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ITALY

# NORTHERN LAKES JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 12369)

| STARTS AND ENDS | TRAVEL PERIODS | EXPERIENCE | TRAVEL STYLE |
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| Venice to Milan | 25 May 26 - 11 Oct 27 | Group Journeys<br>Cultural | Escorted Group Tour |

Experience the charm of Northern Italy in 8 days, from Venice's canals to alpine peaks aboard the Bernina Express, with lakeside stops at Como and Garda.

## Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **25 People**
- Discover Lake Como with its stunning village: **Bellagio.**
- Board the **Bernina Train**, a piece of history considered a World Heritage train!
- Discover **Franciacorta** region, well-known for its unique sparkling wine!
- Specialty dining & tasting experiences.

## Entire Bonus

This holiday package is carefully designed by our team to give you complete Peace of Mind, with access to trusted local partners and expert support at your destination.

Northern Lakes Journeys is an 8-day discovery of northern Italy's lakes, cities, and alpine landscapes, beginning in Venice and concluding in Milan. Explore Venice's iconic canals and cicchetti culture, stroll through romantic Verona, and enjoy a wine tasting in Franciacorta. Cruise Lake Garda and Lake Como, visit elegant Bellagio, and uncover the charm of Bergamo. Ride the Bernina Express through the Swiss Alps, and finish with a walking tour and aperitivo in Milan. With scenic boat rides, local food experiences, and guided tours throughout, this journey blends culture, nature, and slow travel in true Italian style..

GUARANTEED DEPARTURES | VARIED GROUP SIZES | SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL | ENGLISH-ONLY EXPERT GUIDES | HANDPICKED CENTRAL HOTELS | AUTHENTIC EXPERIENCES

PEACE OF MIND BOOKING PLAN

- ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period
- ENTIRE Change of Mind
- ENTIRE On Ground Support
- ENTIRE AUD Prices
- ENTIRE Industry Accredited
- ENTIRE Australian Owned

## INCLUSIONS

- 5-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 2-night accommodation in 3-star hotel
- Transportation by coach
- Private transfers from airport as per itinerary
- Scenic boat transfers
- Bernina Express
- Daily breakfast
- Lunch and Dinners as per itinerary
- Relax and taste a typical aperitivo (happy hour) in Milan
- Enjoy light lunch and wine tasting in Franciacorta
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey (expect during the Cruise)

## ITINERARY

Day 1 Venice

Meet your driver at the airport and transfer to the hotel. Check in at your hotel for a restful overnight.

Overnight stay in Venice at **Hampton by Hilton Venice Isola Nuova** or similar.



VENICE

## Day 2 Venice

After breakfast, enjoy your transfer to **Piazza San Marco** and visit Venice's iconic landmarks: the **Palazzo dei Dogi** and the famous **Bridge of Sighs**.

After the walking tour, relax with a spritz or prosecco, the perfect way to conclude your visit. Enjoy a taste of Venetian "cicchetti" (light lunch), a local tapas variation. Spend the afternoon exploring Venice's canals at your leisure. In the evening, return to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Venice at **Hampton by Hilton Venice Isola Nuova** or similar.

Breakfast



PIAZZA SAN MARCO

## Day 3 Venice Verona Franciacorta Bergamo

After breakfast, visit **Verona**, a city rich in history and culture. Explore Roman ruins, medieval structures, and Renaissance

palaces on a guided tour. Don't miss **Juliet's house and balcony**, famous from Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet." Then, travel to **Franciacorta**, known for its ideal winemaking soil, for a light lunch with local food and wine. After this, head to Bergamo.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro** or similar.

Breakfast, Lunch



ARENA DI VERONA

## Day 4 Bergamo Sirmione Desenzano del Garda Bergamo

After breakfast, set off for **Lake Garda**, Italy's largest lake. Enjoy a panoramic tour along the west coast, passing the **Brenta Dolomites and Moraine Hills,** surrounded by lush vegetation.

In **Sirmione**, take a boat tour to admire its picturesque shores, the Castle, and the **Grottoes of Catullus**. After free time for lunch, head to **Desenzano del Garda** with its elegant lakeside promenade and historical centre that reflects traces of Venetian influence. Enjoy a dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Bergamo at **BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner


LAKE GARDA

## Day 5 Bergamo Como Bellagio Milan

After breakfast, enjoy a brief visit to **Como**, renowned for its breathtaking views of Lake Como and the surrounding Alps. From Como, you will embark on a boat to Bellagio, an elegant village nestled at the junction of the lake's two southern branches, famous for its charming streets, luxury hotels, historic villas, and lush gardens. Lunch at your leisure.

In the afternoon, take the ferry to **Cadenabbia**, where you will meet your driver and begin your journey to Milan.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast


LAKE COMO

## Day 6 Milan Bernina Express Milan

After breakfast, meet your driver and travel to **St. Moritz** for some free time. Then, **board the Bernina Express** and enjoy one of the world's most scenic train rides through the **Swiss Alps**. Marvel at alpine villages, tunnels, and breathtaking

mountain views as you cross the Bernina Pass toward **Tirano**.

Upon arrival, your driver will be waiting to take you back to Milan.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



BERNINA EXPRESS TRAIN

## Day 7 Milan

After breakfast, enjoy some free time to explore **Milan** at your own pace. In the afternoon, meet your local guide for a **three-hour walking tour** through the heart of the city. Begin at **Porta Venezia**, a historic gate with medieval and Roman origins, and continue to **Corso Venezia**. Walk through the **Giardini Indro Montanelli**, pass by the **Galleria d'Arte Moderna** and continue along **Viale Manzoni.** From the outside, see the iconic **Teatro alla Scala** and admire the majestic façade of the **Milan Cathedral (Duomo)**. The tour ends at **Castello Sforzesco**, a medieval fortress, followed by a relaxing aperitivo.

Free time before returning to your hotel.

Overnight stay in Milan at **Ramada Plaza** or similar.

Breakfast



MILAN CATHEDRAL

Day 8

## Milan

After breakfast, check out of your hotel. Transport to the airport.

End of the services.

Breakfast

# ACCOMMODATION

## Hampton by Hilton Venice Isola Nuova

**Venice**

Located on Venice’s Isola Nuova, this contemporary hotel offers a comfortable and convenient base for exploring the city’s iconic canals, landmarks, and nearby islands. Guests can enjoy modern rooms, complimentary breakfast, and easy transport connections, making it ideal for both leisure and business travellers seeking a relaxed stay close to Venice’s historic centre.



## BW Hotel Cappello D'Oro

**Bergamo**

Discover four-star comfort at Best Western Hotel Cappello D’Oro, perfectly located in the heart of Bergamo. Blending over 150 years of hospitality tradition with modern amenities, it’s ideal for both business travellers and leisure guests seeking convenience and charm.



# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit, maximum group size up to 40 people.
- All passengers must be able to indepently board and alight the coach.
- Opportunity to stay in Venice Island by adding a supplement, please contact our friendly team.

## Excluded

- International airfares and taxes
- Domestic airfares and taxes, unless otherwise specified in our holiday package
- Visa expenses, processing and issuance fees
- Meals other than as specified in our holiday package
- Travel Insurance or expenses of a personal nature (mini-bar, phone call, laundry, etc.),
- Tips or gratuities to guides, drivers, porters, hotel, restaurant or boat staff, etc.
- Or any other travel expense that has not been included in our holiday package

# IN PARTNERSHIP

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