



WEEKEND IN THE MONFERRATO



PROGRAM

FRIDAY: Arrival in the afternoon in the B&B in the countryside around Cocconato, accommodation, aperitif, dinner and overnight.

SATURDAY: Morning breakfast prepared with salty and sweet homemade delicious products. Transfer to a well-known restaurant having a Cooking Lesson where it will be possible to discover the hidden secrets of the Piedmont cooking. After two and half hour lesson an aperitif will be offered followed by a lunch under the roofing in the garden or inside the house. In the afternoon time at leisure to visit the old rural churches and the castles of this region. It will be possible to visit Cavagnolo, its abbey and the antique priory of Santa Fede, build in XII century, following an itinerary passing through one of the most charming views of the Piedmont Region with the Romanesque architectural heritage, *pievi*, abbeys, and Baroque buildings. The visit continues with Aramengo, Cerreto d'Asti and its antique Romanesque *pieve* of Sant'Andrea, build in XI century, Piovà Massaia and its church of Saints Pietro and Giorgio, Baroque masterpiece attributed to Benedetto Alfieri, not forgetting on the way Montiglio with its impressive Castle of XIII century, the Romanesque *pieve* of Cortazzone and Castel Alfero. On the way back to Cocconato Piedmont salami and cheese tasting in an excellent local producer. Arrival at B&B, dinner in a restaurant in Cocconato. Overnight.

SUNDAY: Morning breakfast prepared with salty and sweet homemade delicious products. In the morning arrival at Albugnano, following a nice itinerary passing through the vineyards, to visit the charming Romanesque-Gothic Abbey of Vezzolano founded in 1100. At the end of the visit transfer to a well-known wine producer estate in a mansion to taste the different Monferrato wines as Barbera, Freisa, Bonarda, etc. Lunch at leisure and visit of the pleasant old town centre of Castelnuovo Don Bosco. Back to Turin.

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