

## Historic villages among the lakes

06 days / 05 nights

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### BAVENO, LAKE MAGGIORE

Landing at the airport, transfer to the surroundings of Lake Maggiore by private car. Hotel accommodation. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide to visit the historic center of BAVENO overlooking one of the most panoramic views of Lake Maggiore. The town, a tourist holiday resort, is famous for its elegant villas and its granite quarries. The stone, probably drawn out since XVII century, characterizes its buildings and the lakeside promenade and it is the protagonist of the "Granum", a museum dedicated to it. The old built-up area keeps fine views among which the heart of Domo and some Romanesque valuable monuments, such as the Church of St. Gervaso and Protasio and the adjacent Baptistery. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE-BEDDED ROOM STARTING FROM € 2050 , 00

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### BORROMEAN ISLES, LAKE MAGGIORE

Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide. Transfer to ISOLA MADRE by taxi-boat and guided visit to the biggest isle in the Borromeo Gulf. Fully covered by a botanical garden, renowned for its marvelous bloom of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and wisteria pergolas. Visit to XVI century palace, rich in furniture coming from the Borromeo Family's historic residences, and where a collection of puppet theatre is kept. Transfer to ISOLA DEI PESCATORI. Lunch at a restaurant.

In the afternoon transfer and guided visit to ISOLA BELLA. The construction of the Baroque Palace started in 1632 thanks to Carlo III Borromeo, who dedicated it to Isabella d'Adda, his wife. Their son Vitaliano carried on the project and he wanted the magnificent setting of its blooming terraced gardens. The palace boasts a precious collection of painting and rooms rich in tapestries, furniture and objects of art. Time at your leisure for shopping along "Vicolo del Fornello", with some prestigious brands of the so-called Made in Italy. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



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**03** **ROCCA BORROMEO - HERMITAGE OF S. CATERINA, LAKE MAGGIORE**  
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Angera by private car. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide for a visit to the ROCCA BORROMEO, a stronghold perched on a rocky spur, overlooking Lake Maggiore.

Built by some Milan archbishops in XII century, the Torriani and the Visconti noble families competed for it for a long time. The Room of Justice, which houses a cycle of XIII century frescoes by an anonymous painter, is extraordinarily beautiful. The stronghold houses the Museum of the Doll and of the Toy. Individual lunch and time at your leisure for a pleasant walk along the Angera lakeside promenade. In the afternoon transfer to Leggiuno and visit to the striking HERMITAGE OF SANTA CATERINA, linked with the legendary figure of the Blessed Soul Alberto Besozzi, the whole monastery was built in XIV century and enlarged, over the centuries, up to its present size: southern monastery, courtyard of the press, small monastery and sanctuary.

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**04** **ORTA, LAKE ORTA**  
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Pella by private car. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide for a morning cruise on LAKE ORTA, docking on the ISLE OF ST. JULIUS and visit to the historic center of Orta, an enchanted village with its picturesque narrow streets and ancient buildings such as the Broletto, in the main square, and the parish Church of Santa Maria Assunta. Individual lunch and afternoon at your leisure for individual visits and shopping. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



### COMO - BELLAGIO, LAKE COMO

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Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to COMO by private car. Meeting with a qualified tourist guide to visit the historic city center in order to discover the jewels of that beautiful lake city, founded by the Romans and surrounded by medieval walls on its three sides. The walking tour will take place along the lakeside promenade so as to enjoy the view of some villas and then on to the ancient city core to admire some intimate squares rich in important monuments such as the Broletto and the Cathedral. Individual lunch.

In the afternoon transfer to BELLAGIO, "the pearl of the lake", situated on the tip of a promontory at the end of a mountain range where you can admire the two branches of the Lake of Como. Renowned as a summer residence of Roman nobles, the town enchanted artists, poets, writers and musicians from all over the world thanks to its mild climate and luxuriant greenery surrounding some imposing villas. Pleasant discovery of its historic center with its narrow streets and some fine buildings. Time at your leisure for shopping. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

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### LAKE MAGGIORE - AIRPORT

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport by private car

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The rate includes

N. 05 overnights in a standard room at a hotel in the Lake Maggiore area with half-board treatment (menu 3 courses - drinks not included);  
Private tourist guide as to the programme;  
Private transportation by car as to the programme;  
Transportation by taxi-boat on Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta as to the programme;  
Entrance tickets to the monuments;  
Lunch at a typical restaurant on Isola dei Pescatori (menu 3 courses, drinks included).

The rate does not include

Lunches on days 01, 03, 04, 05 and 06;  
City-tax;  
Tips, extras and all that not mentioned in the programme and in "the price includes".