

# Milan, the Italian Lakes & Lombardy



Lombardy is the most populous and richest region in Italy, with a population of about 10 million and about a fifth of Italy's gross domestic product being generated in the region. Milan, the region's capital, is the largest metropolis in Italy with many

exclusive shops and a wealth of art and culture from the Gothic cathedral to Santa Maria delle Grazie church.

The Italian Lake District is a pre-Alps region with beautiful valleys, striking mountains that descend to meet the lakeshores, pretty lakeside towns and meandering narrow roads which provide breathtaking views at every turn.



## 1 The Last Supper

Leonardo da Vinci's painting of the 'Last Supper' is one of the world's most important and moving works of art. This dramatic spectacle hangs in the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan.



## 2 The Borromeo Islands

Lake Maggiore's islands of Bella and Madre have grand, luxurious residences and a 17th century Italian-style garden, while the third 'dei Pescatori' is an age-old fishing village.



## 3 Villa del Balbianello

This beautiful villa, on Lake Como's west bank, is on a wooded promontory that can only be accessed by boat. Often used by film-makers, the location was featured in the James Bond film 'Casino Royale'.



## 4 Il Vittoriale degli Italiani

This fabulous, hillside estate is located on the Gardone Riviera overlooking Lake Garda. The Art Deco home of the Italian writer Gabriele d'Annunzio has unusually designed gardens, including a full size WWI battleship and small amphitheatre.

# Milan & Lake Maggiore

Milan is a global capital of fashion and design and home to Leonardo's 'The Last Supper'. Lake Maggiore has many fashionable lakeside resorts with charming narrow streets, filled with smart boutiques, cafés and restaurants.

## De La Ville Hotel, Milan

This four star superior hotel is situated in the historic centre of Milan and within walking distance of the gothic Cathedral and La Scala Opera house – two of the city's iconic monuments. Each room is unique, with silk tapestries and classic or contemporary décor. There is a rooftop terrace with swimming pool - unusual for a city hotel, which has a retractable glass dome so that guests can use it throughout the year. The terrace also boasts an impressive panorama over the rooftops of Milan including the Duomo spires.

**Accommodation:** 108 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airports: 45km Milan Malpensa / 15km Milan Linate
- 4-star superior hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Historic centre location
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Wellness Centre

Guide price from **£678 per person\***



## Cannero Lakeside Resort, Cannero

This charming, family-run hotel is set against a backdrop of Alpine mountains, just south of the Swiss border. Enjoying a superb position in a pedestrianised area, this lakeside property is comprised of two buildings, one a former monastery and the other a historic baronial house. Today, the monastery has been entirely transformed but for the original well, which still remains in the library (originally the old cloister). In addition, there is a tennis court, swimming pool and excellent restaurant serving traditional cuisine.

**Accommodation:** 50 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard rooms, superior rooms and suites.

- Airports: 78km Milan Malpensa / 141km Milan Linate
- 4-star hotel
- Complimentary WiFi
- Half Board
- Lakefront location (Lake Maggiore)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,381 per person\***

## Grand Hotel Majestic, Pallanza

The Grand Hotel Majestic, dating from 1870, still retains many elegant period features as well as its traditional atmosphere. The interiors display a subtle blend of antique and modern furnishings with spacious, high ceilings. The panoramic terrace and gardens afford spectacular lakefront views. Positioned on one of the most idyllic lakeside settings, just 5-minutes walk from the centre of Pallanza, the stunning surroundings will never cease to delight first-time and returning visitors alike.

**Accommodation:** 80 air-conditioned rooms including superior rooms, deluxe rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airports: 63km Milan Malpensa / 126km Milan Linate
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Lakefront location (Lake Maggiore)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Spa

Guide price from **£1,445 per person\***



\* Guide prices based on 2-sharing a leading room type (3 nights in Milan & 7 nights in Cannero and Pallanza), flights from London Gatwick to Milan Linate (other airports on request) and private transfers (Milan) or car hire (Cannero and Pallanza). Note: We cannot guarantee that any of our featured properties are suitable for all levels of disability so please ask if you have specific issues. Please visit our website for further information on these and other featured properties.

# Lake Como

Lake Como is a sophisticated resort area known for its dramatic scenery and deep-blue waters set against the rugged, forested foothills of the Alps.

## Belvedere Hotel, Bellagio

The Belvedere is, without doubt, one of the best-located hotels on Lake Como. In a peaceful and tranquil hillside setting with spectacular views over one of the most charming corners of Lake Como, the hotel is positioned above the pretty fishing village of Pescallo. This family-run property – going back five generations, is a short walk (5-minutes) from the centre of Bellagio with its narrow alleyways, colourful harbour front and selection of boutique shops and restaurants. During the summer, meals may be taken on the panoramic terrace.

**Accommodation:** 64 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, comfort rooms and suites.

- Airports: 112km Milan Malpensa / 81km Milan Linate
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Lakefront location (Lake Como)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool
- Spa

Guide price from **£1,445 per person\***



## Grand Hotel Victoria, Menaggio

This delightful hotel, located on the shores of Lake Como, is a 2-minute walk from the centre of Menaggio. Surrounded by well-maintained gardens, the hotel is positioned opposite the lakefront promenade and affords spectacular views across to Bellagio. Within the gardens, to the rear of the hotel, is a secluded area where guests can enjoy the peaceful setting around an outdoor swimming pool. Following recent refurbishments, the property has maintained the original elegance and style of the Liberty era.

**Accommodation:** 54 air-conditioned rooms including single rooms, standard double rooms, superior double rooms and junior suites.

- Airports: 91km Milan Malpensa / 106km Milan Linate
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Lakefront location (Lake Como)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,122 per person\***

## Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Tremezzo

This elegant, Liberty style, palace dominates the lakefront in the small village of Tremezzo. Its grandiose façade hides a luxurious interior and spacious, manicured gardens to the rear. Family owned, the Grand Hotel Tremezzo was built in 1910 and has 90 rooms and suites situated in the main building. Decorated in delicate colours, each room is draped with rich fabrics and adorned with vintage furniture and original paintings and prints. Many rooms have superb views over the lake towards lakeside towns or centuries-old parkland.

**Accommodation:** 90 air-conditioned rooms including park view rooms, lake view rooms, deluxe rooms and suites.

- Airports: 86km Milan Malpensa / 95km Milan Linate
- 5-star deluxe hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Lakefront location (Lake Como)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pools
- Spa

Guide price from **£1,372 per person\***



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# Lake Garda & Mantua

The largest of the north Italian lakes, Lake Garda is comparable to a small sea and is frequented by sailing enthusiasts.

Mantua's historic centre is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Villa del Sogno, Gardone Riviera

Located on the west bank of Lake Garda, this imposing 19th century Villa, set in its own extensive private park, enviably affords one of the best views on the lake. The Liberty décor and other period features have been conserved in many of the hotel's interiors, reinforcing the romantic and sophisticated elegance of this grand lakeside residence. The tranquil setting and beautiful surroundings makes this the perfect place in which to relax and unwind. Entry is via a long and winding road (1 km).

**Accommodation:** 32 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, superior rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airports: 58km Verona / 171km Milan Malpensa
- 5-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Hillside location (Lake Garda)
- Restaurant
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£1,512 per person\***



## Villa Florida Suites & Suite Apartments, Gardone Riviera

This family-run property is perched 200 metres above the waterfront of Lake Garda on a backdrop of green, wooded mountain slopes. The apartments, on four floors, offer spacious, comfortable accommodation and afford stunning views towards the lake. Guests can take advantage of the scenic, mountain setting and relax by the pool or descend on foot (20-minutes - steep in areas), or by car, to Gardone Riviera, where it is possible to catch a boat to various towns dotted along the shores of this beautiful lake.

**Accommodation:** Several air-conditioned units including superior studios and one-bedroom suites.

- Airports: 58km Verona / 171km Milan Malpensa
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Lakeside location (Lake Garda)
- Self Catering (SC)
- Swimming pool

Guide price from **£859 per person\***

## Villa dei Mulini, Volta Mantovana

This charming, medieval country house, beautifully restructured and transformed from an old water mill, is located on the banks of the River Mincio. Set in delightful natural surroundings with small waterfalls and river islets, the rippling waters offer a relaxing and magical atmosphere. The interiors are decorated with centuries-old wooden beams, terracotta floors, rough-stone walls and antique furniture. There is a nearby cycle path that runs along the River Mincio and leads to Peschiera del Garda (20km) on the southern shores of Lake Garda.

**Accommodation:** 15 air-conditioned units including superior rooms, junior suites and one-bedroom apartments.

- Airport: 27km Verona / 160km Venice Marco Polo
- Agriturismo
- Bed & Breakfast
- Complimentary WiFi
- Rural location south of Lake Garda

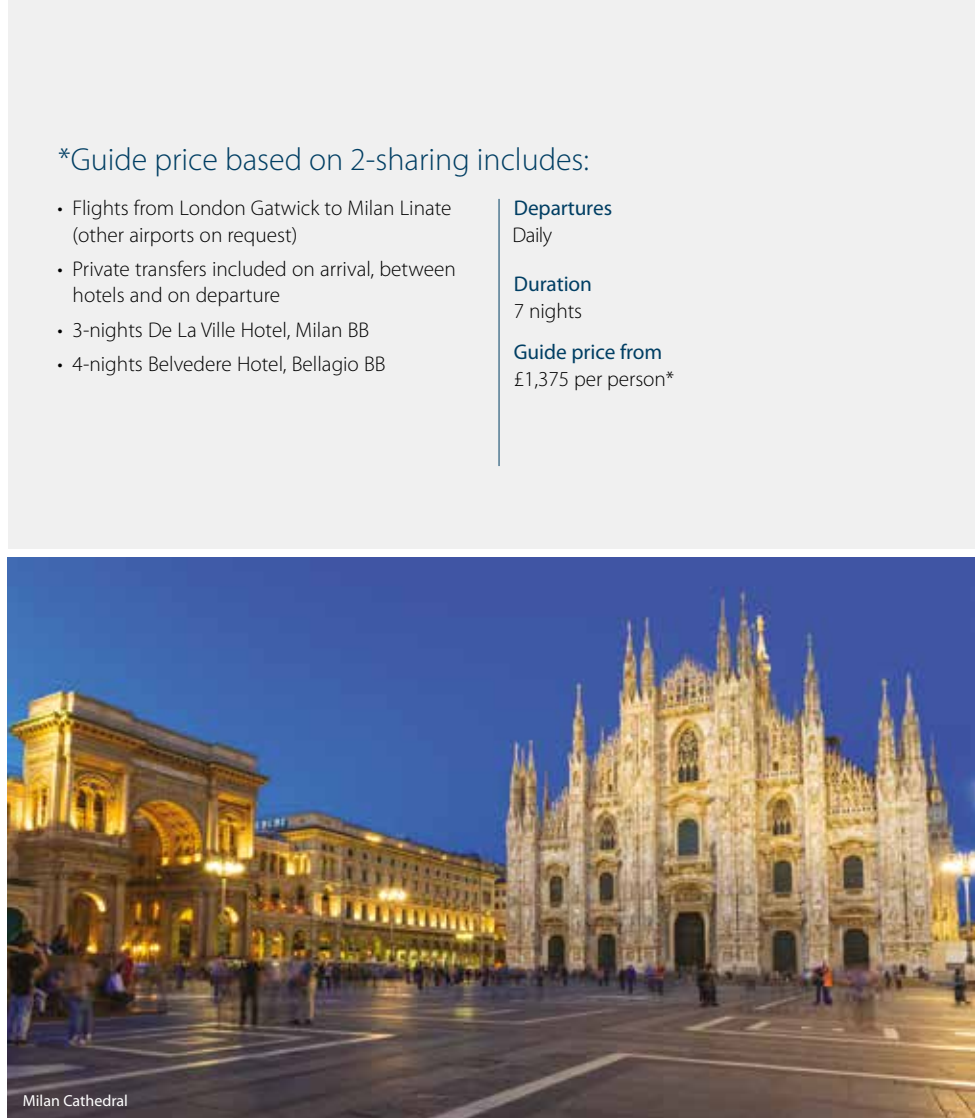
Guide price from **£745 per person\***



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Bellagio



Milan Cathedral

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- Flights from London Gatwick to Milan Linate (other airports on request)
- Private transfers included on arrival, between hotels and on departure
- 3-nights De La Ville Hotel, Milan BB
- 4-nights Belvedere Hotel, Bellagio BB

**Departures**  
Daily

**Duration**  
7 nights

**Guide price from**  
£1,375 per person\*

## Milan & Lake Como

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

There is new energy coursing through cosmopolitan Milan with old structures that have been repurposed as bars, restaurants and cultural centres following the hosting of Expo 2015. The city is well connected by train and an obvious choice from which to reach Lake Como. The vegetation of Lake Como is Mediterranean, alpine and sub-alpine with cypress and pine trees and on the sunbathed slopes vines and olive trees.

**Day One:** On arrival at Milan airport, you will be transferred to your hotel.

**Days Two & Three:** Day at leisure. Explore the many delights of the city: be inspired by the Last Supper located in Santa Maria delle Grazie church; climb (150 steps), or take the lift, to the roof of the gothic Cathedral for a panoramic view over the city and the distant Alps; visit the world famous opera house 'La Scala'; hop on a tram (number 1) to view some of the most important monuments; and shop in style at the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele.

In the afternoon, head to the Navigli district surrounding the city's historic canals. The bohemian canals are lined with pavement cafés, vintage shops and the occasional gallery. A popular antiques market is held on the Naviglio Grande on the last Sunday of every month.

**Day Four:** Private transfer from Milan to the Belvedere Hotel in Bellagio (80km). The Belvedere is, without doubt, one of the best-located hotels

on Lake Como. In a peaceful hillside setting with spectacular views over one of the most charming corners of Lake Como.

**Day Five:** Day at leisure. Explore the small centre of Bellagio, one of the most beautiful resorts on Lake Como, admired for its' blue waters, cleanliness and fresh air. The characteristic narrow streets house many shops and a stroll through the romantic gardens of Villa Melzi and Villa Serbelloni provide a welcome diversion.

**Day Six:** Day at leisure. Walk down to the harbour and take a boat trip on the lake to visit one of the many pretty lakeside towns.

**Day Seven:** Day at leisure. Chill out and relax by the pool with a good book.

**Day Eight:** Transfer back to the airport for your return flight home.

# Venice & the Italian Lakes

Itinerary: 10 days / 9 nights

Stretching from Piedmont in the west to Veneto in the east and from Switzerland and Trentino in the north, the Italian Lake District is a wonderful destination for a touring holiday. Sculpted by nature this spectacular landscape of mountain peaks, gentle countryside, tranquil islands and blue waters is adorned with a great variety of flowers, small sailing ports and grand villas. At every turn a photo opportunity awaits.

Whether an artist, keen walker or just someone that enjoys unspoiled landscapes and peace and tranquillity, this is the location for you. We have outlined a fly-drive itinerary below, but remember that this is merely a suggestion and can be modified to suit individual requirements.

**Day One:** On arrival in Venice airport, boat transfer to the Casa Nicolò Priuli.

**Day Two:** Day at leisure. Explore the delights of Venice - one of the 'must see' cities in the world. With its picture-postcard panorama, an inspiration for generations of artists, beautiful palazzi and endless mazes of narrow cobbled streets, it is easy to see why.

**Day Three:** Self-transfer to Venice airport to collect

your hire car. Drive towards Lake Garda and the Villa del Sogno (183km).

**Day Four:** Day at leisure. Known as the 'garden city' of Lake Garda, Gardone has a huge variety of exotic vegetation including cedars, magnolias, ferns and palm trees. The botanical gardens should be visited and are open from March to October. From the port at Gardone, visitors can take the ferry or hydrofoil across to many of the charming lakeside towns and villages.

**Day Five:** Drive to Varenna on Lake Como and board the ferry across the lake to Menaggio (150km). A walk along Menaggio's lakefront is one of the most common and enjoyable activities when visiting the area. The west bank has a string of resorts lining the shores, with plenty of choice for dining out.

**Days Six & Seven:** Days at leisure. Spend time hopping from one side of the lake to the other for some stunning scenery on one of the many hydrofoils or ferries that cross daily. Visit the main town of Como - great for shopping. Don't miss the jewel of the lake, Bellagio, which is well positioned at the very tip of the peninsula separating the lake's two southern arms.

**Day Eight:** Depart for Lake Maggiore and the Grand Hotel Majestic (70km). The second largest lake, Maggiore is famed for its jewel-like islands and mountainous northern shores that cross over into Switzerland.

**Day Nine:** Day at leisure. Visit the delightful Borromean islands, lying in the centre of Lake Maggiore, whose natural beauty is further complemented by artificial grottoes and landscaped parks. Take a stroll along the lake front of Stresa, the main resort on the western shores which is full of grand villas and verdant gardens.

**Day Ten:** Drive to Milan Malpensa airport for your return flight home.



\*Guide price based on 2-sharing includes:

- Flight from London Heathrow to Venice Marco Polo and returning from Milan Malpensa (other airports on request)
- Boat transfer on arrival from Venice airport (Day 1)
- 2-nights Casa Nicolò Priuli, Venice BB
- 8-days car hire (one-way fee payable locally)
- 2-nights Villa del Sogno, Lake Garda BB
- 3-nights Grand Hotel Victoria, Lake Como BB
- 2-nights Grand Hotel Majestic, Lake Maggiore BB

**Departures**  
Daily

**Duration**  
9 nights

**Guide price from**  
£1,490 per person\*

