

Top Luxury Relais in the Langhe, Roero, and Monferrato

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Castello di Guarene. Photo from www.castellodiguarene.com

A vacation to the heart of Piemonte's wine country deserves the best accommodation these vineyard-covered hills can offer. Scroll through our selection of six of the most luxurious relais in the Langhe, Roero, and Monferrato for an unforgettable experience in these UNESCO World Heritage hills.

Piemonte's past is steeped in nobility. The royal Savoy family, who ruled for centuries, is present everywhere in the architecture and history; and countless noble families and historical figures have passed through. Vacation is a time to relax, indulge, and be surrounded by every comfort and convenience modernity can offer, while having the experience of a lifetime and discovering new places, cuisines, and wines. Follow in the footsteps of Piemonte's richly cultured past and **take a royal vacation** at some of the top hotels and relais in the Langhe, Roero, and Monferrato.

Villa Althea - Mango (CN)

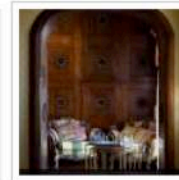
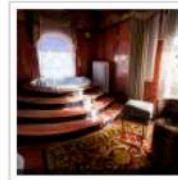
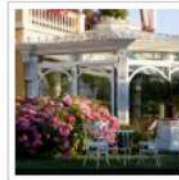
Villa Althea is a **noble country estate** dating back to the early 1800s, located in the heart of the Langhe and surrounded by vineyards of Dolcetto and Moscato. The villa enjoys a breathtaking view of the castles of the Roero (Guarene, Castellinaldo, and Govone), the Alps, and the hills of Monferrato. It lies just 4 ½ miles away from Neive, a charming town of famed Barbaresco production, and even closer to Mango, a Moscato-producing town. Its seven guest rooms are decorated in gorgeous, unique themes **inspired by artists and designers** such as Monet and Van Gogh, and among its offerings are the billiard room; a horseshoe-shaped pool surrounded by large Art Nouveau windows; a sauna with a beauty and wellness center; a well-stocked library; and a fully-equipped kitchen, ready for cooking classes. On the same floor, *crutin* were discovered during restorations to the villa. These cellars carved into the tuff rock may have served as a military outpost or an escape route, once connected to the Mango Castle. Today, they house excellent local wines; guests may arrange for private wine tastings with local sommeliers.

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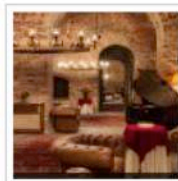
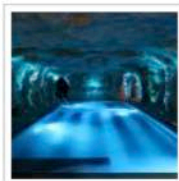
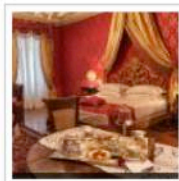
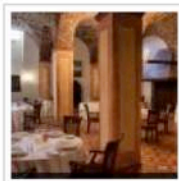
The Castle of Guarene is an 18th century palace that was built by local nobleman Carlo Giacinto Roero. It is beautifully preserved in its **aristocratic spirit** of the past with all works of art, period furniture, and decorations intact. It is a modern-day fairy tale and an essential stopping point in any itinerary of the Baroque highlights of Piemonte, as it both a first-class resort and museum. Lavishly furnished bedrooms, haute cuisine, fine wines, wellness, and comfort combine with historical heritage to offer guests an unforgettable experience. Its twelve large bedrooms are named after historical figures of the castle and stay true to the **original floorplans and frescoes**. Immerse yourself in the same surroundings as Carlo Giacinto himself did, with the added advantage of modern comfort and convenience. The stunning indoor swimming pool is excavated into the rocks and offers beautiful views of Alba, Langhe, and Roero; and the wellness center hums with a mystical atmosphere with its Finnish sauna, colorfully lit caves, Jacuzzi, and salt cave. Don't forget to book a custom massage, body, or facial treatment.

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Boscareto - Barolo (CN)

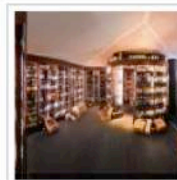
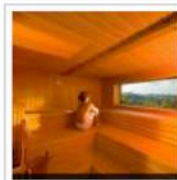
As the **only five star luxury hotel in the Langhe**, Boscareto is undoubtedly one of the zone's top resorts. With excellent attention to detail and almost opulent design, it offers a breathtaking view from its natural balcony surrounded by 32 hectares of vineyards. The resort offers all the comforts one expects: a covered pool, a fitness area, a Finnish sauna, aromatic Turkish baths, and relaxing spa showers. However, what really makes this gem stand out is its **restaurant La Reia**, headed by two-star Michelin chef Antonio Cannavacciuolo, a star in his field – literally, as he starred in the Italian version of Gordon Ramsay's show on Fox Life, *Cucine da Incubo (Kitchen Nightmares)*. In addition, its excellent wine selection includes the greatest Barolo wines of the area, including those from the winery Beni di Batasiolo, owner of the resort. The Boscareto offers 38 rooms and suites, a modern banquet hall, and spacious indoor room and outdoor options for buffets and cocktail parties.

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Relais San Maurizio - Santo Stefano Belbo (CN)

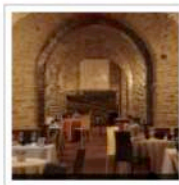
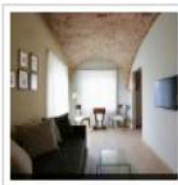
Relais San Maurizio is a **luxury resort and a prestigious Barolo and Barbaresco winery**. Constructed upon a 17th century Cistercian monastery, the old stone villa is located in Moscato wine country. Enter the gates and let yourself be surrounded by the beauty and peaceful atmosphere. It is part of the Relais & Chateaux Association, a worldwide-recognized mark of quality. Here, every room is a suite with a unique atmosphere, and its design speaks of exclusivity and a touch of Romanticism. Its surroundings are extraordinary, and even its restaurant is spectacular. Underground tunnels pocketed with nooks and crannies are decorated with contemporary works of art, turning the place into a treasure trove holding over 2,500 different wine labels. Dine at **Michelin starred restaurant Guido da Costigliole**, known for its iconic and traditional Piemontese cuisine. And you can't miss the over 1000 square meters of its Salt Cave with its high saline-density waters, a heated indoor swimming pool, a Turkish steam bath, a scenic terrace, and areas for beauty treatments and massages.

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Corte della Gondina - La Morra (CN)

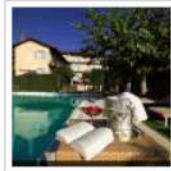
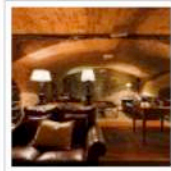
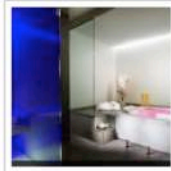
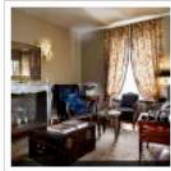
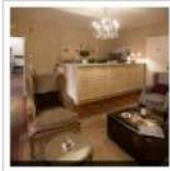
Your luxurious home away from home, Hotel Corte Gondina offers **classic style and elegant comfort in an ancient family villa**. It is located in the very center of La Morra, of famed Barolo production and a charming town that offers one of the best views of UNESCO territory Langhe, Roero, and Monferrato around. This small boutique hotel has fourteen uniquely designed rooms, a **spa and sauna with massages and wellness treatments** available, an outdoor swimming pool, and gardens. It also has excellent concierge services, offering bookings and rentals on cooking lessons, outings to the nearby golf courses, hot air balloon rides with unparalleled views over wine country, truffle hunting, winery visits, and more. Finally, you're in wine country: you can't miss a glass of the best the region has to offer. In its ancient nineteenth-century cellar with exposed bricks and stone walls lie prestigious vintages of Barolo, Barbaresco, and other top local wines.

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Tenuta Santa Caterina - Grazzano Badoglio (AT)

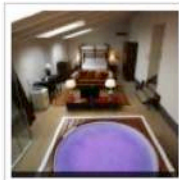
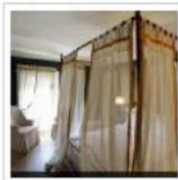
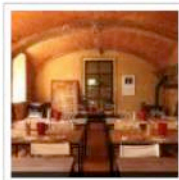
Relais Tenuta Santa Caterina is an **elegant 17th and 18th century villa and winery** nestled in the verdant green of the Monferrato countryside. Its style is Piedmontese Baroque and cozy, familiar and intimate, from its traditional vaulted and plastered ceiling in its central salon to its spacious breakfast room with large windows overlooking the vineyards and the garden terrace. Its six suites are **dedicated to each of its wines' labels**, and in its charming tasting room in the old cellar, you can find all the wines of Tenuta Santa Caterina, ready for tasting or for purchase. To relax, try the spa and wellness center with a massage. For exercise, head to the pool, tennis courts, or beach volleyball. To truly immerse yourself in the Monferrato countryside and live the Piedmontese life, the hotel will book these activities and many more: hiking and Nordic walking; hiking and Nordic walking; e-bikes, quads, and even paintball; and of course, cooking classes and truffle hunting.

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