



## Lake Maggiore, What Passion!

06 days / 05 nights

PRICE PER PERSON IN DOUBLE-BEDDED ROOM STARTING FROM € 2100 , 00

### VILLA TARANTO, LAKE MAGGIORE

01 day Landing at the airport and transfer to Verbania, on Lake Maggiore. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide and visit to VILLA TARANTO. The villa was bought by Neil Mac Eacharn, a Scottish captain, in 1931 and it was given the name Taranto as a homage to a family ancestor on whom the title of "Duke of Taranto" was conferred by Napoleon Bonaparte. The building belongs to the prefecture of the province Verbano Cusio Ossola and it is surrounded by a 16-hectare garden, above all in English style, dotted with fountains, trickles of water and characterized by numerous species of plants and flowers, coming from all over the world. Accommodation at the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

### BORROMEAN ISLES, LAKE MAGGIORE

02 day 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.



#### LOCARNO, VIGEZINA RAILWAY

day  
**03** Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide and transfer to DOMODOSSOLA by private car. Departure by VIGEZINA train for a time journey through small villages and foothills valleys, which, thanks to this means of transport have no longer been isolated since 1923, but recently they have become a real tourist attraction. Individual lunch at LOCARNO (Switzerland). In the afternoon visit to its historical centre. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

#### ROCCA BORROMEO, ARONA AND ANGERA

day  
**04** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Arona by private car. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide and visit to the historical centre and to the public park which surrounds the remains of ROCCA BORROMEO, a stronghold in a panoramic position, completely destroyed in 1800 by Napoleon Bonaparte's army. Individual lunch. In the afternoon transfer to Angera, on the opposite lakeshore in order to admire its still well-preserved "twin" 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. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

#### HERMITAGE OF SANTA CATERINA DEL SASSO - LAVENO MOMBELLO

day  
**05** Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide. Transfer by private taxi-boat 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. The monument is extraordinary for its location: perched on a rock near the deepest zone in Lake Maggiore. Transfer to Laveno Mombello, a nice tourist destination on the Lombard shore of Lake Maggiore. Individual lunch and time at leisure for individual activities and shopping. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

#### LAKE MAGGIORE - AIRPORT

Day  
**06** Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport by private car.

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 as to the programme;  
Entrance tickets to the monuments;  
Train ticket as to the programme;  
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".

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