



Itinerary

Northern Italy and Its Lakes featuring Padua and Venice

May 11, 2022 - May 19, 2022

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 in Padua's historic Caffé Pedrocchi. 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. Visit Palazzo Bo, the principal building of Padua's University, founded in AD 1222 and among the oldest in Europe. Here, in the 16th and 17th centuries, cultural and scientific minds gathered to work on their history-changing research. Astronomers like Galileo and Copernicus studied the stars, and the founder of modern anatomy Andrea Vesalio worked here as well. Afterwards, feel the dynamic energy as you walk along Padua's open-air markets and street vendors setting up shop in the piazzas. 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.

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 20°
Low 14°
Rain 3"

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 lakeside 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 Lugano - Lake Como - Lake Maggiore



Take a scenic drive along the glittering shores of Switzerland's Lake Lugano before enjoying a day of sunshine and scenic peaks on the stunning banks of Lake Como. Sail to Bellagio, an ancient peninsula home to winding streets and views that will take your breath away. 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 20°
Low 14°
Rain 3"

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 picture-perfect Lake Orta, a hidden gem surrounded by picturesque villages and filled with quaint islands. 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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