



Why not choose an albergo diffuso in the Alps ?

Locanda degli elfi offers a week's holiday (which can be extended to two weeks by combining the holiday with any other of our contacts) structured as follows:

1st day: arrival in the Maira valley and dinner. If the customer is interested, we are ready to explain the concept of "albergo diffuso". All rooms are en suite or there are a few apartments. Some have hydromassage in the shower, or separate rooms for the children.

2nd day: a ring trekking tour to Lago Nero easy enough for families as well (5 hours round trip) or a shorter trip to the alpage with stunning views over the Alps and the Monviso.

At 17.30: 40 minutes' guided walk with explanation in English or French of the Occitanian history and architecture.

3rd day: visit to Elva: the church and its frescoes, walk through the hamlets and ancient stone and wood houses. Optional lunch with local cheese.

4th day: the Gardetta plateau an easy trekking tour to the high military tracks and dinosaur prints among the most beautiful and rare Alpine flora and fauna. At 17.30 h: Piedmontese and local wine tasting in our grotto. Explanations and possibility to purchase wine.

5th day: visit to the highest part of the valley with waterfalls and natural beauty. Possible trekking tour or relaxation.

6th day: free to decide. Many recommendations, such as visit to cheese making farms, or genepy producers.

7th day: departure

Every afternoon the customers can choose a massage or a beauty treatment or just relax or listen to old long playing records or catch a sunbath on our solarium. They can take a sauna for free, or a short course on Piedmontese or Occitanian cuisine or a traditional dancing course according to taste.

We also have an alpine guide to accompany them to special places or mtbs for rental to book upon reservation, even for children. The extra prices are very reasonable.

In June and July on Friday evenings we have Occitanian music at dinner at no extra cost.

Half board, seven nights 525 euros per person. Commission for the t.o. to be discussed and deducted.

We also offer full immersion weeks with courses of Italian for foreigners. The cost of the course is 450 euros for 20 hours' lesson, plus films, texts to read and final individual exam. Plenty of time for exploring the area and enjoying a proper holiday. We do not take more than 6 people per week in this course. Special personalized technical Italian courses for 700 euros. Our teacher has a master and has been teaching English and Italian for other thirty years. The t.o. will also have a commission on this arrangement.

A nice option is a car trip to the canoeing centre in the Stura valley for rafting or canoeing one day or a guided mtb tour. We can also organize weeks for mountaineering. Please contact us for sports weeks. Winter ski touring and snow-shoeing weeks available.

If the customers prefer to combine town and mountain, Cuneo has the biggest market day in Piedmont on Tuesdays. Lunch tips available. We have several proposals and a lot of ideas, not just for mountain lovers, but for those who would like a taste of Northern Italy as a culture. We are ready to discuss all details and prepare a tailor made experience for your customers.

Best regards Jennie Comollo owner and legal representative Locanda degli Elfi Preit di Canosio Italy