

# THE TRAVEL CLUB

Pre-departure Itinerary

## Lakes & Villages of Northern Italy A Spring Delight

9 DAYS: Friday, May 8-Saturday, May 16, 2026

NORTHERN ITALY is a gorgeous landscape of deep blue lakes, smart resort towns, ancient villages, fortified castles and lush gardens. Lake Maggiore's charm and sophistication are the perfect setting for Baveno, a small lake-side resort flanked by cypress trees, dotted with villas and lake-side promenade brimming with cafés and bars overlooking the Borromean Islands. From our resort-style accommodations at the Grand Hotel Dino - directly on the lake-front - we'll enjoy excursions to Isola Bella, quiet and secluded Lake Orta, romantic Bellagio on Lake Como, Bergamo - a historic town with a rich history and stunning architecture - and see the highlights of Milan in a half-day tour. Northern Italy, with its blend of elegance and old-world charm, offers a unique travel experience that captures the essence of Italian culture and natural beauty.



### RATES

**\$4999 per person double occupancy**  
**INCLUDES round-trip airfare, fuel surcharge**  
**and all air taxes and fees. Single supplement**  
**is \$840.**

*Triple accommodations may be available upon request. Fuel surcharge, air taxes and fees subject to change. Passport required. Per person deposit is \$500. Please note - If you wish to extend your tour or request air or hotel upgrades, please advise us at time of booking.*

### INCLUDES

- Round-trip regularly scheduled **ITA Airways** flights from Boston to Milan, via Rome
- Seven nights' four-star accommodations: **Grand Hotel Dino**, Baveno (or similar)
- Ten meals: seven buffet breakfasts, one lunch, welcome and farewell dinners.
- Escorted round-trip, private airport/hotel transfers
- Services of professional local Tour Manager

## ***FEATURES***

Cruise to Isola Bella, tour of Palazzo Borromeo, Cruise to Stresa. Excursion to Lake Como including tour of Villa Carlotta, mini-cruise of Lake Como, free time in Bellagio. Half-day excursion to Bergamo and a local agriturismo lunch. Excursion to Lake Orta, market at Omegna, mini-cruise to Orta San Giulio. Full-day excursion to Milan including guided tour and free time.

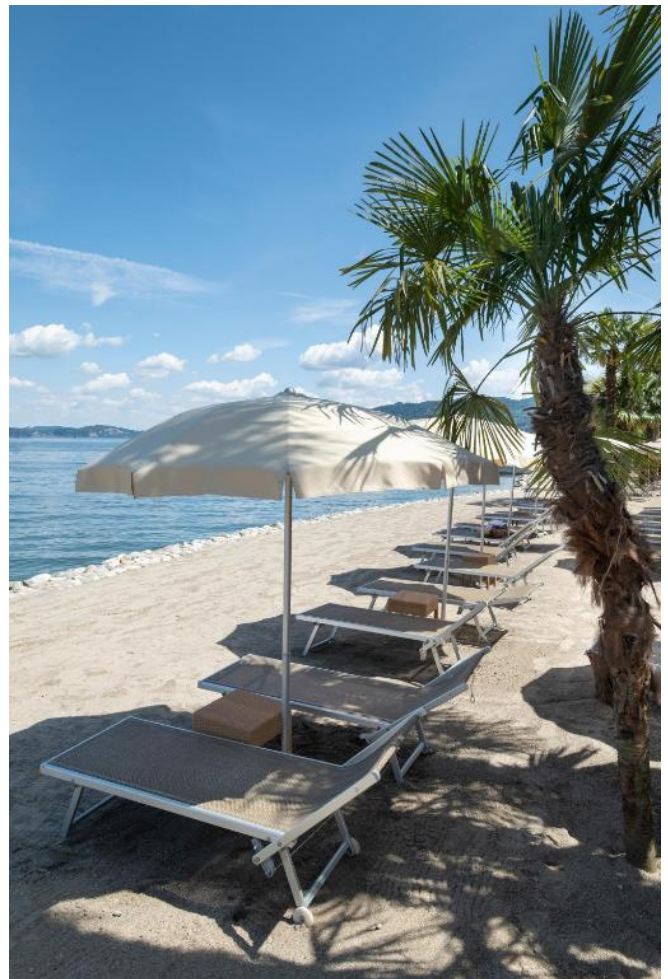
## ***ACCOMMODATIONS***

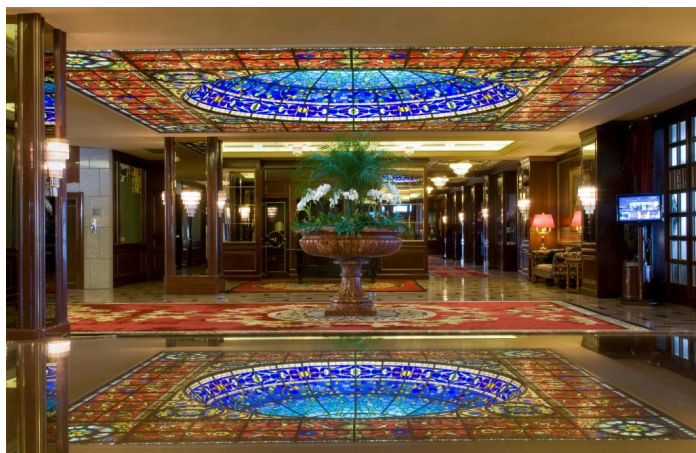
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### ***Day 1: Overnight flight from Boston to Rome***

### ***Day 2: Arrive Rome – Connecting flight to Milan – Transfer to Lake Maggiore***

After passport control and immigration, proceed to baggage claim and retrieve luggage. Pass through customs and move into the Arrivals Hall where we'll meet our Tour Manager who will accompany us for the length of our holiday. Board the transfer coach to the **Grand Hotel Dino** in Baveno on Lake Maggiore. After receiving room assignments the rest of the afternoon is free to get acquainted with the hotel and surroundings. Dinner with wine and overnight at the hotel. **(D)**





### **Grand Hotel Dino**

The Grand Hotel Dino is a luxury hotel located on the shores of Lake Maggiore in Baveno with a range of amenities typically associated with resort-style accommodations. Known for its stunning views, elegant architecture, and high-quality amenities Grand Hotel Dino offers panoramic views across Lake Maggiore. This large and elegant hotel features both indoor and outdoor swimming pools and a SAND BEACH. Rooms are air conditioned and have classic furniture, a mini-bar and satellite TV and overlook the lake or the mountains. There is a games room as well as 2 outdoor swimming pools and hot tubs with views across the lake. The wellness center has both a sauna and Turkish bath. The Dino has a number of restaurants and bars, some of which overlook the lake. Surrounded by gardens, it is next to an interesting art gallery and the jetty for boat trips across the lake.

### **Day 3: Full-day excursion of Lake Maggiore**

After breakfast we'll depart for a full-day excursion of Lake Maggiore. Nestled against the breathtaking beauty of the Swiss Alps, Lake Maggiore is known for its picturesque landscapes, charming towns, and beautiful gardens. Enjoy a relaxing boat trip to Isola Bella, one of the famous Borromean Islands in the centre of the lake, and tour the exuberant Palazzo Borromeo and its spectacular gardens. Dating back to the 17th century, this elegant palace boasts an array of spectacular fountains, imposing statues and landscaped, terraced gardens that gently cascade down to the tranquil waters of the lake. Cruise to Stresa for free time before heading back to your hotel. **(B)**



*Isola Bella*

#### **Day 4: Excursion to Lake Como**

After breakfast at the hotel we'll experience one of the highlights of our vacation – a full-day excursion to Lake Como. Marvel at the spectacular scenery as we drive along Como's western shore to Tremezzo where we'll enjoy a guided tour of Villa Carlota. Later we'll board a private boat and enjoy a mini-cruise across the lake passing many quaint villages and sumptuous villas before we disembark in picturesque Bellagio. The town of Bellagio has been called the most beautiful town in Italy. With a promenade planted with oleanders and limes, hotels painted shades of butterscotch, peach and cream, and a hilly old quarter of steep cobbled streets and alleyways – to say nothing of its spectacular mid-lake location – it's easy to see why Bellagio has become so popular. Enjoy free time on our own for browsing and lunch before returning by ferry to Como and motorcoach to Baveno. **(B)**



*Tremezzo*

*Bellagio*



### **Day 5: Bergamo**

After breakfast at the hotel we'll set out for a half-day excursion to Bergamo, a charming city known for its rich history, stunning architecture, and beautiful landscapes. The most captivating part is the upper town or Citta Alta, a beautifully preserved medieval district enclosed by ancient Venetian walls and offering stunning views of the surrounding landscape. After the tour we'll enjoy lunch at a local agriturismo. **(B L)**



### **Day 6: Lake Orta**

After breakfast we embark on an excursion that begins in Omegna where we'll visit the local weekly market, and then continues on to Lake Orta, one of Italy's best-kept secrets – an unspoiled gem that is quieter than nearby Maggiore. The lovely lakeside villages and surrounding green hills provide a truly romantic setting. The medieval center of Orta town has pretty, cobbled streets and tucked away cafes and trattorias. We'll boat to the Island of Orta San Giulio. **(B)**



*Omegna*

*Lake Orta*



*Orta San Giulio*

**Day 7: Milan**

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Today we'll travel to Milan – a historic city, with a spectacular cathedral and enough ancient churches and galleries to keep you busy for a week. Milan also represents the leading edge of Italy's fashion and design industry. In the morning we'll enjoy a guided tour of the city highlights including medieval Castello Sforzesco, the beautiful gothic cathedral – the Duomo, the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele and the world famous opera house, La Scala. The afternoon is at leisure. **(B)**



### **Day 8: Free day in Baveno**

Today we'll enjoy a day at leisure to explore on our own. Enjoy a farewell dinner tonight at the hotel. **(B, D)**



### **Day 9: Return to Boston**

Today you will depart the hotel in the very early morning for the transfer to Milan Malpensa airport. Details of departure will be posted. Upon arrival in Milan you will connect with your international flight to Boston.

## LAKE MAGGIORE

Anyone who has read Hemingway will know this lake and its forested shores from *A Farewell to Arms*. That's just the sort of place Lake Maggiore is -- a pleasure ground that's steeped in associations with famous figures (Flaubert, Wagner, Goethe, and many of Europe's other great minds seem to have been inspired by the deep, moody waters, backed by the Alps) and not-so-famous wealthy visitors. Fortunately, you need not be famous or wealthy to enjoy Maggiore, the top bit of which is in Switzerland.



## BAVENO

Lovely Baveno has been a well known tourist resort since the early 19th century. This elegant past is reflected by the beautiful villas that dot the surrounding landscape. With its wonderful views of the Borromean Islands, Baveno has a small harbor, an attractive promenade with lakeside cafés and a profusion of flowers and oleander trees. There are regular ferry connections to Borromean Islands. Isola Pescatori is an old fishing village with good restaurants, famous for the white peacocks that strut in the botanical gardens. Isola Bella, perhaps the best known of the islands, features the magnificent Borromean Palace and beautiful landscaped gardens.

Proof of Citizenship is required for all trips outside the United States. U.S. citizens require a valid passport to travel; with at least 6 months' validity. All non-US citizens should check with the appropriate foreign consulate for additional entry requirements. Passports are the responsibility of each traveler.

PLEASE NOTE: This pre-departure itinerary is designed to give you an idea of how this itinerary is structured. We reserve the right to make any changes to your final itinerary if deemed necessary, at any time prior to departure.

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