






# INSIGHT VACATIONS

## *Country Roads of Northern Italy*





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| <b>1</b> Central<br>Hotels + Nights |  Cruise                  |
| <b>1</b> Scenic<br>Hotels + Nights  |  Train                   |
| ● Place Visited                     |  Join/Leave Options      |
| ○ Optional Place<br>Visited         |  Included Flights        |
| ▮ Trip Option                       |  UNESCO<br>Heritage Site |

## Day 1 | Welcome to Italy



After a warm welcome at Milan's Malpensa Airport, transfers depart for your hotel. Later meet your Travel Director and join a local historian to navigate through Milan's history. See the impressive facade of Milan Cathedral and the world-famous La Scala Opera House. Linking the two is the elegant glass-vaulted shopping arcade of Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, lined with luxury boutiques. Mingle and get to know your fellow travellers during dinner at a local restaurant.

**Meals:** Dinner

**Hotel:** Duo Milan Porta Nuova

## Day 2 | Fair Verona and Trento



Cross the fertile plains of Lombardy to fair Verona, the home of Shakespeare's star-crossed lovers. Explore its maze of elegant squares and see the well-preserved Roman Arena, still used for opera performances. Explore Verona with Insight Choice. Choose a walking tour through the grand piazzas, see the statue of Dante and admire the Gothic tombs of the Scala family. Alternatively, embark on a Shakespeare-themed walk to recount famous moments from the story of Romeo and Juliet. Continue on to Trento, regarded as one of Italy's most appealing cities to live in.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** NH Trento

## Day 3 | Climb up to Cortina d'Ampezzo



Follow the Adige River north into the magnificent mountains and the distinctive limestone peaks of the Dolomites. Arrive at the town of Bolzano, where Italy and Austria culturally collide and you are at leisure to explore the arcaded streets and squares. Continue along the zig-zagging scenic route to Cortina d'Ampezzo, Italy's most exclusive ski resort and a beautiful alpine haven during summer.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

## OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Bolzano Visit and Ötzi the Iceman** - Discover Bolzano with your Local Expert, a city shaped by trade, history, and its dramatic Alpine setting. Wander through arcaded medieval streets, across sunlit squares and past centuries-old buildings that reveal the meeting of Italian and Tyrolean cultures. Framed by vineyards and the peaks of the Dolomites, Bolzano offers a distinctive blend of mountain tradition and Mediterranean influence. The visit includes the South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology, where the well-preserved Copper Age mummy known as Ötzi is displayed. Adult: 48.00 EUR

#### Day 4 | The Dolomites at Leisure



Enjoy a day at your leisure in this fashionable playground of the rich and famous, surrounded by towering cathedrals of rock. Take in the fresh mountain air as you stroll the pedestrianised Corso Italia, lined with designer stores and backed by the impressive green and white bell tower of the parish church. Why not ascend to the summit of one of the nearby peaks for magnificent panoramic views of the Dolomites?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Hotel de la Poste, Cortina d'Ampezzo

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Grand Tour Of The Dolomites** - Explore the colourful peaks and sheer valleys of the Dolomites – one of the most impressive mountain ranges in the Alps. Your full-day of discovery includes a thrilling cable car ride to the summit of one of the peaks for breathtaking 360 degree views. In a unique combination of nature and history, learn about the incredible war waged in the mountains with a visit to a WWI museum. Complimentary coffee and strudel is included. **Please note this optional is weather and season dependent.**

Adult: 85.00 EUR

**Dinner in the Mountains** - This evening we'll drive through the countryside to the foot of the Tofane Mountain in the heart of the Dolomite Ranges, where we'll enjoy fantastic cuisine in a superb setting. We'll soak in the atmosphere of a popular local restaurant while enjoying traditional Northern Italian hospitality and sampling delicious regional specialities and local wine. **Please note this optional is weather and season dependent.**

Adult: 82.00 EUR

#### Day 5 | Through Prosecco Country to Venice



Travel down through more majestic Dolomite scenery to one of the world's most breathtaking wine regions. Protected by the Alps to the north and caressed by the warm breezes from the Adriatic, the vineyards around Conegliano Veneto produce Italy's most prized sparkling wine. Stop in Conegliano, where great care is taken to ensure these hand-picked grapes produce the world's finest prosecco. See how production differs from its more famous French counterpart, Champagne. Be tempted with a taste of the crisp and aromatic flavours. Continue on to the unique and remarkable island city of Venice, the Queen of the Adriatic and check into your hotel.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Venetian Splendour** - Venice is one of the most unique cities in the world and, after the crowds have left, it's at its most beautiful. Board private water taxis as you are whisked down the most famous canal in Venice - the Grand Canal. You'll witness the beautiful and spectacular palazzi adorning the most famous 'street' in Venice then travel under the remarkable Rialto Bridge to arrive in the centre of it all, Piazza San Marco. There, you have seats reserved outside a famous Venetian cafe, in front of a live orchestra. Enjoy a drink and gaze out at the illuminated sights of St Mark's Square while being serenaded. This is Venice at its most unique and magical, an evening not to be missed, with images and sensations you'll never forget!

Adult: 71.00 EUR

## Day 6 | The Magic of La Serenissima



Wake up ready to embrace this romantic city. Join a MAKE TRAVEL MATTER® Experience during a visit to a traditional glassblowing workshop, where you can see how beautiful handcrafted glass is made by expert glassblowers, safeguarding traditional skills. What better way to see Venice than from a private boat, cruising past palazzos and churches to St. Mark's Square? See the gilded basilica, the Doge's Palace and Lord Byron's Bridge of Sighs. No visit to Venice would be complete without a gondola serenade through the myriad of beautiful canals. Relax and enjoy traditional local songs as you drift along in romantic awe. Spend the afternoon as you wish. As night falls, why not savour the magic of St. Mark's Square with its orchestras and alfresco cafes?

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Eurostars Residenza Cannaregio, Venice

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Hidden Venice** - Experience Venice's big set pieces is to miss out on a hidden world full of surprises! Join a Local Expert for a fascinating walk through some of the lesser known quarters of Venice. The back lanes and 'campi', small squares, where tourists seldom tread are full of history and great places to sample local life.  
**Adult: 47.00 EUR**

**Burano Excursion & Meal** - Leave the hustle of St Mark's Square behind on a delightful private cruise around the islands of the Venetian lagoon. Alight at the island of Burano, a photographer's paradise, famous for its candy coloured houses, artisan lace makers and leaning bell tower that would give Pisa a good run for its money. Enjoy a superb meal sampling the local specialities with wine included. An excursion not to be missed!  
**Adult: 90.00 EUR**

## Day 7 | Italy's Lake District



Depart enchanting Venice and journey to Lake Garda. Admire the castle and views over the lake from the stylish resort of Sirmione perched on the tip of its peninsula. Cross the fertile lands of Lombardy to Lake Maggiore where Baveno beckons. Later you have a choice of cuisine and ambience from a hand-picked selection of local restaurants for your Dine-Around evening.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

## Day 8 | Lake Como and Lake Maggiore



Nestled in the foothills of the Alps, enjoy the glamour of the Italian Lakes, long favoured by Europe's rich and famous. Revel in the atmosphere of Como, known for its silk tradition, elegant lakeside setting and stylish streets, during your orientation of the town. Later, perhaps see more of Lake Como's grand villas and storied shoreline, where aristocratic estates and lake views reveal another layer of this celebrated region.

**Meals:** Breakfast

**Hotel:** Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Isola Bella** - The premier attraction of Lake Maggiore is the Borromean Islands. We'll take a private boat over to Isola Bella, the most famous island, renowned for its incredible palace and stunning Botanical Gardens. Our Local Expert will take us on a guided tour of this privately-owned palace, with free time to admire the gardens. A must!

Adult: 69.00 EUR

*\* This optional is only able to be operated between mid-March and the end of October.*

**Lake Como with your Local Expert** - Travel along the shores of Lake Como and admire Villa Olmo as your Local Expert shares insights into the villa's history and the grand estates that line the lake. Then enjoy a walk along the waterfront, taking in views across to Brunate and passing the Tempio Voltiano, dedicated to Alessandro Volta, before relaxing over a local speciality in Como.

Adult: 51.00 EUR

#### Day 9 | Italian Lakes at Leisure



Relish a full day to relax and enjoy this popular resort and beautiful lake. Napoleon came here to plan his Italian Campaign, and Mussolini and Chamberlain met here before World War II to sign the Treaty of Stresa. Perhaps take a cruise out to the lovely Borromean Islands? Isola Bella is where Carlo Borromeo built his charming Palace. Savour delicious Farm-to-Table cuisine during your dinner, accompanied by some exquisite Italian wines. Raise a glass to your travels and newfound friends.

**Meals:** Breakfast, Dinner

**Hotel:** Grand Hotel Dino, Baveno

#### OPTIONAL EXPERIENCES:

**Lake Orta Cruise** - With our Local Expert, we'll experience the historical and spiritual heart of Lake Orta, one of the hidden gems of the Italian Lake District. From the comfort of our private launch, enjoy the natural beauty of the lake, its backdrop of wooded hills and the mystical sacred island of San Giulio.

Adult: 52.00 EUR

#### Day 10 | Depart Italy



Your journey draws to a close in the morning and transfers arrive at Milan's Malpensa Airport.

**Meals:** Breakfast

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