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September 18 to 26, 2021
One of the world’s most captivating destinations, northern Italy’s fabled Lake District beckons with its shimmering glacial waters, soaring Alpine peaks, charming waterfronts and bijou towns overflowing with Mediterranean flora. The region’s ancient history echoes through towns filled with lavish Renaissance and Gothic architecture and imbued with the distinct bella figura Italian style that has inspired poets, composers, musicians, artists and philosophers for centuries.

Join our small group of travelers in the quintessentially Italian città di Como—your picturesque home for a full week—for this one-of-a-kind VILLAGE LIFE® around the Italian Lakes soggiorno. Our expert-guided excursions explore the artistic and architectural treasures commissioned by Roman aristocrats, medieval lords and Renaissance princes, including a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci’s renowned masterpiece, The Last Supper, in the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Santa Maria delle Grazie. Trace the legacy of Milan’s artistic heritage and tour the enchanting town of Bellagio. Visit the romantic Borromean Island, Isola Bella, famed for its lavish ornamentation, priceless artworks and terraced Italianate gardens.

Learn about Lombardy’s cultural heritage and contemporary life at the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM, featuring local residents. Enjoy the bold flavors of northern Italy’s acclaimed cuisine and sparkling wines.

Your accommodations for this comprehensive program are in the heart of charismatic Como in the ideally located, lakeside PALACE HOTEL, just steps away from the city’s Gothic-style Duomo. This historical hotel overlooks stunning Lake Como and welcomes guests with warm Italian hospitality and impeccable service.

Indulge in the refined traditions of the Italian Lake District on this unique program, where you unpack only once in one of Italy’s loveliest settings.

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Experience the authentic character and fairy-tale landscapes of Italy’s romantic Lombardy and Piedmont regions from the shores of picturesque Lake Como. During this specially designed small group itinerary, explore the alluring lakeside città and villaggi that dot the coasts of Lake Como, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta. Stay in the center of medieval Como, fall into the daily rhythms and centuries-old traditions of Italy’s ancient towns and enjoy custom-designed Cultural Enrichments. Visit the UNESCO World Heritage-designated Sacro Monte di Orta, the exquisite Italian Villa del Balbianello and secluded Isola Bella—the summer residence of the aristocratic Borromeo family. Savor the architectural riches and artistic verve of Milan and enjoy a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci’s unrivaled painting, The Last Supper, a fixation for scholars since its inception. Engage with local Lombardi during the exclusive Village Life* Forum, gain keen insights from a Como scholar and lifelong resident and sample savory regional specialties and celebrated wines from the area. This signature Village Life* program will immerse you in an intimate travel experience at just the right pace and includes ideally located accommodations, specially arranged meals and all excursions—truly an excellent value.

**Itinerary**

1. Depart the U.S.
2. **Milan, Italy/Como**
   - Check into the PALACE HOTEL in Como.
3. **Como**
   - Walking tour of Old Como.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Lectures by a Como scholar and a resident art historian.
4. **Lake Maggiore / Borromean Islands / Stresa**
   - Private cruise on Lake Maggiore around the Borromean Islands.
   - Explore the charming strade of Stresa at your own pace.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Tour of Isola Bella’s magnificent 17th-century palazzo and gardens.
5. **Milan**
   - Guided tour of Milan.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Visit to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Santa Maria delle Grazie to see Leonardo da Vinci’s The Last Supper.
6. **Lake Como / Villa del Balbianello / Bellagio**
   - Private scenic cruise on Lake Como.
   - Explore charming Bellagio at your own pace.
   - **Cultural Enrichments:**
     - Specially arranged tour of the Italian National Trust’s Villa del Balbianello.
     - Exclusive Village Life® Forum.
7. **Lake Orta**
   - Private boat ride across Lake Orta to visit the beautiful Isola San Giulio.
   - Walking tour of medieval Orta San Giulio.
   - **Cultural Enrichment:**
     - Guided tour on Sacro Monte di Orta.
8. **Como**
   - Day at leisure. Opt to stroll Como’s colorful market and mingle with local Lombardi.
9. **Como / Milan** / Return to the U.S.

**Treasures of Verona and Venice Post-Program Option**

*Available at additional cost.*
Como

Founded by the Romans in 196 B.C., Como has been internationally known for its silk-weaving industry since silkworms were first imported here in the 14th century. At one time, Como was the largest European silk producer—dyeing, weaving and designing fabrics to be shipped to the fashion houses of Milan, Paris and London. Enjoy ideally located accommodations in the Palace Hotel on the shores of Lake Como and in the centro storico of this timeless Italian città. Stroll past medieval towers and defensive walls, Renaissance palaces and churches, Neoclassical 19th-century villas and small family-owned shops on your way to Piazza Cavour and the tranquil lakeside promenade. See the magnificent Duomo di Como, which took nearly 400 years to complete. Now considered the most beautiful cathedral in Lombardy, this 15th-century masterpiece reflects a seamless blend of Gothic and Renaissance styles. Visit the 12th-century Romanesque Basilica di San Fedele, with stunning frescoed naves and apses and an exquisitely sculptured choir, carved by Comacini masters. Peruse the fresh fruit and vegetables in the colorful outdoor market, a tradition for centuries. **Cultural Enrichments:** A local scholar of Como from the Roman era to the present, resident art historian Giuseppina Lucini will present a private expert lecture.

During the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® Forum, residents will discuss contemporary life in the dazzling and historic Italian Lake District. Savor an Italian dinner in a local ristorante.

Lake Maggiore

Beloved by Lombardy’s nobility, Lake Maggiore is Italy’s second-largest lake and a natural boundary between the regions of Lombardy and Piedmont. A close rival to Lake Como as the most spectacular in the Lake District, Lake Maggiore’s mild climate allows gardens to cultivate rare and exotic plants beneath the Alps, particularly on the remarkable Borromean Islands. Enjoy a private boat cruise amidst the charming islands that inspired Gustave Flaubert, Richard Wagner and Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

**Borromean Islands**

Cruise among Lake Maggiore’s enticing islands, graced with elegant villas and striking natural beauty. Isola Bella, Isola di San Giovanni, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori are collectively known as the Borromean Islands, named after the powerful Borromeos—a dynasty of counts, cardinals and warriors. **Cultural Enrichment:** Visit the crown jewel of the Borromean archipelago, Isola Bella, occupied entirely by the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo. Walk through its splendid Italianate gardens, a Baroque botanical masterpiece ablaze with roses, Cruise past Isola Madre, the largest of the Borromean Islands, home to an array of plants from every continent.

The Palazzo Borromeo showcases the works of Giulio Cesare Procaccini and Luigi Pellegrini Scaramuccia.
gardenias, azaleas and rhododendrons, described by Edith Wharton as a work of "Renaissance poetry."

Commissioned by Count Carlo Borromeo III in 1632, this secluded Baroque retreat is dedicated to his wife, Isabella, and its extravagant halls and opulent salons are filled with priceless masterpieces by Old Masters such as Peter Paul Rubens, Titian and Anthony Van Dyck. See the Sala di Napoleone, where Napoleon Bonaparte and Josephine slept in 1797, and the island’s unforgettable grotto, decorated entirely with marble- and lava-studded mosaics of marine life.

Stresa
Any 18th- and 19th-century “Grand Tour” of Europe would be considered incomplete without visiting 10th-century Stresa to experience its spectacular mountain views, tropical gardens and the sparkling waters of Lake Maggiore. The quintessential dolce vita town, Stresa’s inviting piazzas, cobblestone streets and lakeside promenade are dotted with Belle Époque mansions. A young Ernest Hemingway, recuperating in Stresa during World War I, was inspired to make it the setting for Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley’s famed reunion in A Farewell to Arms.

Milan
The recognized capital of the design and fashion worlds, Milan’s cultural heritage blends ornate palaces, Gothic churches and venerated museums with vibrant contemporary life, a wealth of modern art, an abundance of haute cuisine and outstanding operatic traditions.

Visit Milan’s exquisite late-Gothic Duomo, which dates to 1386, and the world-famous Teatro alla Scala opera house, a Neoclassical jewel of sumptuous gilt boxes and glittering chandeliers, founded in 1778 by Empress Maria Theresa of Austria.
Bellagio
Perched on a promontory punctuated by stands of cypress trees, Bellagio is one of the Italian Lake District’s most internationally well-known communes. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Milanese nobility flocked here to build elaborate villas and cultivate subtropical gardens. Cobblestone alleyways draped with bougainvillea wind above an idyllic waterfront promenade that affords spectacular Alpine vistas.

Lake Orta
Serene Lake Orta, nestled in the captivating Piedmont region of northwestern Italy, is the Lake District’s best-kept secret. An ethereal mist rises above Lake Orta’s forested shores which are imbued with a permeating stillness. Enjoy a walking tour of Orta San Giulio’s medieval village center, a cinematic tableau of gracefully aging ochre-hued houses woven with arabesques of decorative wrought iron and flamboyant Baroque palazzos built by Italian nobility.

Cultural Enrichment:
Visit several small chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi, decorated with elaborate frescoes built between the 16th and 18th centuries, amidst a picturesque landscape of forested hills atop the summit of Sacro Monte di Orta—one of nine sacred mountains in northern Italy and a UNESCO World Heritage site.

San Giulio Island
Cruise across Lake Orta in a private boat to petite San Giulio Island, taking in stunning views of picture-perfect Italian villas and gardens along the way. Robert Browning, Honoré de Balzac and Lord Byron all wrote of this intimate island’s sublime beauty. Visit the 12th-century Romanesque-style Basilica di San Giulio, which has an opulent interior adorned with richly detailed frescoes painted upon the nave, chapel, vaults and aisles, and stroll the monastery’s lush grounds.

**The Palace Hotel**
The ideally located, classic Belle Époque The Palace Hotel is a prestigious establishment with a majestic setting overlooking Lake Como, just steps away from Como’s beautiful marble Duomo and the medieval, pedestrian-only town center. Venetian stucco artistry, Italian marble and antique furniture provide subtle touches of 19th-century elegance throughout the hotel.

Its expertly landscaped gardens are the perfect setting to admire enchanting views across Lake Como. The Garden Bar Ceccato, with its terrace overlooking the lake, is an excellent place to enjoy the hotel’s renowned homemade ice cream or a cappuccino.

Each of the hotel’s 94 recently renovated guest rooms is tastefully appointed with a private bathroom, air conditioning, satellite television, minibar and hair dryer. Meals feature fresh seasonal Italian ingredients, local specialties and international cuisine. Regional wine selections accompany dinner. The hotel staff provides exceptional service.

Treasures of Verona and Venice
Post-Program Option*
Few cities have the power to enchant quite like Verona and Venice, each a UNESCO World Heritage site. Verona is renowned for its well-preserved Romanesque and Gothic cathedrals, delightful piazzas and magnificent Roman monuments immortalized in William Shakespeare’s timeless 16th-century tragedy, Romeo and Juliet. See star-crossed Juliet’s famous balcony, the crenellated 14th-century Castelvecchio and the spectacular 2,000-year-old Roman Arena.

Discover the glories of centuries woven through a romantic tapestry of shimmering waterways crisscrossed by stone bridges that lead to Venice’s extraordinary confection of architectural treasures, including the Gothic-style Doge’s Palace. Cross the lagoon to the charming archipelago’s island of Burano, known for its skilled fishermen and colorful houses. Enjoy three nights in the Hotel Bonvecchiati, an 18th-century palazzo ideally located just a short walk from Venice’s famous Piazza San Marco.

*The Post-Program Option is available at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.
Included Features

In Como
♦ Seven nights in the charming The Palace Hotel.
♦ Full breakfast each morning.
♦ Three dinners in the hotel and one dinner in a traditional restaurant, featuring northern Italian specialties paired with Italian wines.
♦ Welcome Reception.
♦ Opportunities to explore local markets in Como at your own pace.

Expert-Guided Excursions and Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
♦ Walking tour of Old Como.
♦ Specially arranged lectures by a Como scholar and a resident art historian.
♦ Scenic tour of Lake Maggiore, featuring a private cruise of the Borromean Islands and time to experience Stresa's tropical gardens at leisure.
♦ Visit to Lake Maggiore's Isola Bella for a tour of the 17th-century Palazzo Borromeo and its luxuriant gardens.
♦ Excursion to Milan to visit the world-famous Teatro alla Scala and the exquisite Duomo, with time at leisure to visit the historical Galleria.
♦ Visit to UNESCO World Heritage-designated Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, with a specially arranged viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper.
♦ Private boat cruise across Lake Como to medieval Bellagio, including time at leisure to explore this romantic and most famous village on Lake Como.
♦ Specially arranged guided tour of the Italian National Trust's 18th-century Villa del Balbianello.
♦ Specially arranged Village Life® Forum with Lombardi.
♦ Excursion by private boat to Lake Orta's island of San Giulio, including a visit to the 12th-century basilica, renowned for its Romanesque pulpit made of black Oira marble and a walking tour of the beautiful medieval village.
♦ Guided tour of the fresco-adorned chapels dedicated to St. Francis of Assisi on Sacro Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage site overlooking Lake Orta.
♦ Opportunities to savor northern Italy's traditional cuisine during included meals and on your own.

Always Included
♦ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
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Through the centuries, Italy’s Lake District has seduced the hearts, minds and souls of artists and writers, including Lord Byron, William Wordsworth, Edith Wharton, Giuseppe Verdi, Giacomo Puccini and Ernest Hemingway. Long before the Romans annexed the region 2,000 years ago and began to build their well-ordered towns, it was settled by Etruscans and invaded by Celts. Following the Romans through the Renaissance, nobility built palatial holiday villas, filled them with priceless art and laid out extraordinary gardens. European aristocrats of the 18th and 19th centuries considered the Italian Lake District an essential stop on their “Grand Tour” of Europe. Lombardy became one of the richest and most economically developed areas of Italy and Europe due to its agricultural production, trade and banking activities that extended throughout the continent. To this day, the region remains of paramount importance to Italy. The mild climate and the snowcapped Alpine peaks descending to serene lake shores continue to lure the wealthy, as well as celebrities and elite travelers from around the world. From the deep-blue glacial lakes of Como, Maggiore and picturesque Orta to the enchanting Villa del Balbianello; from colorful Bellagio—the “Pearl of Lake Como”—to the modern sophistication of Milan, discover the exquisite gem that is the Italian Lake District.
Nestled on the shores of Lake Como and surrounded by majestic Alpine peaks, the legendary Villa del Balbianello has one of the most dramatic settings in all of Italy.

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