

# NORTH LAKES AND RIVIERA TOUR

From MILAN



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## 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 – LAKE ISEO (90 KM) – MILAN (95 KM) - GENOA (140 KM)**

Breakfast at the hotel and visit of the famous city of Verona. It is a work of art in itself: a fascinating crossroad of historical periods and cultures (classical and Germanic), a blend of both Nordic and Mediterranean influences; the city is at the same time ancient and modern. 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. Continuation to **Lake Iseo**, an amazing place surrounded by hills and nice villages. We stop in Iseo, the main city. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, departure to **Genoa via Milan** with a panoramic itinerary on the South-west side of the lake. Arrival to Genoa. Seaport, one of the largest of the Southern Europe, the first in Italy; 6<sup>th</sup> city of the country, this town has an important history, as a Maritime Republic. Its historical centre has grown around the dock, is full of narrow and characteristic streets and has a medieval origin. Accommodation, overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 5) GENOA – RAPALLO (30 KM) - SANTA MARGHERITA (3 KM) – PORTOFINO (5 KM) – GENOA (40 KM)**

Breakfast at the hotel. Indicative city tour of Genoa in the morning and later on, departure to **Rapallo**, famous tourist centre. Visit of the old town where a long promenade ends with the beautiful castle of Dragut. Then, road to **Santa Margherita**, beautiful seaside city of *Riviera di Levante* (Eastern Riviera), located in the Tigullio Gulf. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon, visit of **Portofino**. Around a little square, you can have a nice view of a group of high, coloured and picturesque houses. In the small port, during the high season, you can see expensive yachts from every part of the world. Finally, return to Genoa with a panoramic road. Overnight at the hotel.

### **DAY 6) GENOA – THE EASTERN COAST: PORTOVENERE (110 KM) – CINQUE TERRE (10 KM) – GENOA (90 KM)**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to **Portovenere**, a fishermen village located at the end of La Spezia Gulf. Visit. Ferry to **Cinque Terre** (if the atmospheric conditions doesn't permit the boarding, the visit will be with a panoramic itinerary by bus/minivan and train.) Heritage of the Unesco, these 5 fishermen villages, symbolize a group unique in the world for its beautiful landscape and the medieval style of their buildings. Visit of the little village of Vernazza and Monterosso, the biggest of the five villages, characterised by long

beaches and narrow streets full of restaurants and handcraft shops. Lunch at your own. In the afternoon coming back to Genoa. Overnight at the hotel.

## DAY 7) GENOA – THE WESTERN COAST: LAIGUEGLIA (110 KM) AND FINALBORGO (30 KM) – MILAN (190 KM)

Breakfast at the hotel and outgoing to the western coast of Liguria. Arrival to **Laigueglia**, a picturesque and little village of fishermen with its nice corners and small beaches. Visit. Later, departure to **Finalborgo**, a typical medieval village at the bottom of the mountains where the Alps meets the Apennines. Lunch at your own. Return to Milan. End of 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 RIVIERA<br>2023 | COMFORT                |                        | LUXURY                    |                        |
|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
|                           | PUBLIC PRICE<br>IN DBL | PUBLIC PRICE<br>IN SGL | PUBLIC<br>PRICE IN<br>DBL | PUBLIC PRICE IN<br>SGL |
| March 6, 2023             | 2.070,00               | 2.410,00               | 2.410,00                  | 3.120,00               |
| March 20, 2023            | 2.070,00               | 2.410,00               | 2.410,00                  | 3.120,00               |
| March 27, 2023            | 2.070,00               | 2.410,00               | 2.410,00                  | 3.120,00               |
| April 25, 2023            | 2.215,00               | 2.650,00               | 2.690,00                  | 3.620,00               |
| May 8, 2023               | 2.215,00               | 2.650,00               | 2.690,00                  | 3.620,00               |
| May 30, 2023              | 2.215,00               | 2.650,00               | 2.690,00                  | 3.620,00               |
| July 17, 2023             | 2.280,00               | 2.710,00               | 2.920,00                  | 3.880,00               |
| July 31, 2023             | 2.280,00               | 2.710,00               | 2.920,00                  | 3.880,00               |
| September 5, 2023         | 2.280,00               | 2.710,00               | 2.920,00                  | 3.880,00               |
| September 25, 2023        | 2.280,00               | 2.710,00               | 2.920,00                  | 3.880,00               |
| October 23, 2023          | 2.215,00               | 2.650,00               | 2.690,00                  | 3.620,00               |
| November 6, 2023          | 2.070,00               | 2.410,00               | 2.410,00                  | 3.120,00               |

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2023 DEPARTURE: DUE TO THE MARMOMACC FAIR IN VERONA, THE OVERNIGHT STAY WILL BE CHANGED TO ONE NIGHT WITH: HOTEL MAXIM\*\*\*\*, VERONA**

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 CITIES OF COMO, BERGAMO, VERONA AND GENOA 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)
- Cruise by boat at the Cinque Terre (in case of bad conditions of weather, the excursion will be by bus/minivan and panoramic train)
- A typical local aperitive during the tour (Prosecco sparkling wine) on the lakes
- Focaccia and Focaccia with cheese tasting in Liguria
- 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:

**2023**

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| March 6, 2023 – LOW SEASON    |
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| March 27, 2023                |
| April 25, 2023                |
| May 8, 2023                   |
| May 30, 2023                  |
| July 17, 2023                 |
| July 31, 2023                 |
| September 5, 2023             |
| September 25, 2023            |
| October 23, 2023              |
| November 6, 2023 – LOW SEASON |

## IMPORTANT NOTES:

**Low season departures will be guaranteed with minimum 4 pax**

Between November 1<sup>st</sup> and March 31<sup>st</sup>, the ferry service at Lake Como does not work. The route from Como and Bellagio will be by bus/minivan through panoramic road. 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.

Between 2021, November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2022, March 31<sup>st</sup>, the ferry service at Cinque Terre does not work. The itinerary will be by bus/minivan between La Spezia and Manarola (in place of Portovenere) and by train from Manarola to Monterosso via Vernazza.

During the high season (April/October), the ferry services are always achieved when the weather conditions permit them. In case this condition cannot be respected, the same activity will be replaced with the winter alternative as specified above.

## 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-bq.it/>

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

GÉNOVA: **Starhotel PRESIDENT\*\*\*\***

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## HOTELS ACCOMMODATION OR SIMILAR – LUXURY TOUR:

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

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

GÉNOVA: **Starhotel PRESIDENT\*\*\*\***

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## 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