

DURGAN TRAVEL
LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND ITINERARY
SEPTEMBER 14 - 22, 2018

Day 1: Friday, Sept 14th ~ Depart early evening (5:00 PM), from Logan International Airport for your overnight flight to Milan, Italy (via Zurich) to arrive at 8:25 AM on Sept 15th.

Day 2: Saturday, Sept 15th ~ Arrive Milan

"Benvenuti in Italia" Arrival at Malpensa Airport in Milan where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for a scenic drive to Lake Como where we will check in at our hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Dinner)

Your accommodations from 9/15 to 9/22:

Hotel Britannia Excelsior Cadenabbia

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Province of Como

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Amenities include: Free Wi-Fi (public areas only - small fee for in rooms), hairdryer, a/c, outdoor pool

Day 3: Sunday, Sept 16th ~ Como ~ Lake Como ~ Bellagio

Breakfast at our hotel. Depart our hotel by motorcoach for a guided morning tour of the beautiful town of Como, which has kept much of its ancient Roman street plan, beginning in the lovely Piazza Cavour which is surrounded by quaint cafés, colorful houses, and stately hotels. In the afternoon, we will travel by boat on a cruise from the town of Como, up the lake past gorgeous villas, to the picturesque town of Bellagio, where we can wander through the peaceful, narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses typical of the area. Return by boat and motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 4: Monday, Sept 17th ~ Saint Moritz, Switzerland

Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will head north, through Chiavenna in the beautiful Bregaglia Valley, to Castasegna where we will cross the Swiss border. Then, we will navigate the thirteen winding hairpin turns of the road through the Maloja Pass. After passing by crystal-blue Lake Sils, we will drive through Silvaplana (which is 6000 feet above sea level) to the world-renowned mountain resort of Saint Moritz. Our full-day of guided sightseeing will include a walking tour of many of this chic town's most historic and famous landmarks, including the Protestant Church (circa 1786), the idyllic Old Cemetery, the Schiefer Turm (the Leaning Tower - all that remains of the old Romanesque Church of St. Maurice) and the Olympic Games venues. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 5: Tuesday, Sept 18th ~ Bergamo

Breakfast at our hotel. Today's excursion will take us to Bergamo, which against the backdrop of the Bergamese Alps, is one of the most beautifully situated cities in Lombardy. Bergamo's Old Town is perched on a hill above, enclosed by ancient Venetian walls, while the modern city center sprawls across

the plains below. Our walking tour begins in the Piazza Vecchia - the heart of the Old Town - and we will have the opportunity to view many of its most significant civic and religious monuments, including the Palazzo del Comune, Palazzo della Ragione, the magnificent Cathedral, St. Maria Maggiore, the Colleoni Chapel, with its frescoed dome by Tiepolo, and the beautiful Baptistery. Late-afternoon return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 6: Wednesday, Sept 19th ~ Lake Maggiore & Borromean Islands

Breakfast at our hotel. Today, we will discover wonderful Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands. First on our agenda, we will drive to Stresa where we will board the boat for our cruise to Isola Bella for a tour of the sumptuous Borromeo Palace, and its magnificent and massive Italian-style gardens. We will next cruise to tiny Isola dei Pescatori, once a fisherman's island and Hemingway's favorite of the Borromean Islands. We will spend the afternoon exploring the island with its narrow alleyways and romantic churches. Return to Stresa by boat, then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 7: Thursday, Sept 20th ~ Milan

Breakfast at our hotel. Departing our hotel this morning, we will head south to stylish Milan, a city with some of the world's most stunning art and architecture. Our full-day of guided sightseeing includes: the flamboyant 14th century Gothic Duomo ("defended" by the marble statues of 2,224 saints and nearly 100 gargoyles), the legendary Teatro alla Scala opera house, and the beautiful Renaissance Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie and its rectory to view Da Vinci's 15th century masterpiece "Last Supper" mural painting. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 8: Friday, Sept 21st ~ Lugano

Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will again cross the Swiss border for our full-day tour to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano is nestled in a bay on the northern side of Lake Lugano, surrounded by the nearby Swiss Alps. The town center, with its Mediterranean-style squares and arcades, and numerous parks, invites us to laze around and enjoy the atmosphere. By the lakeside promenade are the famous Belvedere Gardens, which boasts not only magnificent camellias and magnolias, but also countless sub-tropical plants and modern works of art. Return to Lake Como for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (Breakfast and dinner)

Day 9: Saturday, Sept 22nd ~ Milan ~ Boston

Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will be transferred to Milan Airport where we will board our return flight to US! (Breakfast)

PLEASE NOTE: SCHEDULING IS ALWAYS SUBJECT TO CHANGE