



## ITALIAN LAKES & MILAN

STRESA, LAKE MAGGIORE | LAKE COMO | MILAN

8 DAYS  
from  
**\$3,298**

CAD\$, PP, DBL, OCC.

Italy's northern lakes offer picturesque backdrops, beautiful summer temperatures and luxurious villas to the rich and famous. Feel the area's relaxed pace accompanied by delicious food and wine. During this 8-day program, tour several of Lake Maggiore's islands by private boat, Lake Como by ferry and end in the elegant city of Milan.

### Day 1

**MILAN – STRESA, LAKE MAGGIORE** Welcome to **Milan**. Upon arrival, welcome and private transfer to your hotel in **Stresa**, known as the *Pearl on Lake Maggiore*. Take some time to settle in and begin discovering the area on your own. *Hotel La Palma, Classic Room* ★★★★★

### Day 2

**ISLANDS OF LAKE MAGGIORE** After breakfast, meet your guide and begin your private, full-day tour by private taxi boat providing gorgeous panoramic views of the **Borromean Gulf**. With your guide, visit **Isola Madre** to see its beautiful botanical garden, rich in rare plants and exotic flowers, where peacocks, parrots and pheasants live. Also visit **Isola Bella**, to see the monumental Baroque palace. Dock on **Isola dei Pescatori** and enjoy free time for a pleasant walk along narrow lanes, discovering cute corners and shops; lunch not included. Approach the village of **Laveno Mombello** and see the **Heritage of Santa Catherina del Sasso**, a marvelous monastic complex perched on a rock. Return to Stresa. *Hotel La Palma*

### Day 3

**STRESA – COMO** After breakfast, check out and meet your driver who will take you to **Como** located on the southern tip of Lake Como. Enjoy the rest of your day to explore the area. *Metropole Suisse Hotel, Side Lake View* ★★★★★

### Day 4

**LAKE COMO** After breakfast, meet your guide and enjoy a private, full-day tour of **Lake Como** by public ferry. Visit **Bellagio**, the gem of the lake. During your journey, see various villages scattered along the lakeshore, the medieval hamlets, Romanesque churches, and luxury villas with their elaborate gardens. After a walking tour of Bellagio, continue by ferry to **Varenna** which sits on the eastern lakeshore, upon a rocky headland dominated by a mountain, whose summit bears the unmistakable silhouette of the tower of an ancient castle. Visit the historical center dating back to the Middle Ages. Return by ferry. *Metropole Suisse Hotel*

### Day 5

**COMO** After breakfast, enjoy your day at leisure. Consider taking the funicular train up to **Brunate**, a small town high up in the mountains for magnificent views, relaxation and clean mountain air. *Metropole Suisse Hotel*

### Day 6

**COMO – MILAN** After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Meet your driver who will take you to your hotel in **Milan**, the sophisticated and elegant northern Italian capital. Enjoy the rest of your day at leisure to explore on your own. *Sina Hotel de la Ville, Superior Room* ★★★★★

### Day 7

**MILAN** After breakfast, make your way to **Piazza del Duomo**, to meet your local guide for your private morning walking tour of the city. Milan is one of the most important business centers in Europe, also offering visitors splendid sights best enjoyed on foot. See **La Scala Opera Theatre**, the **Royal Palace**, the **Sforza Castle**, **Piazza Cordusio**, **Piazza Mercanti** and the **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II**. Your guide will also take you through the fashion district of **Via Montenapoleone**, **Via della Spiga**, **Via S.Andrea**, where the most important Italian fashion designers have their shops. Enjoy the rest of your day on your own. Perhaps take some time to marvel at Leonardo da Vinci's massive painting of the **Last Supper**, one of the most famous pieces of art in the world found at the **Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie**. Visit the city's charming and Bohemian district of **Brera**, full of restaurants and galleries. This evening, consider an Opera show at La Scala Opera Theatre for an exciting and memorable performance, not included. *Sina Hotel de la Ville*

### Day 8

**MILAN – HOME** After breakfast, check out of your hotel and private transfer to the airport to board your return flight home.



### TOUR OVERVIEW

► Total 7 nights accommodation at 4-Star hotels

2 nights in Stresa, Lake Maggiore  
3 nights in Como, Lake Como  
2 nights in Milan

► Private transfers as per itinerary  
► All private touring as per itinerary  
► Continental breakfast daily  
► Hotel taxes and service charges\*\*

#### HIGHLIGHTS

- Three beautiful islands on Lake Maggiore by private taxi boat
- Lake Como by ferry including Bellagio and Varenna
- Walking tour of Milan including the fashion district

#### OPTIONAL ADD-ON TOURS

- Private boat with skipper on Lake Como
- Leonardo da Vinci's Last Supper in Milan
- Extension to Lake Garda, Lake Orta or Lake Iseo

**International airfare not included.**  
Minimum 2 passengers travelling.

Some tour schedules vary based on seasonality.

Price as indicated valid April 1, 2019, subject to availability at time of booking. For alternative dates, inquire for pricing. Itineraries are fully customizable. Not valid during trade shows, bank holidays and other special events. Blackout periods may apply.

\*\*European city/tourist taxes collected locally unless otherwise indicated.

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