



NORTHERN LAKES & DOLOMITES JOURNEYS (TOUR CODE: 15291)

STARTS AND ENDS

Venice to
Milan

TRAVEL PERIODS

04 May 26 - 12 Oct 26

EXPERIENCE

Group Journeys
Food & Wine

TRAVEL STYLE

Escorted Group Tour

From Venice to Milan, explore the Dolomites, sip Franciacorta, and ride the Bernina Express into the Swiss Alps on this 13-day alpine escape.

Highlights

- **Guaranteed Departures**
- Small group of maximum **25 People**
- Guided visits in **Venice, Verona, and Milan**
- Scenic **Bernina Express train ride** through the Swiss Alps
- Cruise across **Lake Garda, Lake Como & Lake Bellagio**
- **Wine tasting** in Franciacorta
- Explore the **Dolomites** and alpine lakes: **Misurina, Dobbiaco & Braies**

From the canals of Venice to the elegance of Milan, this journey unveils Northern Italy's most enchanting landscapes and cultural treasures. Wander through romantic Verona, sip world-class Franciacorta wines, and cruise across Lake Garda and Lake Como. Discover charming towns like Sirmione, Bellagio, and Bassano del Grappa, each offering a unique blend of history, beauty, and local flavour.

Venture into the majestic Dolomites, where alpine lakes shimmer beneath towering peaks. Explore Bolzano, Merano, and Cortina d'Ampezzo, with visits to Lake Braies, Lake Misurina, and the iconic Tre Cime di Lavaredo. Cross into Switzerland aboard the Bernina Express for one of the world's most breathtaking train journeys through the Alps.



GUARANTEED
DEPARTURES



VARIED GROUP
SIZES



SUSTAINABLE
TRAVEL



ENGLISH-ONLY
EXPERT GUIDES



HANDPICKED
CENTRAL HOTELS



AUTHENTIC
EXPERIENCES



✓ ENTIRE Cooling-Off Period

✓ ENTIRE Change of Mind

✓ ENTIRE On Ground Support

✓ ENTIRE AUD Prices

✓ ENTIRE Industry Accredited

✓ ENTIRE Australian Owned

INCLUSIONS

- 10-night accommodation in 4-star hotels
- 2-night accommodation in a 3-star hotel
- Transportation by coach
- Daily breakfast
- Grappa tasting in Bassano del Grappa
- Meals as per itinerary
- Spritz & "Cicchetti" experience in Venice
- Wine tasting in Franciacorta region
- Scenic drive around the lakes near Cortina
- Local guide in Venice, Milan and Verona
- Entrance fees included for: Bernina Express ride, scenic boat transfers
- English-Speaking Only Tour Director throughout the journey

ITINERARY

Day **1**

Venice Mestre

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

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Quality Hotel Delfino** or similar.



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", a local tapas variation. Spend the afternoon exploring Venice's canals at your leisure. In the evening, return to the hotel.

Overnight stay in Mestre at **Quality Hotel Delfino** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **3**

Mestre 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



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 your dinner at the hotel.

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

Breakfast, Dinner



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



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



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



Day 8

Milan Peschiera del Garda Trento Caldaro Bolzano

After breakfast, we depart and head towards **Peschiera del Garda**, a charming town located on the southern shore of Lake Garda. Next, we stop in Trento, where we'll admire the impressive **Castello del Buon Consiglio** and the **Santa Maria Maggiore Cathedral**.

After a leisurely lunch, we continue along Italy's oldest wine route, reaching **Caldaro (Kaltern)**, known for its lake and wine. The day ends with our arrival in **Bolzano**.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel Città** or similar.

Breakfast



Day **9**

Bolzano Merano Vipiteno Bolzano

After breakfast, we travel to **Merano**, known for its Christmas market and rich cultural heritage. We'll explore the old town, and you'll have free time to enjoy lunch. Next, we visit **Vipiteno**, a picturesque town with medieval architecture and Alpine charm. Stroll through its streets, enjoy local cuisine, and shop for souvenirs.

In the afternoon, we head to **Bolzano** to admire the **Gothic-style Duomo and Via dei Portici**, the heart of the city. Bolzano combines Alpine and Mediterranean influences, making it a must-visit destination. The evening is free for personal exploration or relaxation.

Overnight stay in Bolzano at **Stadt Hotel Città** or similar.

Breakfast



Day 10 Bolzano Bressanone Brunico Lake Braies or Lake Anterselva Cortina

Today, we start with a visit to **Bressanone**, a charming town in the Eisack Valley, known for its 10th-century medieval cathedral and Austrian-Italian blend. Enjoy local wines and the serene Alpine atmosphere. Then, we head to **Brunico**, with its colourful mediaeval streets and panoramic views from Kronplatz Mountain.

Afterward, we visit the stunning **Lake of Braies**, surrounded by towering Dolomite peaks, or Lake Anterselva if Braies is inaccessible. Both offer tranquil beauty and photo opportunities. Finally, we conclude the day in **Cortina** for dinner at the hotel and an overnight stay, surrounded by the breathtaking Dolomites.

Overnight stay in Cortina at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 11 Cortina Lake Misurina Lake Dobbiaco San Vito di Cadore Cortina

Begin your day with a hearty breakfast at the hotel and get ready to explore the stunning surroundings of **Cortina**

d'Ampezzo. Enjoy panoramic views of the **Dolomite Mountains** and spot the iconic **Tre Cime di Lavaredo**.

Continue to **Lake Misurina**, the largest natural lake in the region, offering mesmerising mountain views. Then, visit **Lake Dobbiaco** with its unique emerald-coloured waters. Drive to **San Vito di Cadore**, a charming village surrounded by UNESCO-listed mountains, Mount Antelao and Mount Pelmo. Afterward, return to Cortina for free time, relax, and enjoy dinner at the hotel.

Overnight stay in Cortina at **B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci Cortina** or similar.

Breakfast, Dinner



Day 12 Cortina Bassano del Grappa Milan

After breakfast, we'll head to **Bassano del Grappa**, a charming town in the Venetian Prealps. We'll explore its cobbled streets, admiring medieval towers and Venetian palaces. The highlight is the **Ponte Vecchio (Ponte degli Alpini)**, designed by Andrea Palladio, offering stunning views over the Brenta River. Our visit includes the **Grappa Museum** for a 40-minute immersion into the distillate's history via videos and exhibitions. We'll conclude with a tasting of five grappa varieties, savouring the region's artisanal flavours. In the afternoon, we return to **Milan** for our accommodation.

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

Breakfast



Day 13 Milan

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Arrivederci!

Breakfast

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- No age limit
- All passengers must be able to independently board and alight the coach.

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

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