

# SLOW TOURS

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Full Itinerary and Tour details for

## Explore the Italian Lakes 15-day Small Group Tour



Prices starting from.

**4825 €**

Trip Duration.

**15 days**

Max Passengers.

**14**

Start and Finish.

**To/from Milan**

Experience.

**Small Group Tours Europe**

Tour Code.

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## Tour Details and Description

**Personally hosted by Carol Haslam, Director of Slow Tours. Carol has travelled extensively in this region of Italy and knows it really well . She loves to show guests some of her favourite spots.**

From the Piedmont and the Swiss border in the northern part of Italy across to the east, the lakes region lies at the foot of the Lombardy Alps. Blue waters flow at the foot of mountains reflecting mansions and villages, castles and fortresses, in a rare harmony appreciated as much by artists and photographers as by the tourists. Small ports, lake islands, villas with sumptuous gardens, flower-lined shores, good Italian cooking and local wines are some of the pleasures on the shores of these lakes, each one having its own special character.

## Included in the Small Group Tour:

- Transfer from Milan Malpensa airport or train station on arrival
- Transfer to Milan Malpensa or train station on departure
- 14 nights in 3\* or 4\* accommodation plus visitor's taxes
- 14 breakfasts, 6 x 3-course meals (either lunch or dinner) with a glass of wine or beer
- Excursions as per itinerary
- Entry fees
- Visitors taxes
- Bike or canoe hire (for the energetic)
- Boat trips as per the itinerary

## Not included in the tour:

- Meals not mentioned above
- Drinks not mentioned above
- Travel insurance
- Travel to Milan for arrival
- Travel from Milan on departure

- Gratuities

Travel is in a comfortable new vehicle

Maximum 14 guests

#### WHAT SLOW TOURS OFFERS YOU:

**Customer Service:** Hand-picked partners in whom we trust to deliver great service.

**Best Selection:** The best range of escorted and self-guided tours in Europe

**Secure payment:** Secure booking onsite through Stripe, the largest online provider of financial payment services.

**Support:** Contact us for support services on any Slow Tour - email or telephone support.

**Reviews:** Customer reviews available, and being constantly updated

## Itinerary

### Day 1

Pick-up from Milan airport, enjoy a 2-hour scenic drive arriving at your hotel to relax before a welcome dinner

### Day 2

Discover Lake Maggiore by car and ferry boat, a scenic drive around this magnificent lake with small towns and villages to visit, cafes with lake and

mountain views,

### Day 3

After a leisurely breakfast, we take a short drive from the hotel, then a boat trip to the islands in the centre of Lake Maggiore from Stresa or Verbania

### Day 4

Drive to Varese and climb to the famous Sacre Monte for a magnificent view across the lake and a tour of this Unesco protected chapel, then on to our hotel near Lake Como

### Day 5

After breakfast, we enjoy a leisurely lakeside walk and lunch at Lenno then visit the Villa Balbianello and its stunning gardens. The owner, business man and famous explorer bequeathed this property to the State on his death

### Day 6

We take a ferry boat to cross the lake Como and explore Bellagio and Varenna. Lunch in Bellagio

### Day 7

Walk or take 2 stops on the ferry to the lakeside Villa Carlotta at Tremezzina. This villa, open to the public, has an interesting history and with its acres of magnificent gardens, invites walking along many paths with magnificent views of the lake and mountains. Free afternoon and dinner at the hotel

### Day 8

After breakfast, we drive from lake Como to Bergamo to visit the charming old town before lunch. Then we take a drive alongside the lake d'Iseo to our hotel

#### Day 9

Today we will discover the medieval towns of Iseo and Sarnico with some free time for shopping, discovering these beautiful towns, relaxing with a coffee or walking along the waterfront

#### Day 10

After breakfast, we will take a drive around the lake and a ferry to the Monte Isola, an island in the middle of the lake with an interesting history and several small villages. No cars allowed on the island, but there is a circular trail of around (9 kms) for those who like to walk or ride a bike, or there is the opportunity to discover the small villages close to the ferry stop.

#### Day 11

Today we move on to our last hotel at the south side of Lake Garda. The afternoon will be a discovery of our surroundings including a visit to Sirmione fortress.

#### Day 12

After breakfast, we take a ferry trip across the lake with a stop at Malsecine and the Scaliger castle. For the adventurous, a cable car up the mountain, or for those who prefer it, an opportunity to enjoy a walk around the town, along the waterfront and a stop in one of the beautiful cafes.

#### Day 13

Today we take a step in the past as we visit one of the lakes beautiful villas and gardens overlooking lake Garda. A reflection on days gone by and the standard of living of the wealthy barons of the region. A fitting finish to two weeks of indulgence, stunning views, architectural and art treasures, great food and

wine, and the sensation of living the good life!

#### Day 14

Depart after breakfast for a 2 hour drive to Milan for your transfer to the Malpensa airport or Milan train station. Transfer and depart from Milan airport or train station or stay on for the French Riviera tour

## WHY SLOW TOURS EUROPE?

Slow Tours offers a selection of tours in [Europe](#) for unique experiences, active or relaxed, so you return home feeling relaxed, refreshed & re-energised.

Connect with the locals, take time to genuinely experience another culture, relax with the easy flow of life, enjoy fresh air and freedom from crowds. Savour the experience of our hand-picked tours of Europe!

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### 3 BIG BENEFITS OF BOOKING WITH US



#### TIME BECOMES A FRIEND

Yes, you'll see and do many wonderful things, but at a relaxed, easy pace that invites conversation and reflection.



#### DISTINCTIVE QUALITY

There's not a village you'll explore, or table at which you'll dine, that you won't remember with a smile.



#### PEACE OF MIND

Whether travelling directly with Slow Tours or one of our carefully selected, kindred-spirit partners, you'll have our complete and constant support.

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