



Itinerary

Northern Italy and Its Lakes featuring Padua and Venice

Sep 30, 2020 - Oct 8, 2020

Pre Night: Methis Hotel Padova & Spa



Would you like to begin your vacation with an additional Hotel in Padova?

Day 1: Overnight Flight



Take the best of Italian culture – savory cuisine, friendly locals, eons of history – and add the beauty of mystical lakes. A blend of winding canals and gently lapping waves, this is the northern lakes region of Italy. Delve deep into this relaxing hub, serving as a favorite getaway for the international elite.

Day 2: Padua, Italy - Tour Begins



Your journey begins in Padua, an ancient city rooted in legend. Set in the picturesque Veneto region, some believe that Padua was founded by war heroes after the fall of Troy. The Bacchiglione River carves its way through the town, resulting in lovely riverside promenades and stone step-bridges. Meet your fellow travelers while enjoying a taste of Italian culture at a welcome dinner. Truly get to know the town's legacy as you settle into your home for the next 3 nights.

Hotel

Methis Hotel Padova & Spa
Padova

Culinary

Dinner

Day 3: Padua



Start the morning by strolling the streets of Padua with your guide. Make your way inside the Basilica of St. Anthony, a stately cathedral built in the 13th century. Engage with locals and feel the dynamic energy as you walk along open-air markets and street vendors setting up shop in the piazzas. Pass by the ornate Palazzo della Ragione, the former meeting place for the town's council. Feel the history in the air when you see Caffè Pedrocchi, a famous coffee shop frequented by the intellectuals that influenced the Italian Risorgimento of the 19th century. The rest of the day is yours to discover the town however you wish. Perhaps you will choose to go on an exclusive optional tour down the Brenta Canal, enjoying an aperitif and drink on your private boat as you admire the opulent homes on the water's edge.

Hotel

Methis Hotel Padova & Spa
Padova

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 4: Padua - Murano - Venice - Padua



Start your day with a visit to Murano Island,* known for its intricate glass making. Witness a glassblowing demonstration, providing a glimpse into the methods behind this fine art. Feel the grandeur of the past come alive as you make your way to Venice, a floating labyrinth settled on a lagoon. Pass through the sprawling St. Mark's Square with an expert guide and admire the Campanile, a brick bell tower that rises above the piazza. Step outside the main square and explore the Castello district, making your way past historic buildings and architecture as you walk the narrow streets. Enjoy an afternoon in Venice at leisure. Perhaps you will opt for a gondola ride through the postcard-worthy canals, taking in the city from a different perspective.

Hotel

Methis Hotel Padova & Spa
Padova

Culinary

Breakfast

Day 5: Padua - Lake Garda - Lake Maggiore



This morning, head to Sirmione, an old village situated on the shores of Lake Garda. Embark on a boat ride through the Sirmione peninsula and see the famous sinking castle. Enjoy time at leisure to discover the narrow streets or simply relax alongside the bright blue waves of the lake. End the day next to Lake Maggiore, a stunning Italian lake, and toast to the start of your leisurely 4-night stay.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

High 67°
Low 57°
Rain 7"

Day 6: Lake Maggiore



Enjoy the day at leisure to explore the nearby lakeside streets. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour and coast along the ethereal water of Lake Maggiore by boat for an up-close look at the Borromean Islands before docking at Isola Bella, known as the "beautiful island." Join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a seaside Baroque beauty with an exotic garden. Then, return to your boat and cruise by the remaining Borromean Islands.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

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Day 7: Lake Maggiore - Lake Como - Lake Maggiore



Indulge in a day of sunshine and scenic peaks at the paradise of Lake Como, nestled against the Alps and a beloved retreat for the rich and famous. Relax during a guided cruise of the waters before stopping in Bellagio, an ancient peninsula that fosters winding streets and unparalleled views. Enjoy some free time to discover the town's secrets on your own. Return to Lake Maggiore where the evening is yours to enjoy the twinkling lights that illuminate the shores as night falls on the lake.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Breakfast

Weather

High 67°
Low 57°
Rain 7"

Day 8: Lake Maggiore



The entire day is yours. You might soak up the sun on the beach, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you will take an optional tour to Lugano, Switzerland to see the lake from the other side of the Italian border. This evening, venture to Isola dei Pescatori** by boat, enjoying a farewell dinner of local cuisine to celebrate the end of your trip.

Hotel

Zacchera Hotels
Lago Maggiore

Culinary

Breakfast & Dinner

Weather

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Day 9: Lake Maggiore - Tour Ends



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