

LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND

9 Days/7 Nights
Featuring
**Lake Como,
Saint Moritz,
Bergamo,
Lake Maggiore,
The Borromean
Islands, Milan &
Lugano**



*Rates are per person, twin occupancy and INCLUDE \$TBA in air taxes, fees, and fuel surcharges (subject to change).

Departures:

March at \$TBA*

April at \$TBA*

Early May & Sept. at \$TBA*

October at \$TBA*

November at \$TBA*

*Rates are for payment by credit card. See back for cash/check discount rates.

VALID PASSPORT REQUIRED

Must be valid for 3 months beyond return date

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND TOUR ITINERARY:

DAY 1 – BOSTON~INTERMEDIATE CITY~MILAN: Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our transatlantic flight to Milan (*via an 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" Arrival at Malpensa Airport in Milan where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for a scenic drive to Lake Como where we will check in at our 4-star hotel. The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

DAY 3 – COMO~LAKE COMO~BELLAGIO: Breakfast at our hotel. Depart our hotel by motorcoach 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 travel by boat on a cruise from the town of Como, up the lake past gorgeous villas, to the picturesque town of Bellagio, where we can wander through the peaceful, narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses typical of the area. Return by boat and motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 4 – BERGAMO: Breakfast at our hotel. Today's excursion will take us to Bergamo, which against the backdrop of the Bergamese Alps, is one of the most beautifully situated cities in Lombardy. Bergamo's Old Town is perched on a hill above, enclosed by ancient Venetian walls, while the modern city center sprawls across the plains below. Our walking tour begins in the Piazza Vecchia – the heart of the Old Town – and we will have the opportunity to view many of its most significant civic and religious monuments, including the Palazzo del Comune, Palazzo della Ragione, the magnificent Cathedral, St. Maria Maggiore, the Colleoni Chapel, with its frescoed dome by Tiepolo, and the beautiful Baptistery. Late-afternoon return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 5 – LAKE MAGGIORE & THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS: Breakfast at our hotel. Today, 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 6 – LUGANO, SWITZERLAND: Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will again cross the Swiss border for our full-day tour to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano is nestled in a bay on the northern side of Lake Lugano, surrounded by the nearby Swiss Alps. The town center, with its Mediterranean-style squares and arcades, and numerous parks, invites us to laze around and enjoy the atmosphere. By the lakeside promenade are the famous Belvedere Gardens, which boasts not only magnificent camellias and magnolias, but also countless sub-tropical plants and modern works of art. Return to Lake Como for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

DAY 7 – MILAN: Breakfast at our hotel. Departing our hotel this morning, we will head south to stylish Milan, a city with some of the world's most stunning art and architecture. Our full-day of guided sightseeing includes: the flamboyant 14th century Gothic Duomo ("defended" by the marble statues of 2,224 saints and nearly 100 gargoyles), the legendary Teatro alla Scala opera house, and the beautiful Renaissance Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie and its rectory to view Da Vinci's 15th century masterpiece "Last Supper" mural painting. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 8 – SAINT MORITZ, SWITZERLAND: Breakfast at our hotel. This morning, we will head north, through Chiavenna in the beautiful Bregaglia Valley, to Castasegna where we will cross the Swiss border. Then, we will navigate the thirteen winding hairpin turns of the road through the Maloja Pass. After passing by crystal-blue Lake Sils, we will drive through Silvaplana (which is 6000 feet above sea level) to the world-renowned mountain resort of Saint Moritz. Our full-day of guided sightseeing will include a walking tour of many of this chic town's most historic and famous landmarks, including the Protestant Church (circa 1786), the idyllic Old Cemetery, the Schiefer Turm (the Leaning Tower – all that remains of the old Romanesque Church of St. Maurice) and the Olympic Games venues. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

DAY 9 – LAKE COMO~MILAN~INTERMEDIATE CITY~BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to Malpensa Airport in Milan to board our return flight to Boston (*via intermediate city*) with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

OUR 9-DAY/7-NIGHT LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND 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 return, with full meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in-flight. The identity of the carrier, which may include the carrier's code-share partner, will be assigned and disclosed at a later date.
- ★ All transfers and daily sightseeing aboard a deluxe, private, temperature-controlled motorcoach, with expert driver.
- ★ 7-nights' accommodations at a hotel at Lake Como, 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 and dinner (D) each evening.
- ★ Tickets for our boat cruises on Lake Como and Lake Maggiore.
- ★ 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, *should* 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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DEPARTURE DATES:

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