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The Italian Lakes – Orta, Maggiore, Como, Iseo, Garda

September 2023 / May, June, Sept 2024



A week of fun and frolics discovering the history, style and 'dolce vita' of the Italian Lakes.
Think crystal clear water, sleek speed boats, fabulous food and wine, lakeside views and great company.

Day 1: Milano – Arrivals – Orta

- Time to relax and freshen up.
- 19.00: Welcome 'get to know you' drinks party w/ prosecco and canapes
- 19.30: Welcome Dinner in hotel
- Stay tonight – Hotel L'Approdo, Lago d'Orta
- Meals included: Welcome Dinner

Day 2: Lake Orta

- Enjoy a relaxing breakfast over-looking the lake this morning.
- Then we'll take a boat ride across Lake Orta to San Giulio. There's time to explore this charming town before heading over to San Giulio Island (in the middle of the lake) to discover a medieval hamlet and convent still inhabited after almost one thousand years. A light lunch is included in Orta.
- This afternoon there is time to rest and enjoy the pool and garden at the hotel.
- Dinner at 19:30 at Ristorante Giardinetto, we will be going there and coming back to our hotel with a private boat transfer. It's going to be a memorable evening!
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner



Day 3: Orta - Maggiore – Stresa – Como - Iseo

This is a long day with a strict timetable:

- 08.15: Meet in lobby, bags packed and checked-out – ready for departure
- 08.30: Departure Orta, Approdo Hotel for Stresa.
- 09.30: Arrive Stresa and take private boat to Isola Bella – visit gardens
- 12.30: Casual lunch in Stresa (included).
- 14.00: Private minivan service from Stresa to Lake Como,
- 15.30: Ferry from Tremezzo to Bellagio – Bellagio is the exquisite jewel of Lake Como. There's free time to explore Bellagio before we continue our journey.
- 17.30: Continue to Lake Iseo – our home for the next two nights.
- Stay tonight at Araba Fenice Hotel, Iseo. Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

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Day 4: Iseo – Franciacorta – Iseo

- Today we have a day in and around Lake Iseo. We will visit a very special vintage speedboat collection at 10.30 am - Riva Vintage Collection –
- Continue to Franciacorta for a wine tasting of 'Italian Champagne'. We are going to Berlucchi - one of the most famous brands for producing the finest Italian 'bubbly'.
- There will be a light bistro dinner over-looking the lake this evening.
- Boat ride on Lake Iseo this evening
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Iseo – Sirmione – Garda

- Today we head east from Iseo to Lake Garda. Our first stop is Sirmione the scenic peninsula surrounded by the crystal-clear waters of Lake Garda. Enjoy the quaint town with its medieval drawbridge entrance and castle. Maria Callas had a villa here for many years. Sirmione is a picture perfect small town.
- From Sirmione we'll take a private boat ride out onto the lake.
- Next we follow the lakeshore round to Bardolino. A pretty village famed for red wine. Here we stay at the Caesius Hotel & Spa for the next two nights.
- There is a complimentary spa treatment included this evening for each lady.
- Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner



Day 6: Lake Garda – Verona – Garda

- Relax by the hotel pool, take a stroll by the lake or enjoy a bike ride on our rented bicycles straight from the hotel. Weather-permitting it's a picnic lunch today.
- This afternoon there is an optional half-day trip to Verona (just 30 minutes away) to discover the hometown of Romeo and Juliet. This perfect small city is filled with gorgeous squares, fascinating history and lots of nice shopping.
- This evening we will have dinner in Verona.
- Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch (Picnic), Dinner

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Day 7: Departures

- After breakfast it is time to say our farewells. There is a private minivan service to Verona Airport or to Verona Train Station for your onward journeys.
- Meals included: Breakfast

Hotels:

- 02-04 Sept: L'Approdo <https://www.approdohotelorta.com/en/>
- 04-06 Sept: The Araba Fenice Hotel <https://www.arabafenicehotel.it/>
- 06-08 Sept: Hotel Caesius <https://www.hotelcaesiusterme.com/en/>



Date	City	Hotel	Number Of Nights	Website	Tel Number	Address
2nd-4th Sept	Pettenasco	L'Approdo	2	https://www.approdohotelorta.com/en/	+39032389345	Corso Roma, 80, 28028 Pettenasco NO
4th-6th Sept	Pilzone	The Araba Fenice Hotel	2	https://www.arabafenicehotel.it/	+390309822004	Via Caproni, 246 I-25049 Iseo, loc. Pilzone BS
6th-8th Sept	Bardolino	Hotel Caesius	2	https://www.hotelcaesiusterme.com/en/	+390457219100	Via Peschiera, 3, 37011 Bardolino VR

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