



# THE SPLENDORS OF VENETO, THE ITALIAN LAKES, AND SWITZERLAND

Air and Land 9 Days, 8 Nights Including Hotels, Meals, Day Trips, and Airfare  
From New York including a 2 Night Optional Extension to Milan

Lake Como



Embark on an unforgettable journey through Veneto, the Italian Lakes, and Switzerland, where thermal spa traditions, Renaissance cities, historic towns, and sparkling lakes framed by majestic Alpine peaks create a seamless blend of culture and relaxation. Enjoy four rejuvenating nights in Abano Terme, renowned since Roman times for its mineral-rich thermal waters. From here, explore romantic Verona, stroll through medieval piazzas, and visit Romeo and Juliet's House. In Maranello, experience the legendary town and Ferrari museum, celebrating Italy's iconic automotive heritage. Experience the magic of Venice, wander iconic Piazza San Marco, glide past romantic canals on a classic gondola, and soak in the timeless beauty of the world's most enchanting floating city. Discover fairytale Sirmione and admire the lakeside fortress of Scaliger Castle on shimmering Lake Garda. Then enjoy three nights along Lake Maggiore, soaking in refined lakeside charm. Cruise across glamorous Lake Como to enchanting Bellagio, where elegant villas and alpine scenery create postcard-perfect views. Cross into Lugano, Switzerland, and ascend to Monte San Salvatore by funicular for breathtaking panoramic views of the lakes and the Swiss Alps. Enhance your experience with an optional 2 nights in Milan, Italy's global fashion and design capital. Discover the magnificent Duomo di Milano, stroll the iconic Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, and indulge in world-class shopping, dining, and aperitivo culture. This thoughtfully curated itinerary delivers the very best of Veneto, the Italian Lakes, and Switzerland.

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### PROGRAM INCLUDED FEATURES

- **ROUND TRIP AIR** Air transportation from New York
- **FIRST-CLASS HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodation for 7 nights
- **MEALS** 10 included meals consisting of 7 breakfasts and 3 dinners
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including local guide and all entrance fees as follows: Tour of Modena and Fararri, a tour of Lake Garda, Sirmione and Verona, a tour of Bellagio and Lake Como Cruise, a tour of Lugano, Switzerland, and the Monte San Salvatore Funicular. Optional tours available
- **JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY** Our program encompasses cultural connections, in-depth learning on the local economy and social systems, and interaction with locals, such as the legendary Ferrari Museum, a traditional producer of Balsamic Vinegar di Modena
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour upon arrival in Italy
- **FIRST-CLASS MOTORCOACHES** Touring by private first-class air-conditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO MILAN INCLUDED FEATURES

- **FIRST CLASS ACCOMMODATIONS** Hotel accommodations for 2 nights
- **MEALS** 2 included meals consisting of 2 breakfasts
- **THE PROGRAM** Sightseeing, including a local guide and all entrance fees, as follows: a city tour of Milan
- **PROFESSIONAL TOUR DIRECTOR** Assistance of a professional Tour Director for the entire length of the tour
- **FIRST CLASS MOTORCOACHE** Touring by private first-class airconditioned motorcoach
- **BAGGAGE HANDLING AND TRANSFERS** Baggage handling for one piece of checked luggage outside of the airport

### DESTINATION HIGHLIGHTS

A Relaxing Two-Destination Program • Veneto • The Roman spa town of Abano Terme • The Majestic Italian and Swiss Alps • Spectacular Lake Garda • Ancient Verona • Romeo and Juliet's House • Ancient Sirmione • Ferrari Museum and Formula 1 heritage • Culinary capital Modena • Romantic Venice • Iconic San Marco Square • Doge's Palace • Magnificent St. Mark's Basilica • Legendary Bridge of Sighs • Scenic cruise on Lake Como • Stunning Bellagio • Beautiful Lake Maggiore • Elegant Stresa • Majestic Lake Lugano • Sophisticated Lugano • Monte San Salvatore funicular experience • Breathtaking Swiss Alpine scenery • Fashion capital Milan • Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II • Majestic Duomo of Milan • The legendary La Scala Opera House • Authentic Italian cuisine, wine and culture, and more...





**Day 1 Depart the USA** Begin your thrilling journey by departing the USA on an overnight flight to enchanting Italy. Enjoy meals and beverages onboard.

**Day 2 Arrive Milan – Abano Terme** Arrive in captivating Italy and meet your Tour Director before departing on a scenic transfer to Abano Terme, your home for a four-night stay in the heart of the Veneto region. Nestled at the foot of the picturesque Colli Euganei, Abano Terme has been renowned since Roman times for its mineral-rich thermal springs. Today, it stands as one of Europe’s premier spa destinations, offering manicured gardens, tranquil promenades, and an authentic Italian atmosphere designed for relaxation and renewal. This evening, settle in and enjoy a welcoming dinner at your hotel as your Italian journey begins. (D)

**Day 3 Abano Terme – Lake Garda – Sirmione – Verona – Abano Terme** Depart Abano Terme for a scenic journey to Lake Garda, Italy’s largest and most picturesque lake, framed by vineyards, olive groves, and alpine peaks. Arrive in the enchanting peninsula town of Sirmione, where you see the 13th-century Scaliger Castle standing proudly overlooking the harbor. Stroll Sirmione’s cobblestone lanes lined with colorful façades, boutiques, cafés, and enjoy sweeping lake views, as you unwind lakeside in this relaxed setting. Continue to romantic Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage city rich in Roman and medieval heritage. Marvel at the remarkably preserved Verona Arena, beautifully showcased from the outside and still used today for opera performances. Wander through Piazza Bra and Piazza delle Erbe, surrounded by frescoed palaces and vibrant cafés. Later, you visit the Romeo and Juliet House, with access to its historic courtyard and the legendary balcony that inspired Shakespeare’s timeless love story. After a day of breathtaking scenery, history, and romance, return to Abano Terme. (B)

**Day 4 Abano Terme – Maranello (Ferrari) – Modena – Abano Terme** Discover the essence of Italy’s Motor Valley and culinary capital on a guided excursion to Maranello and Modena. Begin in Maranello with admission to the legendary Ferrari Museum. Explore historic Ferrari road cars, Formula 1 champions, and rare limited-edition models while learning how the Prancing Horse became a global icon of speed, innovation, and Italian excellence. Continue to Modena for a guided walk through its UNESCO-listed historic center. Visit the magnificent Modena Cathedral, admire Wiligelmo’s medieval sculptures, stroll through Piazza Grande, and view the iconic Torre Ghirlandina rising above the skyline. Enjoy free time to savor Modena’s flavors, perhaps tortellini in brodo or tagliatelle al ragù, browse elegant boutiques, or relax at a café that embraces the city’s refined aperitivo culture. Before returning to Abano Terme, visit a traditional producer of Balsamic Vinegar di Modena for a guided tasting. Learn about the meticulous barrel-aging process behind this world-renowned delicacy. A perfect day blending Ferrari, Romanesque art, and authentic Emilia-Romagna gastronomy. (B)

**Day 5 Abano Terme – Free day – Venice Optional Tour** Today is yours to enjoy in elegant Abano Terme, relax at the spa, browse local boutiques, or join an optional excursion to unforgettable Venice. Upon arrival, board a vaporetto (waterbus) to the world-famous Piazza San Marco, the heart of the Floating City. Your guided walking tour reveals the highlights of Venice’s historic center, including entrance to the magnificent St. Mark’s Basilica, celebrated for its shimmering mosaics and opulent interior. See the Gothic splendor of the Doge’s Palace and the iconic St Mark’s Campanile rising above the square. As you stroll through Piazza San Marco, your guide shares captivating stories of Venice’s maritime power, artistic legacy, and timeless allure. Following the guided tour, enjoy free time to explore at your own pace. Wander along narrow calli, cross picturesque bridges, browse artisan workshops and Murano glass boutiques, or relax at a café overlooking the canals. You may choose to glide through the waterways on a gondola, or discover hidden courtyards and quiet piazzas that reveal Venice’s unmistakable romance. (B)

**Day 6 Abano Terme – Bergamo – Lake Maggiore – Verbania** Depart Abano Terme for a scenic journey into Lombardy to discover romantic Bergamo. Explore the enchanting Città Alta, dramatically perched above the plains and encircled by the UNESCO-listed Venetian Walls of Bergamo. With your guide, wander medieval cobblestone streets, hidden courtyards, and stone stairways that preserve the city’s authentic character. Admire the elegant Piazza Vecchia, see the magnificent Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore, and the ornate Cappella Colleoni. Enjoy sweeping vistas across the Lombard plain, with Alpine peaks visible on clear days. Continue to Verbania on the shores of Lake Maggiore, where elegant villas and lush gardens reflect in deep blue waters. Check in for a relaxing three-night lakeside stay, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

**Day 7 Verbania – Lake Como – Stresa – Bellagio – Verbania** Depart from Verbania for the breathtaking beauty of Lake Como. In Stresa board a scenic ferry cruise across its shimmering waters. Pass postcard-perfect villages such as Cernobbio, Moltrasio, and Torno. Here, pastel façades and stone houses cling to the mountainside. Admire legendary lakeside estates, including Villa d’Este and Villa Erba, each framed by manicured gardens and alpine foothills. The dramatic scenery offers endless photo opportunities. Capture elegant villas, hidden harbors, and church towers reflected in crystal-clear waters. Arrive in enchanting Bellagio, the “Pearl of Lake Como.” Enjoy free time to explore its cobblestone lanes, artisan boutiques, and lakeside promenade, where the three branches of the lake meet. Return by ferry to Como, savoring one last sweep of Lake Como’s spectacular scenery. Then, journey back to Lake Maggiore and your hotel for a relaxing evening at leisure. (B)



**Day 8 Verbania – Lugano, Switzerland, and Monte San Salvatore – Verbania** Cross the Italian–Swiss border into sophisticated Lugano, where the sparkling waters of Lake Lugano meet the dramatic Swiss Alps. On your guided walking tour, explore the refined historic center, stroll the palm-lined lakeside promenade, and visit lively Piazza della Riforma, framed by pastel neoclassical architecture and elegant cafés. Admire the Renaissance façade of the Cathedral of Saint Lawrence, overlooking the lake. Wander through elegant streets such as Via Nassa, famous for its stylish boutiques, Swiss watches, chocolate shops, and artisan stores that reflect Lugano’s cosmopolitan atmosphere and blend of Swiss precision and Italian flair. Scenic waterfront viewpoints provide postcard-worthy panoramas of boats, forested hills, and distant Alpine peaks. Then board the historic funicular for a dramatic ascent up Monte San Salvatore, often called the “Sugarloaf of Switzerland.” As the car climbs steeply through forested slopes, breathtaking vistas unfold with every passing moment. At the summit, spectacular 360-degree panoramas stretch across Lake Lugano’s winding shoreline, rolling green valleys, charming lakeside villages, and the majestic Alpine chain shimmering on the horizon, a true highlight of your Swiss experience. After descending, return to Verbania and gather for a memorable Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

**Day 9 Verbania to the USA, or extend your stay with an optional Milan extension** Today, return to the airport for your flight back to the USA, reflecting on memories of Abano Terme, elegance, Renaissance cities, sparkling lakes, and Alpine grandeur. Alternatively, embrace the opportunity to extend your stay with an optional Milan extension to continue your journey of discovery. (B)



## OPTIONAL MILAN EXTENSION

**Day 9 Verbania – Milan** Today, depart Lake Maggiore for stylish Milan, Italy’s global fashion capital and dynamic cultural hub. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and take some leisure time to begin exploring this sophisticated metropolis. Next, consider a stroll through the elegant Quadrilatero della Moda, browsing world-renowned designer boutiques, or soaking in the vibrant café culture that defines Milan’s cosmopolitan spirit. From cutting-edge fashion to historic landmarks and contemporary art, Milan offers the perfect blend of style, innovation, and Italian flair. (B)

**Day 10 Milan – City Tour** Experience the energy and elegance of Milan on a captivating half-day guided tour that blends history, art, and contemporary sophistication. Enjoy panoramic views of the impressive Sforza Castle before arriving at the breathtaking Duomo di Milano, and enter Italy’s largest Gothic cathedral, adorned with 135 marble spires and crowned by the radiant Golden Madonnina. See the legendary Teatro alla Scala, and stroll beneath the soaring glass dome of the iconic Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, where luxury boutiques and historic cafés reflect Milan’s status as a global fashion capital. The remainder of the day is yours to embrace Milan’s cosmopolitan spirit. Indulge in designer shopping, explore artisan boutiques, sip espresso in elegant piazzas, or enjoy an aperitivo as locals gather before dinner. From Michelin-starred dining to lively trattorias and vibrant street life, Milan invites you to shop, savor, toast, and celebrate in true Italian style. (B)

**Day 11 Milan to the USA** Today, depart Milan and transfer to the airport for your return flight home, carrying unforgettable memories of Veneto, the Italian Lakes, and Switzerland. (B)

(B) - Breakfast, (L) - Lunch, (D) - Dinner.

Hotel (when listed) and Itinerary are subject to change. Quest Voyager reserves the right to make corrections or adjustments to the travel program as necessary.



**Light tour:** There is easy walking throughout the day. Plan to get on and off the coach/boat, with light walking tours, some stairs, and uneven surfaces, through cities and sights such as museums.

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