

# NORTHERN LAKES

MAE - LAG - ROM - 0908

9  days | 8  nights

ROME - MONTEPULCIANO - PIENZA - SIENA - SAN GIMIGNANO  
- CHIANTI - VENICE - VERONA - SIRMIONE - MILAN - STRESA  
- BORROMEAN ISLANDS - COMO - BELLAGIO - MILAN





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#### DAY 1 - SATURDAY

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### ROME

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

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#### DAY 2 - SUNDAY

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### 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.

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#### DAY 3 - MONDAY

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### 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







Siene. 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.

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#### DAY 4 - TUESDAY

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### 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.

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#### DAY 5 - WEDNESDAY

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### 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.

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#### DAY 6 - THURSDAY

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### 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 di 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 7 - FRIDAY****MILAN - LAKE MAGGIORE: STRESA AND BORROMEAN ISLANDS - MILAN**

Breakfast at the hotel and departure to Stresa, a splendid tourist 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 8 - 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.

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#### DAY 9 - MILAN

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### MILAN

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport/train station.  
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 € 2.495.-  
per person in DOUBLE occupancy

From € 2.480.-  
per person in TRIPLE occupancy

SINGLE supplement: From €602.-  
Half Board supplement: €415.-



## PLANNED 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 o 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

## THE PRICE INCLUDES:

- 08 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: Siena, Venice, Milan, Borromean Islands, Como, Villa Carlotta
- Audio guides available throughout the trip.
- Included entry tickets to: Siena Cathedral, Milan Duomo, Borromean Islands, Villa Carlotta
- 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.

*\*IMPORTANT: 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.