



SMALL GROUP TOURS



LAKE COMO &
PIEMONTE



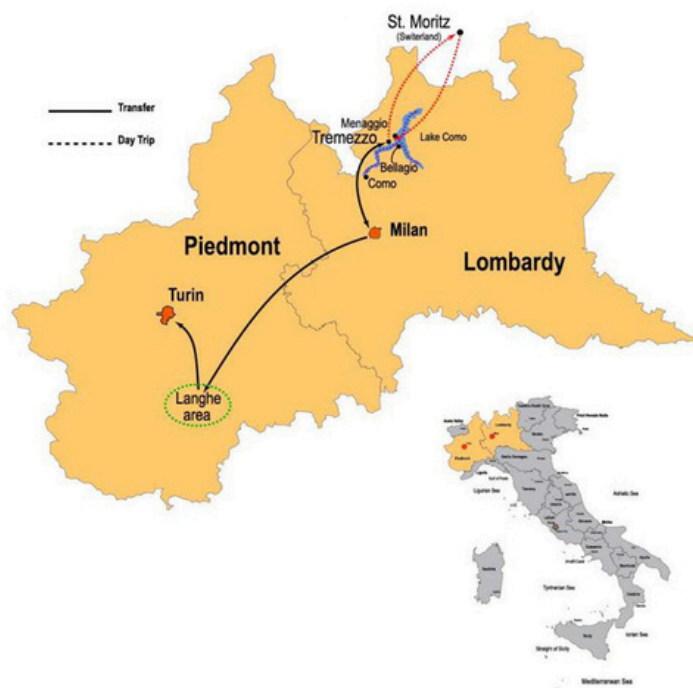
Lake Como & Piemonte Tour Summary

Let Nada's Italy Lake Como tour take you to a magical place, where **majestic Villas** and **luxurious gardens** line the peaceful shores of one of the world's most beautiful lakes: **this is Lake Como**.

Start your memorable journey in cosmopolitan **Milan**, then be taken away towards the world-renown shores of **Lake Como**, where you'll settle into a charming boutique waterfront hotel, from where you will explore the picture-perfect villages by boat. Enjoy gazing at views of **snow-topped Alps**, bougainvillea, and **sumptuous mansions** reflected into its calm mirror-like waters.

You'll take one of the world's most spectacular scenic train rides, the **Bernina Express**, through the **Swiss Alps** and see some of Switzerland's most breath-taking peaks, glaciers, and waterfalls.

Continue your journey with a relaxing stay in a luxury villa in the heart of the **Piemonte** region, Le Langhe, where you'll explore romantic **hilltop villages** and the **world-class wineries** of northern Italy. Take part in fun **cooking classes**, go **truffle hunting** with a local "Trifulau" and his dog, explore **medieval Castles**, savor local cuisine, and end this fascinating adventure in elegant **Turin**.



11 days / 10 nights



Maximum of 12 travelers



Fully escorted with full-time tour leader

Start: Milan

Finish: Turin

Stay: 1 night Milan, + 4 nights on Lake Como, + 3 nights Piedmont, + 2 night Turin

Tour Itinerary - Lake Como & Piemonte

Day 1 | Friday

Welcome to Italia! Tonight you will rest in a luxury boutique hotel in the heart of **Milan** and relax after a long trip overseas. Regain your energies tonight to start the trip of a lifetime in one of Italy's most scenic regions. Located just a few steps away from amazing restaurants and Milan's major sites, this hotel will offer a warm welcome as you enjoy your first night in the capital of Italian fashion. Meet in the lobby for a group welcome dinner in a nearby restaurant.

Meals included: Dinner

Day 2 | Saturday

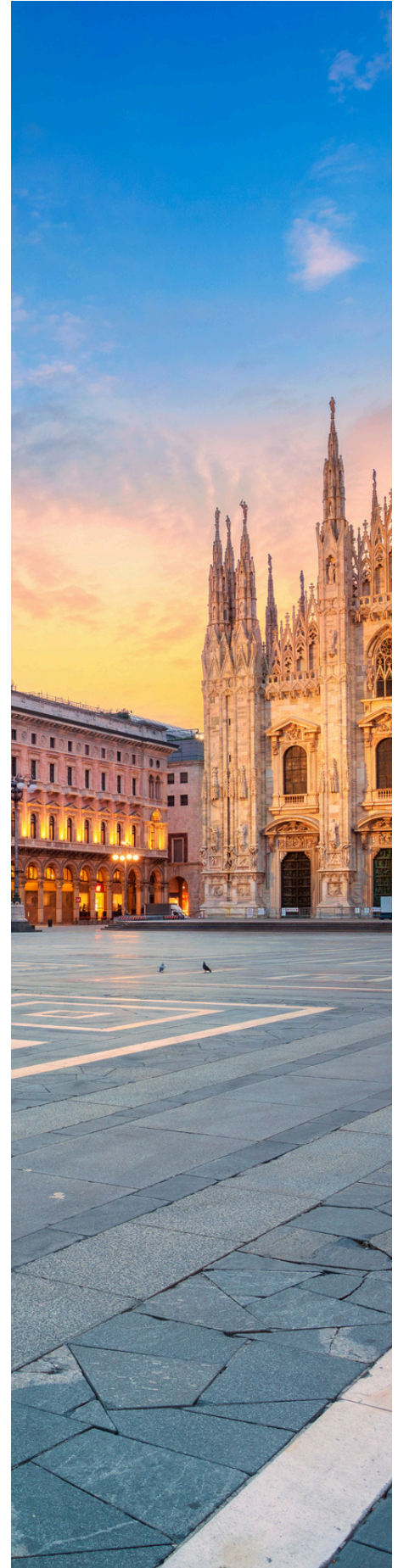
After check-out, our expert local City Guide will take the group through Milan's famous streets and sites, including the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele, full of upscale shops and liberty-style cafe's, then into one of Europe's most stunning gothic cathedrals: the **Duomo of Milan**. After the panoramic walk through Milan's historical center, you'll have some free time for lunch on your own. We'll then make our way north towards **Lake Como**, located in a distinctive area nestled between the Alps, Switzerland, and the Po Valley to the south. Enjoy breath-taking views from a lakeside boutique hotel, near the village of Menaggio. Before dinner, why not take a passeggiata, a leisurely walk along the shore of this amazing northern Italian lake? Enjoy a Welcome dinner and get to know your fellow travelers.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 3 | Sunday

Today we'll explore some surrounding villages around Lake Como by boat. Meet our local tour guide to explore the gardens of **Villa del Balbianello** near Tremezzo, and then on for a nice walk in the old town of **Bellagio**, before enjoying some free time, maybe some shopping and lunch on your own in this world-famous village. In the afternoon, explore **Varenna**, where its lively cafe's and art galleries offer plenty of chances to savor the local flare. Group dinner with regional specialties.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 4 | Monday

Make sure to bring your passport as we'll be crossing the Swiss border! We will depart the hotel and our drivers will take us to **Tirano**, on the Swiss border, to stretch our legs and taste some local specialties, before our **train ride through the Alps**. Now, are you ready to experience one of the most spectacular ways to cross the Alps? Here we'll board a small train, the Bernina Express which crosses Europe's highest railway, taking us to **St. Moritz**. You can enjoy one panoramic view after another, as the train passes by waterfalls, mighty glaciers such as the Morteratsch, climbing all the way up to view the 7,300+ ft high Bernina peak. This extraordinary itinerary is sure to take your breath away! We will spend a few hours in St. Moritz for some shopping and a stroll along the fairytale-like lake. A coffee break will be served in a spectacular restaurant, before reaching the train station. From St Moritz, back on the Italian soil, we board again our vans and, on our way back towards lake Como. Tonight dinner is paired with local food in a winery set on the slopes of the mountain overlooking the northern tip of the lake.

Meals included: Breakfast, Aperitivo and Dinner

Day 5 | Tuesday

Arrive in the city of **Como** where our local City Guide will introduce us to some hidden gems of this wealthy city with a suggestive medieval district. Enjoy a free afternoon to site-see, shop, and explore. We'll board a **boat** and cruise back to the hotel by some of the most magnificent Villas that were built around the lake by prominent families, who enjoyed luxurious and secluded retreats among peaceful gardens and hidden coves. For centuries, this territory has been an area of intense activity from people transporting merchandise between Central Europe and the Mediterranean. The characteristics of different cultures have highly influenced the local history, creating fascinating artistic traditions that are still carried on today. Spend the rest of the evening at leisure. Dinner on your own.

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 | Wednesday

Our first stop is a must-see hilltop village called **Gubbio**, a magical place that will make you want to start looking for a local real estate agent. Enjoy some free time for photos and lunch on your own in this charming town away from tourist crowds. Meet back up with the group and take a scenic drive through the mountains, crossing over regional borders from Marche to Umbria, ending up in lovely medieval **Montefalco**, considered the "terrace of Umbria", boasting some of the most breath-taking views of its expansive valleys. Then get your hands dirty and have some fun with a group **cooking class** making home-made pasta and other tasty local dishes! Then, a group dinner at the farm with dishes prepared during the cooking class.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner



Day 7 | Thursday

This morning we'll be joined by a local gentleman "trifulau", a truffle hunter, for a group **walk through the woods**. He will show us the techniques he uses with his dog to find the sought-after, highly esteemed white truffle of Alba. Later, we'll take a drive through the heart of the **Langhe hills**, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the Barolo wine, is produced and patiently aged. Stop by fairytale-like medieval villages and enjoy some free time for lunch. Finally, we'll enjoy a private tour of a **boutique winery** and a tasting of four premium Italian wines like Dolcetto, Barbera, Nebiolo, and the king of all wines, the Barolo! Tonight's traditional dinner will feature some dishes from the culinary tradition of Piemonte, one of the finest in the world.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 8 | Friday

Today is dedicated to discovering local cuisine and getting to know local people. To start this lovely day in nature and culinary delights, we'll visit a family owned farm where we'll take a fun group **cooking class**, followed by a tasty group lunch. Then take the afternoon to enjoy some free time to relax, read a book, meditate, walk in nature, and lay out on a chair by the hotel's private patio. Group gathers again in the hotel lobby for a group dinner.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner

Day 9 | Saturday

Our first stop today is **Alba**, a lovely town made famous for its culinary delights, including just about anything truffle-related, chocolate, wine and.. birthplace of an "Italian institution", Nutella! We'll take a stroll through town to discover its sites, including the Cathedral boasting a precious wooden choir of the XVI century and the colorful Saturday morning market. Then it's free time to explore and have lunch on your own. Early evening we will head to **Torino**, the capital of Piedmont and former Capital of Italy. After checking-in in the city center, follow our expert Journey Director on a late-afternoon walking tour of the city's most prominent sites, palazzos, piazzas, and attractions and end in an exclusive location for an early fine-dining experience.

Meals included: Breakfast and Dinner

Day 10 | Sunday

This morning join our expert local City Guide on a private tour of this astonishing city. Then we'll enjoy a tasty group lunch in one of Torino's cozy restaurants before saying goodbye to your Journey Director and enjoy a free afternoon. This is the final night of the itinerary...make it a special one!

Meals included: Breakfast and Lunch

Day 11 | Monday

Check-out from Hotel and... Arrivederci! Thank you for choosing Nada's Italy for your Italian adventure, we look forward to discovering more of this incredible country with you again soon!

Meals included: Breakfast



What's included ?

Small group travel: maximum of 12 travelers per group!

Fully escorted day trips with a full-time English-speaking Tour Leader and professional private drivers.

Meals included: all *breakfasts*, some *lunches* and *dinners* (included meals are shown at bottom of each day's itinerary.)

Beverages included: bottled water, soft drinks, coffee, and 2 glasses of wine per meal (choice of red or white wine)

Private Walking Tours by licensed English-speaking City Guides, including PRIORITY entrance & tickets to attractions.

Private Transportation for day trips and transfers in comfortable air-conditioned Mercedes Executive vans (does not include: transfer from and to the airport, airfare, or any other personal travel expenses).

A+ Rated Customer Service with Nada's Italy you can rest assured that your travel experience will be completely stress-free. Your personal Journey Coordinator will assist you with any additional services you may need, provide expert packing and travel advice, and answer any questions you may have before your trip.

Return Traveler Program: receive up to \$800 credit per person towards any future trips you take with Nada's Italy!

No bag limit (many tour companies have a 1-bag limit per person).

Taxes & Fees: Local VAT taxes and government fees, City Tax, gas, highway tolls, city access licenses and permits, parking fees.

Staff & restaurant tips (additional gratuities can be given at the sole discretion of each traveler).

Important information

- Some tours start and end in different cities, make sure to book your flights accordingly.
- Reminders, hotel information, and arrival instructions will be sent only by email, please make sure we have your current email address.
- You must be in good physical condition to sign-up for this trip! There will be extended standing and walking over uneven pavement. An average walking tour is about 2-3 hours without sitting.
- We strongly recommend that you purchase Travel Insurance for your trip. For suggestions on policies and a quote, please contact us.
- You should know that air conditioning in Italy, as well as WIFI connection, are not always as reliable as they are in the United States.
- The hotel staff assigns rooms to guests, some rooms may include stairs. A view is not guaranteed. As we work mainly with small upscale boutique hotels, rooms can differ in size and layout. Please contact us if you have specific requests/needs.
- Even though tips to staff and restaurants are included, it is suggested that you put aside approximately \$100 in combined gratuities for your driver & Tour Director for your trip.
- It is your responsibility to obtain the required documents to travel to Italy. Your passport should be valid for at least 6 months after your return date.
- In the unlikely event your tour does not reach the minimum participation requirement of 6 travelers, we will work with you to choose another available tour or tour date. We will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible.
- Please note: while we do our best to adhere to our published itineraries, they may be changed at the discretion of the Tour Leader due to weather conditions and other unforeseeable circumstances.
- Unless stated otherwise, all rates are per person, based on double occupancy, land only, in USD, and subject to availability. Rates may vary by departure date and are subject to change without notice.