



**LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND
DAILY ITINERARY
OCTOBER 2-10, 2017**

DAY 1 (10/2) -BOSTON~ZURICH~MILAN: We depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Milan (via Zurich)

DAY 2 (10/3)-MILAN~LAKE COMO: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at **Malpensa Airport in Milan**, we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. We will board our private motor coach for a scenic drive to Lake Como where we will check in at our hotel **for the entire time**. The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize us with our surroundings. **Dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

**PLEASE REFER TO THE ENCLOSED HOTEL SHEET FOR DETAILS ON THE HOTEL.
PLEASE NOTE: ALL LUNCHES ARE ON OUR OWN.**

DAY 3 (10/4) -COMO~LAKE COMO~BELLAGIO: **Breakfast** is at our hotel. We 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. We will begin 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**. Here, we can wander through the peaceful, narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses typical of the area. We will return by boat and motorcoach to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 4 (10/5) - SAINT MORITZ, SWITZERLAND: **Breakfast** is 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). We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 5 (10/6) -BERGAMO: **Breakfast** is 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 Piazzale Marconi** - the heart of the Old Town - and we will have the opportunity to view many of its most significant civic and religious monuments. This will include 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. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 6 (10/7) - MILAN: **Breakfast** is 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-from the outside, 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*. We will return to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

****PLEASE NOTE: Due to the recent overwhelming interest in The Last Supper viewings, you will be advised the day and time when you arrive overseas.****

DAY 7 (10/8) - LAKE MAGGIORE & THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS: Breakfast is at our hotel. Today, we will discover wonderful Lake Maggiore and the Borromeo 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 Borromeo Islands. We will spend the afternoon exploring the island with its narrow alleyways and romantic churches. We will return to Stresa by boat, then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel for **dinner** and overnight.

DAY 8 (10/9) - LUGANO, SWITZERLAND: Breakfast is at our hotel. This morning, we will 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. We will return to Lake Como for **dinner** and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 9 (10/10) - LAKE COMO~MILAN~ZURICH~BOSTON: After **breakfast**, please check out, paying any incidentals you may have incurred. We will transfer to **Malpensa Airport in Milan** to board our return flight to Boston (*via Zurich*)

PLEASE NOTE: ALL SCHEDULING IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE