

# VILLAGE LIFE® AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES



Uniquely designed 9-day, 7-night tour featuring our exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® forum and private boat tours of Lake Como, Lake Maggiore, and Lake Orta

From \$3,895 plus air

Northern Italy's fabled Lake District beckons with its shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks, and bijou towns on a 7-night itinerary that immerses you in the distinct *bella figura* Italian style that has inspired poets, composers, artists, and philosophers for centuries. Visit Bellagio; Villa del Balbianello; Stresa; Isola Bella; and Sacro Monte di Orta, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. In Milan, visit the Duomo and Teatro alla Scala, and enjoy a specially arranged viewing of

Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper.

## **2024 Departures**

## 9 Days

- **1** Depart home city
- 2 Milan, Italy/Como
- 3 Como
- 4 Lake Maggiore/Borromean Islands/Stresa
- 5 Milan
- 6 Lake Como/Villa del Balbianello/Bellagio
- 7 Lake Orta/Orta San Giulio/Sacro Monte di Orta
- 8 Como
- **9** Como/Milan/Return to home city

# **Itinerary Highlights**

- Stroll along Como's medieval towers and walls, Renaissance palaces and churches, neoclassical 19<sup>th</sup>-century villas, and small family-owned *negozio*, or shops.
- See the magnificent Duomo di Como and the 12<sup>th</sup>-century Romanesque Basilica di San Fedele.
- Visit the crown jewel of the Borromean archipelago, Isola Bella, occupied by the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Palazzo Borromeo.
- Enjoy amazing mountain views from Stresa, the setting for Ernest Hemingway's iconic novel "A Farewell to Arms".
- Behold the majesty of Milan's late-Gothic Duomo and the Teatro alla Scala opera house.
- Explore the magnificent Villa del Balbianello and its unique terraced gardens.
- Discover the heart of Orta San Giulio's medieval village center to admire Baroque palazzos built by Italian nobility.
- Visit chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi atop the summit of UNESCO-inscribed
  Sacro Monte di Orta.
- Cruise across the cobalt-blue water in a private boat to Isola San Giulio, taking in views of Italian villas and gardens along the way.

## **All-Inclusive**

- Transfers and luggage handling abroad if you made your air arrangements through Gohagan & Company. (If you made your own air arrangements, transfers and luggage handling is not included.)
- Experienced, English-speaking local guides for included excursions.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Complimentary bottled water in your room and on excursions.
- Hospitality desk at the hotel.
- Experienced Gohagan & Company Travel Directors at your service.
- Complimentary use of an audio headset during guided excursions.
- Automatic \$250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.

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### **Accommodations**

#### THE PALACE HOTEL

- Majestic Belle Epoque hotel with 94 renovated guest rooms, situated on the promenade overlooking Lake Como.
- Ideally located, just steps away from Como's beautiful marble Duomo and the medieval, pedestrian-only town center.
- Enjoy expertly landscaped gardens for enchanting views across Lake Como.
- Meals feature fresh seasonal Italian ingredients, local specialties, and international cuisine.

