

GRAND TOUR OF NORTHERN ITALY

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16  days | 15  nights

MILAN - STRESA - BORROMEAN ISLANDS - COMO - BELLAGIO -
PORTOFINO - SANTA MARGHERITA LIGURE - RAPALLO - CINQUE
TERRE - FLORENCE - ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA - SAN
GIMIGNANO - CHIANTI - VENICE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN





DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY

MILAN

Arrival at Milan airport and transfer to the hotel. Free time. At 6:00 PM, meet the tour leader at the reception.

DAY 2 - THURSDAY

MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and a tour of Milan, a city rich in invaluable historical, artistic, and architectural heritage. Milan is also renowned as the Italian capital of fashion, an industrial hub, and a central player in the Italian economy. A stroll through Milan must include visits to some of its iconic landmarks: Piazza del Duomo, one of the largest and most captivating squares in Italy, home to the magnificent Gothic-style Cathedral; the Teatro alla Scala, a cultural symbol of Milan and one of the most prestigious theaters in the world for its history, architecture, and performances; and the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. Enjoy free time before returning to the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:**Navigli District of Milan: A Symbol of Milanese Nightlife**

Excursion to discover the Navigli district, one of the most picturesque areas of Milan, renowned worldwide for its vibrant nightlife and the hundreds of venues scattered along the banks of its canals. The tour includes a stop to admire the illuminated Duomo of Milan, one of the most striking Gothic cathedrals. After a brief walk to explore the history of this fascinating neighborhood, you'll have the opportunity to enjoy an aperitivo during the iconic "happy hour."

DAY 3 - FRIDAY

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

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Stresa, a splendid tou-

rist destination on Lake Maggiore. This charming town is nestled in an unparalleled scenic setting, offering breathtaking views of the Alps and Lake Maggiore, home to the famous Borromean Islands. Next, enjoy an excursion to the Borromean Islands, featuring the monumental Isola Bella, the picturesque Isola dei Pescatori, and Isola Madre, renowned for its botanical garden filled with rare plants. During the excursion, lunch will be served on Isola dei Pescatori, featuring typical dishes of the local cuisine. Return to Stresa and enjoy free time before heading back to the hotel in the afternoon.

DAY 4 - SATURDAY

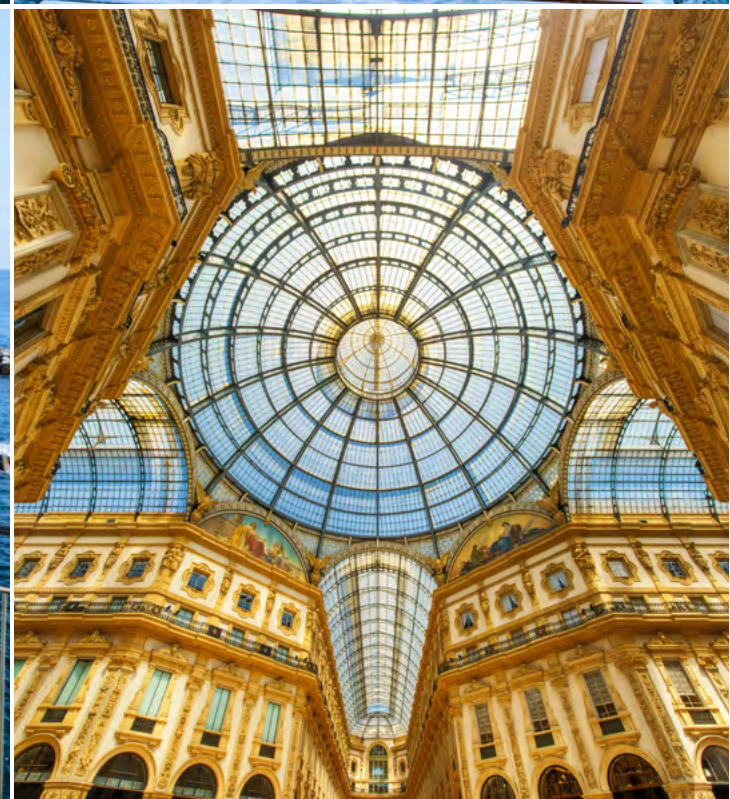
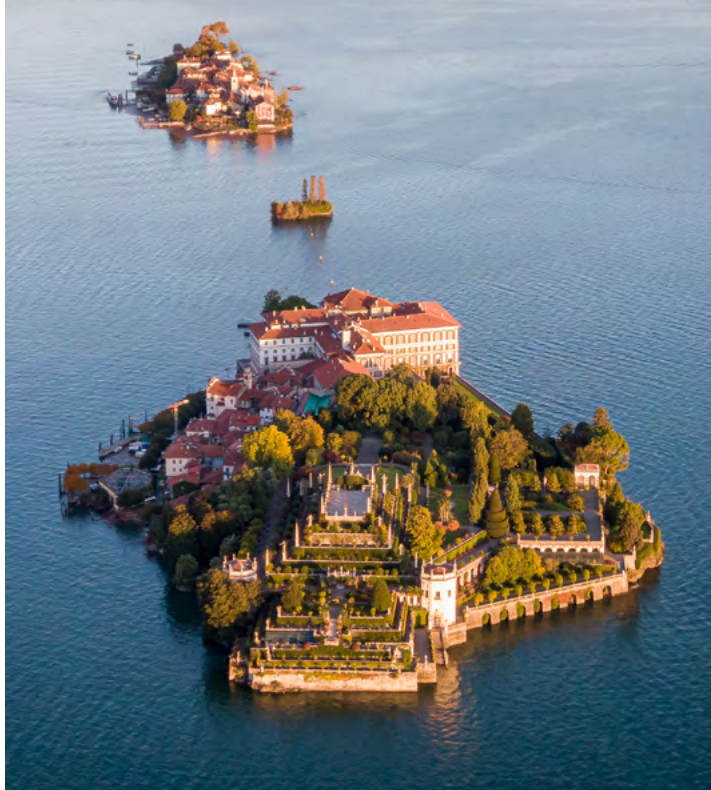
MILAN - LAKE COMO: COMO, VILLA CARLOTTA, AND BELLAGIO - MILAN

After breakfast, departure to Como for a guided tour of one of the most beloved cities in northern Italy. Highlights include the Duomo, the Broletto (medieval town hall), the Terragni Palace, ancient alleys, and remnants of the medieval city walls. Transfer to Tremezzo for a guided visit to Villa Carlotta, which overlooks the lake and is surrounded by a magnificent park filled with stunning plants and flowers. From Tremezzo, take a boat transfer to Bellagio, one of the most beautiful tourist destinations on Lake Como. Enjoy free time to soak in the charming atmosphere and explore the enchanting corners of this gem, often called the "Pearl of Lake Como." In the afternoon, return to the hotel. In the evening, enjoy a dinner featuring typical local dishes from the region.

DAY 5 - SUNDAY

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

After breakfast at the hotel, we will dedicate the day to exploring the Gulf of Tigullio. Visit Portofino, renowned for its elegant



charm and vibrant-colored buildings overlooking the sea, and Santa Margherita Ligure, famous for its pastel-colored facades and its stunning promenade. In the afternoon, take a boat ride back to Rapallo, a city rich in historical heritage, situated at the heart of the Gulf of Tigullio. Later in the day, transfer to the hotel in La Spezia and enjoy free time.

DAY 6 - MONDAY

LA SPEZIA - CINQUE TERRE - LA SPEZIA

Breakfast at the hotel, and we will continue our journey to the Cinque Terre, traveling by boat or train depending on weather conditions. Over centuries, human ingenuity has shaped this territory by building the famous terraces that make use of the geography of its slopes, creating one of the most beautiful and iconic landscapes of Liguria. The guided tour begins with Manarola, an urban gem with its charming harbor and a cluster of pastel-colored houses. Next is Vernazza, considered one of the most beautiful villages in Italy, preserving its long maritime traditions. Its natural harbor, shaped like an amphitheater extending into the sea, attests to this legacy. Finally, we visit Monterosso, the westernmost and most populous town of the Cinque Terre. Located in a small natural gulf, it consists of two settlements: the historic center to the east and the more modern, tourist-oriented area to the west. In the afternoon, return to the hotel.

DAY 7 - TUESDAY

LA SPEZIA - FLORENCE

Breakfast and departure to Florence, a city with an atmosphere that invites you to travel back in time. Renowned worldwide as the birthplace of the Renaissance, Florence is the cradle of architecture and art. Enjoy a guided tour of its historic center, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, surrounded by churches, monuments, and stunning Renaissance buildings praised by poets throughout history. Highlights include the Baptistry of St. John,

dedicated to the city's patron saint, the famous Giotto's Campanile, the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, and Brunelleschi's imposing dome—just a few examples of Florence's wonders. After the visit, transfer to the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

The Uffizi Gallery

The Uffizi Gallery, designed in the mid-16th century by Giorgio Vasari, consists of 90 rooms housing some of the most important and famous paintings in the history of art. It features masterpieces by Giotto, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, and Botticelli, as well as numerous works by Flemish and Dutch painters, all displayed in chronological order. A visit to this museum is truly a journey through time, exploring the evolution of art and its timeless beauty.

DAY 8 - WEDNESDAY

FLORENCE

After breakfast, we will begin our second day in Florence by exploring one of the most authentic areas of the city: Oltrarno, located on the left bank of the Arno River. This district exudes a unique and timeless atmosphere, offering a glimpse into a more genuine Florence, populated mostly by locals. A visit to the Ponte Vecchio is a must. With its hanging shops and houses, it stands as one of the most famous landmarks in the world. We will also visit the Palazzo Pitti, the last residence of the Medici family and now the largest museum complex in Florence. Enjoy free time before returning to the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

The Accademia Gallery

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

DAY 9 - THURSDAY



FLORENCE - ROME

Breakfast and departure by train to Rome. Upon arrival, transfer to the hotel and enjoy free time to explore the city at your own pace. In the evening, savor a delightful dinner featuring typical Roman dishes in the charming Trastevere district, known for its lively atmosphere and authentic local cuisine.

DAY 10 - FRIDAY

ROME

Breakfast at the hotel, followed by a panoramic tour of Rome to admire the magnificent monuments of Ancient Rome: the Colosseum, Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, Baths of Caracalla, and the most iconic Christian basilicas of the city: St. Paul Outside the Walls, St. John Lateran, Santa Maria Maggiore, and St. Peter's Basilica. The tour continues along the Tiber River, offering



views of Castel Sant'Angelo and the Ara Pacis. The bus will then pass through the splendid Villa Borghese gardens and the elegant Via Veneto, famous for its connection to Hollywood stars, luxurious bars, and elegant hotels. During the tour, there will be a stop at the Capitoline Hill for a panoramic view of the Roman Forum and the magnificent Piazza Venezia. Another stop will be made at St. Peter's Square, where you will have the option to continue with a visit to the Vatican Museums. Enjoy free time in the afternoon before returning to the hotel.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel

The Vatican Museums, considered one of the most important in the world, and the Sistine Chapel, the site of the Papal Conclave, masterfully painted by Michelangelo Buonarroti. This visit immerses you in the highest expressions of art across all eras, where beauty and faith converge in a unique and unparalleled combination. A must-see experience in Rome.

DAY 11 - SATURDAY

ROME

Breakfast at the hotel and a guided tour, including entry tickets, to the most evocative and imposing monument of antiquity, the Colosseum, one of the Seven Wonders of the World. Next, we will visit the archaeological area of the Roman Forum, a symbol of the Italian capital that showcases the mastery of Roman-era construction techniques during the Roman Empire.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Tivoli and Its Magnificent Villas: Villa Adriana and Villa d'Este

In the afternoon, there is an option for a half-day visit to the city of Tivoli. Stroll through the ruins of Villa Adriana, from the Roman era, featuring temples, theaters, and statues. Then, explore the romantic Renaissance-era Villa d'Este, with its waterfalls, pools, and fountains in the garden—an unforgettable experience. At the end of the tour, we return to Rome.



DAY 12 - SUNDAY

**ROME - MONTEPULCIANO
- PIENZA - SIENA**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure towards the Tuscany region. Arrival in Montepulciano, a medieval town perched on a hilltop, renowned worldwide for its production of “Nobile” wine. This charming town is rich in Renaissance buildings, ancient churches, and hidden corners. From Montepulciano, we will enjoy the fabulous scenery of the Orcia Valley and the Chiana Valley. The journey continues to the enchanting town of Pienza, one of the most characteristic medieval villages in the heart of the Orcia Valley. Known as the “ideal city” of the Renaissance, Pienza has preserved a strong attachment to its rural traditions. This is evident as soon as you enter through the main gate of the old town and stroll along the “corso,” lined with shops displaying the region’s typical products, notably the famous “Pecorino di Pienza” cheese. Finally, transfer to the hotel in Siena.

DAY 13 - MONDAY

**SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO
- CHIANTI - MESTRE**

After breakfast, we will visit the elegant city of Siena, full of charm and echoes of the past, considered one of the most beautiful medieval cities in Italy. The heart of the city is the famous Piazza del Campo, uniquely shell-shaped, where the renowned “Palio di Siena” is held, one of the most significant events for all Sienese. A visit to the Siena Cathedral is a must, showcasing its breathtaking Gothic style and housing numerous treasures by Donatello, Pisano, and Michelangelo, as well as frescoes by the celebrated Pinturicchio. Next, we depart for San Gimignano, a medieval town in the heart of Tuscany, famous for its towers, of which only thirteen remain from the seventy-two that once safeguarded the city. The town is characterized by its beautiful squares and a historic center listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. We continue our journey to the Chianti region, renowned for its quintessential Tuscan

landscapes, surrounded by vineyards, cypress trees, and picturesque villages offering traditional gastronomic delights. We will take a scenic route through these charming towns and visit a winery to taste the famous Chianti wine and other local products. Finally, transfer to the hotel in Mestre and enjoy free time.

DAY 14 - TUESDAY

MESTRE - VENICE - MESTRE

Breakfast at the hotel and guided tour of Venice, a city unlike any other in the world, built on approximately 120 islands, bordered by 150 canals, and connected by over 400 bridges. Venice boasts a cultural and artistic heritage among the most beautiful in the world, which has inspired great poets and artists of its time. Admire the elegant buildings along the Grand Canal, the exquisite beauty of the Doge’s Palace overlooking St. Mark’s Square, the majesty of St. Mark’s Basilica and its campanile, as well as the charming artisan workshops and the picturesque colorful houses. Enjoy free time before returning to the hotel in the afternoon.

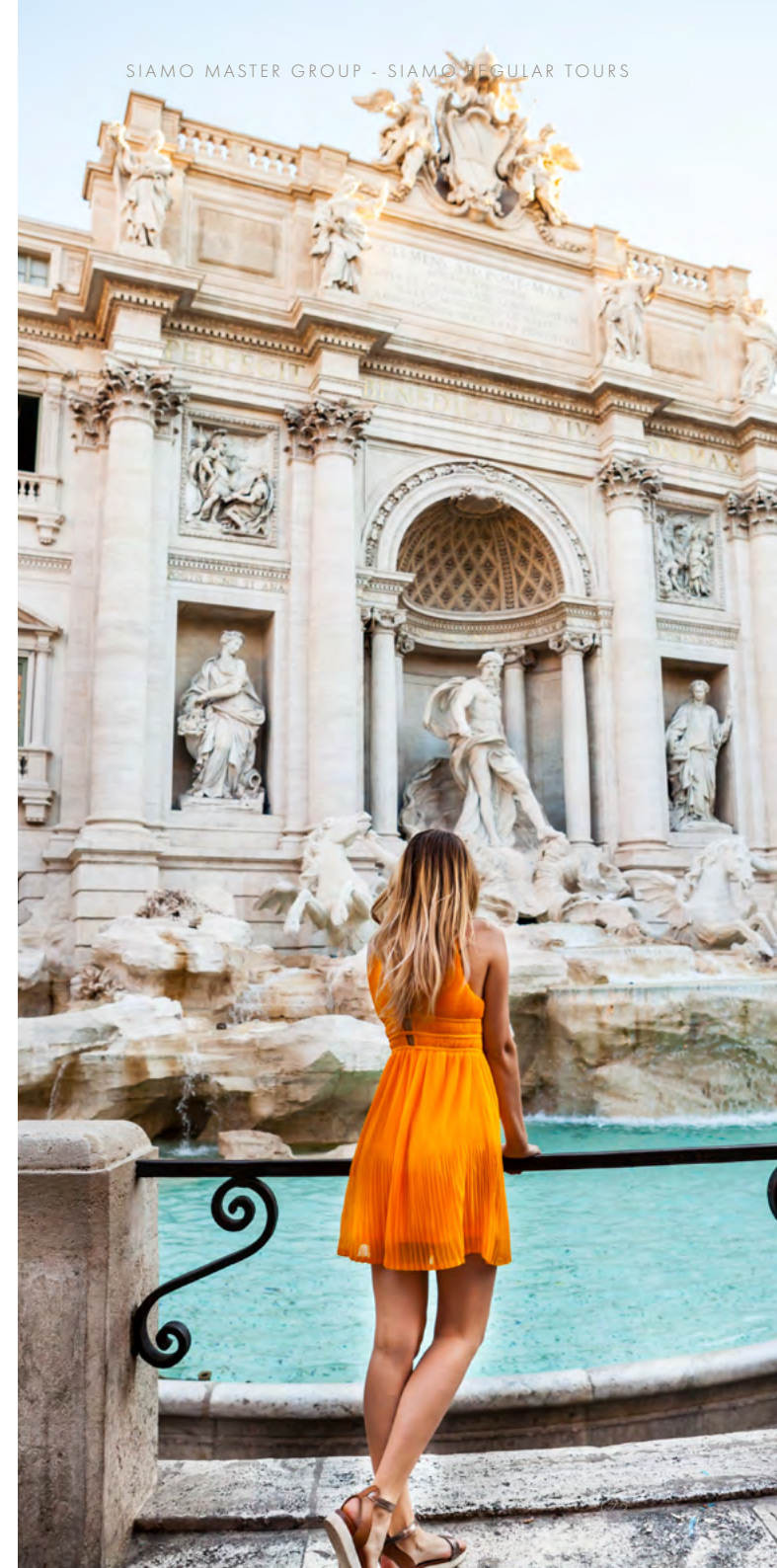
OPTIONAL EXCURSION:**Gondola Ride through the Canals of Venice**

The gondola ride is one of the main attractions of the city and is considered one of the symbols of Venice. Undoubtedly, a gondola ride is an unforgettable experience that must be had to truly say you have experienced the city. There is nothing like it in the world, and this is what makes Venice a unique city. It offers the opportunity to observe the city from below, gently swayed by the water and the rhythmic motion of the gondolier’s oar.

DAY 15 - WEDNESDAY

MESTRE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN

After breakfast, departure to Verona, famously known as the setting for the passionate love story of Romeo and Juliet, the



world's most renowned lovers. Its historic center has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site for its architecture and urban structure. Verona enchants visitors with its romantic and fascinating atmosphere, its bridges over the Adige River, its magnificent buildings, and its bustling streets. Next, we proceed to Sirmione, a picturesque town located on the southern shore of Lake Garda, known as "the pearl of the islands and peninsulas." The town boasts a rich historical and artistic heritage, including the remains of an ancient Roman villa from the early imperial period, known as the Grottoes of Catullus, the Scaliger Castle, and the Church of San Pietro in Mavino. Afterward, transfer to the hotel in Milan.

OPTIONAL EXCURSION:

Boat Ride on Lake Garda

Lake Garda is a treasure of beauty that reveals its best secrets to those who choose to explore it from a different perspective. A boat excursion is a unique experience to enjoy moments of relaxation while discovering stunning landscapes.

DAY 16 - THURSDAY

MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport/train station.
End of services.



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

From **€ 4.375.-**
per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From **€ 4.360.-**
per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From €1,303.-
Half Board supplement: €770.-



PLANNED 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 o similar
- **Florence**
Hotel Grifone/ Hotel Palazzo dal Borgo/ Cellai Boutique Hotel/ FH55 Hotel Mediterraneo/Hotel Albani/ Grand Hotel Adriatico/ NH Firenze/ Smarthotel Derose 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**

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THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 15 nights of accommodation in a double room at the mentioned hotels with breakfast included.
- Transportation by Grand Touring Bus or tourist minibus with WIFI included.
- Private transfers for arrival and departure.
- Assistance of an English-speaking tour guide throughout the entire tour.
- Guided tours with authorized local guides in English: Milan, Borromean Islands, Como, Villa Carlotta, Cinque Terre, Florence, Rome, Siena, Venice,
- Audio guides available throughout the trip.
- Included entry tickets to: Milan Duomo, Borromean Islands, Villa Carlotta, Pitti Palace in Florence, Colosseum, Siena Cathedral
- Boat transfer to the Borromean Islands.
- Lunch on Isola dei Pescatori with typical local dishes, drinks included.
- Boat transfer on Lake Como.
- Dinner in Milan with typical local dishes.
- Boat transfer to Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure.
- Boat or train transfer to Cinque Terre.
- Train transfer to Rome.
- Dinner in Rome with typical local dishes.

- Wine and local product tasting in the Chianti region.

**IMPORTANT: Portofino and Santa Margherita Ligure, Lake Maggiore, and Lake Como – 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 starting point of the tour
- City tax
- Beverages during meals, unless expressly indicated under "The price includes"
- Luggage handling, tips, and general or personal extras
- Optional excursions
- Assistance and cancellation insurance (optional and upon request)
- Anything not specifically mentioned in the program and in the section "The price includes"

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