



DISTINCTIVE TRAVEL FOR MORE THAN 35 YEARS

VILLAGE LIFE®

# AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES

LAKE COMO ♦ LAKE MAGGIORE ♦ LAKE ORTA



Villa del Balbianello, Lake Como

Immerse yourself in the true essence of life in northern Italy's fabled Lake District, an impossibly picturesque setting that has inspired poets, composers, artists and philosophers for centuries. For one full week, enjoy charming accommodations in the belle-époque PALACE HOTEL in the heart of lovely **Como** and just steps away from the local market. Cruise by private boat on **Lake Como**, **Lake Maggiore** and **Lake Orta**. During expert-guided excursions and time on your own, explore beautiful villages and artistic and architectural treasures. Visit **Bellagio**, **Villa del Balbianello**, **Stresa**, **Isola Bella**, and the **Sacro Monte di Orta**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. Spend a day in **Milan** to visit the **Duomo** and **Teatro alla Scala**, and see **Leonardo da Vinci's** masterpiece *The Last Supper*. Enriching lectures and the exclusive VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM with local residents provide personal perspectives. An exceptional value, this exclusive, small-group travel program offers not only the best way to experience one of the world's most enchanting destinations, but also the convenience of unpacking only once! Verona and Venice Post-Program Option.



## ITINERARY\*

Como ♦ Milan ♦ Bellagio ♦ Isola Bella  
OCTOBER 3 TO 11, 2020

Day

- 1 **Depart the U.S.**
- 2 **Milan, Italy/Como**
- 3 **Como**
- 4 **Lake Maggiore/Isola Bella/Stresa**
- 5 **Milan**
- 6 **Lake Como/Villa del Balbianello/Bellagio**
- 7 **Lake Orta/San Giulio Island/Sacro Monte di Orta**
- 8 **Como**
- 9 **Como/Milan/Return to the U.S.**



Isola Bella, Borromean Islands



PALACE HOTEL, Como

## INCLUDED FEATURES\*

### IN COMO

- ◆ Seven nights in the charming **PALACE HOTEL** on the southern shore of Lake Como.
- ◆ Full buffet 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.

### EXPERT-GUIDED EXCURSIONS AND EXCLUSIVE CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS

- ◆ Walking tour of **Old Como**.
- ◆ Spectacular, full-day scenic tour of **Lake Maggiore**, featuring a private cruise of the Borromean Islands and time to experience **Stresa's** spectacular views and tropical gardens at leisure.
- ◆ Visit to Lake Maggiore's **Isola Bella** with a walk through the gardens of the 17<sup>th</sup>-century Palazzo Borromeo.
- ◆ Full-day excursion to **Milan** to visit the world-famous Teatro alla Scala and the exquisite Duomo.
- ◆ Visit to UNESCO World Heritage-designated convent of 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 your own pace to explore this romantic and most famous village on Lake Como.
- ◆ Specially arranged guided tour of the Italian National Trust's magnificent 18<sup>th</sup>-century **Villa del Balbianello**.
- ◆ Specially arranged **VILLAGE LIFE® FORUM** with local Lombardy residents.
- ◆ Excursion by private boat to **Lake Orta's** island of **San Giulio**, including a visit to the 12<sup>th</sup>-century basilica, renowned for its medieval pulpit made of black Oira marble and a walking tour of the beautiful medieval village.



Stresa, Lake Maggiore

- ◆ 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 explore **local markets** in Como at your own pace.
- ◆ Opportunities to savor northern Italy's traditional cuisine during included meals and on your own.
- ◆ Occasion to interact with locals and immerse yourself in Lombardy life.
- ◆ Italian language introduction.

### ALWAYS INCLUDED

- ◆ Transfers and luggage handling abroad if your arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- ◆ Experienced, English-speaking local guides for all included excursions.
- ◆ Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- ◆ Complimentary bottled water provided on motorcoaches during excursions.
- ◆ Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- ◆ Experienced Gohagan & Company Program Director 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.

### VERONA ♦ VENICE POST-PROGRAM OPTION\*

\*The Travel Program outlined here is subject to the final Itinerary, Included Features, Post-Program Option, pricing and terms and conditions as set forth in the final printed 2020 Village Life® Italian Lakes brochure. Upon your receipt of the corresponding printed brochure, you will be asked to reconfirm your reservation(s).



## RESERVE EARLY!

**From \$4495 per person, double occupancy (approximate land only)\***

### VILLAGE LIFE® ITALIAN LAKES

- Please send me/us the travel program brochure (anticipated publication date August 2019).

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Program reservations require a deposit of \$600 per person.

- Enclosed is my/our deposit check(s) for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as deposit.  
Make check(s) payable to: **Gohagan & Company.**
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to:
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