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Where Italy kisses Switzerland, glacial lakes sparkle in the sun. Surrounded by the foothills of the Alps, the lakes are abundant with lush vistas. This region of Italy — formally known as Lombardy, but also called the Lake District — has long been a favorite of artists and writers as well as a center of commerce since the Middle Ages. Explore the colorful towns around the lakes and the sophisticated city of Milan, Italy’s economic and fashion capital. You’ll do the same from Stresa, a picturesque town that overlooks the Borromean Islands and Lake Maggiore. As your home for this enchanting exploration of villages, villas and vistas, Stresa offers the best of the Lake District’s legendary culture, cuisine and beauty.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Solo traveler friendly! Single supplement waived.
- Groups are limited to 36 travelers to maximize your travel experience.
- Explore Lake Orta, perched in the mountains, and its legendary island of San Giulio.
- Visit historic, baroque villas and exotic gardens while exploring the beautiful Borromean Islands: Isola Madre, Isola dei Pescatori and Isola Bella.
- Cruise lakes Maggiore and Como by private boat.
- Discover the vibrant city of Milan, Italy’s economic center and one of the great fashion capitals of the world.
- Visit Villa Taranto and admire its beautiful botanic gardens.
- Learn the secrets of traditional Italian cuisine during a hands-on cooking lesson.

INCLUDED FEATURES

Accommodations
- Seven nights in Stresa, Italy, at the first-class Hotel La Palma.

Activities and Events
- Informative educational programs presented by local experts will enhance your insight into the region.
- All excursions as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Personal VOX listening device to hear every word from your expert English-speaking guides.
- Attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.
- Gather for a Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony followed by a Farewell Dinner.

Extensive Meal Program
- Enjoy seven breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample authentic regional specialties during select meals at featured local restaurants.
- Take advantage of leisure time to try the local cuisine independently.

MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated Passenger Service Representative prior to departure.
- Services of an experienced Campus Director throughout your stay.
- Tipping of excursion guides and drivers.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- Complimentary travel wallet.

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NO SINGLE SUPPLEMENT FOR SOLO TRAVELERS
DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT
Depart for Milan, Italy.*
*Provided for AHI FlexAir participants.

DAY 2 ~ MILAN/STRESA
Upon arrival, transfer* to Stresa and the Hotel La Palma.
Tonight, attend a Welcome Reception and Dinner.

DAY 3 ~ ORTA
Educational Focus: The Development of the Lake District.
Excursion: Lake Orta. Enjoy a scenic transfer to Lake Orta. Take a walking tour of Orta San Giulio, a beautiful resort town that sits on a peninsula that juts into the lake. Then board a boat to visit Isola San Giulio, the island in the lake, to visit the fourth-century basilica and see its spectacular frescoes.
Independent Exploration: Enjoy some time at leisure in Orta.

DAY 4 ~ THE BORROMEOAN ISLANDS
Educational Focus: The Golden Age of the Renaissance.
Excursion: The Borromean Islands. Cruise Lake Maggiore to Isola Madre’s paradise of baroque splendor and botanical gardens. Then, embrace the rustic charm of the peaceful fishing village of Isola dei Pescatori. Stroll its narrow streets lined by the quaint houses of the hard-working fishermen and their families who call this island home. Finally, visit Isola Bella, the Beautiful Island, extolled by writers over the centuries. Explore its 17th-century baroque palace and summer house that is home to a mosaic grotto.
Local Flavor: Lunch is served at a restaurant on one of the islands.

DAY 5 ~ MILAN
Excursion: Milan. See some of the world’s most stunning art and architecture in Milan. Visit the Renaissance Santa Maria Delle Grazie and its rectory to see Leonardo da Vinci’s magnificent “The Last Supper.” Visit the museum at La Scala, Italy’s premier opera house, before entering the opulent 14th-century Duomo, a Gothic masterpiece.
Independent Exploration: Spend time on your own in Milan.

DAY 6 ~ STRESA
Independent Exploration: Enjoy a day at leisure exploring the area on your own.
Educational Focus: Contemporary Italy.
Educational Focus: Meet the People.

DAY 7 ~ BELLAGIO/PALANZA
Excursion: Bellagio. Enjoy a boat ride to Bellagio, situated on the banks of Lake Como. Explore Bellagio, where you’ll roam narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses. Admire 18th- and 19th-century villas built by the region’s noble families.
Local Flavor: Savor a delicious lunch at a lakeside restaurant.
Excursion: Como. Travel by private boat to Como. Discover how the town has kept much of its ancient Roman street plan. Begin your walking tour at Piazza Cavour, which fronts the lake and is lined with cafés, hotels and shops.
Independent Exploration: Enjoy some free time in Como and Bellagio.

DAY 8 ~ PALLANZA
Cultural Event and Local Flavor: Learn the secrets of traditional Italian cuisine during an interactive cooking lesson at a nearby restaurant before sitting down to a delicious lunch.
Excursion: Villa Taranto. Travel to Pallanza to visit the late-19th-century Villa Taranto. The villa was purchased in 1931 by Scottish Captain Neil Mceacharn, who transformed the grounds into one of Europe’s most beautiful botanic gardens, containing some 20,000 different plant varieties including dahlias, water lilies and flowering trees.
Attend a Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony and Farewell Dinner.

DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT
Transfer to the airport for the return flight to your gateway city.*

NOTE: The information presented is preliminary. Itineraries, included features and schedules are subject to change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.

ACCOMMODATIONS

HOTEL LA PALMA
The Hotel La Palma is situated in a quiet, centrally located neighborhood on the banks of Lake Maggiore. The hotel offers a stylish restaurant specializing in Italian and international cuisine as well as an inviting lounge. Take a dip in the lakeside swimming pool, which affords superb views over the Borromean Islands, and soak up Italian sunshine on the poolside terrace or the hotel’s private beach.
Enjoy a workout in the panoramic fitness room, or relax in the sauna, whirlpool or solarium. Each well-appointed guest room features its own terrace or balcony and Wi-Fi. The hotel also offers a 24-hour front desk, a concierge, a currency exchange, a business center, and laundry and dry cleaning services.

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