards of Barolo back to base at Cascina Belbo.

- **Day 7 – No riding day**



Minibus excursion to a local winery and a wine tasting session followed by lunch at a typical Piemontese restaurant. Returning to base early evening – light supper and farewell drinks at the end of an adventurous week.

- **Day 8 – Transportation to Turin/Genoa for your return journey.**

Included

- Airport pickup & drop-off in executive minibus comfort from Turin/Genoa airport.
- Luxury B&B accommodation for the duration of the tour - there is no need to pack or checkout each day & no luggage to carry except for a small overnight bag required for the northern lakes excursion.
- All breakfasts
- Use of a Harley-Davidson® motorcycle (Softail/RoadKing models as available). This is a fully accompanied/road guided tour, with English/ Italian speaking group leader on his own motorcycle.
- All evening meals at Cascina Belbo B&B accommodation
- Minibus transport for wine-tasting visits—nobody drinks & rides.

Not included;

- Airfares/ travel costs to and from the pick-up point in Italy
- Fuel & tolls (if any) for motorcycles
- Lunches / snacks/ dinners away from Cascina Belbo
- Riding gear (for your own comfort & safety please bring your own personal riding gear)
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Anything not specifically included



Terrain & Skill level

You will be riding on asphalt roads. The terrain is mostly hilly and the roads will be narrow in places, mostly single carriageway. There are many curves and tight hairpin bends but mostly traffic free. There will be occasional gravel surfaces when parking or stopping at viewing points.

Minimum Skill level required - Intermediate & capable of handling a “heavy” motorcycle on tight curves/switchbacks.



Price(Euros):

Price(Euros) <u>Per Person</u>		
Including motorcycle & B&B accommodation	€1900	€3399

Requirements

- EU full motorcycle licence or International driving license showing full motorcycle “A” category
- Own riding gear; jacket, helmet boots & gloves etc

Available dates – any week from May through to October

Minimum number of riders required: 2 riders required

Booking conditions & cancellation policy

- A reservation requires a deposit of 30% of the total tour price.
- The deposit is non-refundable if the booking is cancelled.
- The remaining 70% of the total payment is due no less than 60 days before the commencement date of tour.

Your guide for this tour

Mike is a life-long “Harley” enthusiast with a passion for all things on two wheels. A life member and former Director of the Harley Owners Group Dubai Chapter & Head Road Captain. He is a veteran at organising group rides and is passionate about sharing the best “less travelled routes” with guests & friends. A certified “Safe Rider”; Mike regards the safety and comfort of each guest rider and their passengers of paramount importance.



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