

# EASY NORTHERN LAKES, LIGURIA, AND FLORENCE

MAE-LAG-LIG-FIR-MIL- 0908

9  days | 8  nights

MILAN - STRESA - BORROMEAN ISLANDS - PORTOFINO - SANTA  
MARGHERITA LIGURE - RAPALLO - FLORENCE





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#### DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

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### MILAN

At 6:00 PM, meet the tour leader at the reception.

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#### DAY 2 - THURSDAY

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### MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and a guided tour of Milan, a city renowned for its immense historical, artistic, and architectural heritage. Milan is also famous as Italy's fashion capital, a hub of industry, and a nerve center of the Italian economy. A walk through Milan must include its iconic landmarks: Piazza del Duomo, one of Italy's largest and most breathtaking squares, with the imposing Gothic-style Cathedral; Teatro alla Scala, a cultural symbol of Milan and one of the world's most prestigious theaters for history, architecture, and performances; and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. Free time and return to the hotel.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Milan's Navigli District**

Explore the Navigli district, one of Milan's most picturesque areas, renowned for its vibrant nightlife and numerous bars and restaurants along the canals. Enjoy an evening aperitivo during "happy hour" after a brief stroll to discover the history of this charming neighborhood.

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#### DAY 3 - FRIDAY

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### MILAN - LAKE MAGGIORE: STRESA AND BORROMEAN ISLANDS - MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and departure for Stresa, a splendid tourist destination on Lake Maggiore. This charming village is set in a unique landscape offering stunning views of the Alps and Lake

Maggiore, home to the famous Borromean Islands. Next is an excursion to the Borromean Islands, including Isola Bella with its monumental palace, Isola dei Pescatori (Fishermen's Island) with its picturesque charm, and Isola Madre, known for its botanical gardens filled with rare plants. Lunch will be on Isola dei Pescatori, featuring local cuisine. Return to Stresa for some free time, then back to the hotel in the afternoon.

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#### DAY 4 - SATURDAY

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### MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

##### **Lake Como - Como, Villa Carlotta, and Bellagio**

Visit the city of Como, a beloved destination in northern Italy, with its Duomo, Broletto (medieval town hall), Terragni Palace, ancient alleys, and remnants of medieval walls. Continue to Tremezzo to visit Villa Carlotta, overlooking the lake and surrounded by magnificent gardens. A boat ride will take you to Bellagio, one of the most enchanting towns on Lake Como, where you can enjoy free time to explore its charming corners. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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#### DAY 5 - SUNDAY

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### MILAN - PORTOFINO - SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE - RAPALLO - LA SPEZIA

After breakfast, the day is dedicated to exploring the Gulf of Tigullio. Discover Portofino, with its elegant harmony and brightly colored buildings overlooking the sea, and Santa Margherita Ligure, known for its pastel-colored facades and stunning promenade. In the afternoon, take a boat to Rapallo, a historic town in the heart of the Gulf of Tigullio. Later, transfer to the hotel in La Spezia for free time.



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**DAY 6 - MONDAY**

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**LA SPEZIA**

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:****Cinque Terre**

Weather permitting, take a boat or train to the Cinque Terre. Over centuries, humans have shaped this unique landscape with terraces along the slopes, creating one of Liguria's most beautiful and iconic panoramas. Explore Manarola, a true urban gem with its charming harbor and pastel-colored houses; Vernazza, one of Italy's most beautiful villages, with its amphitheater-like harbor extending toward the sea; and Monterosso, the largest and westernmost of the Cinque Terre villages, featuring a picturesque natural bay. Return to the hotel in the afternoon.

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**DAY 7 - TUESDAY**

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**LA SPEZIA - FLORENCE**

Breakfast and departure to Florence, a city with an atmosphere that invites you to travel back in time, known worldwide as the birthplace of the Renaissance and the cradle of architecture and art. Guided tour of its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by churches, monuments, and beautiful Renaissance buildings praised by poets throughout the ages. The Baptistery of Saint John, dedicated to the city's patron saint, the famous Giotto's Campanile, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and the imposing dome by Brunelleschi are just a few examples of the wonders Florence offers. After the tour, transfer to the hotel.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:****The Uffizi Gallery**

Designed in the mid-16th century by Giorgio Vasari, the Uffizi Gallery comprises 90 rooms housing some of the most important and famous paintings in art history: works by Giotto, Leo-

nardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Botticelli, and numerous paintings by Flemish and Dutch artists, displayed in chronological order. A visit to this museum is a true journey through art history.

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**DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY**

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**FLORENCE**

Breakfast and free time.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:****Florence - Oltrarno**

Located on the left bank of the Arno River, Oltrarno is one of the city's most typical areas, offering a unique, timeless atmosphere mainly populated by locals. Highlights include a visit to the Ponte Vecchio, with its shops and hanging houses, one of the world's most famous landmarks, and the Pitti Palace, the last residence of the Medici family and now Florence's largest museum complex.

**OPTIONAL EXCURSION:****Accademia Gallery**

The Accademia Gallery is one of the city's and the world's most important museums. Among its masterpieces is Michelangelo's unparalleled David, one of the most famous sculptures globally and a universal symbol of Florence.

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**DAY 9 - THURSDAY**

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**FLORENCE**

Breakfast at the hotel. End of services.





MARCH:	26
APRIL:	23
MAY:	07 - 21
JUNE:	18
JULY:	02 - 16 - 30
AUGUST:	13 - 27
SEPTEMBER:	10 - 24
OCTOBER:	08 - 22

From **€ 1,776.-**  
per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From **€ 1,761.-**  
per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From €759.-  
Half Board supplement: €415.-



## HOTELS OR SIMILAR

- **Milan**  
Best Western Antares Concorde/ Starhotel Ritz / Starhotel E.c.h.o/ WorldHotel Casati 18/ Windsor Hotel/ Milan Marriott/ Antares Hotel Rubens / Best Western City/ Unahotels Scandinavia/ Unahotels Mediterraneo/ NH Nhow or similar
- **La Spezia**  
CDH Hotel La Spezia/ Hotel Firenze e Continentale/ The Poet Hotel/ Hotel Ghironi/ NH La Spezia or similar
- **Florence**  
Hotel Grifone/ Hotel Palazzo dal Borgo/ Cellai Boutique Hotel/ FH55 Hotel Mediterraneo/ Hotel Albani/ Grand Hotel Adriatico/ NH Firenze/ Smarthotel Derosé or similar

## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 8 nights accommodation in a double room at the mentioned hotels with breakfast
- Transport in a Gran Turismo bus or tourist minibus with Wi-Fi

included

- English-speaking tour guide assistance throughout the tour
  - Guided tours with a licensed local guide in English: Milan - Borromean Islands - Florence
  - Audioguides available throughout the trip
  - Entries: Milan Duomo - Borromean Islands
  - Boat transfer to the Borromean Islands
  - Lunch at Isola dei Pescatori with typical local dishes – beverages included
  - Boat transfer to Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure
- \*IMPORTANT: Lake Maggiore, Portofino, and Santa Margherita Ligure - In case of adverse weather conditions, the excursion may be canceled without prior notice, or the itinerary may be subject to changes without prior notice.*

## THE PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Flights to/from Italy
- Any internal connections or transfers to reach the tour starting destination
- Private arrival and departure transfers

- City tax
- Drinks during meals, except where expressly indicated in "The Price Includes"
- Porterage, tips, and general or personal extras
- Optional excursions
- Cancellation insurance and assistance (optional and upon request)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program and the "The Price Includes" section

NOTE: FOR PRE-TOUR AND POST-TOUR NIGHT RATES OR EXTRA NIGHTS IN SPECIFIC CITIES, PLEASE REFER TO THE GENERAL CONDITIONS AT THE END OF THIS DOCUMENT.

