

Durgan Travel Service presents...

14 Days/12 Nights

Lake Como, Tuscany & Rome

Departures:

March at \$TBA*

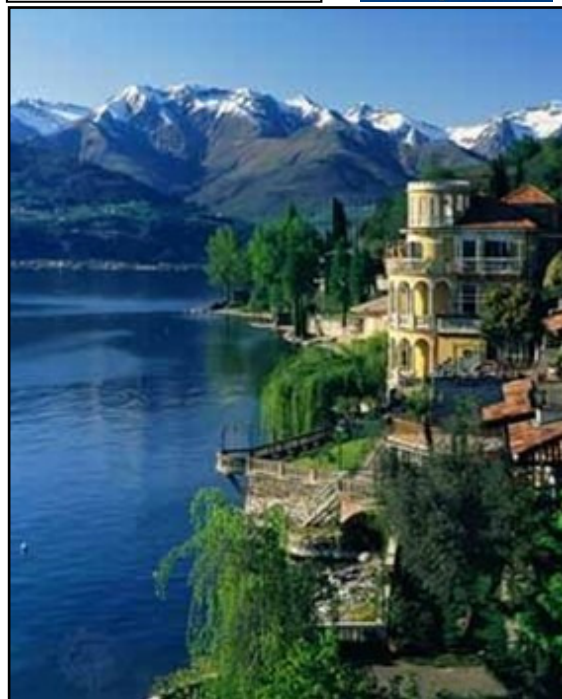
April at \$TBA*

Early May at \$TBA*

October at \$TBA*

**VALID PASSPORT
REQUIRED**

Your passport must be
valid 3 months after your
RETURN date



*Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for cash and check discounted rates. Rates are per person, twin occupancy, and include \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

OUR 14-DAY/12-NIGHT LAKE COMO, TUSCANY & ROME TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~MILAN: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Milan (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.

DAY 2 – MILAN~LAKE COMO: "Benvenuti in Italia!" Upon arrival at Malpensa Airport in Milan, we will meet our Tour Escort, who will help us our transfer. We'll enjoy a panoramic guided sightseeing tour of Milan, including a light lunch at a local restaurant. We will drive north to scenic to Lake Como where we will check in at *Hotel NJ Pontevecchio* in Lecco (or similar). Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (L, D) *Hotel Website - www.nh-hotels.it*

DAY 3 – COMO~LAKE COMO~BELLAGIO: After breakfast at our hotel, we will depart for a guided morning tour of the beautiful town of Como, which has kept much of its ancient Roman street plan, beginning in the lovely Piazza Cavour, which is surrounded by quaint cafés, colorful houses, and stately hotels. In the afternoon, we will take a cruise from the town of Como, up the lake past gorgeous villas, to the picturesque town of Bellagio. We will return by boat our hotel on Lake Como for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – LAKE MAGGIORE~THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS: After breakfast, we will discover wonderful Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands. First on our agenda, we will drive to Stresa where we will board the boat for our cruise to Isola Bella for a tour of the sumptuous Borromeo Palace, and its magnificent and massive Italian-style gardens. We will next cruise to tiny Isola dei Pescatori, once a fisherman's island and Hemingway's favorite of the Borromean Islands. We will spend the afternoon exploring the island with its narrow alleyways and romantic churches. Return to Stresa by boat, then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – LAKE COMO~MODENA~MONTECATINI: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we say goodbye to the amazing Italian Lakes and say hello to Tuscany. During our motorcoach transfer to Montecatini, we will stop in Modena. The town is well known, especially for some famous people who were born and lived here, such as Enzo Ferrari and Luciano Pavarotti, and for some of its gastronomical products, such as wine, balsamic vinegar, and parmesan cheese. En route to Modena, we will pause for a light lunch that includes a tasting of local specialties and wine. Afterwards we continue by motorcoach and check into *Hotel Puccini* (or similar) in Montecatini. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D) *Hotel website - www.hotelpuccini.net*.

DAY 6 – FLORENCE: After breakfast, we depart for Florence. First, we will walk around the stirring sights of Florence, including Giotto's Bell Tower, Ghiberti's Gates of Paradise, and Brunelleschi's Dome. The tour ends in Signoria Square. We will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Afternoon at leisure to explore. Florence has some of the greatest museums in the world, including the Academia (home to Michelangelo's *David*), and the Uffizzi Gallery. Check out the famed Ponte Vecchio Bridge, or the Medici Palace. Return to Montecatini for dinner at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7 – CINQUE TERRE: After breakfast, we will spend the entire day touring the picturesque Cinque Terre peninsula. We will travel by coach and train to the cliffside town of Riomaggiore and stroll along the Via dell'Amore to Manarola. Then we will take a train ride to Monterosso for a seafood lunch with white wine. When we return by boat to LaSpezia, we will have time for a stop in Portovenere. After a full day, we will return to our hotel in Montecatini for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 8 – CHIANTI COUNTRY~CASTELLO VICCHIOMAGGIO: After breakfast, we head out on an excursion to the Chianti Region, where we combine a wine tasting, a cooking demonstration, and a country drive through magnificent Tuscan landscapes. This popular region is recognized for its classic wines and intrinsic beauty. We'll discover an enchanted world of woods alternating with vines and olive trees, Romanesque churches, medieval farmhouses, and Renaissance villas. We will enjoy dinner this evening at Vicchiomaggio Castle (or similar). Overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 9 – REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO~RIMINI/RICCIONE: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will board our motorcoach for a morning drive to the third smallest country in Europe, officially known as "The Most Serene Republic of San Marino." On our guided tour, we will see the Gothic Palazzo Publico, the colorful Fortress Guards at the Piazza della Liberta, the 14th century Church of San Francesco, the Palazzo dei Valloni, the Neo-Classical Basilica of San Marino, and many of San Marino's most historic sites. Our tour ends at the Fortress of Mount Titano, which offers tremendous panoramic views of the surrounding countryside and the Adriatic Sea. Check into *Hotel Royal Plaza* (or similar) in Rimini for dinner and overnight. (B, D) *Hotel Website - www.hotelroyalplaza.it*

DAY 10 – FERRARA~RAVENNA: After breakfast, we'll take a full day of sightseeing, begins in Ferrara, which is situated on a broad plain north of Rimini. Ferrara still preserves its Renaissance-era atmosphere when it was the seat of the court of the powerful Este family. With our local guide, we will explore Ferrara's twisting, medieval cobblestone streets, visit the magnificent Cathedral with its towering Gothic façade, and – best of all – the Castello Estense, a castle straight out of the storybooks with a moat, drawbridges and towers! Next on our agenda is a visit to the former Byzantine center of Ravenna. The city is particularly renowned for its mosaics, artworks, and architecture of the Byzantine period (6th to 8th century AD), and our guide will point out many outstanding examples. Return to our hotel in Rimini for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 11 – RIMINI~ASSISI~ROME: Following breakfast and hotel check-out, we will leave for Rome via Assisi. While onboard our motorcoach transfer, we will have use of headphones to enjoy our guide's two-hour tour of Assisi. We view the beautiful countryside with lunch (*on our own*) en route to "The Eternal City." Upon arrival in Rome, we will check into the *Hotel Lucilla Palace* (or similar). There will be time to rest, relax, shop, and freshen up. Dinner and overnight. (B, D) Hotel Website: www.hotelaugustalucillapalace.com

DAY 12 – VATICAN CITY~ROME: After breakfast, we will take a full-day guided tour of Rome. We will visit St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and the Sistine Chapel. Raise your eyes to see Michelangelo's "Creation" and the famous "Last Judgment." Lunch is on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 13 – ANCIENT~MODERN ROME: Breakfast at our hotel, followed by a half-day city sightseeing tour. In the morning, we will have our "Ancient Rome" tour, featuring the famous monuments and landmarks of Rome. In the afternoon, following time for lunch (*on our own*), we will meet up for a tour of Modern Rome. By the time our day winds to a close, we will have seen the Coliseum, the Pantheon, the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and worked up our appetites for our farewell dinner with live singing at a restaurant in Rome. Overnight. (B, D)

DAY 14 – ROME~BOSTON: Breakfast and hotel check-out. Transfer to Fiumicino Airport in Rome where we will board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, while in flight. (BB)

OUR 14-DAY/12-NIGHT LAKE COMO, TUSCANY & ROME TOUR INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

- ★ Round-trip motorcoach transportation to and from Boston's Logan International Airport. FREE with a minimum of 35 paying passengers. Additional charge with fewer than 35.
- ★ Special meet-and-greet service and assistance at Logan Airport by a Durgan Travel Service Representative.
- ★ Round-trip regularly scheduled flights Boston-Intermediate City-Milan and Rome-Intermediate City-Boston, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight.
- ★ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a deluxe, private, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ★ 12-nights' accommodations at the hotels listed in the itinerary, based on twin occupancy. The single supplement is an additional \$TBA per single. *Limited availability- may be unavailable or subject to surcharge.* Triples are available at the twin rate.
- ★ Porterage of luggage at the hotels.
- ★ Breakfast (B) each morning, four lunches (L) and dinner (D) each evening.
- ★ Tickets for our boat cruises on Lake Como and Lake Maggiore.
- ★ Ticket for the funicular railway in Bergamo.
- ★ Comprehensive sightseeing package as described in the itinerary, including entrance fees where applicable.
- ★ Services of a full-time Tour Escort who will accompany our group throughout the tour.
- ★ Expert English-speaking step-on guides where required.
- ★ All room and meal taxes, and gratuities to bellmen.
- ★ Complimentary Durgan Travel Service flight bag and complete packet of required travel documents.

A \$TBA DEPOSIT IS DUE UPON RECEIPT OF FLYER. THE BALANCE IS DUE 75 DAYS PRIOR TO DEPARTURE.

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TRIP DEVIATIONS: Any request for tour deviation will be subject to availability at the time of booking. The *maximum* extension permitted is 10 - 14 days, depending on the airline. A deviation form, along with the surcharge fee of \$150 to change the air (additional \$100 for land arrangements), must be submitted at the time of initial payment, but will be accepted up to 120 days prior to departure. After processing the request, any additional deviation expenses (car rental, train, hotel, etc.) must be paid, in full, to the Retail Department of Durgan Travel Service at the time of reservation. Download form from www.durgantravel.com or contact Durgan Travel at Toll Free 1-800-234-9959 to request a deviation form.

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