# EASY NORTHERN LAKES, LIGURIA, AND VENICE

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11 🧩 days | 10 🕻 nights

ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO
- CHIANTI - MESTRE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN - STRESA BORROMEAN ISLANDS - PORTOFINO - SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE RAPALLO - LA SPEZIA







## DAY 1 - SATURDAY

## ROME

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

DAY 2 - SUNDAY

# ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to the Tuscany region. Arrive at Montepulciano, a medieval city perched on a hill, world-famous for producing the "Nobile" wine. This village is rich in Renaissance buildings, ancient churches, and hidden corners. From Montepulciano, enjoy the fabulous landscape of the Orcia Valley and Chiana Valley. Continue to the charming Pienza, one of the most characteristic medieval villages in the heart of the Orcia Valley, known as the "ideal city" of the Renaissance and for its strong ties to rural traditions. This is evident as soon as you enter the old town through its main gate and stroll along the "corso," lined with shops showcasing local products, including the famous "Pecorino di Pienza." Transfer to the hotel in Siena.

## DAY 3 - MONDAY

# SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI - MESTRE

After breakfast, visit the elegant city of Siena, full of charm and historical memories, considered one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Italy. The heart of the city is the famous Piazza del Campo, shaped like a shell, where the renowned "Palio di Siena" takes place, a key event for all Sienese. Visit the stunning Gothic-style Siena Cathedral, housing treasures by Donatello, Pisano, and Michelangelo, as well as frescoes by the celebrated Pinturicchio. Proceed to San Gimignano, a medieval village

famous for its towers, of which only 13 out of the original 72 remain. This UNESCO World Heritage site is characterized by its beautiful squares and historical center. Continue to the Chianti region, renowned for its Tuscan landscape with vineyards, cypress trees, and picturesque villages. Enjoy a panoramic drive and visit a local winery for a Chianti wine tasting and local delicacies. Transfer to the hotel in Mestre and free time.

#### DAY 4 - TUESDAY

## MESTRE

Breakfast at the hotel and free time.

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSION:**

## Venice

Guided tour of Venice, a unique city built on 120 islands connected by over 400 bridges. Venice boasts an extraordinary cultural and artistic heritage, inspiring poets and artists for centuries: the elegant buildings along the Grand Canal, the delicate Doge's Palace overlooking St. Mark's Square, the majestic Basilica and Campanile of St. Mark, as well as small artisan workshops and colorful houses. Free time and return to the hotel in the afternoon.

## **OPTIONAL EXCURSION:**

## **Gondola Ride**

A gondola ride is one of Venice's main attractions and a city icon. It offers an unforgettable experience, allowing you to truly immerse in Venice's charm. The ride provides a unique perspective of the city from the water.

## DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

# MESTRE - VERONA -SIRMIONE - MILAN







After breakfast, head to Verona, known worldwide as the setting for the tragic love story of Romeo and Juliet. Its historic center is a UNESCO World Heritage site, celebrated for its architecture, romantic charm, and scenic views over the Adige River. Proceed to Sirmione, a picturesque town on the southern shores of Lake Garda, nicknamed "the pearl of islands and peninsulas." It boasts historical and artistic treasures, including Roman villa ruins, the Scaligero Castle, and the Church of San Pietro in Mavino. Transfer to the hotel in Milan.

#### OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

### **Boat Ride on Lake Garda**

A boat trip on Lake Garda reveals its secrets and breathtaking views, offering a unique and relaxing experience.

#### DAY 6 - THURSDAY

## 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.



#### DAY 7 - FRIDAY

# 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.

#### DAY 8 - SATURDAY

## 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.

## DAY 9 - SUNDAY

# 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.

## DAY 10 - MONDAY

## LA SPEZIA - CINQUE TERRE - 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.

## DAY 11 - TUESDAY

## LA SPEZIA

Breakfast at the hotel. End of services.





MARCH: 22
APRIL: 19
MAY: 03 - 17 - 31
JUNE: 14 - 28
JULY: 12 - 26
AUGUST: 09 - 23
SEPTEMBER: 06 - 20
OCTOBER: 04 - 18

From € 2,360.per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From € 2,345.per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From €854.-Half Board supplement: €534.-



## HOTELS OR SIMILAR

## Rome

Hotel Gambrinus / Hotel Napoleon / Romanico Palace Luxury Hotel / IH Cicerone / Palladium Palace / Best Western Ars Hotel / Club House Hotel / NH Villa Carpegna / Al Manthia Hotel / DoubleTree by Hilton Rome Monti or similar

## Siena

Hotel Executive / Four Points by Sheraton Siena / Hotel Garden / NH Siena or similar

## Mestre

Smart Hotel Holiday / Plaza Venice / Leonardo Royal / BW Tritone / Voco The Quid Hotel / Hotel Alexander / Antony Palace Hotel / Park Hotel Ai Pini / Four Points by Sheraton / Hotel Belstay / LH Hotel Sirio 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

## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 10 nights of accommodation in a double room at the hotels mentioned, with breakfast
- Transportation in a Gran Turismo bus or tourist minibus with included Wi-Fi
- English-speaking tour guide assistance throughout the itinerary
- Guided tours with a licensed local guide in English: Siena Milan Borromean Islands
- Audioguides available throughout the trip
- Entrance tickets: Siena Cathedral Milan Cathedral (Duomo) Borromean Islands
- Wine and local product tasting in Chianti
- Boat transfer to the Borromean Islands
- Lunch at Isola dei Pescatori with typical local dishes drinks included
- Boat transfer to Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure

\*IMPORTANT: Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, Lake Maggiore — 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 connection or transfer to reach the starting point of the tour
- Private arrival and departure transfers
- City tax
- Drinks during meals, except where explicitly stated in "The price includes"
- Porters, tips, and general personal extras
- Optional excursions
- Assistance and cancellation insurance (optional and upon request)
- Everything not specifically stated in the program and under 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.