



Highlights of the Biellese & Lake Orta

7 - 18 September 2026

In giro Tours invites you to join us next September in Piedmont's Biellese region - one of Italy's most beautiful secrets - for a unique and intimate tour of our beloved homeland.

Together, we'll explore the captivating heart of this beautiful region in the north-west of Italy, immerse ourselves in its slow-living spirit, and discover an unspoilt cultural and culinary gem, boasting some of the most stunning and varied landscapes in Italy. Avoid the crowds and saturated tourist sites, with exclusive access to artisans, heritage estates, sanctuaries and hidden landscapes not available to mainstream travellers. Experience slow luxury and cultural immersion in a still authentic Italy, with boutique accommodation, handcrafted experiences, slow food, exceptional wine, Alpine serenity, and local connections.

Tour Dates

Monday 7 September - Friday 18 September 2026

Experience the beginning of autumn, with its bounty of local produce and wine and the countryside resplendent in red and gold.

Cost

AUD \$11,950 per person (twin share)

Single Supplement: \$2,500

Suite upgrades available (subject to availability/extra charges apply)

Deposit: \$2,000 to secure your booking

Price includes all accommodation, private minivan & boat transfers, local guides, entry fees and most meals. Flights not included.

This tour will be limited to 12 participants, so book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information contact Ingrid at info@ingiro.com.au or 0418 418 288

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Tour Highlights

- Discover picturesque valleys, mountain hamlets, and quaint hilltop villages in the pre-alpine Biellese territory
- Stay in old-world charm and luxury at a 17th-century, family-run country estate nestled in the Biellese hills
- Explore historic Biella, famed for its centuries-old textile traditions and scenic setting between the Alps and the Po Valley
- Stay in a perfectly preserved rural village in the heart of Alto Piemonte, overlooking the estate's vineyards and surrounded by forest
- Indulge in a private boat cruise around the spiritual Isle of San Giulio and unwind at an intimate, lakeside villa on Lake Orta — one of Italy's most romantic and secluded lakes
- Visit famed artists and artisans in their unique studio and laboratory settings - renowned local sculptor Cecilia Martin Birsa, hewing animal forms out of local stone; historic Italian hat manufacturer, Cappellificio Cervo, famous for crafting high-quality felt, straw, and fabric hats using traditional artisanal methods; and Michelangelo Pistoletto's Cittadellarte, an art and creativity laboratory founded in a disused textile mill by the river Cervo
- Visit the revered Santuario di Oropa, the most important and largest sanctuary dedicated to the Madonna to be found in the Alps
- Savour Piemonte's legendary wines and slow food traditions at family-run wineries, trattorie, agriturismo, and refined local restaurants
- Enjoy the Italian aperitivo ritual in historic and panoramic settings

Your Host



Ingrid Gaiotto is a hospitality & tourism entrepreneur, interior designer and educator, originally from Biella in Piedmont, Italy. Together with her family she now lives in Castlemaine in Central Victoria. Ingrid's passion for Italy inspired In giro Tours, which offers unique and unforgettable travel experiences through the cultural symphony that is Italy, in the company of a local and away from the tourist trail. In giro has expanded to now also curate bespoke local experiences, tours and retreats. As host and guide, Ingrid is enthusiastically welcoming.

"Ingrid, we had a wonderful trip with you and can't thank you enough for the care and attention that you gave us all. Definitely the best organised trip that we have been on ... A truly memorable experience."

Chris Spriggs, In giro Tour of Piemonte participant



Tour Inclusions

- Private transfers to and from Milan central train station on the first and final day of the tour. All land transfers within Piedmont are by air-conditioned minibus with private driver
- Small, personalised and private group (max 12 participants)
- 12 days/11 nights accommodation in beautiful locations in Piedmont, including 4 nights at La Bursch Country House, near Biella (labursch.com); 4 nights at Agriturismo Borgo Ca' del Becca (borgocadelbecca.it) & La Mascaria (lamascaria.com); and 3 nights at Laqua by the Lake, on the shores of Lake Orta (laquabythelake.it)
- Escorted by Ingrid Gaiotto, originally from Biella in Piemonte, a welcoming tour guide and host eager to share her intimate knowledge of the area. Ingrid is fluent in both English and Italian
- Meals include breakfast daily, 10 lunches and 11 dinners (including tips)
- Drinks: all lunches and dinners provided in the itinerary include wine and water as well as coffee/tea and occasionally liqueurs
- Aperitivi (as specified in the itinerary)
- Meet local winemakers and producers, with a private cellar visit and tastings of local wines and produce
- Admission to all historical sites, galleries and museums undertaken as a group
- Local guides, as specified in the itinerary
- Pre-tour liaison and support
- Free time between planned activities to savour la dolce vita ...



Terms & Conditions

Tour Fee Does Not Include:

- Pre-tour accommodation. It is highly recommended that you arrive in Europe two or more days prior to commencement of the tour, to allow you to overcome any symptoms resulting from jet lag. This will maximise your enjoyment of the first few days on the tour
- Airfares
- Visas (if applicable – not required for tourism visits to Italy under 90 days)
- Travel insurance
- Items of a personal nature, including phone calls, passport and visas (if applicable), laundry or tips (except for accommodation, drivers and meals, as per itinerary)
- Personal spending money
- Personal transport, excess baggage, security and government taxes
- Meals and beverages not specifically mentioned in the itinerary
- Optional excursions or activities that may be offered but not included in the tour price
- Morning and afternoon tea or drinks in between meals, not specifically mentioned in itinerary

“Ingrid’s tour is a masterpiece; a personal and profound introduction to the glorious hotels, charming restaurants, family vineyards, picturesque medieval hill towns and country houses...”

Maggie Fooke, hotel owner, Fitzroy, VIC



Tour Payments

- A Deposit of \$2,000 is required to reserve your place on the tour. Deposit is non-refundable (however, may be transferable) and is due at the time of booking
- The balance must be paid by Friday 12 June 2026. Late payments may incur additional costs

Cancellation Policy

All cancellations must be made in writing to In giro Tours and will be subject to the following cancellation conditions:

- The initial deposit is non-refundable, however may be transferable at the discretion of In giro Tours
- If you withdraw from the Tour after paying the balance, the entire Tour cost will be forfeited by you (although this may be recoverable through your travel insurance).

Further Information

Comprehensive information will be provided well before departure with regards to itinerary details and what to bring.

“This was a trip we could never have replicated on our own, and is not offered by anyone else that we know of ... We both absolutely loved the tour and will remember it always. It will be the terribly high bench mark that all other future holidays will probably fail to meet. We were confident that we wouldn’t regret a single dollar. It was well worth it.”

Carolyn Davis & David Kerven, In giro Tour of Sicily 2023 participants

Booking Form - Highlights of the Biellese & Lake Orta 2026

To confirm your place on this tour please complete all three pages of this agreement, comprising Booking Form, Fit to Travel Form and Booking Conditions and pay the deposit by EFT (with your surname as the reference).

Please ensure you first download and save this document and then complete, sign and email to info@ingiro.com.au

EFT Bank Details for

Payment of Deposit:

Account Name: IN GIRO TOURS

BSB: 633 000

Account: 160 624 698

Ref: Your Surname

Valid Passport:

Please note that a passport valid for six months beyond the length of your stay, and issued within the last 10 years, is required by all Australian passport holders visiting Italy. A visa is not required for tourism visits to Italy under 90 days.

Travel Insurance:

Comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory for each traveller. You should ensure that you are covered for pre-tour cancellation, personal accident and sickness, medical expenses, emergency evacuation/repatriation/quarantine and loss of luggage and personal effects. Please note that most travel insurance companies exclude some COVID-19 related circumstances.

A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT IDENTITY PAGE AND INSURANCE POLICY CERTIFICATE MUST BE PROVIDED TO IN GIRO TOURS NO LATER THAN 12 JUNE 2026.

Personal Details:

Name(s):

Date of Birth:

Address:

Email:

Telephone:

Mobile:

Emergency Contact Details:

Name:

Relationship to you:

Address:

Telephone (BH):

Telephone (AH):

Mobile:

Special Dietary Requirements:

Preferred Accommodation (please tick): ☐ Double ☐ Twin Share ☐ Single Occupancy

Fit To Travel Form

Tour participation requires a reasonable degree of fitness. The ability to confidently climb slopes, steps and navigate uneven and hilly terrain, unaided, is essential. Participants should be capable of 1 - 2 hours of moderate walking at a time.

It is a condition of In giro Tours that any traveler booked to travel with us has a certain level of fitness. Please consider any fitness issues you may have before making a tour booking and placing a deposit. It is important that you understand that the tour will require people to walk and climb and includes several boat trips.

It is the expectation that upon booking with In giro Tours any issues with your fitness will not impede the enjoyment of the tour for any of the remaining participants. In giro Tours will not be held liable for any activities or sightseeing missed due to the inability of any participant to keep up with the tour group.

I agree to abide by the terms above.

Signed

This mark denotes your signature

Date

FITNESS DECLARATION

Can you comfortably walk moderate distances without assistance?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you suffer from any disabilities/physical constraints?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify:

Do you have any pre-existing illnesses/medical conditions?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, please advise us of any medical conditions you feel may impede you fully participating in the proposed tour (In giro Tours will not be held responsible for any nondisclosure of pre-existing illnesses/medical conditions)

Comprehensive travel insurance is mandatory for participation in this tour. In giro Tours must be provided with a copy of your insurance policy with the final payment.

Booking Conditions

This agreement includes these Booking Conditions, the Terms and Conditions, the Booking Form and the Fit to Travel Form. If you have not received all of these documents, please arrange to complete them before signing this acknowledgement.

This agreement becomes binding when we confirm your booking in writing and you have paid the deposit.

Conditions of Travel: It is recommended that all travellers adopt a sense of adventure, an easygoing outlook and the ability to 'expect the unexpected.' It is the expectation that all travellers will respect their fellow passengers and understand the key to an enjoyable tour is you!

Your tour leader Ingrid Gaiotto will have final say on all matters which affect the safety and wellbeing of you and your fellow travellers. This includes decisions about your ongoing participation in the tour if you fail to comply with her directions.

If you fail to follow directions or interfere with the enjoyment of your fellow travellers, this agreement may be terminated immediately and you may be required to leave the tour immediately, with no right of refund.

Ability to Travel: We rely on the information that you provide in the Fit to Travel Form. You agree that we cannot have any knowledge of any other medical issues that you may have and that we may request you to provide a medical certificate prior to accepting your booking if your Fit to Travel Form discloses any matters of concern.

In giro Tours reserves the right to decline any prospective traveller if they are concerned about the traveller's ability to participate in the tour or who may require services and/or facilities that In giro Tours cannot guarantee will be available.

You agree not to hold In giro Tours responsible for any decision made by a third party service provider who may refuse to carry you or provide any service to you.

Additionally, you agree that In giro Tours is not held liable for any damage, injury or loss of any kind arising from any pre-existing medical condition or from your failure to disclose any relevant medical information.

Deposits and Final Payments: The following payments must be made to secure your booking:

- \$2,000 initial deposit is payable at the time of booking to reserve your place on the tour.

- The final payment, being the balance of the price of the tour, is due by 12 June 2026.

Where a payment is not received by the due date, In giro Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking.

Accepted Forms of Payment: We only accept direct deposits. These payments must clear by the due date.

Single Supplement: The prices quoted are for twin share. **Single travellers will incur a single supplement fee of \$2,500.** Room upgrades may be available upon request, with higher costs applicable.

Changes to Prices and Itinerary: Whilst every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information we provide to you about our tours, In giro Tours is not responsible for any changes to the itinerary as we are reliant on third party service providers. You acknowledge that the tour costs are subject to international exchange rate fluctuations and these may necessitate increases to the cost of the tour. If we are required to vary your booking for reasons beyond our control, we will notify you as soon as practicable. We will make every effort to minimise inconvenience to you.

Cancellation: All cancellations must be made in writing to In giro Tours at info@ingiro.com.au and will be subject to the following cancellation penalties from the date the written cancellation is received:

The initial deposit is non-refundable, however may be transferable at the discretion of In giro Tours.

If you withdraw from the Tour after paying the balance, the entire Tour cost will be forfeited by you (although this may be recoverable through your travel insurance).

Minimum Numbers: The minimum number for this tour to proceed is **8 people**. If this number is not reached, the tour will not proceed and the entire tour costs paid by you will be refunded to you.

In giro Tours does not take responsibility for any additional costs incurred from travel arrangements made by you.

Last Minute Bookings: Bookings made after the date for final payment are subject to availability and will require full payment immediately on receiving confirmation of your booking in writing.

Travel Insurance: It is a condition of travel that you hold comprehensive travel insurance for the full duration of the tour that adequately protects you for accidents, illness, injury, medical expenses, emergency repatriation, personal liability, death, loss of baggage and personal items, cancellation and curtailment.

You will be requested to provide evidence of travel insurance prior to departure.

Booking Conditions (continued)

Visas and Immigration: While In giro Tours may provide you with general information, you are solely responsible for ensuring that you comply with all visa, passport, immigration, quarantine, customs, health and other requirements of both Italy and Australia. In giro Tours is not responsible for any liability, expense or loss of any kind arising from your failure to comply with these requirements.

Passports: When booking the tour, you must provide your full name as it is recorded on your passport. In giro Tours is not responsible for any liability, expense or loss of any kind as a result of your name being recorded incorrectly. **In Italy, non-EU citizens are legally required to carry their passports at all times.**

Consular Advice: Official travel advice is issued by the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. We recommend that you review the information contained on their website www.dfat.gov.au both prior to making a booking and prior to your departure.

General Conditions: In giro Tours will use its best endeavours to supply the tour in accordance with the itinerary except where such service cannot be supplied or the itinerary is changed due to delays or other causes, which are beyond the control of In giro Tours.

You acknowledge that In giro Tours engages third party service providers on your behalf as your agent and is not liable for any failure to provide a service or damage, injury, loss, accident, delay, change or irregularity of any kind suffered by you, which is a result of an act of omission of a third party service provider.

You acknowledge that events of force majeure may require the tour to be changed or cancelled to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the travellers. In giro Tours will not be liable for any delay, change or cancellation of the tour due to force majeure. Force majeure may include acts of God, acts of government, strikes, lockouts or other industrial disturbances, blockades, wars, insurrections or riots, epidemics, landslides, fires, storms, floods, explosions or other events beyond the control of In giro Tours.

In giro Tours may be required to make substitutions for services described in the itinerary and will use its best endeavours to provide a comparable service.

You acknowledge that there may be instances where Ingrid Gaiotto is unable to act as tour leader and, in that event, every effort will be made to replace her with a tour leader of similar experience.

In giro Tours does not guarantee exact arrival and departure times and is not liable for any failure to make connections with any other service.

You may incur additional costs as a result of a delay, change or failure to meet the itinerary.

You acknowledge that there are inherent risks in overseas travel and In giro Tours is not liable for any loss including loss of enjoyment, delays or compensation as a result of circumstances which are beyond its control or **to make any refund to you in these circumstances.**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, In giro Tours excludes liability for any and all claim, loss, damage, accident, delay, change or irregularity whether direct, indirect or consequential.

Governing Law: This agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the law of Victoria, Australia. Each party submits to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Victoria for determination of any claim or matter arising under this agreement.

Signed by the traveller

Signed:

This mark denotes your signature.

Date: