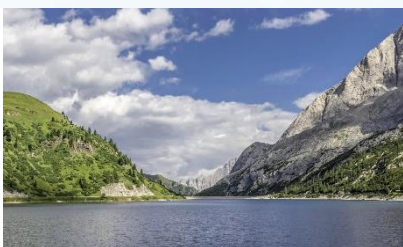


NORTH LAKES AND DOLOMITES TOUR

From MILAN



Cod. 007MIEN

DAY 1) MILAN – LAKE ORTA (90 KM) – STRESA (25 KM) – BORROMEAN ISLANDS - COMO (90 KM)

Departure at 08.30 am from Milan to **Lake Orta**, a small and charming lake situated in the North-eastern side of the region Piedmont. Stop in the beautiful village of Orta San Giulio for a short visit. Then, tour by private boat to reach the island of San Giulio, just in front of the village: it is the pearl of the lake, almost entirely occupied by the Monastery Mater Eccelsiae, famous for studies on antique books and the Romanesque basilica of Saint Julius. After a short visit, back to Orta and departure to **Stresa**, on **Lake Maggiore**, one of the largest Italian ones. Wedged between the foothills, and of clear glacial origin, it is framed in its lower section by the soft hills of the region of Novara, and in the upper section, by high mountain peaks, some of which with perpetual snow. These features make possible an average temperature during all seasons; due to its mild climate, many species of flowers and plants typical to the sub-tropical climate could adapt to the lake areas climate. Arrival to Stresa, an international tourist resort situated in a central but also panoramic and picturesque position along the lakeside roadway, stands just in front of the Borromean islands. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, tour of the **Isola del Pescatori** by private boat. The island name is due to the activity of fishermen since the ancient time. Although only few families still maintain the original activity, the identity of the small community appears intact. Tourists are fascinated by its simple houses, the narrow lanes, the stone portals and the attractive underpasses. We will continue to the **Isola Bella**, elegant and charming. Return to Stresa and departure to Como. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 2) COMO – BELLAGIO (30 KM) – BERGAMO OLD AND NEW TOWN (65 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today or tomorrow, depending on the weather, you will be invited to taste a typical Italian aperitive with Prosecco, a great white wine in its dry version. Short visit of **Como**. An amazing small town rich of atmospheres, panoramas and human takeovers. In little kilometres you can admire the high mountains over the lake, the wild alpine valley and the industrialized area. The lake is famous for its setting at the intersection of the three branches of the Y-shaped lake, and it is also known as Lario. Divided in three branches, is situated at the bottom of the most renowned peaks of the Italian landscape. Board the boat we reach **Bellagio**, situated at the tip of the peninsula separating the lake's two southern arms, with the Alps visible across the lake to the north. It is a picturesque village with small streets, luxury hotels and villas and gardens. Visit. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, departure with panoramic route along the lake side to **Bergamo**. City characterized by a division of the urban structure on two levels, the "Lower town" (*Città bassa*), modern and dynamic and the famous "Upper town" (*Città alta*), a truly historic and artistic jewel.

After a short walking tour inside the old town with many beautiful churches and monuments, transfer to the modern town, with the best shops, restaurants and museums. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 3) BERGAMO - SIRMIONE (90 KM) - LAZISE (30 KM) - VERONA (30 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Lake Garda, the largest Italian one. Lake Garda offers to the visitor a splendid natural scenery, full of colours, surrounded by the Dolomites of Brenta in the north and the gentle slopes of the hills in the south. A rich vegetation flourishes thanks to the Mediterranean climate: lemon trees, oleanders, magnolias and bougainvilleas. The cultivation of vineyards and olive groves produces good wines and olive oil. Arrival to **Sirmione** where the lake offers its best panorama, really sunny with the blue of its waters and the green of its trees. Boat tour to have a nice view of the Sirmione Cape, the castle and the Catullo's Grotto ruins. Next, depart to **Lazise**, a village in the South-East of the lake, popular for its medieval castle, nowadays part of the walls of entrance to the old town, in front of the lake. Lunch on your own and in the afternoon, outgoing to **Verona**. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 4) VERONA - VAL DI CADORE (200 KM) - PIEVE DI CADORE (30 KM) - CORTINA D'AMPEZZO (30 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning visit of **Verona** with a walk through its narrow streets allows us to get in touch with its varied and fascinating past: traces of its splendid Roman origins, its prevailing medieval structure dating back to the time of knights and castles, its magnificent Renaissance palaces as well as the impressive fortifications which protect it. A suggestive blend of art and history which continuously fascinates the onlooker. We will visit Piazza Bra with the Arena, a Roman amphitheatre, Via Mazzini, Piazza delle Erbe e dei Signori with the monument to Dante Alighieri and Juliet's Balcony. Lunch on your own. Next, departure to Cortina d'Ampezzo (Departure is also possible in front of the train station of Venice Mestre at 3 pm). The journey will be around Val Cadore among sinuous mountains and little villages that show the history of the territory, the tradition of the craftsmanship and offer good food and a lot of local museums. Visit on the way to Cortina of the centre of **Pieve di Cadore**, capital of the glasses industry and birthplace of the great painter Tiziano Vecellio. Arrival to **Cortina d'Ampezzo**, probably the most renowned one because of its historical importance in Italian summer and winter holidays since the 1950's, is in the middle of the large valley of Boite. Cortina is not only a tourism resort but also the centre of traditional works, as for example, wood manufacturing. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 5) CORTINA - LAKE MISURINA/TRE CIME DI LAVAREDO (15 km) – LAKE DOBBIACO (18 km) – PUSTERIA AND BADIA VALLEYS (75 km) – FALZAREGO PASS (15 km) - CORTINA (15 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Outing to **Lake Misurina** (situated in a perfect position among woods and Dolomites tops, Three peaks of Lavaredo the most important ones, probably one of the best places for alpinism experts). Then, way to **Lake Dobbiaco**, with a strange and shining colour emerald of its water that makes it as unique in the world. Visit of **Val Pusteria and Val Badia**, probably the most typical valleys of the region, having a stop in a village to have lunch at your own. After that, we will cross **Falzarego Pass** coming back to Cortina, in order to have free time for the rest of the day. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 6) CORTINA - PASSO FEDAIA (45 KM) - MARMOLADA (3 KM) - CANAZEI (15 KM) - LAKE CAREZZA (25 KM) - MERANO (55 KM) - BOLZANO (30 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you will be invited to taste the flavourful speck, a kind of smoked ham, typical of the Dolomites valleys. Departure to Canazei through **Fedaia Pass**; arrival to the bottom of the Glacier of Marmolada, the highest glacier of the eastern Alps. Visit of **Canazei**, an important place for tourism in all

seasons, due to the wonderful view given by this part of Dolomites that receives thousands of tourists every month. Through Passo Costalunga, we arrive at Lake Carezza. Stop to have a look at this wonderful lake. Then, departure to **Merano**, the second biggest city of the province after Bolzano. Famous worldwide for its Christmas market, Merano is also a charming and amazing cultural and historical centre. Visit of the old town and lunch on your own. Second half of the day is dedicated to **Bolzano**. Important commercial centre in the Middle Age, it has increased its industry productions during the World War. Tourism still represents the first resource of the local economy. Visit of Duomo: the Cathedral, with a gothic style, is considered as the symbol of the town; finally, we'll visit the main central streets, as Via dei Portici, core of the Medieval town. Rest of the evening is free for your personal visits. Overnight at the hotel.

DAY 7) BOLZANO – ROUTE OF THE WINE (30 km) – TRENTO (40 km) - MILANO (220 km)

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure to Trento, capital of the region through the so called **Weinstrasse**, the route of the wine, where small villages like Caldaro or Tramineto offer relaxing and amazing views. Short stop for visiting the area. Arrival to **Trento**. The city is dominated by the castle, known as *del Buon Consiglio*, symbol of the House of Habsburg which dominated the district for many centuries. *Santa Maria Maggiore*, built in the XVI century and one of the first work of Renaissance and Gothic age; Palace Geremia, building that represents the XVI century and Piazza Duomo with the beautiful Cathedral of Saint Vigilius. Lunch at your own. Departure to come back to Milan. End of the services.

- Tour starts and finishes at Starhotels Ritz, Via Spallanzani 40, Milan. Please contact us for any further information concerning transfers or additional service.

RATES PER PERSON:

LAKES AND DOLOMITES 2023	COMFORT		LUXURY	
	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL	PUBLIC PRICE IN DBL	PUBLIC PRICE IN SGL
April 10, 2023	1.950,00 €	2.240,00 €	2.660,00 €	3.550,00 €
May 15, 2023	1.950,00 €	2.240,00 €	2.660,00 €	3.550,00 €
June 12, 2023	2.080,00 €	2.470,00 €	2.810,00 €	3.780,00 €
June 26, 2023	2.080,00 €	2.470,00 €	2.810,00 €	3.780,00 €
July 10, 2023	2.080,00 €	2.470,00 €	2.810,00 €	3.780,00 €
July 24, 2023	2.080,00 €	2.470,00 €	2.810,00 €	3.780,00 €
August 21, 2023	2.220,00 €	2.710,00 €	3.040,00 €	3.995,00 €
September 18, 2023	2.220,00 €	2.710,00 €	3.040,00 €	3.995,00 €
October 2, 2023	1.950,00 €	2.240,00 €	2.660,00 €	3.550,00 €

Due to the international situation of Covid-19, the schedule of fairs/events/congresses during period between April and October 2022 is still in progress. Dates on the website of the managing authority are partial and temporary and could change further in the next months. Possible surcharges on the dates of departures of our tours will be added tour by tour once the schedule will be definitively confirmed. In any case price will not rise more than 10% of the regular amount. We will regularly inform you about eventually changing. Thanks for understanding.

IN THE TOWNS OF COMO, BERGAMO, VERONA, BOLZANO AND CORTINA A CITY TAX FOR ACCOMMODATION IS NOW COMPULSORY. EVERY CLIENT MUST PAY IT CHECKING OUT.

RATES INCLUDE:

- Itinerary as above according to the hotel option choice
- Bus at disposal for the mentioned itinerary
- English speaking escort guide/driver up to 8 people (driver and guide with more than 8)
- Private boat to Isola di San Giulio (Lake Orta)
- Private boat for the Borromean Islands (Lake Maggiore)
- Cruise by boat at Lake Como
- Private boat for tour around the Peninsula of Sirmione (Lake Garda)
- A typical local aperitive on the lakes (Prosecco sparkling wine)
- Red and green Dolomites apples tasting
- Speck (a typical Dolomites smoked ham) tasting
- Free Wi-Fi on board

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE:

Meals, drinks, entrances, portorage, city taxes, tickets, tips extras and whatever not specified in "RATES INCLUDE".

DATES OF DEPARTURE:

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

The services with private boat (Lake Orta, Lake Maggiore, Lake Garda) are always achieved when the weather conditions permit them. In case this condition cannot be respected we will propose a similar activity on the land.

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – COMFORT TOUR:

COMO: **ALBERGO LE DUE CORTI******, Piazza della Vittoria 11/12, Tel. +39/031 328111, <http://www.hotelduecorti.com/>

BERGAMO: **HTL BEST WESTERN CAPPELLO D'ORO* * * ***, Via Papa Giovanni XXIII 12, Tel. +39/035 4222711 <http://www.bwhotelcappellodoro-bg.it/>

VERONA: **HTL MASTINO*****, Corso Porta Nuova 16, Tel. +39/045 595388, <http://www.hotelmastino.it/>

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO: **VILLA NEVE 3***S**, Via Franchetti 18, Tel. +39/0436 2228, <http://www.hotelvillaneve.com/>

BOLZANO: **PARKHOTEL LAURIN****** CLASSIC ROOM, Via Laurino 4, Tel. +39/0471 311000, <http://www.laurin.it/it/>

HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – LUXURY TOUR:

COMO: **ALBERGO TERMINUS******, LAKEVIEW ROOM, Lungolaro Trieste 14, Tel. +39/031 32911, <http://www.albergoterminus.it/>

BERGAMO: **CAPPELLO D'ORO****** DELUXE ROOM. Via Papa Giovanni XXIII 12, Tel. +39/035 4222711 <http://www.bwhotelcappellodoro-bg.it/>

VERONA: **HOTEL DUE TORRI *******, CLASSIC ROOM, Piazza Sant'Anastasia 4, Tel. +39/045 595044, <http://hotelduetorri.duetorrihotels.com/>

CORTINA D'AMPEZZO: **HOTEL AMBRA******, superior room, Via XXIX Maggio 28, Tel. +39/0436 867344, <http://www.hotelambracortina.it/>

BOLZANO: **PARKHOTEL LAURIN******, SUPERIOR ROOM, Via Laurino 4, Tel. +39/0471 311000, <http://www.laurin.it/it/>

CANCELLATION POLICY:

- ✓ 100% no-show
- ✓ 70% from 1 to 3 days before the departure
- ✓ 50% from 3 to 14 days before the departure
- ✓ 30% from 14 to 21 days before the departure