



PASSION PLAY IN SORDEVOLO 2021





PERFORMANCE DATES 2021

JUNE 2021

Saturday	12.06.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	13.06.	4.00 p.m.
Saturday	19.06.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	20.06.	4.00 p.m.
Friday	25.06.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	26.06.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	27.06.	4.00 p.m.

JULY 2021

Friday	02.07.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	03.07.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	09.07.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	10.07.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	16.07.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	17.07.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	23.07.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	24.07.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	30.07.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	31.07.	9.00 p.m.

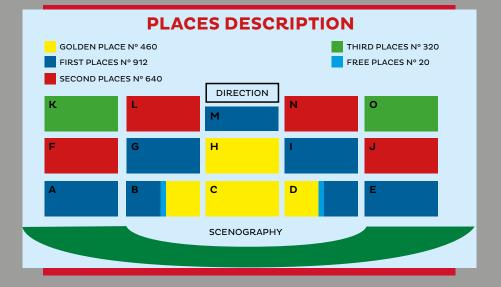
AUGUST 2021

Sunday	01.08.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	13.08.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	14.08.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	20.08.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	21.08.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	27.08.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	28.08.	9.00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Friday	03.09.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	04.09.	9.00 p.m.
Friday	10.09.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	11.09.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	12.09.	4.00 p.m.
Friday	17.09.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	18.09.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	19.09.	4.00 p.m.
Friday	24.09.	9.00 p.m.
Saturday	25.09.	9.00 p.m.
Sunday	26.09.	4.00 p.m.









PIEDMONT AND THE PASSION PLAY





8 DAYS 7 NIGHTS

Nestled in the north-western part of Italy, Piedmont (Piemonte in Italian) is I surrounded by the Alps – actually, the word means "at the foot of the mountains". It is a unique region in Italy because of the coexistence of gentle slopes, small glacial lakes, industrial cities, intensely cropped plains, and endless vineyards. Thanks to its geographic position, Piedmont has always been a sort of link between north-western Europe and the rest of Italy.

Arrival at your Hotel in the Biella area, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2 Monferrato and Asti

Practically untouched by mass tourism, Monferrato is a unique region whose countryside is accented with soft, rolling hills, rich-soiled plains, divided by rivers and forests, set before the majestic backdrop of the Alps - the first Vineyard landscape to enter the Unesco heritage list with Langhe and Roero.

On our way to Asti we will visit this area and of course have a taste of its wines. Asti is a gem of Piedmont. Lesser known than other Italian cities, Asti has a century-long history and features a city-centre rich in medieval towers and noble palaces once owned by powerful banker families recognized for their power all over Europe.

This journey back in time begins with the Romans, who founded the ancient Hasta, later an independent medieval town. A walking tour will show you the beautiful well preserved city center of this town. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Today we will head to Turin, a majestic city that leaves nothing wanting: the Cathedral, obelisks, grand squares and boulevards, the Castle, and the Piazza San Carlo are all waiting for you! We will have free time to climb the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana or visit the renowned Egyptian Museum. Turin has been famous for its confectionery, patisserie and chocolate shops since the 18th century. These old establishments haven't changed and you can still enjoy their charme. You will then try the "Merenda Reale", a real must do of Turin. The tradition dates back to the 18th century at Savoy court, the Merenda Reale is an unmissable event for chocolate lovers: a steaming hot chocolate or a Bicerin, presented with the irresistible "bagnati" and other chocolate specialties, will make this moment unforgettable. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 Alba & Barolo

After breakfast, our day will begin by travelling to Alba, heart of the Langhe, at the center of a landscape of

rolling hills and lush vineyards. We will have free time to explore this small village known as "the city of 100 Towers." We will then move to La Morra and Barolo and visit a traditional wine cellar where our taste buds will rejoice tasting some classic wines and local products. Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 5 Lake Maggiore

Today's visit is on Lake Maggiore. Upon arrival at Stresa we board our boat for Isola Bella to visit the Borromean Palace with it's beautiful hanging gardens. At the end of the visit we proceed to Isola dei Pescatori, with it's characteristic streets and restaurants where fish specialities from the lake can be sampled. We then proceed to Isola Madre, famous for its botanical garden. On the way back scenic drive along Lake Orta to Ghemme. Here you can visit a Winery inside che Castle of Ghemme and have a wine tasting paired with local slow food products such as Gorgonzola Cheese or local salami. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 Day at leisure

DAY 7 Biella, Lake Viverone and Passion Play

After breakfast we will explore the departure for Biella: you can visit the cathedral and the 11th century Baptistery before taking the Funicular up to the medieval old town situated on top of Piazzo hill. Here you can walk through porticoes which are characteristic of this part of town and visit some of the old palaces and noble villas from whose gardens you will see panoramic views of lower Biella and its spectacular mountain range. In the afternoon we head to Lake Viverone - a small blue jewel in amidst the green woodland and fields of Piemonte. Transfer to Sordevolo for a dinner in a local restaurant before the passion play performance. Return to the hotel after the performance. Overnight accommodation.

DAY 8 departure

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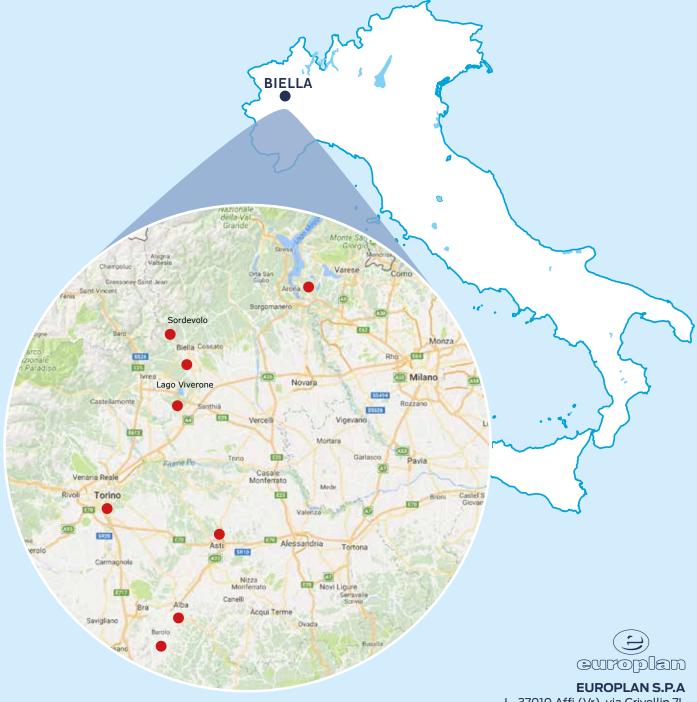








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VALLE D'AOSTA AND THE PASSION PLAY





8 DAYS

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Valle d'Aosta is the smallest italian region, surrounded by the highest peaks of the Alps such as Mont Blanc and Cervino. It features the small roman town of Aosta and some very interesting medieval castles.

With this tour we combine it with Lake Maggiore, one of the most beautiful italian lakes for an unforgettable holiday.

DAY 1

Arrival at your Hotel in the Aosta region, welcome drink, dinner and overnight at your hotel.

DAY 2 - Aosta and Fenis

Practically untouched by mass tourism, and among Alpine peaks that rise like marble cathedrals lies the regional capital Aosta, a once-important Roman settlement that retains a charming historic centre. Wherever you look, traces of the past hint at the ancient splendour of Augusta Praetoria, the city founded by the Romans, of which today we can still admire the magnificent Arch dedicated to the Emperor Augustus, the monumental Porta Pretoria gate, the Theatre and the cryptoportico. We will the see the monumental complex of Sant'Orso with its cloister and the gothic Cathedral. In the afternoon we will move to Fenis to see one of the many one of the most famous castles of Valle d'Aosta and for its architecture and its many towers and battlemented walls has become one of the major tourist attractions of the region Return to the Hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 3 - Courmayeur

After breakfast optional excursion to Courmayeur, the oldest alpine spa town located right at the foot of the Europe's highest peak, Mont Blanc.

We will take the first section of the Mont Blanc cable car to reach the alpine botanical garden at the altitude of more than 2000 metres. The garden takes its name from a very rare plant which grows in the rocky pastures: the Saussurea alpina. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 4 - Turin + Biella

Today we will head to the Venaria Reale, famous as the Palace of the Royal House of Savoy and surrounded by magnificent gardens. We will then go to the Stupinigi Hunting Residence, an elegant architectural masterpiece. Later, we head back to Turin, a majestic city that leaves nothing wanting: the Cathedral, obelisks, grand squares and boulevards, the Castle, and the Piazza San Carlo are all waiting for you! We will have free time to climb the awe-inspiring Mole Antonelliana or visit the renowned Egyptian Museum. We will also have a proper break at one of the city's historic cafés to enjoy Bicerin, a local hot drink in Turin. Transfer to the Biella region check in at your hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

DAY 5 - Lake Maggiore

In the morning departure to Stresa, the pearl of Lake Maggiore. Its panoramic and architectural beauty and mild climate make

it a popular tourist destination. We will venture off by boat to the stupendous Borromean Islands, which form the backdrop to the marvelous landscape of the lake. Isola Pescatori is a charming island with quaint houses lining the cobbled lanes and fishing boats bobbing around gently in the harbour. The island features many restaurants where you can try the local fish specialities. Isola Bella is the most famous of the Borromean Islands: once a small village, the Island was transformed from the Borromeo family and is now famous for the baroque Palazzo and its gardens. Isola Madre, the biggest of the Borromean Islands completes the tour with its botanical gardens. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 6 - Alba & Barolo

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DAY 7 - Biella, Lake Viverone and Passion Play

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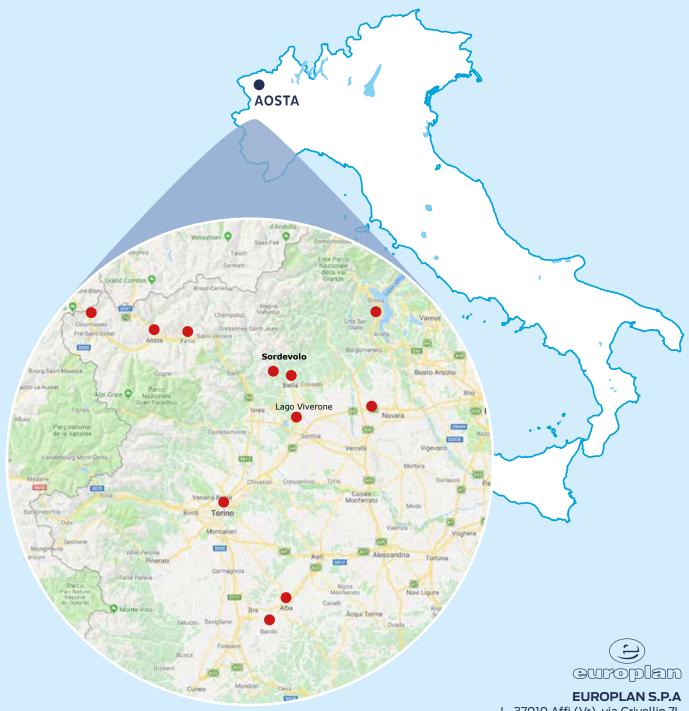








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ACQUITERME AND THE PASSION PLAY







8 DAYS

2 NIGHTS

5 NIGHTS
IN
ACQUITERME

Since about 1490, the play was performed on Good Friday in the Colosseum, with a large attendance of people, pilgrims, travellers and notables. This tradition was interrupted in 1539 by Pope Paul III 's prohibition of such representations, due to the dramatic Reformation period and the subsequent Luther's, Calvino's and other religious movements detachment from the Roman Catholic Church. The "Roman" passion text reached Sordevolo through still mysterious ways. Since 1816 the entire community of Sordevolo has been representing the Passion of Christ. The Passion of Sordevolo is certainly the greatest choral play never performed in Italy by amateur actors: the performance takes place in a 4,000 square metres open space, a reconstructed corner of Jerusalem, dating back to 33 A.D.: Herod's Palace, Synedrium, Pontius Pilate's Praetorium, the Garden of Gethsemane, the cenacle, the Calvary. The 3-hours performance consists of a prologue and 29 scenes, with an overall participation of about 400 actors and walk-on characters. With this tour we combine the Passion Play with the beautiful Piedmont region. Nestled in the north-western part of Italy, Piedmont (Piemonte in Italian) is surrounded by the Alps – actually, the word means "at the foot of the mountains". It is a unique region in Italy because of the coexistence of gentle slopes, small glacial lakes, industrial cities, intensely cropped plains, and endless vineyards.

DAY 1

Arrival at your hotel in the Biella area. Dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 2 - Biella, Lake Viverone and Sordevolo

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DAY 3 - Asti and Monferrato

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DAY 6 - Acqui Terme

Day at leisure to enjoy the beautiful center of Acqui Terme on your own. A Typical piedmontese dinner awaits you the hotel.

DAY 7 - Cuneo and Castelmagno

The "wedge" ("cuneo" in italian) of rock on which stands the historic center is the terminal part of a plateau eroded in the millennia by the river Stura di Demonte and the Gesso stream that delimit it. A guided tour will take you to Galimberti square, to the Cathedral, built on the site of an ancient small church dedicated to Santa Maria. Free time to indulge in one of the many cafés under the arcades. In the afternoon proceed to the Val Grana, where the Castelmagno Cheese is produced. Castelmagno cheese has ancient origins. It is said it was first produced in the eleventh century, although the first documents referring to it date back to the thirteenth century. Since then, the local cheese factories have been producing it following the ancient traditions. This cheese Castelmagno is obtained by two different milkings and by processing of whole cow's milk. Sometimes, an amount of sheep's or goat's milk can be added, albeit not more than 20%. It is usually produced throughout Summer and left in fresh-air rooms or natural grottos for 60 days at least, in order to age properly. The flavor and the aroma are strong and intense and it is widely considered as one of the best italian mountain pasture cheeses. A tasting of this cheese is a must before heading back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

DAY 8 - Departure

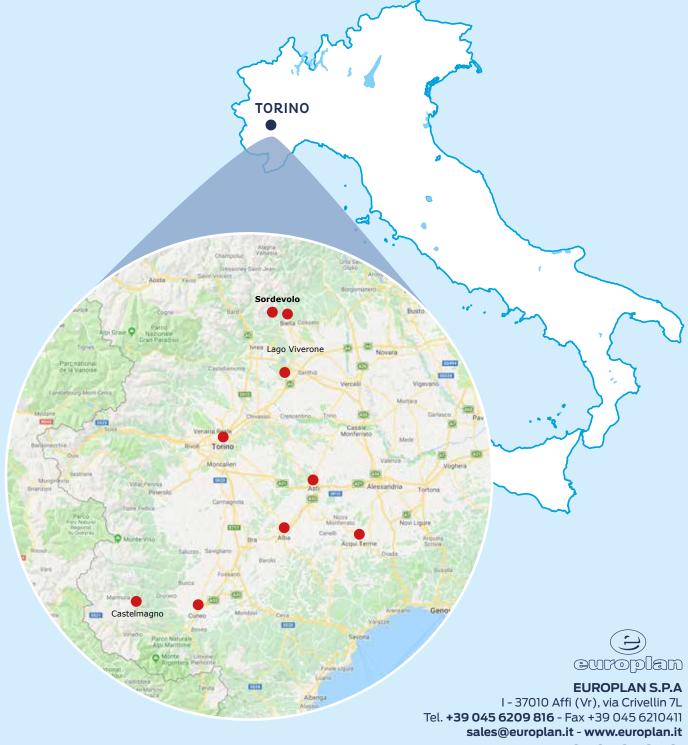
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LAKE MAGGIORE AND THE PASSION PLAY







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We then proceed to Isola Madre, famous for its botanical garden. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 5 - Lake Maggiore

Day at leisure to enjoy Lake Maggiore on your own.

Morning departure for the fashion capital of Milan.

With a local guide one can visit the cathedral - one of the finest examples of gothic architectur in the world, the Vittoria Emanuele arcade, the La Scala opera house and the Sforzesco castle .There will be some free time to try a typical Milanese aperitif in one of the many bars in the centre, before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 7 - Departure

After breakfast, it is time to say "arrivederci".

DAY 1

Arrival at your hotel in the Biella area. Dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 2 - Biella, Lake Viverone and Sordevolo (approx 50 kms)

After breakfast we will explore the departure for Biella: you can visit the cathedral and the 11th century Baptistery before taking the Funicular up to the medieval old town situated on top of Piazzo hill. Here you can walk through porticoes which are characteristic of this part of town and visit some of the old palaces and noble villas from whose gardens you will see panoramic views of lower Biella and its spectacular mountain range. In the afternoon we head to Lake Viverone - a small blue jewel in amidst the green woodland and fields of Piemonte.

Return to hotel for dinner before the passion play performance then transfer to Sordevolo.

Return to the hotel after the performance. Overnight accommodation.

DAY 3 - Lake Orta – Lake Maggiore (approx 90 kms)

Departure today for Lake Orta with it's quaint corners and wonderful scenery. From the characteristic centre in Orta, departure by boat to Isola San Giulia to visit the 10th century abbey. Free time in Orta before moving to your Hotel on lake Maggiore for dinner and overnight accommodation.

DAY 4 - Lake Maggiore (approx 20 kms)

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THE PASSION PLAY

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