

LAKE COMO ● LAKE GARDA ● THE DOLOMITES

## The Offer

Embark on a journey showcasing the natural beauty, history and culture of northern Italy. This captivating tour takes you from the serene lakes of Como, Garda, and Maggiore to the majestic peaks of the Dolomites.

Start your adventure in Milan, the cosmopolitan heart of Italian modern business, fashion and design, before heading to the tranquillity of Lake Como and its surrounding villages. Explore Lake Maggiore, with its charming town of Stresa and the exquisite Borromeo Islands, where Baroque splendour awaits at the Borromeo Palace (entrance included). A guided boat tour introduces you to Isola Bella and the quaint Isola dei Pescatori, both islands gems of the region.

Journey to the Swiss-Mediterranean city of Lugano, known for its unique blend of Swiss precision and Italian flair. Take a funicular ride in Como to Brunate for breathtaking views, and visit the mediaeval treasures of Bergamo, a UNESCO-listed city. Explore the shores of Lake Garda, where the historic town of Sirmione invites you to relax amidst its thermal springs and charming streets. Then, head to Verona,

the city of Romeo and Juliet, for a guided tour through its ancient Roman and Renaissance landmarks, and sample the renowned wines of Bardolino in a local wine cellar.

Next, venture into the Dolomites, part of the majestic Alps. The scenic Pordoi Pass offers stunning views from its summit, while the chic mountain town of Cortina d'Ampezzo provides an elegant retreat. Discover the iconic Tre Cime di Lavaredo and the hidden pearl of Lake Misurina, a pristine alpine lake nestled amidst rolling green landscapes.

Your tour culminates with a journey through the picturesque Prosecco Hills, visiting Treviso and the historic Castelbrando Castle. In Venice, enjoy a guided tour of St Mark's Square, the Rialto Bridge, and the city's famed canals. Experience the romance and charm of Venice before returning home.

This unforgettable journey includes return international full-service flights, 11 nights of hotel accommodation, 11 meals, English-speaking tour leader and guide, a return water bus to Venice city centre and more.

Want more? Add extra days to your itinerary with Arrive Early in Milan or Stay Behind in Venice, Italy.

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# The Itinerary

## Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Milan, Italy

Today depart for Milan, Italy.

Please note: Due to flight scheduling and availability, some customers may be required to depart on day 2, to arrive on day 2. Flight times will be indicated on your final documentation, which you will receive 4 - 6 weeks prior to departure.

Meals included: In-Flight

### Day 2 Welcome to Milan

Upon arrival in Milan, you will be met at the airport and transferred to the hotel. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Overnight: Just Hotel Lomazzo or Hotel Villa Borghi or similar,

Lake Como and Lake Maggiore Area

Meals included: None

## Day 3 Full Day Lake Maggiore

Today, enjoy a full day in one of the most spectacular Italian landscapes, Lake Maggiore.

Wedged between mountains, Lake Maggiore is a splendid glacial basin fed by rivers on the Italian side of the Alps. This breathtaking alpine location offers the best of both water sports and mountain activities. It is part of the scenic "Italian Lakes district" that skirts the border of Switzerland, that includes Lake Como and Lake Garda in its gorgeous trifecta. Here you'll find spectacular scenery, alpine ambience, Swiss order and Italian warmth.

Explore the famous town of Stresa, the pearl of Lake Maggiore, the elegant town that has attracted writers and artists for more than a century. Stresa enjoys a splendid location on Lake Maggiore in the Gulf of Borromeo, where it overlooks the eponymous islands, the main attraction in the region. Its beautiful countryside, architectural gems and mild climate combine to make Stresa one of the most popular tourist attractions in Italy.

A particularly attractive feature is that Lake Maggiore is sprinkled with intriguing islands, known as the Borromeo Islands, for the influential Borromeo family that still owns and maintains palaces on two of the islands.

Enjoy a guided tour of the Borromeo Islands. Take a boat ride to Isola Bella "Beautiful Island" which has an elegant and sprawling Baroque palace (entry included) and terraced gardens. Explore the Baroque at its most astonishing in the Borromeo Palace (entry included). In the heart of Borromeo, the Galleria Berthier is a mosaic of over 130 paintings including masterpieces and, following a practice that is recurrent in other noble collections of the period, a number of copies of the great masters of the past of the calibre of Raphael, Correggio, Titian and Guido Reni.

Continue to discover by boat the Isola dei Pescatori, "island of the fishermen' which is the only one with a year-round population – 32 hearty souls reside here along the cute cobbled streets and keep the fishing traditions alive.

Today you can taste some of the famous local specialties. There is much to appreciate in the area's cuisine, which takes cues from Italy, France and Switzerland. This is a rice-growing region, so you'll find creamy risotto just as commonly as pasta. They

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produce excellent cheese and noteworthy wines. And of course freshwater lake seafood figures prominently on the plate, though mountain fare slips into the kitchen, too.

Today, travel approximately 140 kilometres.

Overnight: Just Hotel Lomazzo or Hotel Villa Borghi or similar, Lake Como and Lake Maggiore Area Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 4 Milan City Tour**

After breakfast, enjoy a guided city tour (approximately 3 hours). Celebrated as the Italian capital of fashion and design, Milan is rich in art, history and culture. The tour begins from Sforza Castle (entrance not included) before walking towards the Duomo (entrance not included). On the way, admire elegant buildings along two of Milan's iconic streets - the Via Dante and Via Dei Mercanti. Piazza del Duomo is the heart of Milan, and the Duomo - where German influences are softened by the finesse of Italian artists - is one of its most significant Gothic-style monuments.

From the Piazza Duomo, the tour continues through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Italy's oldest active shopping mall and a major landmark of Milan, before arriving at the Piazza Della Scala, home to one of the most famous theatres in the world; La Scala (entrance not included).

In the late afternoon, you will travel to the Lake Como or Lake Maggiore area. Upon arrival, check into the hotel and then enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

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### Day 5 Lake Como, Italy - Lake Lugano, Switzerland

After breakfast, begin the drive to Lake Como. Lake Como is the most spectacular of the region's three major lakes and is surrounded by beautiful villages.

Upon arrival in Como, enjoy some time at leisure in this beautiful city known for the Gothic Como Cathedral and a waterfront promenade.

Enjoy a scenic funicular ride. A very popular excursion from the city of Como to the village of Brunate. This fun train made its first journey in 1894 and still today, every 30 minutes, it links the city with an extremely atmospheric panoramic point. The village of Brunate is situated approximately 700 metres above sea level and has always been a holiday destination for noble families from the Como and Milan areas who built numerous lovely villas in Art Nouveau style here. Brunate is also the ideal starting point for pleasant walks amidst greenery. From the viewpoint, you can see the outline of the historic centre, the ancient Roman castrum and a view over the Alps and the Brianza Plain.

Afterwards continue your journey to the beautiful city of Lugano which lies in a bay on the northern side of Lake Lugano in Switzerland, the holiday region south of the ridge of the Alps, and it reaches its arms out into Italy. Lake Lugano is made up of 40% of Switzerland and 60% of Italy. So Lake Lugano is split with a border.

The lake has several different branches and is surrounded by mountains. Enjoy time at leisure in Lugano, the traffic-free historic town centre, which offers amazing lake and mountain views.

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### Day 6 Como - Bergamo - Sirmione, Lake Garda - Verona

Today, head to Verona. On the way stop in the city of Bergamo, known for its rich history that includes opera music, a characteristic landscape and a mediaeval heart that is still perched on a hill. The city's ancient core is surrounded by Venetian Walls and now recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

See Bergamo Alta (High Bergamo), the historical heart of the charming mediaeval city. Reaching it is an experience of pure amazement: use the many staircases scattered around the city or the funicular railways that cross the 15th-century walls. Through boutiques, delicatessens, century-old cafés, trattorias and wine bars.

Afterwards continue to the beautiful Lake Garda, the largest Italian lake which is surrounded by mountains and is well known for its water sports and outdoor activities. It has both old charming villages and modern-day towns. Today enjoy a guided tour of one of the small and well-known resort towns located around Lake Garda: Sirmione. Sirmione is one of the most popular holiday resorts on the shores of Lake Garda. The small historic town is located on the tip of a long peninsula protruding from the southern shore of the lake. It also has thermal springs and was a spa destination even in Roman times.

Today, travel approximately 220 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel BW CTC Verona or similar, Verona Area Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 7 Verona Walking City Tour - Bardolino Wine Tasting, Lake Garda

This morning, head to the historic city of Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage city and the home of Romeo and Juliet, a place of history, culture, music, architecture and high society.

The city of Verona was founded in the 1st century B.C. Verona has preserved a remarkable number of monuments from antiquity, the mediaeval and Renaissance periods, and represents an outstanding example of a military stronghold.

Enjoy a half-day guided tour and see the main historical sights like the famous Juliet's balcony and the majestic Roman amphitheatre in Piazza Bra in Verona, Italy, built in 30 AD. It is still in use and serves as a venue for large-scale opera performances.

It is one of the best-preserved ancient structures of its kind. In ancient times, the arena's capacity was nearly 30,000 people. The stage for concerts and opera performances decreases the available capacity to a maximum of 22,000.

In the afternoon, continue your adventure travelling to Bardolino, a picturesque village on the eastern shore of Lake Garda.

Bardolino is celebrated for the production of oil and wine and is the favourite destination for those seeking a little peace and relaxation. Enjoy a wine tasting (3 wine glasses) in one of the famous wine cellars of Bardolino.

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Overnight: Hotel BW CTC Verona or similar, Verona Area Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Verona - Dolomites Pass Pordoi - Cortina D'Ampezzo

Today head to one of the unique Italian regions, the Dolomites, part of the majestic Alps.

Welcome to a holiday region bursting with natural beauty and diversity. Whether a connoisseur, active or adventurous, everyone is thrilled by the Italian Dolomites. The area offers the majestic Dolomite mountain peaks, and excellent cuisine, a colourful mix of down-to-earth fare and Italian specialties.

Experience a landscape paradise unparalleled in all seasons, a holiday region that attracts with its endless recreational activities, day after day.

Head to Pordoi Pass. It is one of the 4 passes of the Strada delle Dolomiti (Dolomites Road), built at the beginning of the 20th century. Take the cable car to reach the famous Terrace of Dolomites.

The trip by cable car and the view from the Sass Pordoi, the Terrace of the Dolomites at almost 3,000 metres above sea level, are hard to forget holiday memories. The Terrace of the Dolomites hosts the highest wine symposium in the Alps. From the top, you can enjoy the stunning 360-degree view of the whole Alpine Range for as far as the eye can see.

In the late afternoon head to your accommodation in the Cortina D'ampezzo area.

Today, travel approximately 260 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Passo Tre Croci or similar, Cortina D'ampezzo Area

Meals included: Breakfast

## Day 9 Dolomites: Cortina D'Ampezzo - Corvara

Corvara is located in a favourable and sunny spot in the middle of the Dolomites hiking and skiing area, at the foot of the Sassongher mountain, at 1,568 metres above sea level. It is one of the most popular holiday destinations in the Alpine region. The mountain landscape and the picturesque surroundings have a charm, even in summer, and motivate the visitor to get moving. Two modern lifts with valley stops right in the centre of Corvara make it possible to reach heights of over 2,000 metres effortlessly. Enjoy time at leisure in the pretty town of Corvara.

Continue to Brunico an enchanting destination in every season, not only because it's nestled in the verdant Pusteria Valley full of breathtaking hiking trails, but also thanks to medieval alleys: it is certainly picturesque, skilfully blending art and culture.

In the afternoon stop by the picturesque lake Braies, a pearl of the Dolomite lakes.

Lago di Braies is one of the most beautiful lakes in Italy. Located at an altitude of about 1,500 m above sea level in the picturesque Alta Pusteria, the mountain lake captivates with its turquoise-green colour and the imposing Seekofel massif (2,810 metres) that surrounds it.

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Afterwards visit the Bunker Museum (ticket included). Immerse yourself in the mysterious past of a bunker that held strategic significance during the Cold War. Experience the history and atmosphere of this unique location, once designed to thwart a potential invasion from the Eastern Bloc.

In the late afternoon head to the Queen of the Dolomites, Cortina D'ampezzo.

Cortina d'Ampezzo sits in the heart of the Dolomites, in an ample valley surrounded by high peaks, and is one of the most famous mountain localities in the world. Host of the 1956 Winter Olympic Games and defined solely in terms of chic and ski, Cortina is a glitzy, glam symbol both on the Italian and international scenes.

Cortina has always been a top destination for mountain and nature enthusiasts, as well as those in search of winter sport activity and, in general, fun. Even in summer Cortina offers multiple opportunities for relaxation, athletics and fun: the advantage of 186 miles of pathways means the possible itineraries are countless.

Not only skiing and summer sports: in Cortina are about 250 shops where shoppers can find the Italian high fashion and the best of Made in Italy, in addition to local artisan goods, art, jewellery and antiques.

Enjoy time at leisure to explore this unique location in the Dolomites.

Today, travel approximately 70 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Passo Tre Croci or similar, Cortina D'ampezzo Area

Meals included: Breakfast

## **Day 10 Dolomites Full Day**

Today continue your adventure to admire the beautiful Tre Cime di Lavaredo, meaning 'Three Peaks of Lavaredo' in Italian, which are three distinctive battlement-like peaks in the Dolomites. They are probably one of the best-known mountain groups in the Alps.

Enjoy a panoramic view of the Three massive rocky prominences rising up from the rolling scenery of the Dolomites. Continue to Misurina Lake, the hidden pearl of the Dolomites.

Misurina is a beautiful village, known mainly for its lake of the same name. The beautiful Lake Misurina (Italian Lago di Misurina) is one of the most beautiful mountain lakes, located at an altitude of 1755 metres above sea level. Due to its special climatic characteristics and clean air, Misurina is extremely popular. Enjoy a relaxing walk around the lake through meadows green forests and exceptional landscapes and views.

Today, travel approximately 30 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Passo Tre Croci or similar, Cortina D'ampezzo Area

Meals included: Breakfast

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### Day 11 Prosecco Hills - Treviso - Venice

Today enjoy a full-day tour exploring the "Prosecco Hills" in the Valdobbiadene area, surrounded by the captivating foothills of the Alps. Immerse yourself in the amazing landscape. Also as part of the tour, enjoy a guided tour of the picturesque Castel Brando Castle. It is a mediaeval castle situated on a dolomite limestone rock at an elevation of 370m above sea level.

This majestic castle, one of the largest and oldest in Europe, occupies a unique spot halfway between the captivating city of Venice and the breathtaking Dolomites.

CastelBrando, nestled between the charming villages of Cison di Valmarino and Follina, proudly stands amidst the picturesque Prosecco hills, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is a true historical treasure immersed in one of Italy's most beautiful landscapes.

In the afternoon continue to Treviso, also known for being the original production area of Prosecco wine and radicchio, and is thought to have been the origin of the popular Italian dessert tiramisù. Enjoy a beautiful walk with your tour Leader along the mediaeval walls or, just outside the city, along the banks of the Sile River.

In the late afternoon arrive at your hotel in the Venice area and enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Today, travel approximately 70 kilometres.

Overnight: Hotel Holiday or similar, Mestre, Venice Area Meals included: Breakfast

#### **Day 12 Venice Walking City Tour**

After breakfast this morning, you will be transferred to the Tronchetto Pier in Venice where you will board a water bus to Venice city centre. Take the time to admire the beautiful buildings and architecture as you cruise the infamous canals. Upon arrival, be met by a local guide at Piazza San Marco (St Mark's Square) and begin your guided tour of Venice (approximately 2 hours). The tour starts at the iconic St Mark's Square, regarded as one of the most intricate and beautiful town squares in the world and the hub of Venetian life. Surrounding the square, you will see the famous St Mark's Basilica, the Doge's Palace, and the Bell Tower (entrances not included). The church (St Mark's Basilica) was built to house the body of St. Marc which was transported from Alexandria in 828AD. Inside the basilica, you can admire over 8,000 square metres of glittering Byzantine mosaics. The tour will continue onwards to Rialto Bridge, the oldest bridge in the Grand Canal and an icon of the city. Upon conclusion of the tour, you may enjoy an afternoon at leisure in the beautiful city of Venice before being transferred back to your hotel.

Overnight: Hotel Holiday or similar, Mestre, Venice Area Meals included: Breakfast

#### Day 13 Venice, Italy - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you will be transferred to the airport for your return flight to Australia or New Zealand after your trip of a lifetime.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 14 Arrive in Australia (or New Zealand)
Please note: Some flights may arrive +1 day later.

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## **Tour Inclusions**

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

Experience the beauty of the Italian Lake Como, Lake Garda, Lake Maggiore and the Dolomites

Discover the cosmopolitan city of Milan on a half-day guided tour

Explore the famous town of Stresa, the pearl of Lake Maggiore

Enjoy a boat ride and guided tour of the picturesque Borromeo Islands

Visit the Baroque at its most astonishing in the Borromeo Palace

Enjoy free time at beautiful Lake Como

Take a scenic funicular ride from Como to the Village of Brunate

Discover the Swiss city of Lugano, on Lake Lugano with its Swiss-Mediterranean mix of culture

Marvel at Lake Garda and its charming villages

Visit the small historic town of Sirmione on a guided tour

Walk through the mediaeval city of Bergamo, a UNESCO-listed Site

Enjoy a guided tour of Verona, home of Romeo and Juliet and a UNESCO-listed Site

Enjoy a wine tasting in one of the famous wine cellar of Bardolino, Lake Garda

Witness the mountain peaks, paradise landscapes and excellent cuisine of the Dolomites part of the majestic Alps

Marvel the spectacular 360 degree view at 3000 metres, the Terrace of the Dolomites on top of Pordoi Pass

See the traditional mountain town of Corvara in the middle of the Dolomites

Enjoy time at leisure in the glam and chic town of Cortina D'ampezzo known as the Queen of the Dolomites

Admire the 'Three Peaks of Lavaredo', one of the best-known mountain groups in the Alps

Enjoy a relaxing walk around the hidden pearl of the Dolomites, Lake

#### Misurina

Experience the amazing landscape of the well-known Prosecco Hills region

Stop in the historic city of Treviso, the original production area of Prosecco wine

Discover the Renaissance Castelbrando Castle in the beautiful Prosecco hills

Wander the romantic streets of Venice on a guided walking tour

#### **FLIGHTS**

Return international full-service flights (economy class), surcharges may apply

#### **ACCOMMODATION**

11 nights of hotel accommodation

#### DINING

11 meals including daily breakfast

#### **ESSENTIALS**

Parking and checkpoint fees

Audio earphones for hearing assistance

English-speaking tour leader and guide

Airline taxes plus surcharges

### **TRANSPORT**

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

Return water bus to Venice city centre

#### **TRANSFERS**

Return airport transfers

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## **Booking Information**

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the <u>General Terms and</u>
<u>Conditions</u> and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

## **Our Policies**

#### **Cancellation & Refund Policy**

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

we act as your booking agent: TripADeal
is a booking services provider, and
curates the Travel Offers available on our
website. We act as your booking agent,
and we receive payment for the Booking
Services as part of the booking price,
however, we do not provide any of the

Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.

- each booking is unique: our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible: once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- Travel Offers are a package: our Travel
   Offers have been curated into package
   offerings and must be used as a package
   - individual components cannot be used
   independently of the full package
   offering.
- our Travel Offers are generally nonrefundable: in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

## **General Terms & Conditions**

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our <u>Terms & Conditions</u>, <u>Privacy Policy</u> and <u>Cancellation</u> Policy.

## **Offer Essentials**

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 19th October 2026.

Minimum group size 20, maximum group

size 40 per vehicle.

This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

#### **Departure Dates & Surcharges**

See checkout for live dates and availability.

#### **Single Traveller Supplement**

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement of \$990 applies.

Please note: Accommodation for single customers who are travelling on a tour or cruise package may be in a single room, depending on availability.

## **Child Policy**

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 8 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

## **Flights**

### **Departure Cities**

Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, \*Brisbane, \*Adelaide or \*Auckland

#### **Departure City Surcharges**

Brisbane: \$100 per personAdelaide: \$200 per personAuckland: \$500 per person

### International Full-Service Flight(s)

• Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate oneway flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

## **Preferred Airline Surcharge**

Cabin Class: Economy Class
Emirates: \$500 per person
Qatar: \$300 per person

Please note:

- Preferred airlines are subject to availability.
   If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.

#### **Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options**

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

#### Arrive Early

Milan, Italy - From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Stay Behind

Venice, Italy- From \$300 per person, subject to availability.

#### Please note:

#### • Exclusions:

This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

## • Internal Flights:

If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

#### • Cancellations & Changes:

Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

### • High-Season:

A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

#### • + 60 days:

You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

#### • Estimated dates:

Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

• High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

16 June 2025 - 20 July 202515 September 2025 - 12 October 2025

1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026 3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026

26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026

18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026

12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027

#### **Stopover Packages**

- Doha, Qatar
- Dubai, U.A.E

## Includes:

- 2, 3 or 5 nights in 4-star accommodation
- Daily breakfast
- Return airport transfers

For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note:

 When a pre and post-tour stopover is chosen, the same stopover location must be chosen each way, due to the airline used.

- When selecting to Arrive Early for your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your fly out date from home will take place before the stopover.
- When selecting to Stay Behind after your tour in conjunction with a Stopover Package, your stopover will take place before your final flight home.
- Stopover packages are subject to availability.
- In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.
- Blackout dates apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:

Singapore Grand Prix: 2 October - 8 October 2025

Doha Grand Prix: 27 November - 3 December 2025

Doha MotoGP: November 2025 Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 4 December - 10 December 2025

Christmas and New Years Eve: 22 December 2025 - 2 January 2026

Singapore Grand Prix: 1 October - 9 October 2026

Doha Grand Prix: 26 November - 2 December 2026

Abu Dhabi Grand Prix (for Dubai): 3 December - 9 December 2025 Christmas and New Years Eve: 18 December 2026 - 3 January 2027

## Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

#### Please note

- Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).
- On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed

#### Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound





flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

#### **Accommodation**

#### **Accommodation Used**

3 & 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Lake Como/Lake Maggiore/Milan Area:
   Just Hotel Lomazzo, AS Hotel Limbiate,
   Hotel Royal Garden Assago, Hotel Villa
   Borghi Varano or UNAHotel Varese
- Verona Area: Best Western CTC Hotel,
   Villa Malaspina in Castel d'Azzano, Hotel
   BW CTC Verona or Hotel West Point
   Dossobuono
- Cortina Area: B&B Hotel Passo Tre Croci,
   Villa Argentina, Hotel Serena or TH Park
   Hotel des Dolomites
- Venice Area: Hotel Bristol in Lido di Jesolo, Hotel Holiday, Hotel Villa Patriarca or Crowne Plaza in Quarto d'Altino

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

#### **Extra Nights**

Not available.

Please note: If you are interested in booking additional nights of accommodation pre or post-tour, please wait until you receive your travel documentation approximately 4-6 weeks before departure for the confirmed list of hotels. If booking your own additional accommodation directly with the hotel, please be aware that you may be required to change rooms at the start/end of your tour.

#### **Maximum Room Capacity**

2 people.

#### **Triple Share**

No discounts apply for 3rd person travelling. Full price applies, subject to availability.

Please note: Triple shares may be required to share existing bedding.

## **Bedding Configuration**

Twin or double (subject to availability).

#### **Exclusions**

- Visa fees and requirements
- Domestic transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer
- Optional gratuities/tipping
- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation
- Mandatory city tax
- Venice Historical Centre Entrance Fee

#### **Venice Tourist Entrance Tax**

It is now mandatory for all tourists who are day-tripping or staying less than one night in Venice to pay an entrance tax online prior to arrival. The cost of the tax will change based on the season and the turnout of tourists. Prices will range from €3 up to €10 per person, per day.

#### Exemptions

- Guests staying more than one night in Venice and Venice area (with proof of stay)
- Children 6 years and under
- Residents, Homeowners, Students of Venice
- Tourist bus passengers

## **Gratuities/tipping**

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is €5-€7 per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

## **Other Important Information**

#### CITY TAXES

Payable directly to the hotel at check-in.

- Lake Como Area: €5 per person, per night
- Verona Area: €3.10 per person, per night
- Venice Area: €3.10 per person, per night
- Cortina Area: €2.50 per person, per night

Please note: All pricing is approximate and subject to change.

#### TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

#### **Tour Guide**

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

### Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be

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fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

#### **CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES**

#### Italy & the West Mediterranean

Italy is largely characterised by a typical Mediterranean climate made up of warm springs and hot and dry summers, the climate here is very pleasant. Along the coast of Southern Italy in July and August the average temperature is above 25°C. April to June and September to October are the best months to travel through southern Italy. You can expect temperatures of up to 26°C during the warmest part of the day. In the northern areas in October, the average daily temperature is 14.5°C but temperatures can still reach highs of 19°C which can feel quite pleasant. Temperatures are starting to drop low during this month though, especially at night. The average minimum temperature in October is 10°C.

#### **FLIGHTS**

#### **Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points**

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

#### **Passport Validity**

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

#### **COACH TOUR**

#### Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

#### Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

#### **OTHER**

### Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

### **Fitness Level Required**

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!

A moderate level of fitness will be required. Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance.

Please note:

- Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required.
- It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.
- If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/ travel.

## Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

### **Shopping**

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

#### **Visas**

A tourist visa is not required for Europe for stays up to 90 days if travelling on an Australian or New Zealand passport.

### EU Entry/Exit System (EES)

From October 12, 2025, a new European Entry System (EES) replaces the current manual passport-stamping process for non-EU travellers. Upon arrival in the Schengen area, Australian and New Zealand passport holders will have their fingerprints recorded and a photograph



taken. Their entry and exit dates will be electronically registered. No previous action is required, but please be aware of longer wait times at border entry. From 10 April 2026, the EES will be fully operational at all external border crossing points of all the European countries (Schengen area) using the system.

## <u>European Travel Information &</u> Authorisation System (ETIAS)

As an extension of the EES implementation introduced from 2025, ETIAS travel authorisation is a mandatory entry requirement for visa-exempt nationals travelling to any of these 30 European countries, including Australian and New Zealand citizens, that will be introduced in 2026. We advise you to monitor smartraveller.com.au closer to your departure to ensure you are up to date on the requirements at the time of entry.

#### Important:

- Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.
- Visa rules are subject to change. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination/s you are visiting once you receive your travel documentation to ensure you have the most up to date information.
- It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.
- Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.
- It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.

### **Travel Insurance**

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit <a href="https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance">https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance</a>

### **Schedule Of Fees**

#### **Voluntary Changes**

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

 Changes - \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

## **Name Changes Due To Passenger Error**

If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of \$100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel providers.

#### **Supplier Fees**

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to nonrefundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is

passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.

