

## ***Savoy Dynasty Royal Gardens***

A royal trip to Turin and its neighbourhood to discover the magnificent gardens of the Royal residences that the House of Savoy has built between the XVII and the XVIII centuries. An exclusive experience accompanied by a professional garden designer to admire Baroque masterpieces and beautiful Italian Gardens.

### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ✓ The beauty and elegance of the Baroque Residences of the Royal House of Savoy
- ✓ The beauty of the Italian gardens of the Savoy Residences
- ✓ A must-see for Baroque-style and Garden lovers
- ✓ Tour led by a Professional Garden Designer
- ✓ A deep immersion into the history and the nature

### **DAY 1**

Visit the **Royal Palace** in Torino, which was the hub of the Court and of political power together with the surrounding buildings; they originally formed the command centre and the main place for representing all the majesty of the House of Savoy in the 16th Century, all listed as Unesco Word Heritage Site since 1997.

Afterwards, visit **Palazzo Madama**, Filippo Juvarra's masterpiece, with its Baroque facade contrasting sharply with older medieval parts to lend the building a most unorthodox appearance. Visit the Medieval garden recently inaugurated, that has been rebuilt following the original map; in fact it is composed by a viridarium, (a big flowerbed with fruit trees encircled by a little canal), a vegetable garden, and the garden of the prince.



After lunch, transfer to **Venaria** to visit its fabulous realm and discover the fifth most visited historical destination in Italy, s one of the finest examples of Baroque style in Europe.

The imposing Reggia was a hunting and pleasure residence for the Savoy Royal Family court and today still reveals the original beauty of the elegant Hall of Diana, the solemn Great Gallery with its marvelous ceiling and the spectacular Fountain of the Stag in the Court of Honor.

The realm is surrounded by majestic gardens that bring together an ancient and modern charm. Here the extraordinary balance between the archeological remains and the contemporary artworks is set in a boundless scenery that remains unparalleled among Italian gardens. Visit as well the close extraordinary natural reserve of the La Mandria Park the largest fenced nature preserve in Europe. It is home to a wealth of wild and domestic animal species – deer, foxes, herons, squirrels, wild boards, horses and more - and some historical and architectural gems

**Check-in hotel Bela Rosin**, set in the marvellous Mandria park, and light dinner. Transfer to **Stupinigi Hunting Palace** for an exclusive opening of its luxury apartment building. A night time itinerary of great splendour to revive the magic of an authentic trip back in the history. Return by bus to the hotel and overnight.



## DAY 2

After breakfast, visit the **Racconigi Castle**, which is a 'must' on any tour of Savoy Residences. It was home to a side-branch of the Savoy dynasty, the Carignano, and was the last of the delightful residences built in the surroundings of Turin regularly visited by the Savoy family up to the Second World War. The Castle site is distinguished by its majestic architecture and interiors, and also for the wealth and beauty of its natural setting with the splendid park, the lake, the Margaria and the greenhouse; Lunch at a local café.

Afterwards, transfer to **Pollenzo**, where the castle has been transformed to house the Università degli Studi di Scienze Gastronomiche (University of the Study of Food), including a hotel, a restaurant, a wine cellar for the conservation of precious wines, and finally, it is the headquarters of the Slow Food association.

Transfer by bus to **Santena** to visit the ancient **Castle**, maison de plaisance of the **Benso of Cavour** family, it was the place where the famed statesman was born, trained and worked: refashioned several times over the centuries, that now appears as an 18th century villa, designed by the court architect Francesco Gallo, and surrounded by a landscaped park in the English style designed by Xavier Kurten.

Dinner and overnight.



## DAY 3

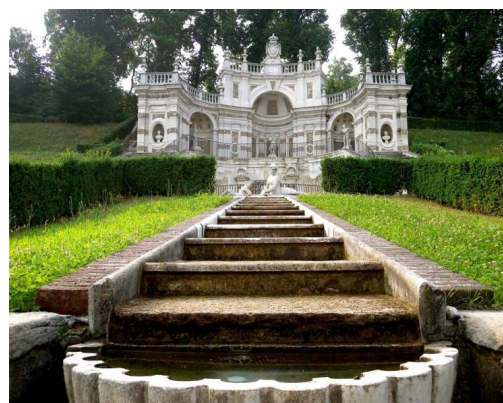
After breakfast, hotel check-out and transfer to **Villa of the Queen in Torino**. Acting as a dramatic backdrop to the city, it is in the centre of Italianate gardens with pavilions, fountains and agricultural areas once again in production.



Transfer by bus to **Agliè** to visit its famous **Castle**. Formerly belonging to the marquises of San Martino, it has an ancient and noble past, as can be seen by the variety of decor that still features in apartments and gardens.

From the mid of the 19th century the castle gained modern facilities like bathrooms, stoves and also the large park to the west, originally laid out in 1770 then radically transformed by Xavier Kurten to make it accord with the landscaped style of the English Garden that was

then in vogue: antique columns, romantic small houses and rustic bridges. The upper garden, near the castle, still retains its typical layout as an Italian garden instead.



Transfer by bus to the airport or to your destination.

### RATE PER PERSON (Valid until 31/10/2015):

Minimum number of participants	6	10	15	20	30	40	Single supplement
Price per person	€ 1.485,00	€ 1.065,00	€ 850,00	€ 815,00	€ 685,00	€ 685,00	€ 145,00

### THE RATE INCLUDES:

- ✓ Professional Garden Designer as tour leader for the whole tour
- ✓ Minivan or Minibus or Coach for the whole tour
- ✓ 2 overnights at Relais Bela Rosin in DBL STD room, BB treatment
- ✓ 2 dinners
- ✓ Admission fees
- ✓ Vat and local taxes
- ✓ 24/7 Assistance