



SICILY ESCAPE



THE ITALIAN LAKES DAILY DEPARTURES 2020

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Day 1 - Milan – Stresa (Lake Maggiore)

Upon arrival in Milan, you'll be transferred to Hotel Regina Palace, located on the cusp of Lake Maggiore and the magnificent Gulf of Borromeo, for your stay.

4 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on bb basis at Hotel Regina Palace (or similar) in Stresa

<http://www.reginapalace.it/>

Day 2 - Borromean Islands

Breakfast at the hotel and full day at your disposal to explore the charming islands of Lake Maggiore by ferry (roundtrip ferry tickets included in the package). Stop at Isola Madre to visit the 16th century palace and the splendid and luxuriant gardens, uniquely interesting for the variety of rare exotic plants.

Then proceed towards Isola Dei Pescatori, a charming fisherman village with its tortuous and picturesque lanes and the little island Church from the beginning of the XI Century. After lunch in a restaurant at your choice, get by ferry to Isola Bella, the most famous of the Borromean Islands, largely occupied by Palazzo Borromeo and the stupendous garden surrounding it. The visit to the interior provides an opportunity to admire the sumptuous rooms adorned with reliefs and stuccoes, furnished with antique pieces and Murano chandeliers and ornamented with pictures by illustrious masters.

Return to Stresa in the afternoon. Dinner at leisure and overnight. (B)

Day 3 - Centovalli Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. Today you'll enjoy a picturesque panoramic train journey from Domodossola to Locarno, across 52km of magical landscapes and lush vegetation. This unforgettable experience will take you through the stunning Centovalli, "One Hundred Valleys", as you pass by deep gorges and crevices with glittering, cascading waterfalls; and venture across colourful alpine meadows, over numerous bridges and through vineyards and forests of chestnut trees. Upon arriving in Locarno, on the Swiss shores of Lake Maggiore, you'll enjoy some time to embrace the atmospheric surroundings and explore the treasures within. Pay a visit to Madonna del Sasso, a highly decorated Catholic sanctuary overlooking the city, which can be reached by the funicular railway. Return to Stresa by ferry and admire the lake from a different perspective. Lunch and dinner at leisure. Overnight in Stresa. (B)



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Day 4 - Stresa Day at leisure

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure: enjoy a relaxing walk in the historical center of Stresa or visit the lovely zoo of Villa Pallavicino, at walking distance from your hotel. You may also take a ferry to Verbania to admire the enchanting gardens of Villa Taranto, famous all-over the world for their beauty and for the huge number of plants species (Entrance fees to be paid locally). (B)

Day 5 - Stresa – Lake Como

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. In the morning private transfer to your accommodation in Como. Check in and balance of the day at leisure to visit the charming town, perfect spot for aimless wonders, with its lovely café and souvenirs shops. You may also discover the '**The Kilometer of Knowledge**': leaving from Como and walking toward Cernobbio, stop to admire the beautiful gardens of Villa del Grumello and Villa Olmo. Dinner at leisure and overnight at the hotel. (B)

3 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on bb basis at Hotel Metropole Suisse (or similar) in Como

<https://www.hotelmetropolesuisse.com/>

Day 6 - Bellagio, pearl of Lake Como

Breakfast at the hotel. Using your ferry tickets included in the package, board on a morning ferry to Bellagio and spend the day marveling at the view of this paradisiac corner of Lake Como. Located on the peninsula between Lake Como's two southern arms, Bellagio enchants travellers with narrow streets, small squares and fabulous architecture. You can wander around the exotic Villa Melzi gardens or just soak up the views that earned Bellagio its nickname 'the pearl of the lake'. Return to your hotel by ferry. Meals are on own today. Overnight. (B)

Day 7 - Como at leisure

Day at leisure to explore Como and its surrounds. This day is at leisure to explore Como on your own. A very popular excursion from the city is the ascent by funicular to the village of Brunate, where a panoramic trekking trail heads to the lighthouse of San Maurizio. Lunch and dinner at leisure and overnight in Como. (B)



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Day 8 - Off to Sirmione

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout. In the morning private transfer to Sirmione, the most iconic town facing Lake Garda. Check-in at your hotel, centrally located in Sirmione and balance of the day at leisure to admire the historical center. Pay a visit to the Scaligero Castle, one of the most imposing medieval fortresses in Europe to have been built entirely on water, and enter the Catullo's caves, the best preserved example of Roman villa found in the north of Italy. Dinner at leisure and overnight. (B)

4 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on bb basis at Hotel Sirmione e Promessi Sposi (or similar) in Sirmione

<https://www.termedisirmione.com/it/hotel-ristoranti/hotel/hotel-sirmione-promessi-sposi>

Day 9 - Lake Garda

Spend a day walking in the hills and taking in the breathtaking views over the lake, today is at leisure. (B)

Day 10 - Wine Tasting Tour

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, meet your driver in the hotel lobby and leave for a full day excursion to the charming Valpolicella valley to discover the excellent wines produced in the area. In the morning, you will visit a small wine estate and taste some of their wines before proceeding toward a second winery for the tour of the estate followed by light lunch. Enjoy the view of the countryside and its magical relaxing atmosphere before the return transfer to the hotel. Dinner at leisure and overnight. (B, L)

Day 11 - Lake Garda

Breakfast at the hotel and day at leisure to discover Lake Garda and its charming village on your own by ferry (tickets to be paid locally). Each little town on the lake brings a chocolate box of new discoveries: a church resplendent with Renaissance frescoes, a lush botanical garden, a cable car soaring high into snow peaked mountains – there's so much to discover. (B)

Day 12 - Milan

Breakfast at the hotel and checkout. Meet your private driver in the lobby for the private transfer to Milan hotel. Check in and balance of the day at your disposal to visit the Italian capital of Business and Fashion, with a particular attention to the main highlights of the

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city, such as Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, La Scala Theatre and the Cathedral (Cathedral entrance fee included). Balance of the day at leisure and overnight in Milan. (B)

2 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on bb basis at Hotel Michelangelo (or similar) in Milan

<https://www.michelangelohotelmilan.com/>

Day 13 - Bernina Express Train

Breakfast at the hotel. Today independent arrival at the meeting point for a Bernina express group tour leaving from Milan: bus transfer in the morning from Milan to Tirano, where you'll board the panoramic train for a journey to St. Moritz, passing through the Poschiavo Valley and the Engadin. En route, you'll enjoy incredible sights of majestic mountains and quaint little towns as you trundle over the Brusio spiral viaduct, past Puschlavensee, over Alp Grum and onto the magical Bernina Pass. Before reaching your final destination of St. Moritz, you'll savour incredible views of Lake Bianco and its shield of the snow-capped Morteratsch Glacier. Bus transfer from St Moritz to Milan, dinner at leisure and overnight. (B)

Day 14 Arrivederci!

Breakfast at the hotel and check out. This program ends with the private departure transfer to Milan airport/station. (B)

DEPARTURE DATES:

Daily departures from 01 May 2020 to 31 October 2020

Minimum two people – Maximum people on tour eight



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RATE INCLUDE:

- ✓ Private car transfer from Milan Hotel to Stresa hotel
- ✓ 4 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on basis at the Hotel Regina Palace in Stresa
- ✓ Roundtrip ferry ticket Stresa/Borromean Islands
- ✓ Lago Maggiore express –roundtrip ticket Stresa/Locarno
- ✓ Private car transfer from Stresa to Como Hotel
- ✓ 3 nights' accommodation in double classic room on bb basis at the hotel Metropole Suisse in Como
- ✓ Roundtrip ferry ticket Como/Bellagio
- ✓ Private car transfer from Como to Sirmione
- ✓ 4 nights' accommodation in double classic room on bb basis at the Hotel Sirmione & Promessi sposi in Sirmione
- ✓ FD Valpolicella including: driver and car at disposal for 7 hours according the itinerary, tour and wine tasting at a first wine estate, tour light lunch and wine tasting at a second wine estate.
- ✓ Transfer from Sirmione hotel to Milan hotel
- ✓ 2 nights' accommodation in one double standard room on bb basis at the Hotel Michelangelo in Milan
- ✓ Bernina express group tour form Milan
- ✓ Transfer from Milan Hotel to Milan airport/station

RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- ✓ Lunches & dinners & other activities when not specified
- ✓ Transfers and transportation when not specified
- ✓ Guides and assistants when not specified;
- ✓ Flights
- ✓ Museum entrance fees not indicated in the "RATES INCLUDE"
- ✓ Tips
- ✓ Local Municipality taxes on € 1,00 to € 7,00 according with hotel category;
- ✓ Everything not included in the "RATES INCLUDE"