VILLAGE LIFE® Around the Italian Lakes

Unpack just once and stay in the belle-époque PALACE HOTEL in the banks of Lake Como

Uniquely designed nine-day program featuring our exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® Forum and private boat tours of Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta

From approximately $3995 plus air

Northern Italy's fabled Lake District beckons with its shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks and bijou towns. Immerse yourself in the distinct bella figura Italian style that has inspired poets, composers, artists and philosophers for centuries. Visit Bellagio, Villa del Balbianello, Stresa, Isola Bella, San Giulio and Sacro Monte di Orta, a UNESCO World Heritage site.

In Milan, visit the Duomo and Teatro alla Scala, and enjoy a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper. Extend your journey with the Bologna and Florence Post-Program Option.

Program Dates

April 22 to 30, 2023
May 6 to 14, 2023
May 13 to 21, 2023
May 20 to 28, 2023
May 27 to June 4, 2023

September 9 to 17, 2023
September 16 to 23, 2023
September 30 to October 8, 2023
October 7 to 15, 2023
October 14 to 22, 2023

9 Days

1. Depart the U.S. or Canada
2. Milan, Italy/Como
3. Como
4. Stresa/Borromean Islands on Lago Maggiore
5. Milan
6. Lake Como/Villa del Balbianello/Bellagio
7. Lake Orta/Orta San Giulio/Sacro Monte di Orta
8. Como
9. Como/Milan/Return to the U.S. or Canada

Itinerary Highlights

- Scenic tour of Lake Maggiore, featuring a private cruise around the Borromean Islands.
- Visit to Lake Maggiore's Isola Bella with a walk through the gardens of the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo.
- Excursion to Milan to visit the Teatro alla Scala and the exquisite Duomo.
- Visit to UNESCO World Heritage-designated convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, with a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper.
- Excursion to the 18th-century Villa del Balbianello and gardens.
- Private boat cruise across Lake Como to medieval Bellagio.
- Excursion by private boat to Lake Orta's island of San Giulio.
All-Inclusive

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you made your air arrangements through Gohagan & Company. (If you made your own air arrangements, transfers and luggage handling is not included.)
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for all included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

All Program Features are contingent upon final brochure pricing.

PALACE HOTEL

- Classic belle-époque hotel
- Steps away from Como's beautiful marble Duomo and the medieval, pedestrian-only town center
- Superb lake views from the terrace
- Beautifully landscaped gardens
- Exceptional service
- Short water taxi ride to other sites on Lake Como
- Wi-Fi access
- Authentic northern Italian cuisine
- Recently refurbished rooms
- Unpack just once

Bologna and Florence Post-Program Option

Few cities have the power to enchant quite like Bologna and Florence, both UNESCO World Heritage sites. Enjoy a walking tour of Bologna's storied medieval square, from Piazza Malpighi up through the heart of the city to Piazza Maggiore. Enjoy a visit to the legendary Basilica of San Petronio with its 15th century frescoes. During the walk, admire the 17th-century Anatomical Theater at Archiginnasio—the ancient seat of the University of Bologna, which exhibits on its walls one of the richest heraldic collections in the world.

Discover the glory of Florence's historical center, the birthplace of the Renaissance and home to masterpieces of unparalleled art, architecture and literature. Admire Filippo Brunelleschi's iconic dome on the Duomo and Lorenzo Ghiberti's bronze-cast "Doors of Paradise"—created for the Baptistery of San Giovanni to depict scenes from the Old Testament. Savor an afternoon at the world-famous Uffizi Gallery to view works by such iconic artists as Botticelli, Giotto, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci. Conclude your sojourn with a tour of Ravenna's historical center to see the stunning Ravenna Cathedral and the majestic Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo.