

## **Alba - October 13 - 15, 2017 - Alba, Piedmont, Italy**

Alba is our first small town in Italy. So far our Italy travels have been Rome, Florence, Genoa, and Turin. As much as we enjoyed the big cities it was a great change of pace to be in a small town. The mile and half walk from the hotel to the town center was easy and pleasant. During our walk we never lacked for something to talk about and found many opportunities to stop for a minute and peer into a shop or restaurant.

Our first stop was The Church of San Domenico. The church interior was being redone (work began in 1975) and used as a gallery on our visit. When the interior work is completed I don't know if it will revert to a Catholic church or will continue to be used as an art gallery.







Next we entered Cathedral di San Lorenzo.









A festival of sorts was being held in Alba and we took advantage of everything there was to see, hear and smell.



Everywhere we travel there is fresh food for sale and be photographed.





No self-respecting Italian side street doesn't have at least one restaurant.





My dinner date:



We chose an outside table but there were inside tables available if we had desired one.





We left Alba about mid Sunday morning with a first stop being a Castle.



The castle was built about the year 1000 and was not much more than the high tower at the rear of the building. During the next 800 years it was expanded and changed to a residence – only slightly larger than what we are used to. 😊

Along with the residence building this family home is surrounded by its own vineyards and farmland.





Should the Castle Grinzane Cavour (now a museum) and its lands ever come up for sale, Nancy and I will make an offer.



May you also find a small castle to live in.