

ITALIAN JOURNEYS

Oltrepò Pavese

Italy’s Hidden Timeless Hills · 3 or 5 Nights · Private Stay

Milan · Golferenzo, the Village of Cats · The Versa Valley · Oltrepò Pavese

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THE JOURNEY

Just beyond Milan lies one of northern Italy's most captivating and undiscovered landscapes: rolling vineyards, winding country roads, and medieval villages that seem untouched by time. The Oltrepò Pavese is a land of craft, flavors and tradition — saffron fields, handcrafted chocolates, artisanal cheeses, traditional cured meats — where life flows at the rhythm of the seasons and the harvest. Your base is Golferenzo, a beautifully preserved hilltop village listed among Italy's Most Beautiful Villages and affectionately known as the Village of Cats, where cats inhabit the stone steps and sunny corners and the stillness is part of the charm. This is not a tour of the village; it is a chance to live in it. Stay three nights or five — fewer would not do it justice — and shape each day from the experiences below.



THE EXPERIENCE

Day 1 — Arrive and slow down. The first day is intentionally dedicated to arrival and relaxation: settle into the village after your journey, unwind, and begin to absorb the slower rhythm of life in the hills.

The days that follow — shaped by you. Cultural visits to historic villages and castles, tastings of local wines, cheeses, saffron and artisan chocolates, encounters with small producers, scenic drives through the countryside —

each day balances discovery, authenticity, and the simple pleasure of the landscape. Alternative accommodations can be arranged on request, including elegant countryside estates such as Castello di San Gaudenzio.

Winery Visit & Private Tasting. Wine is the cultural heartbeat of the Oltrepò. Walk the vineyards and cellars of a historic family-run estate, where generations of winemakers have preserved the traditions of the land, then taste the region's celebrated wines — Pinot Nero and traditional-method sparkling — paired with local specialties.

The Matteo Ferrari Mill Experience. Step inside a historic mill where traditional stone-grinding techniques have been preserved for generations, and taste products crafted from locally milled flours — a glimpse into the region's deep-rooted agricultural heritage.

Artisan Producers & Local Tastings. Meet the passionate small producers behind the region's flavors — handcrafted chocolates, artisanal cheeses, and delicate saffron grown on sunlit hillsides — each stop revealing the craftsmanship behind these specialties.

Motors & Driving Experiences. For lovers of Italian engineering, track experiences at the Tazio Nuvolari Circuit or the Castelletto di Branduzzo Motodrome — high-performance GT cars, motorcycles and Legend Cars in a controlled racing environment.

Local Artisan Encounters. Visit small family-run ateliers where traditional crafts thrive — woodwork and handmade products rooted in rural life, passed down through generations.

Included throughout: your stay in the historic village of Golferenzo (or a countryside estate on request), and the experiences you choose, each hosted by the winemakers, producers and artisans themselves. Every stay is built to order — tell us your pace and your passions, and we will shape the hills around them.



Every journey begins with a conversation. Tell us where Italy has been calling you, and we will design the rest — privately, personally, and entirely around you.

Booking your journey: a deposit of 20% confirms your dates, with the balance due two months before arrival. Payment by bank wire or Zelle carries no surcharge; credit card payments add 5%.

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