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VILLAGE LIFE®

Italian Lakes

A JOURNEY IN LOMBARDY

May 8 – 16, 2027

One of the world's most captivating destinations, northern Italy's fabled Lake District beckons with its sublime vistas of shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks and coastal villages. This 9-day, 8-night Italian land trip boasts medieval sites to discover and stunning art to admire. Unpack once at the lovely *Palace Hotel* on the shores of Lake Como, then spend your week exploring this beautiful area. Marvel at lavish Renaissance and Gothic architecture; take in beautiful frescoes and the world's largest Gothic cathedral. Travel to bijou towns, exquisite islands and the vivacious metropolis of Milan. And of course, sample Italian culinary delights and wine throughout your stay. From the deep-blue lakes of Como and Maggiore to the enchanting Villa del Balbianello, to colorful Bellagio — the "Pearl of Lake Como" — discover the exquisite gem that is the Italian Lake District.

Exclusive Highlights

- Accommodations for the week at the elegant, first-class *Palace Hotel*.
- Specially arranged private boat transfers from Stresa to Isola Bella; and from Como to Villa del Balbianello and Bellagio.
- An insightful lecture into the history and heritage of Lombardy and its famous lakes.
- Elevate and personalize your experience with a choice of included excursions in Como.



Above: Lake Como
Cover: Bellagio



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Dear National Trust Traveler:

Join us and fall in love with the fascinating culture and breathtaking scenery of Italy's sublime Lake District. Start and end each day of this nine-day, eight-night program in the luxurious *Palace Hotel* in Como.

Enjoy a guided tour through Milan's Duomo, a Gothic masterpiece filled with paintings, sculpture and stained glass. In an exclusive boat ride, glide across Lake Maggiore to Isola Bella, home to unique mosaic-filled caves previously used as living spaces by villagers looking to escape the summer heat.

Learn about Villa del Balbianello's humble beginnings as a small Franciscan monastery and present-day home to a rich collection of Chinese, African and pre-Columbian art. Meander through picturesque Bellagio ("the Pearl of Lake Como") and plunge into its colorful coastal culture.

This perennially popular tour may sell out quickly, so book now while space and Special Savings are still available!

Sincerely,

Meg Annacone-Poretz
Director, National Trust Tours



*Borromeo Palace,
Isola Bella on Lake Maggiore*

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Day 1 | May 8

Depart your home city for Milan, Italy.

Day 2 | May 9

R-D

Milan, Italy | Como

Arrive in Milan and transfer to Como, the perfect “home” for our soggiorno in the spectacular mountainous Italian countryside. Check into the charming *Palace Hotel* on the shore of Lake Como, and settle in. This evening, join your traveling companions for a Welcome Reception and Dinner at the hotel.

Day 3 | May 10

B

Como

Start your morning with a fascinating lecture about Como’s history. On a guided walking tour, stroll through Old Como and admire magnificent architectural sites such as the Gothic *Duomo di Como*, the fresco-adorned Romanesque *Basilica di San Fedele*, the 13th-century town hall *Broletto* and the 12th-century gate tower *Porta Vittoria*. During the walking tour, you will also

visit the grand *Volta Square*, which commemorates the credited inventor of the battery, *Alessandro Volta*. Enjoy lunch on your own and spend time exploring Como independently.

Day 4 | May 11

B

Milan

Visit Milan’s world-famous *Teatro alla Scala* opera house, a neoclassical jewel of gilt boxes and glittering chandeliers. Continue to the city’s social hub, the *Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II*. Visit the *Duomo*, a Gothic cathedral that took nearly 500 years to complete. Spend time

at leisure, having lunch and getting to know this cosmopolitan city. You may wish to explore the legendary *Quadrilatero d’Oro*, one of the world’s most iconic fashion districts. Or spend time in the *Piazza del Duomo* and the *Galleria*. Enjoy dinner on your own in Como.

Day 5 | May 12

B

Stresa | Lake Maggiore | Borromean Islands

On a private boat ride on Lake Maggiore, sail past islands with beautiful villas, graced with natural beauty. Visit the crown jewel of the Borromean archipelago,

Teatro alla Scala, Milan



Villa del Balbianello



Isola Bella, boasting the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo. Explore the baroque palace with its astounding collection of art and antiques, and the summerhouse, which is home to a mosaic marine-themed grotto. Stroll the lush gardens, filled with rare flowers and plants, statuary, architectural details and strutting white peacocks.

Reboard the boat for the return to Stresa, the setting for Hemingway's iconic novel "A Farewell to Arms." Enjoy spectacular mountain views as you explore the town and have lunch on your own. This afternoon at the hotel, hear a lecture by a local expert on the silk industry, then enjoy dinner on your own.

Day 6 | May 13 **B-D**

Como

Today, delve deeper into Como during your choice of one of the following activities: pasta fresca cooking class,

Como culinary tour or wine tasting at La Costa Winery. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure, and make your own plans for lunch. Later, join the group for an included dinner at a local ristorante.

Day 7 | May 14 **B**

Bellagio

After a delicious breakfast buffet at the hotel, cruise by private boat across the sparkling waters of Lake

Como, Italy's deepest and perhaps most spectacular lake, while learning about its fascinating history and allure. Visit the magnificent Villa del Balbianello, which you may recognize from "Casino Royale" and other films. Unique terraced gardens surround the villa, where holm oaks — evergreens native to the Mediterranean — are pruned into a distinctive umbrella shape.

Lush gardens of Isola Bella





Continue to the celebrated town of Bellagio. Often described as the most beautiful town in Italy, Bellagio flaunts a promenade lined with lime trees and oleanders, a city center of cobblestone streets and picturesque alleyways, and charming buildings painted in shades of cream, peach and butterscotch. Enjoy time to explore Bellagio at your own pace and browse through its lovely boutiques.

Enjoy lunch on your own at a local eatery before heading back to Como. Later, immerse yourself in the local culture and traditions in a conversation with residents.

Day 8 | May 15 **B-D**
Como

Today is free for independent pursuits — perhaps a visit to Villa Carlotta, an elegant botanical garden and museum on Lake Como. Enjoy lunch on your own.

Tonight, join your fellow travelers for a Farewell Dinner at the hotel, and raise a glass to your week of La Dolce Vita!

Day 9 | May 16 **B**
Como | Milan | Return to Home City

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for your return flight home.

Note: This itinerary is subject to change due to local conditions.



A Visual Feast

When it comes to stunning art and architecture, the Italian Lake District boasts a wealth of riches. Begin with a tour of San Fedele Church, where vibrant frescoes adorn the walls and ceilings, illustrating religious scenes and figures with intricate details.

Next stop: the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo, a prime example of Italian Baroque architecture, offering an impressive collection of art and antiques. It features over 130 paintings and 16th-century Flemish tapestries depicting mythological scenes.

The stunning 18th-century Villa del Balbianello features lush gardens and ornate architecture. Inside, you'll discover more remarkable treasures: a renowned art and antique collection curated by the villa's last owner, explorer and mountain climber Count Guido Monzino. It includes 17th- and 18th-century English and French furniture, paintings on glass, sculptures and unique artifacts from his North Pole and Mount Everest expeditions.

These picturesque sites and marvelous works of art make them must-see attractions on this exclusive tour.



Bellagio



Basilica di San Fedele, Como



Villa del Balbianello

INCLUDED FEATURES

- 7 nights at the first-class *Palace Hotel* in Como, Italy.
- Welcome Reception.
- Included Meals | 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Director accompanies you throughout the program.
- Acclaimed guest speakers, expert lecturers and faculty leaders enrich your experience with their knowledge and insight.
- During included excursions, our experienced, English-speaking local guides will teach you about the history, culture and natural splendor of the destination.
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Cooking lesson



Osso Buco, a Lombardy specialty

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Palace Hotel

The classic Belle Époque *Palace Hotel* is ideally located on the lungolago, the lakefront promenade overlooking Lake Como, just steps away from Como's beautiful marble Duomo and the medieval, pedestrian-only town center. Italian marble and antique furniture provide subtle touches of 19th-century elegance throughout the hotel.

Each of the hotel's 94 renovated guest rooms is tastefully appointed with a private bathroom, air conditioning, satellite television, minibar and hair dryer.

The hotel staff provides exceptional service.

2027 DEPARTURE DATE | May 8 to 16 | Tour Begins: May 9

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