TOUR 7

## THE PATH OF THE SACRED HILL

We start the day with the classic breakfast monferrina based on "grissia and salami", waiting for you at the <u>Salumificio Miglietta</u> in Madonnina of Crea, award-winning for the famous "Muletta De.Co Di Serralunga Di Crea" (guided tours of production by reservation and final tasting). For those who prefer dessert, we offer the <u>Pasticceria Ceruti</u> in Madonnina Di Crea with the specialties of sweet truffles, Dus ad Furnè, and rustic cake Monferrina (visits by reservation).

At some times of the year (see the calendar of the blog) you can visit the prestigious gardens of the historic houses Villa II Cedro and Dimora Al Sagittario in Ponzano and Villa Larbel in Salabue. We continue the itinerary to the Sacro Monte di Crea, which has been for centuries a place of pilgrimages and testimonies of faith. This is connected to the itinerary of the sacred mountains of Piedmont UNESCO heritage, which is located on one of the highest hills of Monferrato. Whether you arrive on foot, bicycle, horseback, motorcycle, or car, the devotional path that brings you to the Sanctuary is a must-see. From there, continue along the path in a forest of oaks and ash-trees. Admire the twenty-three chapels and five hermitages you will encounter along the way, which narrate the Mysteries of the Rosary with terracotta statues and frescoes representing sacred scenes, until you get to the chapel of Paradise, the ultimate destination, situated at the top of the hill. For the organization of guided tours, please contact the accredited guides at the Sacro Monte di Crea:

<u>Riserva Speciale del Sacro Monte di Crea</u> e-mail: <u>info.crea@sacri-monti.com</u> Tel. 0141 927120

At the end of the visit, in the square of the Sanctuary, we can stop at the <u>Ristorante di Crea</u> for a delicious lunch, or continue the tour with wine tasting tours (on reservation) at <u>Tenuta la</u> <u>Tenaglia</u>, famous for its values of continuous improvement and creativity, at <u>l'Azienda</u> <u>Agricola Nazzari Franco</u> with it's breathtaking views of the hills, or at <u>l'Azienda Agricola</u> <u>Alemat</u> which also offers the possibility to organize events in the cellar such as celebrations and birthdays.

To end the day, you can enjoy a great dinner at the restaurant <u>La Cantina del Paradiso Infernot</u> in Serralunga Di Crea (open from Thursday to Sunday by reservation).

After tasting the wines of our Monferrato, an interesting possibility would be to compare them with a selection of French champagne at the champagnerie <u>Maison Petit Perlage</u> in Serralunga, which also has beautiful rooms immersed in the lush vegetation of the country to get a good night's rest.

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