

# Travel Guide | Italian Lakes

UNLOCKING EUROPE'S MOST SPECTACULAR DESTINATIONS

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INSIDER TIPS

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Varenna, Lake Como, Italy





# Welcome to the Italian Lakes



The Italian lakes region is a tapestry of diverse beauty waiting to be explored. From the majestic shores of Lake Maggiore and glamour of Lake Como to the intimate charm of Lake Orta and the sparkling waters of Lake Garda, each lake offers a unique experience. Whether you're seeking peaceful retreats, vibrant local culture, or stunning alpine vistas, the lakes region is truly unique and has something to cater to every traveller's desires. These hidden gems promise an escape from the ordinary and a chance to discover Italy's best-kept secrets.

## BEST TIME TO VISIT

The Italian lakes are at their most enchanting during the spring (Apr to Jun) and early autumn (Sep to Oct). These shoulder seasons offer the perfect balance of pleasant weather, fewer crowds, and blooming landscape with mild temperatures, ranging between 15°C-22°C. Early autumn graces the lakes with warm, golden days and cooler nights, perfect for enjoying the stunning landscapes without the peak-season hustle. July and August are peak months, drawing crowds of tourists to the lakes, especially Lake Como and Lake Garda. Making it even better opportunity to escape to alternative lake destinations during this time.

## DAY TRIPS AND LINK-UPS

Day trips to the Italian lakes are easily accessible from major cities like Milan, Verona, and even Venice. Milan provides excellent access to Lake Como, which is just over an hour away by train. For Lake Maggiore, the town of Stresa is also about an hour's train ride from Milan, making it an ideal day-trip destination. Verona, with its proximity to Lake Garda, is nearby popular lakeside towns like Sirmione.

Linking up between the lakes is also a great way to explore more of the region. For a unique experience, travel between Lake Como and Lake Maggiore or between Lake Garda and Lake Iseo, taking in the breathtaking landscapes that stretch between these gems of northern Italy.

**Discover more of the Italian Lakes on the following pages and get in contact with Ormina Tours today to help plan your Italian Lakes Regional Discovery.**

# Lakes Regional Highlights

**Monte Generoso**  
VISIT

- Cogwheel railway to mountain top
- Lunch at Restaurant Fiore di Pietra

**Bellinzona**  
VISIT TOWN

- Guided tour
- Explore town
- UNESCO castles & medieval fortifications

**Lake Maggiore**

- Private Boat Tour to the island of Isola Bella & Borromeo Palace & Gardens
- Gattinara Wine region
- Day trip to Lake Orta
- Day trip to Locarno

**Lake Orta**

- Guided tour and visit to Isola San Giulio
- Gattinara Wine region
- Day trip to Lake Maggiore

**Lake Lugano**

- Explore town
- Complimentary Ticino Ticket
- Entrance to MASI Art Museum
- Visit with lunch at Monte Generoso
- Day trip to Lake Como

**St Moritz**  
VISIT TOWN

- Ride the Bernina Express from Tirano
- Explore town

**Lake Como**

- Guided tour
- Villa Carlotta, Villa Melzi d'Eril & Villa Balbianello Gardens
- Leisure time & lunch in Bellagio

**Lake Garda**  
VISIT LAKE

- Guided tour of Sirmione
- Boat tour on the lake
- Explore Malcesine & ride the Monte Baldo cable car

**Lake Iseo**  
VISIT LAKE & REGION

- Cruise on the lake
- Explore Monte Isola
- Franciacorta sparkling wine region

**Verona**

- Guided tour
- Day trip to Lake Garda
- Valpolicella Wine Region

**Milan**

Day trips possible to:

- Lake Como (1.25hr)
- Lake Orta (1.25hr)
- Lake Iseo & Franciacorta Wine Region (2hr)



# Compare our Lakes Itineraries

Our private itineraries showcase the best of Italy's stunning lakes region, offering a range of fully customisable options. While Lake Como is the most famous, we encourage travellers to consider other beautiful lakes, such as Maggiore and Lugano, for better value and smaller crowds, with the options for day trips to nearby lakes.

Our itineraries are thoughtfully designed as an excellent starting point, featuring handpicked hotels, private sightseeing, and seamless transport. Group sightseeing and self-drive options may also be available upon request.



Varenna, Lake Como



Lake Garda

Italian Lakes & Swiss Mountains	Lake Como Regional Discovery	Lake Lugano Regional Discovery	Lake Maggiore Regional Discovery	Lake Orta Regional Discovery	Lake Garda Regional Discovery
SMALL GROUP JOURNEY	PRIVATE CUSTOMISABLE	PRIVATE CUSTOMISABLE	PRIVATE CUSTOMISABLE	PRIVATE CUSTOMISABLE	PRIVATE CUSTOMISABLE
ITINERARY					
10 Days 9 Breakfasts 4 Lunches	5 Days 4 Breakfasts 2 Lunches	5 Days 4 Breakfasts 1 Lunch	7 Days 5 Breakfasts 2 Lunches	6 Days 5 Breakfasts 1 Lunch	6 Days 5 Breakfasts 1 Lunch
LAKES VISITED					
Lake Como Lake Iseo Lake Lugano Lake Maggiore Lake Orta	Lake Como Lake Iseo Lake Maggiore	Lake Lugano Lake Como	Lake Maggiore Lake Orta Lake Como <i>optional add on</i>	Lake Orta Lake Maggiore	Lake Garda Lake Iseo <i>optional add on</i>
HIGHLIGHTS					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; All exquisite 5-star hotels</li> <li>&gt; Tour Director</li> <li>&gt; Franciacorta Wine Region visit &amp; tasting</li> <li>&gt; Visit with guided touring in 5 lakes</li> <li>&gt; Private Cruise on Lake Como</li> <li>&gt; Bernina Express train journey</li> <li>&gt; Lunch on Monte Generoso</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Guided tour of Como and Bellagio including Villa Melzi d'Eril</li> <li>&gt; Franciacorta Wine Region visit &amp; tasting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Guided tour of the Triangle Cities</li> <li>&gt; Guided tour on Monte Generoso</li> <li>&gt; Lunch at Monte Generoso's Fiore di pietra</li> <li>&gt; Day trip to Lake Como with private guide</li> <li>&gt; Ticino Ticket to access all local transport</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Boat Tour to the island of Isola Bella &amp; Isola San Giulio</li> <li>&gt; Renowned Gattinara Wine region visit &amp; tasting</li> <li>&gt; Panoramic Centovalli Train journey</li> <li>&gt; Cooking class</li> <li>&gt; Cheese cellar visit &amp; tasting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Boat Tour to the island of Isola Bella &amp; Isola San Giulio</li> <li>&gt; Renowned Gattinara Wine region visit &amp; tasting</li> <li>&gt; Panoramic Centovalli Train journey</li> <li>&gt; Cooking class</li> <li>&gt; Cheese cellar visit &amp; tasting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Guided tours of Verona, Mantua &amp; Lake Garda</li> <li>&gt; Valpolicella Wine Region visit &amp; tasting</li> </ul>
PRICE					
from \$10,490pp AUD	from \$5,350pp AUD	from \$6,400pp AUD	from \$3,350pp AUD	from \$4,300pp AUD	from \$5,240pp AUD
PREMIUM TOUR			BEST VALUE		

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## Our Small Group Journey

A LUXURIOUS TOUR ACROSS THE BEST

Good things come in small packages, and our Small Group Journeys are no exception. With a maximum of just 10 guests, we offer the smallest group size on the market, ensuring an intimate experience with like-minded travellers. Enjoy seamless journeys with better access to expert guides and attractions, as well as the opportunity to stay in charming boutique hotels. Our tours are designed with flexibility in mind, giving you the best of both worlds—guided exploration and leisure time. If a set departure isn't your style, we also offer private, curated journeys tailored to your specific interests.

Our tours are leisurely paced, with 2- and 3-night stays in each destination, allowing you to truly immerse yourself in each location. We handpick exquisite 4- and 5-star hotels, with city properties centrally located and country accommodations brimming with local charm.

### Discover the Italian Lakes region in style

Our Italian Lakes and Swiss Mountains Small Group Journey is the pinnacle of luxury travel, covering the best of the Italian lakes region. This sought-after tour combines must-do activities and experiences with plenty of time for independent exploration. Discover the beauty of the lakes, from Lake Como to lesser-known gems, all while enjoying ultra-luxury accommodations and a perfectly paced itinerary.



Bellagio



# Italian Lakes & Swiss Mountains

10 DAYS

A scenic, nature-inspired journey delivering the best of Italy and Switzerland's stunning lakes, intimate lakeside villages and beautiful mountains. Experience the crystal-clear waters of glacial lakes framed by green mountains and snow-capped peaks that have lured the elite over the last millennia. This unique tour covers 6 panoramic lakes and their villages, from Italy's Lake Como, Lake Orta and Lake Iseo; Switzerland's Lake St Moritz and Lake Lugano; and beautiful Lake Maggiore from the shores of both Italy and Switzerland. With deluxe transport including by train on the iconic Bernina Express and boasting the finest 5-star lakeside hotels, a comfortable, special and relaxing experience is assured.



## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Visit Italy and Switzerland's 'must see' lakes, lakeside villages and Alpine peaks.
- > 9 nights in exquisite 5-star hotels.
- > 9 breakfasts (B), 4 lunches (L).
- > Guided sightseeing in Lake Como, St Moritz, Lugano, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta.
- > Lunch and wine tasting in Franciacorta.
- > Lake Como private cruise with access to Villa del Balbianello.
- > Train journey on the iconic Bernina Express.
- > Iconic cogwheel train to Lugano's Monte Generoso for lunch, served with spectacular views.
- > Visit 6 panoramic lakes of Iseo, Como, St Moritz, Lugano, Maggiore and Orta.
- > Visit beautiful lakeside towns including Bellagio, Menaggio, Ascona, Stresa and Orta San Giulio.
- > Entrance to Villa Carlotta, Villa del Balbianello and Palais Borromée.
- > Deluxe VIP transport and boat excursions on Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta.
- > Arrival and departure transfers on first and last day.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## TOUR FOCUS



### DAY 1 Milan

Welcome to Milan for the start of an unforgettable adventure covering Italy and Switzerland's beautiful lakes and mountains. On arrival, transfer to your centrally located hotel to freshen up, before enjoying the rest of the day at leisure.

**OVERNIGHT:** Sina The Gray 5-star or similar

### DAY 2 Milan – Franciacorta – Lake Iseo – Lake Como (B, L)

Visit the Franciacorta region, characterised by rolling hills and perfect soil for the cultivation of grapes. Enjoy a tasting of the area's most famous export, Franciacorta sparkling wine, followed by a light lunch. Afterward, enjoy leisure time in Lake Iseo to perhaps cruise the crystal-clear waters of Lake Iseo, surrounded by lush green mountains with time to stroll the Lake's stunning Island. Monte Isola is the largest lake island in Italy and with a peak of 600 metres above sea level, is one of the highest in Europe. Afterward, continue to Lake Como for an evening at leisure in your amazing hotel.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS:** Grand Hotel Victoria Concept & Spa 5-star or similar

### DAY 3 Lake Como (B, L)

Explore magnificent Lake Como, a popular retreat for aristocrats and the wealthy since Roman times. The Lake is of glacial origin and has been voted one of the 20 most beautiful lakes in the world. Your full day guided excursion commences with a visit to Villa Carlotta. The Villa boasts luxurious interiors and an exquisite 17-acre garden decorated with sculptures, stairs, fountains and over 500 species of plants. Afterward, ferry to Bellagio, the famous village located on a beautiful promontory with cute shops and cobbled alleyways for a walking tour and lunch at a lake-side restaurant. Afterward, enjoy a private cruise on Lake Como with access to Villa del Balbianello before returning to your hotel.



Private afternoon cruise on Lake Como with access to Villa del Balbianello, featured in the James Bond film Casino Royale.

### DAY 4 Lake Como (B)

Enjoy the entire day at your leisure. Options may include a visit to Como, lunch at the exclusive Villa d'Este in Cernobbio, a visit to the village of Varenna or relax and enjoy the wonderful facilities at your 5-star lakeside hotel.

### DAY 5 Lake Como – Tirano – St Moritz – Lugano (B)

Depart for a train ride aboard the iconic Bernina Express. The stunning journey twists, turns and loops through incredible landscapes and across amazing bridges, following the historic Rhaetian Railway which is UNESCO World Heritage Listed. On arrival in St Moritz, enjoy a guided tour of this Alpine resort that stands at a crisp 5,910 feet above sea level. Afterward, have time for lunch and to browse St Moritz's cute shops, before departing to your Lugano hotel with a stunning view.

**STAY 3 NIGHTS:** Hotel Splendide Royal Lugano 5-star or similar



Enjoy a train ride on the iconic Bernina Express with magnificent panoramas of both Italy and Switzerland.

### DAY 6 Lugano (B)

The entire day is yours to explore this beautiful Italian speaking Swiss town. Stroll the pedestrian streets and piazzas littered with designer stores; people watch in Piazza della Riforma ringed with pastel coloured, neo classical palazzi; or stroll Lake Lugano's scenic promenade.

### DAY 7 Lugano (B, L)

Enjoy an escorted excursion by train including its 1890 cogwheel railway up the 1,701-metre-high Monte Generoso for breathtaking panoramic views of the Lakes, the city of Lugano, the Matterhorn and Jungfrau. After absorbing the mountain and lake scenery, enjoy a wonderful lunch in the clouds at the Monte Generoso restaurant before returning to Lugano.



Enjoy an excursion up Lake Lugano's Monte Generoso for breathtaking panoramic views and lunch in the clouds at its amazing mountain restaurant.

### DAY 8 Lugano – Bellinzona – Ascona – Stresa (B)

Our Swiss discovery continues with a quick stop in Bellinzona to view the outside of its UNESCO World Heritage Listed Castles. The Castles of Bellinzona are a set of three medieval fortifications and the only remaining examples of heavy military architecture dating from the late Middle Ages. The castles guarded the town and the nearby strategic alpine passes. Continue to the quaint neighbouring villages of Locarno and Ascona on the Swiss shores of Lake Maggiore. Enjoy time for an independent lunch at one of its many lakeside cafés before crossing back to Italy along a panoramic route. On arrival, experience Lake Maggiore from a different perspective with a relaxing evening at leisure.

**STAY 2 NIGHTS:** Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees 5-star or similar

### DAY 9 Stresa – Isola Bella – Stresa (B)

Enjoy a morning guided tour Lake Maggiore and Stresa. The tour includes the ferry to Isola Bella, one of the Borromean Islands for a visit to the fishing village and the beautiful Palazzo Palais Borromée with its Italianate Gardens. Afterward, return to Stresa for an afternoon at leisure.

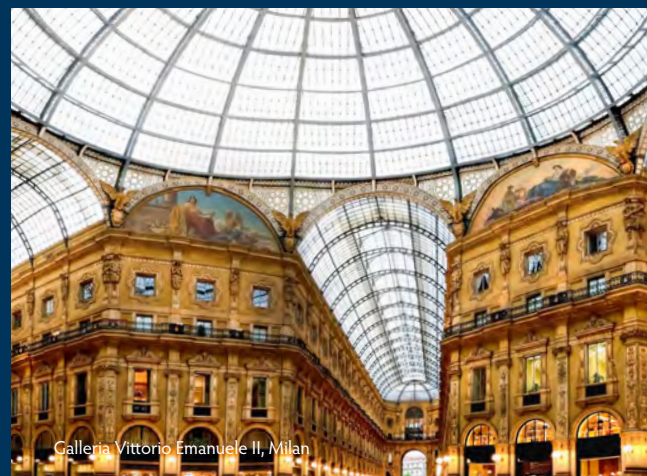


## Departures and Pricing

2025

STARTS	ENDS	PRICE*	
Milan	Milan	Twin Share per person	
4-May-25	13-May-25	\$10,490	CLOSED
1-Jun-25	10-Jun-25	\$10,490	SOLD OUT
6-Jul-25	15-Jul-25	\$10,490	
31-Aug-25	9-Sep-25	\$10,490	
28-Sep-25	7-Oct-25	\$10,490	
		Single Supplement	\$5,200

\* All prices are listed in AUD. Prices in other currencies are available on our website.



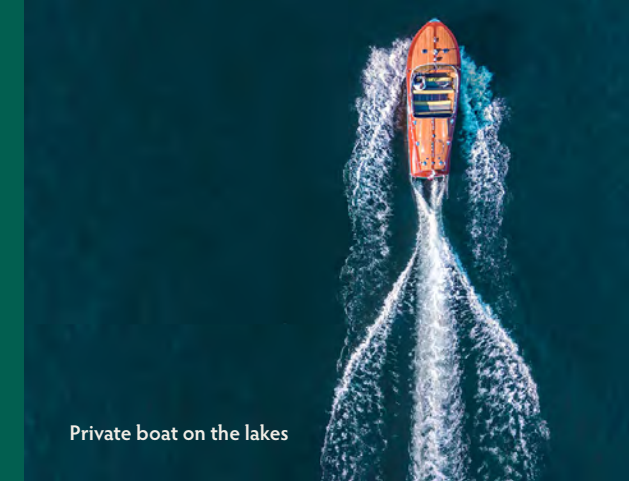
Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Milan



A Italian Lakes & Swiss Mountains and Piedmont

## Lake Como Overview

Lake Como, the most famous of Italy's lakes, enchants with its dramatic alpine backdrop, grand villas, and timeless elegance. Once a retreat for European aristocracy and now a playground for Hollywood's elite – including George Clooney – it has also served as a cinematic backdrop for James Bond films. While undeniably beautiful, its immense popularity brings large crowds, especially in peak season. From Bellagio's postcard-perfect waterfront to the historic estates of Tremezzo, Lake Como remains a must-visit, but one best enjoyed with thoughtful planning. For those seeking a more relaxed experience, nearby lakes such as Maggiore or Lugano provide stunning alternatives, with the added advantage of more affordable day trips to Lake Como.



Private boat on the lakes

### DAY 10 Stresa – Lake Orta – Milan (B, L)

Visit Lake Orta which features the beautiful Island, Isola San Giulio and many lakeside villages. Enjoy an escorted visit the villages of Omegna and Orta San Giulio and Isola San Giulio before celebrating with a memorable closing lunch. Afterward, if not extending your stay with us on our back-to-back small group journey through Piedmont or a post-tour extension, transfer to a Milan airport or Milan centre.



Feature Hotel



### GRAND HOTEL VICTORIA CONCEPT & SPA LAKE COMO

STAY 3 NIGHTS

- > A completely renovated late 19<sup>th</sup> century liberty masterpiece, enriched with beautiful gardens and breath-taking views.
- > A 5-star luxury property boasting restaurants with panoramic lake views, two bars, heated outdoor pool and wellness area.

## Extend your stay

OUR MOST POPULAR TOUR EXTENSIONS

### PRE-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Milan City Break (4 Days)

- > Visit the main sites in Milan with a private guide including admission to the Milan Cathedral with rooftop access, Brera Picture Gallery and Leonardo da Vinci's Vineyard.

Priced from \$2,540 pp., tailored to exclude Lake Como.

#### Venice City Break (4 Days)

- > Explore Venice as a pre-tour tailored itinerary with a private car or train transfer to Milan.

- > Visit the main sites including Piazza San Marco, Saint Mark's Basilica, Doge's Palace, Rialto Bridge and Grand Canal; take a day trip to the islands of Murano, Burano and Torcello; and experience an iconic gondola ride.

Priced from \$3,599 pp.

### POST-TOUR RECOMMENDATIONS

#### A Piedmont: Food, Wine & Truffles

##### Small Group Journey (7 Days)

- > Extend post-tour into the Piedmont region, famed for its award-winning Barolo and Barbaresco wines and the world's best truffles... a foodie's paradise.
- > Activities include truffle hunting with dogs, wine tasting with a master sommelier, lunch at a Barolo winery, cooking class and guided tours of Turin and Alba.

Priced from \$5,890 pp.

#### Emilia-Romagna Regional Discovery (6 Days)

- > Continue your gastronomy adventure into Emilia-Romagna to visit producers of Italy's most important foods such as prosciutto, Modena balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese. Also visit Antica Corte Pallavicina for a Michelin star lunch.
- > The region also boasts the medieval towns of Bologna and Ravenna that played significant roles in Italy's history.

Priced from \$5,245 pp.

### WHO SHOULD VISIT

Lake Como is ideal for those seeking opulence mixed with world-class scenery. Its refined atmosphere appeals to honeymooners and travellers looking for an elegant getaway. However, it's also a great stop for film buffs and history lovers, with stunning villas like Villa Balbianello offering fascinating tours. Active travellers will enjoy hiking in the surrounding mountains, while boat lovers can cruise the lake's many charming towns. Those on a budget or seeking a quieter stay may prefer visiting for a day rather than staying overnight.

### GETTING THERE & AROUND

**PLANE:** The closest major airport is in Milan, approximately a 1hr drive.

**TRAIN:** Arrive to Lake Maggiore via train to Arona, Regular trains run from Milan to Como (40min), and Varenna (1hr). It is also possible to access Lake Lugano via train from Cernobbio (1hr).

**CAR:** Driving is possible but not recommended, as the time taken between lakeside destinations is considerable, with small windy roads, and parking in many lakeside villages being limited and costly.

**BOAT:** From Como, ferries connect to Bellagio and other lakeside towns. Be mindful that pre-booked tickets are essential, and lines to get on the ferry can be length. A private boat is the best way to ensure plans run smoothly.

### ★ TOP EXPERIENCES

- > Visit and have lunch in Bellagio, the "Pearl of Lake Como," renowned for its charming old town, boutique shopping, and waterfront dining.
- > Explore the 17th-century Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo, known for its impressive botanical gardens, classical sculptures, and panoramic lakefront setting.

### 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES



Take the funicular from Como and continue on foot through mountainside villages, ending in lunch with stunning views.

- > Kids will love the excitement of a lakes boat tour, which offers unique perspectives of the surrounding towns and landscapes.

### THINGS TO CONSIDER

- > **Where to Stay:** Lake Como is vast, and staying in the town of Como itself, located at the southern tip, may not offer the idyllic lake experience you expect. Refer to our map for the best locations.
- > **Crowds & Planning:** As the most visited lake in Italy, Lake Como gets extremely busy, especially in summer. Booking accommodations early is essential, along with pre-purchasing tickets for ferries, top attractions, and restaurant reservations to avoid long waits and disappointment.
- > **Ferries & Transport:** Ferries are a scenic and convenient way to explore multiple towns, but they can be overcrowded. Pre-booking is highly recommended, and travellers should be aware that last-minute cancellations can occur. Private boat transfers offer a reliable but more costly alternative.
- > **Alternatives:** Consider staying on nearby lakes, such as Maggiore or Lugano, that can provides a more peaceful and affordable experience while still allowing for day trips to Lake Como's highlights.



Bellagio, Lake Como



Mennaggio, Lake Como



# Lake Como Map



**TREMEZZO** PROS & CONS

- + Featuring some of Lake Como's top villas including Villa Carlotta.
- + 10min by ferry to Bellagio & Varenna.
- Small village with limited dining options.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

- > Grand Hotel Tremezzo - 5\*

**CERNOBBIO** PROS & CONS

- + Small hamlet with a variety of restaurant and shopping options.
- + Easy access to Lugano, Switzerland.
- Far from Bellagio and middle lake.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

- > Villa D'Este - 5\*

**MENAGGIO** PROS & CONS

- + One of the most beautiful towns in Europe.
- + Perfect for Valtellina Wine Day Tour and Bernina Express train.
- 1h drive from Como.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

- > Grand Hotel Victoria - 5\*



**VARENNA** PROS & CONS

- + Small hamlet with a mix of locals and tourists.
- + Spectacular sunsets from the Eastern shore.
- + Reachable by direct train from Milan.
- Less luxury hotel options.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

- > Hotel Villa Cipressi - 4\*
- > Hotel Royal Victoria - 4\*

**BELLAGIO** PROS & CONS

- + One of the most beautiful towns in Europe.
- + Central location.
- Frequent by tourists.

RECOMMENDED HOTEL

- > Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni - 5\*



**COMO** PROS & CONS

- + Vibrant town, a mix of locals and tourists.
- + Close to train station.
- Minimal Lake views.
- Extended travel time to key sites on the Lake.

RECOMMENDED HOTELS

- > Vista Palace - 5\*
- > Albergo Terminus - 4\*



# Lake Como Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > 4 nights in an exquisite 4-star hotel.
- > 4 breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L).
- > Wine tasting in Franciacorta and visit to Lake Iseo.
- > Guided tour of Como and Bellagio including Villa Melzi d'Eril.
- > Guided visit and entrance to Villa Carlotta.
- > Excursion to Lake Maggiore with a guided tour of Stresa and Palazzo Palais Borromée.
- > Deluxe VIP transfers and ferry admissions as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## DAY 1 Milan – Franciacorta region – Lake Iseo – Como (L)

Transfer from Milan to Franciacorta, known for Italy's best sparkling wine. Enjoy a tasting at a winery, before continuing to the crystal-clear waters of Lake Iseo, surrounded by lush green mountains. Enjoy time to wander around and perhaps take the ferry to Monte Isola, the largest lake island in Italy, before transferring to Lake Como.

STAY 4 NIGHTS: Palace Hotel, Como 4-star or similar

## DAY 2 Como – Cernobbio – Como (B)

Meet your guide for a morning walking tour of Como. Afterward, transfer to Cernobbio for some time to stroll the town with its cute cake shops, wine stores and gelaterias before returning to Como.

## DAY 3 Como – Tremezzo – Bellagio – Como (B)

Enjoy a wonderful day in the stunning mid-lake villages of Lake Como. Visit Tremezzo's famous 17th century Villa Carlotta for a guided tour of its luxurious interiors and 17-acre garden decorated with sculptures, fountains and plants. Afterward, cruise to the Lake's most famous village, Bellagio, to continue your guided tour. The village is described as one of the most beautiful in Italy for its spectacular mid-lake location, cobbled alleyways and promenade planted with oleanders and lime trees. Visit the town including the picturesque Villa Melzi Gardens. Afterward, enjoy leisure time in Bellagio before transferring back to your hotel for an evening at leisure.

## DAY 4 Como – Lake Maggiore – Como (B)

Enjoy a full day excursion to the beautiful Lake Maggiore with a guided tour of Isola Bella, Palazzo Palais Borromée and the town of Stresa. Enjoy time for lunch and to explore the charming town before returning to Lake Como.

## DAY 5 Como (B)

Extend in Lake Como for more discovery or continue for your ongoing journey.

Twin Share per person from \$5,350 AUD

## UPGRADE OPTIONS

- > Upgrade to a 5-star hotel: recommended – Grand Hotel Victoria Concept & Spa (Menaggio), Grand Hotel Tremezzo (Tremezzo).
- > Day excursion to St Moritz, Switzerland with the Bernina Express.
- > Excursion to the village of Brunate and the Volta lighthouse using a Jeep and cable car.
- > Visit Villa del Balbianello, featured in films such as Casino Royale.

I worked with Ormina to design a romantic tour across Italy's northern lakes that featured me proposing to my now fiancé. Each place we visited and stayed at was genuinely a highlight of their own, but the one we still dream about is Lake Como. Ormina have the right connections, suppliers and ideas as to what "Luxury Holidays" should entail. From the hotels, drivers and to the travel guides, nothing is compromised.



Ormina Tours gives me the confidence that they are professionals in Luxury Travel and that I will absolutely be trusting them again with my European holiday plans in the near future.

Edan & Daniella Page – Private Italian Lakes Itinerary and Proposal organisation, July 2022



# Lake Lugano Overview

Lake Lugano, an often-overlooked gem in the heart of Europe, offers a unique blend of Italian charm and Swiss precision. Unlike other lakes in the region, it boasts wild, untamed beauty alongside the warmth of an Italian village. This lakeside haven, with its slower pace of life, is perfect for romantic getaways, outdoor adventures, or restorative retreats. Days here unfold gently, with serene moments of lakeside relaxation and endless opportunities for exploration. The town of Lugano, with its chic boutiques, charming piazzas, and luxurious lakeside hotels, is an ideal base. Explore nearby mountains for breathtaking hikes or take a short train ride to Bellinzona's UNESCO-listed castles. From Lugano, you can easily visit Swiss gems like Zurich or journey on the Bernina Express through the majestic Alps. Lake Lugano invites you to immerse yourself in a world where two cultures meet, offering a truly unforgettable experience.



## WHO SHOULD VISIT

Nature lovers will appreciate the natural beauty of the Lake Lugano and Ticino region. Hiking trails of all lengths and difficulties are in abundance, and two mountains (Monte Generoso and Monte San Salvatore) lie within easy reach to the Swiss town of Lugano. The region is also an ideal destination for a romantic lakeside getaway with a laidback way of life where you can stop and appreciate the scenic surroundings.

## GETTING THERE & AROUND

**PLANE:** The closest major airports to Lake Lugano are Milan and Turin if arriving in Italy, though we recommend flying into Milan for better train connections. If arriving from Switzerland, Zurich Airport offers the best connections, however Geneva is also an option if driving.

**TRAIN:** Arrive to Lugano in style onboard the Gothard Panorama Express service from Lucerne (train and boat), or the Bernina Express service (train and coach) from St Moritz – both amazing journeys in their own right. Both panoramic services enjoy picturesque scenery through the Swiss countryside. If coming from Italy, regular train services operate from Milan (1 hour, 20 minutes) and Como (40 - 50 minutes).

**CAR:** Driving in and around Lake Lugano is a great way to explore the region. Roads are wider than other lake areas and several car rental companies have offices in Lugano. The drive from Milan is around 1 – 1.5 hours from Milan, 2 hours from Lucerne, and only 30 – 40 minutes from Como.

## ★ TOP EXPERIENCES

> Explore the medieval Bellinzona castles and the cobbled streets of the old town.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
★★★★★

Ride the Monte Generoso Cogwheel Railway and for breathtaking panoramic views and lunch in the clouds at its amazing mountain restaurant.

> Overlook Lake Lugano onboard the funicular up Monte San Salvatore.

> Art lovers must visit the MASI Art Museum with a diverse collection housed across two Villa's with stunning views.

## 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

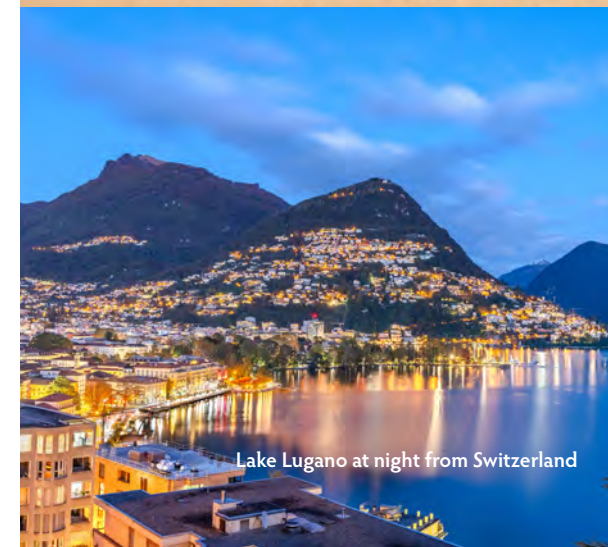
> Kids will love a visit to SwissMiniatur, an openair miniature park boasting mini replicas of Swiss landmarks and towns.

> See eagles, hawks and other birds of prey soaring high at a falconry show at Falconeria Locarno.

> Parco Civico Ciani in the heart of Lugano is filled with plants from all over the world, stunning villas, a large playground and the Natural History Musuem.



Ciani Park, Lake Lugano



Lake Lugano at night from Switzerland

# Lake Lugano Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Stay 4 nights in a premium boutique 5-star hotel.
- > 4 Breakfasts (B), 1 Lunch (L).
- > Private guided tour of the Triangle Cities - Lugano, UNESCO-listed Bellinzona and Locarno.
- > Private guided tour of Monte Generoso.
- > Fine dining 3-course lunch at the Fiore di Pietra with panoramic views from Monte Generoso.
- > Half-day private guided tour of Lake Como, with admission to Villa Carlotta.
- > Deluxe VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## DAY 1 Arrive Lugano

Arrive in Lugano, a charming city nestled between Italy and Switzerland. On arrival you will receive your TicinoTicket from the hotel which allows you unlimited travel on the public transport network of buses and trains, as well as some admission discounts. Explore the city's vibrant squares, lush parks, and stylish boutiques, or immerse yourself in its rich cultural heritage by visiting art galleries and historic churches. Alternatively, unwind at your luxurious lakeside hotel and enjoy the amenities offered - savour a gourmet lunch with stunning lake views, indulge in a spa treatment, or simply enjoy the serene beauty of the surroundings.

STAY **4** NIGHTS: Hotel Splendide Royal 5-star or similar

## DAY 2 Lugano – Bellinzona – Locarno – Lugano (B)

Begin your first full day with a private guided scenic tour of the remarkable Triangle Cities where the enchantment of Lugano, Bellinzona, and Locarno awaits. Begin in the captivating Lugano, where you'll experience the city's blend of Swiss and Italian influences. Then, marvel at the medieval splendor of Bellinzona's UNESCO castles. Finally, be charmed by Locarno's lakeside beauty, providing a fascinating glimpse into the region's history. Your evening is at leisure.

## DAY 3 Lugano – Mount Generoso – Lugano (B, L)

Today you will embark on a breathtaking journey with your private guide aboard the Monte Generoso Cogwheel Train. As you ascend, be captivated by the ever-changing vistas of lush valleys and majestic peaks. At the summit, indulge in a gastronomic experience at the Fiore di Pietra panoramic restaurant offering stunning views of the Swiss Alps and Lake Lugano. Once you return, you can spend the rest of your evening at leisure.

## DAY 4 Lugano – Lake Como – Tremezzo (Villa Carlotta) – Como – Lugano (B)

Enjoy an excursion to visit the infamous Lake Como. Starting with a visit to the captivating Tremezzo, home to the stunning Villa Carlotta, where lush gardens and panoramic views will enchant you. Afterwards, embark on a private guided half-day walking tour of the famous Como town, where you'll wander through quaint streets and soak up the city's rich history and vibrant atmosphere. Enjoy some independent time to further explore Como at your own pace, savouring a café or strolling along the lakeside promenade. Afterwards, return to Lugano, where the rest of your afternoon is yours to explore at your own pace, or unwind in the luxury of your hotel.

## DAY 5 Lugano Depart (B)

Your exploration of Lake Lugano ends after your hotel checkout. Depart for your ongoing journey.

**Twin Share per person** **from \$6,400 AUD**



# Lake Maggiore Overview

Lake Maggiore, a shimmering jewel nestled between Italy and Switzerland, is a haven of tranquillity and a melting pot of cultures. Stroll through vibrant local markets, where the air is perfumed with the scent of fresh produce and artisanal cheeses or bask on sandy lake beaches as the sun casts a glow over the crystal-clear waters.

Lake Maggiore is famous for its Borromean Islands, which are home to exquisite baroque gardens and palaces built by the noble Borromeo family. It's climate is exceptionally mild, allowing for a variety of tropical and subtropical plants to flourish, creating a unique ecosystem not commonly found in other parts of the alpine region. With activities ranging from leisurely boat tours to exploring lush gardens and historical sites, Lake Maggiore offers an escape for all ages and interests.



Isola Bella, Lake Maggiore



Borromeo Palace gardens, Lake Maggiore



Locarno

## WHO SHOULD VISIT

Lake Maggiore is an excellent option for those who like to explore the great outdoors, with many hiking and biking trails to discover. Lake Maggiore is also an ideal destination for families with plenty of open spaces to explore, lake beaches and a variety of kid-friendly activities. With less crowds than Lake Como, you can experience the Italian Lakes at a more relaxed pace and with greater flexibility.

## GETTING THERE & AROUND

**PLANE:** The closest major airports to Lake Maggiore are Milan and Turin if arriving in Italy, though we recommend flying into Milan for better train connections.

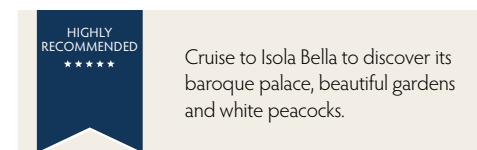
**TRAIN:** Arrive to Lake Maggiore via train to Arona, Stresa or Verbania-Pallanza on the western side of the lake. If arriving to Locarno on the Swiss side in the north, regular trains operate from Zurich, taking a little over 2 hours. For a scenic and relaxed option, take the Centovalli Railway from Domodossola to Locarno.

**CAR:** Lake Maggiore is easy to explore by car, with a good network of roads connecting the main villages. Driving from Milan, Como or Lugano will take between 1–1.5 hours, making it an easy stop to include when self-driving through the Italian Lakes area.

**FERRY:** Consider catching a ferry from Locarno, Switzerland on the Northern shore for the 3.5-hour scenic cruise along Lake Maggiore to Stresa, Italy on the Western shore.

## ★ TOP EXPERIENCES

> Explore the diverse botanic gardens of Villa Taranto with plants from around the world.



> Admire 14th century frescoes at the well-preserved medieval castle of Rocca Borromeo di Angera.

> Stroll along Cannobio's waterfront promenade and cobbled streets of the old town.

## 👨👩👧👦 FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

> There are a number of outdoor adventure parks for kids including Ondaland near Vicolungo, Lago Maggiore Adventure Park in Baveno, and the Space indoor activity centre in Verbania which boast water games, suspended walking trails, rock climbing, and trampoline parks.

> Drive through an expansive African animal enclosure at Pombia Zoo Safari Park near Novara.



Isola dei Pescatori Lake Maggiore



Stresa, Lake Maggiore

# Lake Maggiore Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Stay 6 nights at the 4-star Hotel La Palma or similar.
- > 5 Breakfasts (B), 2 Lunches (L).
- > Private winery tour and tasting at the renowned Gattinara Wine region.
- > Private boat tour to the island of Isola Bella, with access to Borromeo Palace & Gardens.
- > Scenic journey aboard the panoramic Centovalli Train.
- > Half day guided tour to Lake Orta, with access to UNESCO-listed Sacro Monte di Orta.
- > Enjoy a hands-on local private cooking class.
- > Private cheese cellar visit and cheese casting with a stopover at Colossus of San Carlo Borromeo.
- > Deluxe VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## DAY 1 Milan - Gattinara Wine Region - Lake Maggiore (Stresa) (L)

Once you arrive in Milan, start your journey with a private transfer to the renowned Gattinara Wine Region, where you'll be immersed in the scenic beauty of rolling vineyards and picturesque landscapes. Begin with a guided visit to a local winery. Enjoy a curated wine tasting session, followed by a gourmet lunch featuring local delicacies perfectly paired with Gattinara's finest wines. Afterwards, continue to your spectacular hotel by the shores of Lake Maggiore where you can spend the rest of the day at leisure.

STAY **6** NIGHTS: Hotel La Palma 4-star or similar

## DAY 2 Stresa (B)

Embark on a half-day guided tour of the enchanting Lake Maggiore, where you'll be captivated by the serene beauty of its crystal-clear waters and surrounding landscapes. Following this, enjoy a private boat tour to the stunning Isola Bella and take in the breathtaking views and amazing gardens. Upon arrival, delve into the opulence of the Borromeo Palace. Wander through the richly decorated rooms, then step outside to the terraced gardens, a horticultural masterpiece featuring exotic plants, statues, and breathtaking views across the lake.

## DAY 3 Stresa - Orta San Giulio - Omegna - Stresa (B)

Depart on a sightseeing excursion to nearby Lake Orta, a hidden gem nestled in the heart of the Piedmont region. Your journey begins with a scenic drive along winding roads, revealing charming villages and lush forests along the way. Upon arriving at the lake, you'll be greeted by shimmering waters framed by towering mountains, creating a breathtaking panorama. Make a stopover at the Sacro Monte Devotional complex, then explore the old town of Orta San Giulio and Omegna, characterised by narrow cobbled streets and pastel coloured buildings, steeped in history and charm.

## DAY 4 Stresa - Arona - Stresa (B)

Immerse yourself in the art of cheese-making with a visit to a cheese cellar in Arona. Discover the traditional methods and ageing processes that give each cheese its unique flavour. Indulge in a cheese tasting session, indulging in a variety of cheeses for a truly unforgettable local culinary experience. Afterward, make a stop at the iconic Colossus of San Carlo Borromeo. Marvel at the grandeur of this monumental statue, a testament to the region's rich history and culture. Return to the hotel to unwind or further explore the town at your own pace.

## DAY 5 Stresa - Domodossola - Locarno - Stresa (B)

Take a scenic journey aboard the Panoramic Centovalli Train, departing from Domodossola and winding its way to Locarno. As the train weaves through the breathtaking Centovalli ("Hundred Valleys"), marvel at the ever-changing landscape of lush forests, cascading waterfalls, and picturesque villages nestled in the valleys. Arriving in Locarno, soak up the charm of this Swiss town on the shores of Lake Maggiore. Spend the rest of the day exploring before returning to your hotel.

## DAY 6 Stresa (B, L)

Immerse yourself in the local culinary delights of the region with a private cooking class in Stresa. Discover the secrets of traditional Italian cuisine as you prepare a delicious meal using fresh, locally sourced ingredients. Learn the art of pasta making, the nuances of seasoning, and the importance of presentation, culminating in a delightful dining experience that celebrates the flavours of this beautiful undiscovered region.

## DAY 7 Stresa depart (B)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue on your journey.

Twin Share per person **from \$3,350 AUD**



# Lake Orta Overview

Lake Orta, often overshadowed by its larger neighbours, is a peaceful retreat that is somewhat untouched. Smaller and more intimate than Lake Maggiore, it offers an authentic Italian lakeside experience with fewer crowds and a slower pace. The jewel of the lake is Orta San Giulio, a charming medieval town with cobbled streets, artisanal shops, and breathtaking views. Just offshore, Isola San Giulio boasts a picturesque monastery steeped in history. Located in the Piedmont region – renowned for its world-class wines, rich truffle forests, and artisanal cheeses – Lake Orta is surrounded by exceptional local produce. With its romantic ambiance, rich history, and unspoiled beauty, Lake Orta is a hidden gem waiting to be discovered.



Isola San Giulio, Lake Orta



Historic centre of Orta San Giulio



The Centovalli Railway

## WHO SHOULD VISIT

Lake Orta, it is a fantastic destination for food lovers, being nestled in Piedmont, renowned for its culinary heritage. Indulge in local specialties, from fine wines to cheeses and truffles in one of the many Michelin restaurants. It's also an ideal family getaway, offering opportunities for swimming in crystal-clear waters and a short drive to Gardaland, one of Italy's top amusement parks.

## GETTING THERE & AROUND

**PLANE:** Flying into one of Milan's airports is the closest option, just 50min by car from Milan Malpensa, or 1hr 20min from Milan Linante airport.

**TRAIN:** There is a local train that connects Milan to Orta-Miasino station (90min), followed by a short drive to the lake, however we do not recommend this as a preferred option for Orina clients. Taxis from the station are not regular and there is no public transport between the station and Orta San Giulio.

From Locarno, on the shores of Lake Maggiore, you can catch the magnificent Panoramic Centovalli Railway that passes over 83 marvellous bridges and viaducts down to Domodossola which is just a 45min drive from Lake Orta.

**CAR:** Driving from the city of Milan takes around 1hr 15mins. Alternatively you can pair your Lake Orta experience with a Lake Maggiore itinerary. Stresa is just a 30min drive away, making both options a perfect day trip.

## ★ TOP EXPERIENCES

> Discover Sacro Monte di Orta, a UNESCO-listed sacred site, where you can wander through its 20 beautifully decorated chapels, admire stunning frescoes and sculptures, as well as take in breathtaking views of Lake Orta.

**HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**  
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Enjoy a day trip to the Gattarina Wine Region to enjoy their DOCG Nebbiolo and other variety wines.

> Visit the historic cheese-aging caves of Arona, where centuries-old tunnels provide the perfect environment for refining Piedmont's finest cheeses.

## 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

> Take a boat to Isola San Giulio and stroll along the enchanting "Via del Silenzio" (Way of Silence), a peaceful path that loops around the island. This short, easy walk invites quiet reflection, with thoughtful signs along the way.

> Don't miss Italy's biggest theme park, Gardaland, which houses a number of themed adventures from Legoland and Jumanji to Peppa Pig.



Isola San Giulio, Lake Orta



Lake Orta at dusk

# Lake Orta Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Stay 5 nights in an exquisite 4-star hotel.
- > 5 breakfasts (B), 1 Lunch (L).
- > Half day guided tour of Lake Maggiore including a visit to Isola Bella, with access to Borromeo Palace & Gardens.
- > Half day guided tour of Lake Orta's medieval village, Orta San Giulio.
- > Private wine tour and tasting at the renowned Gattinara Wine region.
- > Scenic journey aboard the Panoramic Centovalli Train.
- > Private local cheese cellar visit and cheese tasting.
- > Deluxe VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## DAY 1 Milan – Stresa – Lake Orta (Orta San Giulio)

Start your off-the-beaten-path journey with a stop at nearby Lake Maggiore (Stresa). Enjoy a half-day guided tour of the Lake amongst the serene landscape. Spend some independent time at one of the charming lakeside cafes for lunch before boarding a ferry to the distinguished Borromeo Islands. Upon arrival at Isola Bella, discover the opulent history of the palace and explore the meticulously curated gardens, each step offering a glimpse into a bygone era of elegance and beauty. Afterwards, carry on to your Lake Orta accommodation.

STAY **5** NIGHTS: **Hotel San Rocco 4-star** or similar

## DAY 2 Orta San Giulio (B)

Today, begin with a scenic private half-day guided tour of Orta San Giulio. Stroll through this picturesque town, surrounded by stunning Alpine scenery and charming villages. Explore hidden coves and historic sites, soaking in the beauty and history of this enchanting town. The rest of the day is yours to enjoy at leisure, soaking in the beauty and tranquility of this enchanting region.

## DAY 3 Orta San Giulio – Domodossola – Locarno – Orta San Giulio (B)

Journey from Orta San Giulio to Domodossola and Locarno aboard the scenic Centovalli train. Marvel at the breathtaking landscapes, from lush forests to cascading waterfalls, as the train winds its way through the picturesque Centovalli (Hundred Valleys). Arriving in Locarno, immerse yourself in the town's elegant Swiss charm, where you can explore its historic sites, stroll along the lakefront promenade, or simply relax and soak in the beauty of your surroundings. In the afternoon, return to Lake Orta for an evening at leisure.

## DAY 4 Orta San Giulio – Gattinara Wine Region – Orta San Giulio (B, L)

Embark on an excursion with a private tour to the renowned Gattinara Wine Region, where you'll discover rolling vineyards and picturesque landscapes. Start with a guided visit to a local winery, indulging in a curated wine tasting session. Then, enjoy a gourmet lunch featuring local delicacies expertly paired with Gattinara's finest wines. Upon return to Lake Orta, the rest of the afternoon is yours to enjoy at leisure.

## DAY 5 Orta San Giulio – Arona – Orta San Giulio (B)

Explore the local art of cheese-making with a visit to a cheese cellar in Arona. Discover the traditional methods and ageing processes that impart unique flavours to each cheese. Delight in a cheese tasting session, experiencing a variety of cheeses for a truly memorable culinary adventure. Afterward, make a stop at the iconic Colossus of San Carlo Borromeo and climb to the top of the iron staircase for breathtaking views. Return to the hotel to unwind or further explore the town at your own pace.

## DAY 6 Orta San Giulio depart (B)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue on your journey.

**Twin Share per person** **from \$4,300 AUD**



# Lake Garda Overview

Lake Garda, Italy's largest lake, is a stunning blend of Mediterranean charm and alpine beauty, stretching across Veneto, Lombardy, and Trentino-Alto Adige. Its diverse landscape features vineyards, olive groves, and citrus orchards, framed by the dramatic Dolomites. The lake's charming towns, like Sirmione, offer history, medieval castles, and Roman ruins. A culinary haven, the region is renowned for wines such as Valpolicella and Lugana, with Bardolino hosting lively wine festivals. Culturally, Lake Garda bridges Venetian and Milanese influences, reflected in its architecture and traditions. Unlike the glamorous Lake Como, it offers a more relaxed and family-friendly atmosphere, appealing to those seeking both adventure and tranquillity. Whether indulging in local gastronomy, exploring historic villages, or enjoying outdoor activities, Lake Garda delivers a multifaceted experience that blends natural beauty, rich heritage, and authentic Italian charm.



## WHO SHOULD VISIT

Lake Garda appeals to a diverse spectrum of travellers, from families seeking a variety of activities to couples desiring a romantic retreat. Its relatively lower profile compared to Lake Como translates to fewer crowds and better value, making it ideal for those looking to explore off the beaten path. Proximity to cultural hubs like Verona and Venice allows for enriching day trips, while the lake's own array of attractions ensures that visitors can immerse themselves in authentic Italian experiences without the premium price tag often associated with more famous locales.

## GETTING THERE & AROUND

**PLANE:** Verona Villafranca Airport is just a 15-minute drive from Verona's city centre, making it an ideal gateway for those staying in Verona, as we recommend. Milan's airports (1.5–2 hrs drive from Lake Garda) are also an option.

**TRAIN:** Desenzano del Garda and Peschiera del Garda are the main train hubs on the lake, with direct connections from Milan (1 hr) and Venice (1.5 hrs). While both towns have lakeside charm, we suggest taking the train to Verona (only 15–20 min from Peschiera) for a more convenient and well-connected base.

**CAR:** Driving offers flexibility, but summer traffic can be heavy, and parking in popular towns like Sirmione and Limone is limited and costly. We recommend a private driver for a day trip from Verona.

**BOAT:** Public ferries connect key lakeside towns, but they can be crowded in peak season.

## ★ TOP EXPERIENCES

> Visit the Grottoes of Catullus and discover the impressive remains of a grand Roman villa overlooking the lake, complete with an archaeological museum.



Explore Scaliger Castle, one of the best preserved, this medieval fortress offers stunning lake views and a fascinating glimpse into the region's past

> Explore the Valpolicella Wine Region, just east of Lake Garda, renowned for its bold Amarone, smooth Ripasso, and fresh Valpolicella Classico wines.

> Experience the rejuvenating thermal waters of Sirmione, famous since the Middle Ages for their healing properties

## 👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 FAMILY-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES

> Take the cable car up from Malcesine to Monte Baldo for breathtaking panoramic views and hiking trails suitable for all ages.

> Hop on a ferry across the lake and travel between charming towns like Garda, Limone, and Malcesine, avoiding traffic and enjoying scenic lake views.



# Lake Garda & Verona Regional Discovery

## Ormina Highlights & Inclusions

- > Stay 5 nights at the 5-star Hotel Due Torri or similar.
- > 5 Breakfasts (B), 1 lunch (L).
- > Half-day Private Guided Tour of Verona, Sirmione and Lake Garda.
- > Access to the House of Juliet, Arena di Verona and the charming village of Borghetto Sul Mincio
- > E-bike Guided Tour through the Valpolicella Wine Region.
- > Wine tasting paired with local delicacies at a Family-Owned Winery.
- > Private walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town of Mantua, including a visit to Palazzo Te.
- > Deluxe VIP transfers as indicated.
- > Note: hotel city taxes, if applicable, are not included.

## DAY 1 Verona

Upon your arrival in the picturesque city of Verona, you will be greeted by the allure of this historic destination. Your journey begins with a seamless transfer to your luxurious hotel, where you can unwind in refined comfort. In the evening, you may choose to immerse yourself in the city and indulge in traditional Veronese cuisine at one of many local restaurants.

STAY **6** NIGHTS: Due Torri Hotel 5-star or similar

## DAY 2 Verona (B)

Journey through Verona's rich history with a half-day private walking tour. Explore the iconic House of Juliet, where the timeless love story of Romeo and Juliet unfolds against the backdrop of medieval architecture and romantic courtyards. Continue your tour to the magnificent Arena di Verona, an ancient Roman amphitheatre that has stood the test of time and continues to host world-class performances. Immerse yourself in Verona's storied past as you wander through these historic landmarks, each revealing a chapter of the city's enchanting history.

## DAY 3 Verona – Lake Garda – Verona (B)

Embark on an excursion to the stunning Lake Garda, just a short distance from Verona. Explore the charming town of Sirmione, known for its picturesque setting on a peninsula jutting into Lake Garda. Admire the medieval Scaligero Castle, perched majestically at the entrance to the town, and wander through the narrow streets lined with quaint shops and cafes. Afterwards, enjoy a boat tour (weather permitting) admiring the breathtaking scenery of towering mountains and lush vineyards.

## DAY 4 Verona – Valpolicella Wine Region – Verona (B, L)

Set out on an e-bike guided tour to the picturesque Valpolicella Wine Region, just outside Verona. Cycle through rolling vineyards and charming villages, soaking in the stunning views of the countryside. Visit a local family winery and learn about the winemaking process before indulging in a wine tasting paired with local produce. Immerse yourself in the flavours and traditions of this renowned wine region, experiencing the true essence of Italian hospitality. Once you return to Verona, your evening is at leisure.

## DAY 5 Verona – Mantua – Borghetto Sul Mincio – Verona (B)

Enjoy a day excursion starting with a private walking tour of the UNESCO-listed Old Town of Mantua, a city rich in history and architectural wonders. Explore the magnificent Palazzo Te, a masterpiece of Renaissance architecture, renowned for its stunning frescoes and elegant design. Afterward, journey to the fairytale village of Borghetto Sul Mincio, nestled along the Mincio River. Discover this charming village, known for its ancient water mills and picturesque scenery. Enjoy independent time to wander the cobbled streets, discover hidden corners, and savour a delightful lunch, immersing yourself in the enchanting atmosphere of this timeless destination. Return to Verona and enjoy the rest of the evening at your leisure.

## DAY 6 Verona depart (B)

After breakfast, check out of your hotel and continue on your journey.

**Twin Share per person from \$5,240 AUD**





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View over Lake Lugano, Italy

