

## Religious, musical and cultural tour

### Day 1 *Airport Milan - Milan*

In the morning arrival of the group at the airport and welcome assistance, then transfer by deluxe motorcoach to the hotel in Milan. Check-in and then beginning of a half-day guided tour; although Milan is by modern architecture mainly characterized, one can find outstanding works of art. People from elsewhere generally think of it as a large industrial city, but it offers much more than this: as one approaches the centre, splendid palaces, churches and picturesque squares appear. Lunch not included. Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 *Milan - Pavia*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning continuation of the visit to Milan. Lunch not included. Soon after transfer by coach to Pavia, with its famous Carthusian Monastery, which is one of the most remarkable and characteristic example of Lombard art. It was founded as a family mausoleum in 1396 by Gian Galeazzo Visconti of Milan. Most of the monastery was built in the 15C and 16C to the plans of successive architects. The former palace of the Dukes of Milan (1625) is on the right of the courtyard and on the left are the studios of the sculptors in charge of the decoration. Continuation of the tour to Stradella for visiting the Mariano Dallapè's museum of accordion. In the evening return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 3 *Milan - Cremona*

Breakfast at the hotel and then transfer by deluxe coach for Cremona. It was the birthplace of the greatest violinmakers of all time and their instruments are still highly sought after by famous violinists today. The first of the violinmakers of Cremona was Andrea Amati, from whom King Charles IX of France commissioned instruments in the 16C. His work was continued by his sons and his nephew, Nicolò, master of Andrea Guarneri and the famous Antonio Stradivarius (1644-1737) who made more than 1000 instruments. Andrea Guarneri was the first of another renowned dynasty in which the most skilled violinmaker of them all was Giuseppe Guarneri (1698-1744), better known as Giuseppe del Gesù because of the three letters IHS (Jesus, Saviour of Mankind) inscribed on all his violins. Knowledgeable music lovers will find it easy to distinguish between the crystal-clear tones of a stradivarius and the deeper, powerful tones of a Guarneri del Gesù. Full-day guided tour of Cremona. Hear a performance on one of the original instruments at the Palazzo Comunale and visit a modern violinmaker's workshop. Lunch not included. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### Day 4 *Cremona - Parma - Mantua*

Breakfast at the hotel. Soon after departure by deluxe coach for Soragna, where Giuseppe Verdi once lived. Visit Verdi's humble home in Roncole, where the composer was born on 10th October 1813. See the small church of San Michele where the twelve-year-old Verdi played the organ. Follow the trail of Verdi further to Busseto, where you will have the opportunity to see the Verdi Theatre, a scaled-down version of La Scala in Milan, and Villa Pallavicino where there are exhibitions on the life and work of the composer; visit the Bottega Lino Baratta, a grocery store where Verdi used to make purchases, and see Verdi's original documents which are kept by the owners. Visit the village of Sant'Agata where the famous composer built his Summer residence in 1847. Lunch not included. In the evening transfer by de-luxe coach to Mantua for the accommodation at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

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## **Day 5**     *Mantua - Sabbioneta*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning transfer by deluxe coach to Sabbioneta, planned and built in 1558 by Vespasiano Gonzaga Colonna (1531 - 1591) was the seat of the dukedom from 1577 and represents what was probably the clearest sixteenth century attempt to create the ideal city. The fortified city wall, still almost completely intact, its urbanistic plan and its collection of monuments of high artistic value, make this city one of the jewels of Italian Mannerism. It is famous for his synagogue, the place of worship and assembly for the city's Jewish community which was built in 1824. Half-day guided tour of Sabbioneta. Lunch not included. Soon after transfer to Mantua for a half-day guided tour. It is situated on a small peninsula that was already inhabited in prehistoric times. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

## **Day 6**     *Milan airport*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before leaving for the airport. End of the services.



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## Castles and Villas of Lombardy

### Day 1 *Milan - Lake Maggiore*

Arrival of the participants at the airport and transfer to the hotel on Lake Maggiore. Accommodation in the rooms reserved and welcome dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 2 *Lake Maggiore - Lake Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. Soon after departure by private motorcoach for a visit to the Rocca Borromeo in Angera with its famous Doll Museum (the most important of Italy). Lunch in a typical restaurant just near the rocca and in the afternoon beginning of the visit to Villa Della Porta Bozzolo and then transfer to the Castello Visconti di San Vito where you can have a cocktail. At the end transfer by deluxe coach to the Lake Como for the accommodation at the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 3 *Lake Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by motorcoach for visiting Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo. After that the excursion will continue by ferry-boat to Bellagio which is considered the pearl of the lake, here one will visit Villa Melzi D'Eril and later one can drive to Villa Pizzo and have a cocktail there. Return to the hotel in the evening for overnight.

### Day 4 *Lake Como - Brescia - Lake Garda*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by private motorcoach for visiting the Castello di Bornato (Brescia) where one will have a cocktail with visit to the canteen in the castle and a wine-tasting. Later transfer to Gardone Riviera for visiting Il Vittoriale. In the late afternoon transfer to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 *Lake Garda - Lodigiano - Pavia*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure for visiting Castello S. Angelo Lodigiano and Castello Procaccini in Chignolo Po (Pavia), where there will be also the possibility of having a cocktail. In the afternoon transfer to Oasi di Sant'Alessio for visiting the castle. Accommodation in a hotel situated in the area. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 6 *Pavia and surroundings*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by private motorcoach for visiting Castello Scaldasole and then continuing to Pavia, with its famous Carthusian Monastery, which is one of the most remarkable and characteristic examples of Lombard art. It was founded as a family mausoleum in 1396 by Gian Galeazzo Visconti of Milan. Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

### Day 7 *Pavia - Milan - Departure*

Breakfast in the morning and then transfer by motorcoach to Milan for shopping before continuing to the airport and leaving Italy.

## *Rocca Borromeo - Angera (Va)*

Probably built on the site of an ancient Roman Fortification, the medieval Rocca di Angera was an archiepiscopal possession from the XI century on. In 1449 the Ambrosian Republic sold it to the Borromeo family who are still its current owners. Important frescoes dating from 14th century adorn the "Sala di Giustizia" narrating stories of archbishop Ottone Visconti and, in particular, his victory over the Torrianis in 1227. From the "Torre Castellana" one can enjoy a truly unique panorama - the widespread lake Arona, the Alpine foothills and the Alps themselves. The first Italian "Doll Museum" was opened here in 1988: more than 1000 dolls and other objects sharing the theme of toys and childhood, come from the private collection of Princess Bona Borromeo, as well as from donations and continuous acquisitions.



## *Castello Visconti di San Vito - Somma Lombardo (Va)*

One of the greatest historical buildings in northern Italy, whose most ancient part dates back to the XII century. It was redecorated and enlarged in the following centuries and now it consists of three adjoining buildings (with three independent courtyards and three entrances) which are called "Castello Antico", "Castello d'Inverno", "Castello d'Estate". The Castle is rich in history, thanks to its strategic position in the defensive system of the Duchy of Milan and in works of art. The interior is decorated with a cycle of frescoes by Carlo Antonio Procaccini and his school; the private chapel is dedicated to the Virgin Mary, with an altar piece by Cerano; here is also the largest collection of shaving plates (530 pieces coming from all over the world) and many historical and archaeological objects.



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## ***Museo della Bambola - Doll Museum in Angera (Va)***

In the glamorous seat of the Fortrees of Angera, the first Italian Puppet Museum has been opened in 1988. There are exposed more then 1000 puppets and other objects, sharing the theme of toys and chilhood, all of them almost unpublised, originating from the Private Collection of the Princess Bona Borromeo, from donations and continuous acquisitions. The chronological trip demonstrates the evolution of the puppet between the beginning of the 19th and the first 20th centuries. Every year, the Puppet Museum hosts expositions with the themes regarding puppets, fashion, toys and childhood. A collection of clothing and accessories for children, most of them dating back to the last century, including petticoats, exquisite accessories and baptismal dresses with embroidery and lacework. An extraordinary tour in a museum which is unique for Italy, learning not only about the daily life of children but also about ancient arts which are now forgotten.



## ***Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo (CO)***

House, staircases and formal garden built by Marquis Clerici in the XVIII century, partially modified by Count Sommariva according to the "Empire" style. Landscape garden laid out by the subsequent owners, the Dukes of Sachsen-Meiningen. Prominent art-pieces: statues by Canova, Acquisti, Thorvaldsen; paintings by Appiani, Hayez, Migliara, Lordon, Wicar: center-piece of the Viceroy Eugene Beauharnais by Raffaelli, Maggiolini furniture, Gobelins tapestries; XVIII century wall and ceiling-decorations at the second floor and rooms with furniture in style. In the garden: orange-trees pergolas, camellias hedges, southern treeferns, palms, various tropical plants, cacti collection, rare old conifers; world famous Rhododendron and Azalea flowering in April-May; bambus collection. Wide views on the middle of the lake, Bellagio, the Grignas peaks, the Legnone.



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## *Villa Della Porta-Bozzolo in Casalzuigno (Va)*

It was built in 1500 as a country villa and later it became a residence for nobility full of frescoes inside and outside, among green fields and a garden with terrace, statues and fountains crossed by a beautiful stairway.



## *Oasi di Sant'Alessio - Pavia*

The medieval Castle of Sant'Alessio (X - XV sec.) is surrounded by 25 acres of natural environment (notable the heronry rich of 500 nests visible from the very inside). The park consists of a reconstruction of the original fauna and flora from the Po plains. A tropicalhouse specializing in colibrì and the birds from South America is included.



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## *Villa Melzi D'Eril in Bellagio - (CO)*

The villa was built by Francesco Melzi d'Eril, vice-president of the Italian Republic founded by Napoleon. He entrusted the design of the villa to a famous architect, Giocondo Albertolli who supervised the construction (1808-1810). The villa, which was conceived as a summer residence, is a perfect example of neoclassic architecture; the elegant terrace and the statues placed in the flower-beds were conceived as parts of the original lay out of the garden. While to walk down the avenue of plane trees bordering the lake is to experience something of the neoclassic ideal, a contrasting romantic atmosphere is created by the groups of giant rhododendros and azaleas which cover the green slopes of the center of the garden and the landscaping of the water-garden, of chinese inspiration. Many illustrious guests have stayed at the villa, including Franz Lizst and Stendhal and important political meetings have been held here. The villa, still private property, is a national monument open to the public.



## *Castello di Bornato - Brescia*

In the heart of Franciacorta the Castle of Bornato open his frescoed rooms, its garden rich of secular trees to visitors. You'll see the towers, the high walls and relieve the atmosphere of cruel medieval battles. Inside the villa the splendor of the Italian Renaissance. A spectacular view of the plain of Lombardy to the South and the prealps to the North. The same view that Dante Alighieri, many times a visitor here, greatly appreciated.



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## *Il Vittoriale - Gardone Riviera (Bs)*

The Vittoriale is a unique monumental unit of great suggestion. It includes besides the house itself, parks and gardens, important historical and environmental significance, a collection of personal objects as well as a museum of D'Annunzio. The home of Gabriele D'Annunzio: his dwelling-place from 1921 until 1938, it was transformed and furnished by the Poet himself. Rare testimonial of a personage and era. Here is a collection of historical relics, precious objects and a library of about 33.000 volumes, belonged to the Poet. The ship Puglia: donated by the Italian Royal Navy to D'Annunzio in 1925 it is embedded in a promontory in the midst of the greenery with its prow pointing towards the lake. A very suggestive and unusual scenographic monument.



## *Castello di S. Angelo Lodigiano (Lo)*

The Castle was built in the XIII century in the heart of the old village. It belonged to the Visconti family at first and to the Sforza family later. In 1452 the feud and the castle were donated by Francesco Sforza to Michele Matteo Bolognini. The property remained to this family up to their last descendant, Gian Giacomo Morando Bolognini, who, at the beginning of 1900, restored significantly the castle, in order to bring it back to its original beauty. In 1933 the last Count's wife established a Foundation, in her husband's name, with purposes of experimentation, education and agricultural propaganda. The Castle was later used as a museum. The museums inside the castle are: Museum Count Gian Giacomo Morando Bolognini, the Lombard Museum of Agricultural History and the Museum of Bread History.



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## ***Castello di Chignolo Po - Pavia***

On the slow descent of the hills to the river Po you can see the Castle with his majestic tower (746 a.C.) which dominate the village. Transformed in 1700 into "Villa di Delizia" in the inside you can admire beautiful rooms with frescoes of the Tiepolo school, outside garden and park with a tea house, crossed by a golf. There is a Museum of agriculture and the Center of International studies of Circestensis and the Francigen.



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## **Green week in the mountains of Lombardy**

*Among the Valtellina mountains one can find civil and religious monuments. Those combined to the tradition and the harvests offer, most in spring and autumn, historical-artistic and interesting itineraries. Besides that, in summer, the client can go for very relaxing walkings among the green of woods and the fields.*

### **Day 1      *Airport Milan - Teglio or Aprica or Bormio***

Arrival of the group at the airport in Milan and welcome assistance. Transfer by deluxe coach to a resort in the Valtellina mountains. Accommodation in a 3 star hotel. Free time at disposal before having a welcome drink. Dinner, free evening. Overnight.

### **Day 2      *Tirano***

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning free. Lunch. In the afternoon guided excursion to Tirano. Visit with wine tasting to the Sertoli Salis wine cellar in the homonymous palace. Visit to the Sanctuary and ethnographic museum. Return to the hotel for dinner. Dance during the evening. Overnight.

### **Day 3      *Switzerland***

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by deluxe coach with guide on board to St. Moritz and visit to the resort. Lunch in a typical restaurant. In the afternoon excursion to the lakes and to Maloja pass. In the late evening return to the Bernina pass. Dinner at the hotel. Free evening and overnight.

### **Day 4      *Passo del Tonale - Ponte di Legno***

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal in the morning. Lunch. In the afternoon departure by coach for Tonale pass. Visit to the fallens' monument of 1915-1918. The excursion will follow with the visit to the small village of Ponte di Legno and to the Grande Guerra Bianca museum in Adamello. Back to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel. Evening with music. Overnight.

### **Day 5      *Livigno - Switzerland - Bormio***

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by coach to Livigno. On the way stop to Poschiavo to see the lake. Arrival in Livigno. Lunch in a restaurant. Visit to the tax free zone and its shops. Return to Foscagno pass with stop in Bormio. Return to the hotel. Dinner. Free time in the evening. Overnight.



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## **Day 6** *Capo di Ponte (Bergamo)*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time in the morning. Lunch. In the afternoon guided excursion by coach to the engraving rockies in Capo di Ponte. Return to the hotel for dinner. Games during the evening. Overnight.

## **Day 7** *Lake Como - Valtellina*

Breakfast at the hotel. Full-day excursion to lake Como. Visit to the famous Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo and then excursion by ferry-boat to Bellagio, normally called: the pearl of the lake. Lunch in a restaurant. Back to Tremezzo by boat and then return by coach to Valtellina. Dinner and typical Valtellinese evening. Overnight.

## **Day 8** *Airport Milan*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before leaving by coach for the airport in Milan.



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## Villa, Garden and Gastronomical tour

*in Lombardy*

### Day 1 *Milan - Maggiore lake*

Arrival of the participants at the airport and transfer to the hotel on Lake Maggiore. Accommodation in the rooms reserved and welcome dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 2 *Maggiore lake - Como lake*

Breakfast at the hotel. Excursion by private boat to the Borromean Islands: Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola Pescatori. On the Isola Bella you can find the palace built in the Lombard Baroque style; it has a large number of state rooms - medals room, state hall, music room, Napoleon's room, ballroom and Hall of Mirrors. The most unusual feature is the caves where those living in the palace could find cooler air on very hot days. The decoration of light and dark coloured stones and shells is designed to represent an underwater world. The gardens, filled with countless heavily-perfumed plants, form an amazing baroque composition, an architectural perspectives simulating stage sets. At the top of the garden is the shell-shaped "amphitheatre" providing an extraordinary scenic effect.

The boat trip will continue on to Isola dei Pescatori which has retained its original charm and the Isola Madre, an island totally covered with a splendid garden of flowers and rare or exotic plants, in the palace, note the Puppet Theatre that once belonged to the House of Borromeo. In the afternoon possibility of visiting Villa Taranto with its gardens. These, landscaped in the English manner, include azaleas, heathers, rhododendrons, camelias, dahlias, maples etc. In the late afternoon transfer by coach to the lake Como. Arrival and accommodation. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 3 *Como lake*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by deluxe motorcoach for a full-day guided tour starting with Villa Carlotta, the building, erected during the first years of the 1700's, by the Marquis Giorgio Clerici, is formed by one large body with a typical 1800 clock in the centre of the front facade, which is structured with one central terrace and two side ones; inside you can admire the homonymous neo-classic museum. The trip will continue by ferry-boat to Bellagio (a well known tourist resort on the promontory that divides the lake in the two arms of Como and Lecco) for visiting Villa Melzi d'Eril which was designed by the architect Giocondo Albertolli and it was built between 1808 and 1810. The outside of the villa is almost without decorative architectural elements, only the windows, with their regular sequences, along the cornice, make simple decorative patterns; inside, on the contrary, Albertolli showed all his artistic qualities, furnishing the rooms in the lombard neo-classic style. If there will be enough time left one can visit the gardens of Villa Serbelloni; it was built in 1605 by the owners of the promontory, the Sfondrati family and in 1788, it was bought by Alessandro Serbelloni, who enriched the inside of the building and also the large garden. At the end back to Tremezzo by ferry-boat and then by coach to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

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## **Day 4**      *Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by private coach for a visit to the Silk Museum (opened in 1990 to present, while there was still the opportunity, a true account of the history of the silk industry in Como) or if you prefer half-day guided tour of the ancient centre of the town Como (the city was already prosperous under the Romans but reached its zenith in the 11C). It was destroyed by the Milanese in 1127, rebuilt by the Emperor Frederick Barbarossa and from 1355 onwards followed the fortunes of Milan). In the afternoon possibilities of visiting silk factories with shopping center where you can buy for example: ties, scarves and dresses by world-famous stylists. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 5**      *Como - Airport*

After breakfast at the hotel departure for the airport.



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## Lake Como

### Day 1 *Airport Milan - Como*

Arrival of the group at the airport and transfer to the hotel in Como or on the lake. Accommodation in the rooms reserved and welcome dinner. Overnight at the hotel.

### Day 2 *Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning half-day guided tour of the historic centre of Como with its Cathedral, Church of San Fedele, Basilica of Sant'Abbondio, and so on. Lunch on request. In the afternoon possibility of visiting the Silk Museum and then transfer to a silk factory shop where you can buy for example: ties, scarves and dresses of the most important stylists. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 3 *Lake Como*

Soon after breakfast departure by coach for Villa Carlotta which occupies an admirable site facing the Grigne Massif. The numerous statues include a copy by Tadolini of the famous group of Love and Psyche by Canova. The main attraction is however the beautiful terraced gardens. At the end of the visit transfer by ferry-boat to Bellagio; it has a worldwide reputation for the splendid lakeside gardens of Villa Serbelloni and Villa Melzi with their fragrant and luxuriant vegetation. It is pleasant to stroll up and down the pretty, steep little streets on the hillside, with plenty of little shops and restaurants. Return to Cadenabbia by ferry-boat, where the coach will wait for you to take you back to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 *Livigno - Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by coach for Livigno. There will be a wine-tasting in a very famous wine cellar of this area. Lunch in a typical restaurant where you can eat the "pizzoccheri", a very famous dish of this area. Return to Como in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 *Como - Milan*

After breakfast departure by coach for Milan. Arrival and half-day guided tour of the historical centre of the town with its famous Cathedral, the Sforzesco Castle, the Gallery of Vittorio Emanuele, and so on. Lunch on request. Free time at disposal in the afternoon for shopping. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 6 *Como - Lake Maggiore*

Early in the morning, soon after breakfast, departure by deluxe coach for Stresa (on lake Maggiore) from where we will leave by private motorboat for Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori. A visit of the palace on Isola Bella must be done, built in the Lombard Baroque style, has a large number of state rooms, medals room, state hall, music room, Napoleon's room, ballroom and Hall of Mirrors. The boat trip continues on to Isola dei Pescatori which has retained its original charm and the Isola Madre, which is totally covered by a splendid garden of flowers and rare or exotic plants. In the palace, note the Puppet Theatre that once belonged to the House of Borromeo. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 7**      *Como - Borgo Priolo (Pavia)*

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by deluxe motorcoach for Borgo Priolo (in the area of Pavia) where we will visit a farm holiday including a showing of the old-fashioned items of the farm-worker civilization, followed by a short seminar on the production of D.O.C. wines. Typical lunch with dishes of this area and wine tasting. In the afternoon possibility of visiting the city of Pavia with its famous Carthusian Monastery, which is one of the most remarkable and characteristic examples of Lombard art. It was founded as a family mausoleum in 1396 by Gian Galeazzo Visconti of Milan. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 8**      *Como - Milan airport*

Breakfast. Free time at disposal before departing by coach for the airport.



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## Golf tour on lake Como

### Day 1 *Milan - Como*

Arrival of the participants at the airport in Milan and meeting with an escort who will take them to the coach for transferring to Como. Arrival at the hotel. Check-in with assistance and then giving-out of the programme of the tour and introduction of the golf courses. Overnight stay.

### Day 2 *Circolo Golf Villa D'Este*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and transfer by private deluxe coach to the Circolo Golf Villa D'Este in Montorfano. Possibility of having lunch on your choice in the restaurant of the Club. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### Day 3 *Como*

Breakfast at the hotel and then at 09.00 a.m. meeting with the guide in the hall of the hotel and beginning of the tour discovering the town of Como through the many monuments that date back to the Romans. Light lunch can be suggested. Afternoon free and then return to the hotel on your own. Overnight stay.

### Day 4 *Monticello Golf Club*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and transfer by private deluxe coach to the Monticello Golf Club in Cassina Rizzardi. Possibility of having lunch on your choice in the restaurant of the Club. In the late afternoon transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### Day 5 *Tremezzo and Bellagio*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with an escort in the hall and departure by private deluxe coach for Villa Carlotta to visit its famous gardens with beautiful azaleas. Along the way to Tremezzo (where Villa Carlotta is situated) we will stop at the Ratti silk factory shop where there is the possibility of buying silk garments at reduced cost such as: foulards, scarves, ties, and so on. After visiting Villa Carlotta transfer by ferry-boat to Bellagio for visiting Villa Melzi and stroll among its narrowed streets full of shops and small restaurants. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### Day 6 *Golf Club Carimate*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver and departure by private deluxe coach for Golf Club Carimate in Carimate. Possibility of having lunch in the restaurant of the Club. Late afternoon transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### Day 7 *Lake Como - Milan airport*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before meeting with the escort in the hall of the hotel and departing by private coach for the airport in Milan.



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## **Playing Golf round the Northern Lakes**

### **Day 1**     *Milan - Lake Maggiore*

Arrival of the participants at the airport in Milan and meeting with an escort who will take them to the coach for transferring to the hotel on Lake Maggiore, before departing giving-out of the programme of the tour and introduction of the golf courses. Arrival at the hotel, check-in. Overnight stay.

### **Day 2**     *Golf Club des Iles Borromées*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and transfer by private deluxe coach to the Golf Club des Iles Borromées in Brovello Carpugnino. Possibility of having lunch on your choice at the restaurant of the Club. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### **Day 3**     *Lake Maggiore*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and transfer to the harbour of Stresa, where a private boat will take the participants to the 3 islands of Lake Maggiore: Isola Bella, Isola Madre, Isola Pescatori. Possibility of having lunch on your choice on the island. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### **Day 4**     *Golf Club Monticello*

Breakfast in the early morning. Meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and departure by private deluxe coach to Lake Como. Stop at the Golf Club Monticello in Cassina Rizzardi for playing. Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### **Day 5**     *Lake Como*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver in the hall of the hotel and transfer by private deluxe coach to Villa Carlotta on Lake Como. Visit of the villa and its gardens and then transfer by ferry-boat to Bellagio, one of the most beautiful village of the lake and by many poets defined "the pearl of it" for its charming position. In Bellagio, there will be the possibility to stroll among its narrow streets full of shops and restaurants (possibility of having lunch in a local one). Return to the hotel in the evening. Overnight stay.

### **Day 6**     *Golf Club Carimate*

Breakfast at the hotel. At 09.00 a.m. meeting with the driver and departure by private deluxe coach for Golf Club Carimate in Carimate. Possibility of having lunch in the restaurant of the Club. Late afternoon transfer to the hotel. Overnight stay.

### **Day 7**     *Lake Como - Airport*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before leaving by coach for the airport.



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## Northern Lakes

### Day 1 *Milan Airport - Lake Maggiore*

Arrival of the group at the airport in Milan, welcome assistance and then transfer by coach to the hotel on Lake Maggiore. Accommodation in the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 2 *Lake Maggiore*

After breakfast trip on the lake. Transfer by motorcoach to the pier and departure by motorboat for Isola Bella, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. Visit to the palace and its gardens. Back to the hotel from Isola Madre with its luxurious vegetation and Isola dei Pescatori which has kept up its primitive style of small village. Lunch on your choice. Afternoon at disposal. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 3 *Lake Maggiore*

After breakfast excursion to Pallanza, visit of Villa Taranto. Lunch on your choice. Afternoon free. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 4 *Lake Maggiore - Lake Lugano*

Departure in the morning for the west coast of the lake, through Pallanza, smart and wonderful tourist village with magnificent villas and gardens, to Intra - Cannero, Ascona, the Swiss border and onto Lugano. Lunch on your choice. Afternoon at disposal. Back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 5 *Lake Maggiore - Lake Orta*

After breakfast trip to Lake Orta, a real small jewel situated among woody mountains. Relax and lunch on your choice. Afternoon at disposal. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 6 *Lake Maggiore - Lake Como*

After breakfast departure for Lake Como with its banks full of varieties all surrounded by the mountains and then onto Tremezzo and Villa Carlotta and Cadenabbia. Boat-ferry crossing the lake to reach Bellagio a small town at the end of the promontory. Lunch on your choice. Afternoon free in Bellagio and then back to Cadenabbia by ferry-boat. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 7 *Lake Maggiore - Airport Milan*

Breakfast and then transfer by coach at the airport for leaving.



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## Grand Prix of Monza

*in Lombardy*

### Day 1 *Milan airport - Lake Como*

Arrival of the group at the airport in Milan. Welcome assistance and transfer by deluxe motorcoach for Cadenabbia (on lake Como). Check-in at the 3 star hotel and accommodation in the rooms reserved. Welcome dinner. Overnight.

### Day 2 *Lake Como*

Soon after breakfast meeting with the guide at the hall of the hotel and departure on foot for Villa Carlotta which occupies an admirable site facing the Grigne Massif. The numerous statues include a copy by Tadolini of the famous group of Love and Psyche by Canova. The main attraction is however the beautiful terraced gardens. At the end of the visit transfer by ferry-boat to Bellagio; it has a worldwide reputation for the splendid lakeside gardens of Villa Serbelloni and Villa Melzi with their fragrant and luxuriant vegetation. It is pleasant to stroll up and down the pretty, steep little streets on the hillside, with plenty of little shops and restaurants. Return to Cadenabbia by ferry-boat in the afternoon. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### Day 3 *Lake Como - Maranello - Modena*

Breakfast at the hotel. Soon after departure by motorcoach for Maranello to visit the Galleria Ferrari (the famous museum of the Ferrari cars). In the afternoon possibility of visiting Modena, situated between the Secchia and Panaro Rivers, at the junction of the Via Emilia and the Brenner Autostrada, is an active commercial and industrial (manufacture of shoes and cars and railway engineering) centre and one of the most important towns in Emilia-Romagna. Modena remains anyway a quiet town whose old quarter near the cathedral is adorned by several gastronomic specialities as zamponi (stuffed pigs' trotters) and Lambrusco, a sparkling red wine which is locally produced. Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 *Lake Como - Lake Maggiore*

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by deluxe motorcoach for Lake Maggiore passing through the Swiss border. Arrival in Stresa and excursion by private boat to the Borromean Islands: Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola Pescatori. On Isola Bella you can find the palace built in the Lombard Baroque style; it has a large number of state rooms - medals room, state hall, music room, Napoleon's room, ballroom and Hall of Mirrors. The most unusual feature is the caves where those living in the palace could find cooler air on very hot days. The decoration of light and dark coloured stones and shells is designed to represent an underwater world. The gardens, filled with countless heavily-perfumed plants, form an amazing baroque composition, an architectural perspectives simulating stage sets. At the top of the garden is the shell-shaped "amphitheatre" providing an extraordinary scenic effect.

The boat trip will continue on to Isola dei Pescatori which has retained its original charm and the Isola Madre, an island totally covered with a splendid garden of flowers and rare or exotic plants, in the palace, note the Puppet Theatre that once belonged to the House of Borromeo.

In the afternoon possibility of visiting Villa Taranto with its gardens. These, landscaped in the English manner, include azaleas, heathers, rhododendrons, camelias, dahlias, maples etc..

Return at the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

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## **Day 5** *Como*

Soon after breakfast departure by deluxe motorcoach for Como. Stop for a half-day guided tour of the city. Free time at disposal before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

## **Day 6** *Lake Como - Milan*

Breakfast at the hotel and soon after departure by deluxe motorcoach for Arese to visit the Alfa Romeo car museum, then transfer to Milan for a half-day guided tour of the city. Return to the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 7** *Lake Como - Monza*

Breakfast at the hotel. Departure by deluxe motorcoach for the Autodrome in Monza returning to the hotel in the evening for dinner and overnight.

## **Day 8** *Lake Como - Milan airport*

Breakfast and then transfer to the airport for departing by flight. End of our services.



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## Lake Garda

### Day 1 *Milan - Garda Lake*

Arrival of the group in the afternoon at the airport in Milan, welcome assistance and transfer by de-luxe coach to the hotel on Lake Garda. Accommodation in the rooms reserved. Free time at disposal before dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 *Garda Lake - Mantua*

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning departure by coach for Mantua. Half-day guided tour of the town. In the afternoon trip on the river and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 3 *Garda Lake - Bergamo*

After breakfast departure for Bergamo, situated on the northern edge of the Lombardy plain at the confluence of the Brembana and Seriana valleys. It is an art centre as well as a busy business and industrial centre. The modern lower town is pleasant while the old upper town is quiet, picturesque and evocative of the past. It also has a considerable number of old cakeshops whose windows are filled with the small yellow cakes that are a local speciality, the "polenta and osei". Half-day guided tour. Lunch. Free time at disposal before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 *Lake Garda - Lake Como*

After breakfast departure for Lake Como with its banks full of varieties all surrounded by the mountains and then onto Tremezzo and Villa Carlotta and Cadenabbia. Boat-ferry crossing the lake to reach Bellagio a small town at the end of the promontory. Lunch on your choice. Afternoon free in Bellagio and then back to Cadenabbia by ferry-boat. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 5 *Airport*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before departing by coach for the airport in Milan.



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## Lake Maggiore

### Day 1 *Milan - Maggiore lake*

Arrival at the airport in Milan and transfer by de-luxe coach to the hotel on lake Maggiore. Accommodation in the booked rooms. Free time at disposal before dinner and overnight.

### Day 2 *Maggiore lake*

After breakfast trip on the lake. Departure by motorboat for Isola Bella, the most beautiful of the Borromean Islands. Visit to the palace and its gardens. Back to the hotel from Isola Madre with its luxurious vegetation and Isola dei Pescatori which has kept up its primitive style of small village. Lunch at the hotel. Afternoon at disposal. Dinner and overnight stay.

### Day 3 *Maggiore lake - Bergamo*

After breakfast departure for Bergamo. Half-day guided tour of the town. The modern lower town is pleasant while the old upper town is quiet, picturesque and evocative of the past. Lunch at a restaurant, time at leisure and return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 4 *Maggiore lake - Milan*

Breakfast and departure for Milano. Half-day guided tour of the town. Lunch at a restaurant. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 *Maggiore lake*

Breakfast, morning at leisure. Lunch at the hotel. After lunch departure for Verbania to visit Villa Taranto with its gardens which include azaleas, heathers, rhododendrons, camelias, dahlias, maples, etc.. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 6 *Maggiore lake - Como*

Soon after breakfast departure by coach for Como. Half-day guided tour of the historical centre of the town. Lunch at restaurant. Later possibilities to visit a famous silk shop for shopping. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 7 *Maggiore lake - Milan*

Breakfast at the hotel. Free time at disposal before departing for the airport.



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