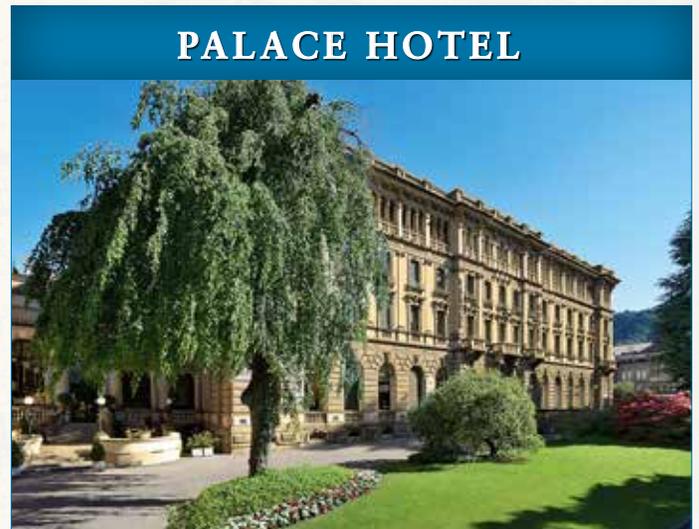


AROUND THE
ITALIAN LAKES
 LAKE COMO • LAKE MAGGIORE • LAKE ORTA



AUGUST 11 TO 19, 2018

ITINERARY*

**Como, Bellagio, Borromean Islands,
 Sacro Monte di Orta**

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

- ◆ Classic belle-époque hotel
- ◆ In the heart of charming Como, adjacent to the pedestrian zone
- ◆ Superb views from the outdoor terrace lounge
- ◆ Beautiful landscaped gardens
- ◆ Traditional northern Italian ambiance
- ◆ Exceptional service
- ◆ Just a short water taxi ride to other sites on Lake Como
- ◆ Authentic northern Italian cuisine
- ◆ Refurbished rooms, hotel under new management

Immerse yourself in the true essence of life in northern Italy's fabled Lake District for one full week, with charming accommodations in the PALACE HOTEL in the heart of lovely Como. Cruise by private boat on Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta. Excursions feature Bellagio, Villa del Balbianello, Stresa, the Borromean Islands and the Sacro Monte di Orta. Visit Milan's Duomo and Teatro alla Scala and see Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*. Enriching lectures and the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM with local residents bring personal perspectives of the region's modern life and cultural heritage. Verona and Venice Post-Program Option.

*Itinerary is subject to change.



The legendary Villa del Balbianello has one of the most beautiful and dramatic settings in all of Italy on the shores of Lake Como, surrounded by Alpine peaks.



VILLAGE LIFE® AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES

INCLUDED FEATURES

IN COMO

- ◆ Seven nights in the charming **PALACE HOTEL** on the shore of southern Lake Como.
- ◆ Full buffet breakfast each morning.
- ◆ Three dinners in the hotel and one dinner in a traditional restaurant, featuring northern Italian specialties with Italian wine.
- ◆ Welcome Reception in the hotel.

LOCAL EXPERT-GUIDED EXCURSIONS

- ◆ Walking tour of **Old Como**.
- ◆ Spectacular, full-day scenic tour of **Lake Maggiore**, featuring a **private cruise** of the Borromean Islands.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to **Milan** to visit the world-famous **Teatro alla Scala**, the exquisite **Duomo** and UNESCO World Heritage-designated **Santa Maria delle Grazie**, with a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*.
- ◆ **Private boat cruise** across Lake Como to medieval Bellagio.
- ◆ Walking tour in the beautiful medieval village of **Orta**, and a guided tour of the fresco-adorned chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi on **Sacro Monte**, a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- ◆ Excursion by private boat to Lake Orta's island of **San Giulio**, including a visit to the 12th-century basilica, renowned for its medieval pulpit made of black Oira marble.

EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- ◆ Exclusively arranged, private lectures: Como history and culture presented by a local scholar and Como native, and a presentation on the life of Leonardo da Vinci by an art historian and resident of Como.
- ◆ Specially arranged **VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM** with local Lombardy residents.
- ◆ Visit to Lake Maggiore's **Isola Bella** with a walk through the gardens of the 17th-century **Palazzo Borromeo**.
- ◆ Time at your own pace to explore romantic **Bellagio**, the most famous village on Lake Como, and to experience **Stresa's** spectacular views and tropical gardens on Lake Maggiore.
- ◆ Private guided tour of the Italian National Trust's magnificent 18th-century **Villa del Balbianello**.
- ◆ Opportunities to explore the heart of Como and its local market at your own pace.
- ◆ Opportunities to savor northern Italy's traditional cuisine during included meals and on your own.



- ◆ Occasion to interact with locals and immerse yourself in Lombardy life.
- ◆ Italian language introduction.

ENHANCED TRAVEL SERVICES

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water is provided on excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ The services of experienced Gohagan & Company Program Directors throughout the program.
- ◆ Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- ◆ Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.



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POST-PROGRAM OPTION

The Travel Program outlined here is subject to the features, final pricing and terms and conditions set forth in the published Travel Program brochure. Upon receipt of the published Travel Program brochure, you will be given 10 days to reconfirm your reservation, at which time any deposit(s) will become subject to cancellation fees.

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