

SEPT. 27 - OCT. 5, 2025

**TEXAS**  **EXES**<sup>®</sup>  
— FLYING LONGHORNS —

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Lake Como Pre-Tour and  
Mont Blanc Post-Tour

# FLAVORS OF PIEDMONT

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TRUFFLE HUNTING, CHEESEMAKING AND CENTURIES-OWNED  
ORGANIC VINEYARDS AWAIT ON THIS CULINARY JOURNEY



Dear Texas Ex,

Join us on a nine-day immersive journey discovering Italy's enchanting Piedmont region, where prestigious wines meet exquisite gastronomy against a backdrop of unparalleled natural splendor.

Nestled at the foot of the majestic Alps, this diverse landscape beckons with its captivating blend of vineyard-draped hillsides, quaint villages and lush valleys. Delve into a tapestry of culture and history, wandering among ancient castles, time-honored wineries and UNESCO World Heritage Sites, each offering a glimpse into the region's rich heritage and timeless allure.

Your magnificent home base during this exciting week is a private 10-room villa in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site—Vineyard Landscape of Piedmont. The property's traditional architecture, with its stone façade and terracotta roof tiles, blend seamlessly into the surrounding countryside. Inside you're enveloped in a sense of serenity and sophistication, where modern comforts harmonize with rustic charm.

This outstanding itinerary is brought to you by the Texas Exes Flying Longhorns travel program, which supports the association's mission of promoting and protecting The University of Texas at Austin and uniting its alumni around the world. While you do not have to be an alumnus of UT to travel with us, we do ask that all Flying Longhorns travelers have an active membership in the Texas Exes. Memberships start at just \$50.

The association is a huge proponent of continuing education and there is no better classroom than our world. Experience stunning natural beauty and rich culture in the company of your fellow Longhorns! Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? We're standing by to answer all of your questions and/or take your reservation. Capacity is limited on this popular program and it may sell out quickly.

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make a reservation.

Best regards,

Your Flying Longhorns Travel Team:  
Margaret, Janice, and Alysha

# Flavors of Piedmont | Itinerary and Highlights (subject to change)

**Day 1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S.**

**Day 2: ARRIVE IN TURIN, ITALY | MONTEU ROERO**

Upon arrival an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the property. Take time to unpack and settle in before meeting fellow travel companions for a relaxing dinner crafted by the property's private chef featuring Piedmont's premium local ingredients.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (D)

**Day 3: MONTEU ROERO** After breakfast set off on a truffle hunting excursion at a nearby farm.

Meet Luca and his trusty canine companion before venturing into the picturesque woodlands in search of the prized fungi.

During the walk gain insight from Luca into age-old techniques and time-honored traditions of truffle hunting, passed down through generations. Following the hunt return to the farm for a delectable lunch. Continue to a historic winery that's been producing extraordinary varietals for 17 generations. Join the proprietor for a tour and tasting followed by dinner.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,L,D)

**Day 4: CANALE** Enjoy a traditional Italian breakfast before changing into comfortable clothing for this morning's activity—an easy e-bike cycling excursion to Canale. On the way, stop at Monteu Roero's church and attached café for refreshments. Continue to a winery for a rare opportunity to sample the region's unfermented grape varieties followed by a wine tasting. Arriving in charming Canale, wander the bustling market to procure ingredients for this afternoon's cooking class back at the property. Enjoy lunch on your own before returning to the villa by minivan. There will be time to refresh before joining together for an interactive cooking class with your private chef followed by dinner.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,D)

**Day 5: MONTEU ROERO** Roll up your sleeves for hands-on activities at a local goat farm.

Learn traditions and techniques surrounding cheese making, concluding the visit with a tasting at the farm's aging grotto. Later visit a winery for a tasting and lunch hosted at the owner's home. Return to the villa walking the "grand chestnut path"—an impressively scenic walk alongside a chestnut forest.

Alternatively return to the property by motor coach. The remainder of day is at leisure.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,L)

**Day 6: TURIN** Depart for Turin by motor coach for a guided walking tour. Strolling along the elegant avenues and picturesque squares you'll encounter architectural masterpieces including Palazzo Reale, the Palazzo Madama and the iconic Mole Antonelliana, whose towering spire dominates the city skyline. Enjoy lunch on your own with time to explore independently. Tonight features a special treat—a *giropizza* (literally a "tour of pizzas") at the property. Our specially trained *pizzaiolo* (pizza maker) will craft an array of wood-fired pizzas featuring a variety of authentic flavors including black truffle, a typical Piedmontese topping.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,D)

**Day 7: BRA | POLLENZO** Visit the birthplace of the Slow Food movement. Immerse yourself in the ethos of Slow Food while exploring Bra's lively markets and artisanal shops, then gather for lunch. Afterward continue to the University of Gastronomic Sciences, an institution committed to promoting a holistic understanding of food that goes beyond mere sustenance to encompass its social, cultural and environmental significance.

Enjoy a guided visit to the The Wine Bank, whose extensive collection of varietals spans the length and breadth of Italy's wine regions. Return to the villa for a casual dinner followed by an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,L,D)

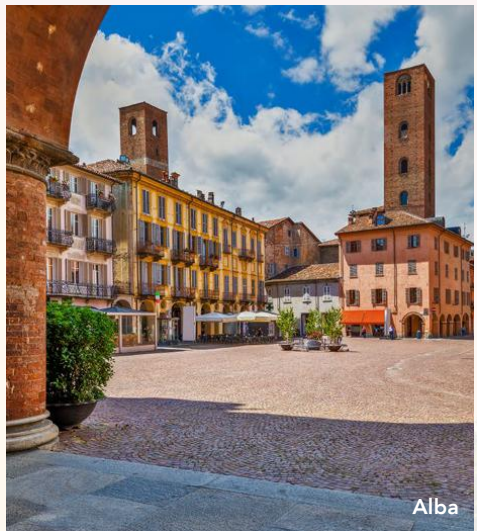
**Day 8: ALBA** Set out for Alba by motor coach.

Renowned for its picturesque avenues and historic landmarks above ground, Alba holds a hidden treasure beneath its surface—the Roman undergrounds. Touring this ancient network of tunnels, chambers and galleries offers a fascinating glimpse into Alba's rich history. Lunch is on your own before returning to the villa for a final afternoon to indulge in the tranquil surroundings. Later prepare for a special farewell dinner at a Michelin-starred restaurant, capping off a memorable week of exploration.

Overnight: Villa delle Nocciole (B,D)

**Day 9: MONTEU ROERO | TURIN | DEPART FOR U.S.** After breakfast take the group transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

(B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner)



## What's Included

- 7 nights accommodations
- 7 breakfasts, 3 lunches and 6 dinners served with wine
- All activities, private tours and tastings, and unique small-group excursions noted in the 9-day itinerary
- Full guiding services of an Orbridge Travel Director and expert local guides
- Private motor coach transportation
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to Orbridge Travel Director, local guides, drivers and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving and departing during the suggested times



**Activity Level:** Activities are generally not very strenuous, however we expect that guests can enjoy two hours or more of walking, are sure-footed on cobbled surfaces, and can walk up and down stairs without assistance. There is no elevator on the property. Historic city centers are usually more accessible by foot than by vehicle, and sometimes it is not possible for your motor coach to drop you off at site entrances. Due to the structure of some buildings, facilities for those with mobility issues may be limited. Also, dexterity to use kitchen tools and participate in lessons is not necessary but adds to the enjoyment of this program.

## Insider, Interpreter, Epicure, Host

Your Orbridge Travel Director will infuse your journey with an epicure's appreciation of food and wine, a local's knowledge and pride of place, and a travel aficionado's ability to gather the beauty of all senses to your discoveries in Italy.



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Villa delle Nocchie Patio

## Accommodations *(subject to change)*

Embrace idyllic tranquility at Villa delle Nocchie, a private country estate that was meticulously renovated in 2023.

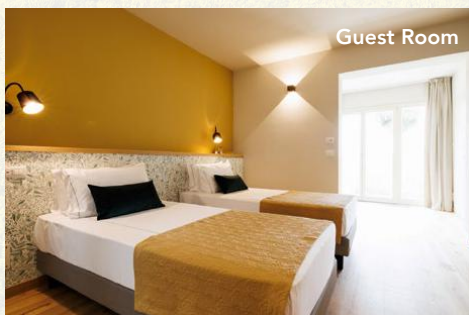
The property features 10 guest rooms (three guest rooms are on the first floor), each with a private en suite bathroom and panoramic views, plus elegantly cozy gathering spaces.

After enriching days of discovery restore your senses in the outdoor infinity pool or peaceful garden.

**Property Amenities:** Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout, large living room, professional kitchen with microwave, outdoor pergola, infinity pool, large pizza oven, laundry room, ice machine, ping pong table and Bocce set.

**Room Amenities:** Individual climate control, USB and USB-C outlets, extra-comfort Simmons mattress, complimentary Wi-Fi, and en suite bathroom with organic shampoo and soap, and hair dryer.

**NOTE:** This property does not have an elevator.



Guest Room



Pool



Guest Balcony



Pizza Oven



Kitchen

# Optional Lake Como Pre-Tour

Lake Como is an alluring destination and ideal starting point for your Italian holiday.

Day +1: EN ROUTE FROM U.S.

Day +2: ARRIVE IN MILAN, ITALY | VARENNA Upon arrival to Milan Malpensa Airport an Orbridge representative will be waiting to assist with your transfer to the hotel. Later join a local guide for a walking tour featuring Varenna's highlights followed by a lovely dinner.  
Overnight: Hotel Royal Victoria (D)

Day +3: VARENNA | VILLA CARLOTTA | VARENNA After breakfast board a public ferry to Villa Carlotta, a jewel of Lake Como featuring meticulously maintained gardens, an extensive art collection, and stunning views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Continue to the villa's botanical gardens followed by a wine tasting and lunch. Return to Varenna by public ferry and enjoy the remainder of the afternoon and evening at leisure.  
Overnight: Hotel Royal Victoria (B,L)

Day +4: VARENNA | LAKE COMO | MAIN PROGRAM BEGINS Following breakfast meet a local guide for a relaxing walking tour of Lake Como. Afterward transfer to Monteu Roero to join guests arriving for the main program. (B)

## What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts, 1 lunch and 1 dinner
- Guided panoramic walking tours of Varenna and Lake Como
- Admission to Villa Carlotta
- Transportation and ferry fees for included tours
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, driver, porters, hotel staff and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests arriving during the suggested times



# Optional Mont Blanc Post-Tour

Journey through Italy's Aosta Valley for an authentic alpine experience.

Day 9: DEPART MONTEU ROERO | AOSTA | COGNE Continue to Aosta—a town that features well-preserved historical sites including the Arch of Augustus, the Porta Praetoria and the Roman Theatre. Enjoy a decadent fondue-based lunch before joining a local guide for a comprehensive walking tour. Continue to your hotel to check in and refresh before gathering for dinner.  
Overnight: Hotel Miramonti (L,D)

Day 10: COGNE | MONT BLANC | COGNE After breakfast set off on a scenic drive to Courmayeur. Board the Skyway Cable Car for the ascent to Pointe Helbronner. After lunch at Kartell Bistrot Panoramic board the cable car for the return descent to Courmayeur. The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure at the hotel. This evening meet for dinner.  
Overnight: Hotel Miramonti (B,L,D)

Day 11: COGNE | MILAN | DEPART FOR U.S. After breakfast take the complimentary transfer to the airport for flights home. (B)

## What's Included

- 2 nights hotel accommodations
- 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners
- Guided panoramic walking tour of Aosta
- Cable car ride including admission
- Transportation for included tours
- Luggage portorage
- Gratuities to local guide, drivers, porters and wait staff for included meals
- Airport transfers for guests departing during the suggested times

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**SEPTEMBER 27 - OCTOBER 5, 2025**

Lake Como Pre-Tour: September 25-28, 2025

Mont Blanc Post-Tour: October 5-7, 2025

To secure your spot, please contact the Flying Longhorns travel office at 800-594-3900 or [travel@texasexes.org](mailto:travel@texasexes.org) with questions or to make your reservation. Or you may fax the reservation form to us at 512-672-6134.

Additional information about Flying Longhorns trips may be found at [travel.texasexes.org](http://travel.texasexes.org)

## GUEST INFORMATION:

Guest #1 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #1 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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Guest #2 Name (Title/Salutation): \_\_\_\_\_

Guest #2 Name (as preferred on badge): \_\_\_\_\_

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## CATEGORY SELECTION & DEPOSIT:

Category Preference: 1st choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd choice \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining pre-tour (\$500/person) +


# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining program (\$850/person) +

# \_\_\_\_\_ guests joining post-tour (\$500/person) = **TOTAL DEPOSIT: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

I/we have read, understand, and agree to the full Terms & Conditions at [terms.orbridge.com](http://terms.orbridge.com); and I/we agree that Orbridge, LLC is authorized to charge my credit card above and/or take my/our deposit for this program.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, that is, on or before June 29, 2025.

 Orbridge takes seriously the responsibility to minimize our global environmental impact. Each year we plant 100,000 trees in U.S. State Forests with afforestation needs as an ongoing initiative among our evolving sustainability efforts. Learn more at [orbridge.com/going-green](http://orbridge.com/going-green).

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Deluxe	<del>\$6,399</del>	\$5,895
Junior Suite	<del>\$7,199</del>	\$6,695
Single (Deluxe)	<del>\$8,999</del>	\$8,495

**Lake Como Pre-Tour\***

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	<del>\$2,899</del>	\$2,695
Single	<del>\$3,899</del>	\$3,695

**Mont Blanc Post-Tour\***

Category	Standard Rate	Special Rate*
Double	<del>\$2,699</del>	\$2,495
Single	<del>\$3,199</del>	\$2,995

Rates are per person based on double occupancy except where noted as Single, in U.S. dollars.

\*Special group rate; limited offer. Airfare not included. Single availability limited. \*\*A complement to the educational component of this journey, Expedition Libraries are curated collections of useful resources and background reading tailored to this program. Place your deposit on or before the specified date, and one Expedition Library per household will be sent after receipt of final payment. Libraries may be purchased; please call for details.



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