



Lake Iseo, Lombardy



Bressanone

Northern Italy: The Alps, Dolomites & Lombardy

Italy: Lecco, Tirano, Lake Iseo, Trento, Bressanone (Dolomites), Venetian Countryside

17 days starting from **\$6,345** including international airfare from San Francisco or Los Angeles
Single Supplement: **FREE**

Departure Date: April 28, 2025

Return Date: May 13, 2025

Activity Level:

① ② ③ ④ ⑤ Moderate

ITINERARY SUMMARY

DAYS	DESTINATION
1	Fly to Milan, Italy
2-4	Lecco
5-7	Tirano
8-9	Lake Iseo
10-11	Trento
12-14	Bressanone
15	Venetian countryside
16	Return to U.S.



OPTIONAL EXTENSIONS

Italian Riviera, Genoa & the Cinque Terre

PRE-TRIP: 5 nights from **\$2,395**

Classic Venice: Murano & Burano

POST-TRIP: 4 nights from **\$1,995**

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ITINERARY

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly overnight to Milan, Italy.

DAY 2 • Milan, Italy • Lecco

Arrive in Milan and transfer to Lecco, where we'll meet members of your group, including those who took the *Italian Riviera, Genoa & the Cinque Terre* or *The Swiss Alps: Lucerne, Bern & Zermatt* pre-trip extensions.

DAY 3 • Explore Lecco

Set off on a walking tour of riverside Lecco. Home to just under 50,000 inhabitants, Lecco sits about 30 miles north of Milan, on the peaceful, gently winding shoreline where Lake Como flows into the Adda River. Lecco features architectural landmarks such as the Torre Viscontea, a 14th-century medieval tower, as well as the Teatro della Società, a neoclassical work of art. After, you'll have some time to explore on your own. We'll gather tonight for a Welcome Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 4 • Explore Milan

Enjoy a guided tour of Milan this morning. Our discoveries include a stroll through the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, which connects both the Teatro La Scala, and a visit to the Duomo di Milano, Milan's striking Gothic cathedral. One of the world's largest churches (it can seat 10,000), the white-marble Duomo covers an entire city block and has some 3,200 statues and 135 spires adorning its extravagant façade—more than any other building in the world. We'll cap off our day with a visit to the Museo del Cenacolo Vinciano—the home of Da Vinci's world-famous mural "The Last Supper."

DAY 5 • Varenna • Tirano

Visit Varenna, a fishing village nestled along the shores of Lake Como. Here, we'll stroll along the Walk of Lovers, a pedestrian footpath renowned for its views of the lake, village, and surrounding mountains. After some free time to explore, we'll drive to Tirano, where we'll have dinner at a local restaurant.

IT'S INCLUDED

- 14 nights accommodations
- International airfare, airport transfers, government taxes, fees, and airline fuel surcharges unless you choose to make your own air arrangements
- All land transportation
- 29 meals—14 breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 7 dinners (including 1 Home-Hosted Dinner)
- 18 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters on the main trip and extensions
- 5% Frequent Traveler Credit toward your next adventure

DAY 6 • A Day in the Life in the Valtellina Valley

Experience **A Day in the Life** in the Valtellina Valley. You may visit a locally-owned goat cheese producer for a tasting, explore a San Rocco water mill that grinds buckwheat for pasta, or participate in daily chores of a family-run farm before sitting down for a homemade lunch.

DAY 7 • Bernina Express Train to Switzerland • Home-Hosted Dinner

We set off today for a full-day excursion across the Alps and into Switzerland. We'll board the local Bernina Express Train, one of the few rail journeys designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The Bernina Express Train is not just the world's highest Alpine crossing (reaching an altitude of 7,400 feet), but also the steepest, with gradients up to 7%. We'll then depart the train at Diavolezza station to ride a cable car up to a scenic viewpoint. Later, enjoy a **Home-Hosted Dinner** in the home of a local family in Tirano.





Varenna, Lake Como

DAY 8 • Lake Iseo • Franciacorta vineyard tour

Head to Lago d'Iseo, a lake in the Franciacorta wine region, to visit a local winery run by two sisters. We'll hike the property's lush hills before learning about the ancient production process of sparkling wine. After, we'll enjoy lunch and a wine tasting.

DAY 9 • Lake Iseo • Montisola • Optional Brescia tour

Most of the day is yours to explore on your own. You may join our optional tour to the village of Brescia to visit an artisanal market and Roman ruins. Later this afternoon, you'll have the option to visit Montisola, a small town in the Franciacorta hills.

DAY 10 • Transfer to Trento • Visit Garda Lake • Olive oil tasting & lunch

Head to Trento, with a stop along the way in Garda. Covering more than 140 square miles, Lake Garda is the largest of the Italian lakes—so large it straddles the border of three distinct regions: Lombardy, Trentino Alto-Adige, and Veneto. The shores of the lake are dotted with quaint, postcard-perfect towns like the one we'll explore today, Desenzano. Following our discovery walk of the town, we'll then visit a local farm for an olive oil tasting and lunch. Afterwards, we continue our transfer to Trento.

DAY 11 • Trento

Set off on a walking tour of Trento. The city is noted in history as the locale of the Council of Trent, which began the Counter Reformation and brought half of Europe back to Roman Catholicism in the mid-16th century. Afterwards, you'll have the option to explore Trento on your own, or join your Trip Experience Leader on a scenic hike.

DAY 12 • Val di Funes • Bressanone (Brixen)

We'll start our day with a hike through the Val di Funes, a beloved valley known for its steep peaks and pastoral alpine scenes. After visiting an 18th-century chapel in a nearby hamlet, we'll continue on to Bressanone (also known as Brixen), the oldest city in the Alto Adige region.

DAY 13 • Bolzano • Conversation about Tyrolean cultural identity

Depart by train for Bolzano, the capital of South Tyrol. After a walking tour, we'll stop at the civic museum to discuss Tyrolean cultural identity, then visit an archaeological museum featuring Otzi, a 5,300-year-old ice mummy.

DAY 14 • Ladin Valleys • Nature hike • Bressanone

Visit Val Gardena, a valley nestled in the heart of the UNESCO-designated Dolomites where a trio of languages is spoken: German,

Italian, and Ladin. The terrain here makes for a hiker's haven and skier's Shangri-La. To explore it, we'll meet a Ladin-speaking local who will hike with us through the Dolomites. Afterwards, enjoy lunch at a scenic mountain chalet.

DAY 15 • Valsugana • Apple orchard • Venetian countryside

Leave the Alps for the hills of the Veneto region. Along the way, visit an apple orchard to meet with the farmer, learn about local apple cultivation, and enjoy a homemade lunch. Afterward, gather for a Farewell Drink and Dinner at our lodgings, an ancient Venetian villa.

DAY 16 • Return to U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home. Or, begin your *Classic Venice: Murano & Burano* post-trip extension.



Monterosso, Cinque Terre, Italy

Italian Riviera, Genoa & the Cinque Terre

5 nights pre-trip from m **\$2,395** Only \$479 per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

DAY 1 • Depart U.S.

Fly from the U.S. to Genoa, Italy.

DAY 2 • Arrive Genoa, Italy

An O.A.T. representative will greet you at the airport and assist you with your transfer to the hotel. After a Welcome Drink, the evening is yours to discover the capital of the Italian Riviera, with dinner on your own.

DAY 3 • Explore Genoa

After breakfast and an orientation briefing, we'll set off on a walking tour of the heart of medieval Genoa. We'll also make a stop at a local *focacceria* (bakery) where you might like to try a slice of warm focaccia, a favorite Genoese street food. Then, after lunch on your own, the afternoon is free. Dinner is at a local restaurant this evening.

DAY 4 • Monterosso • Riomaggiore

After breakfast, we will depart for the Cinque Terre, five captivating villages clustered on terraces atop cliffs that drop dramatically into the sea. Upon arrival in Monterosso, we'll have an orientation walk and some free time to explore before lunch at a local restaurant. Later, we'll board the local train to visit Riomaggiore, the southernmost village of the Cinque Terre famous for its pastel homes clinging to the cliffs. Dinner is on your own this evening.

DAY 5 • Monterosso • Optional Cinque Terre by boat tour

Enjoy a full day to discover Monterosso on your own, or join our optional Cinque Terre by boat tour.

DAY 6 • Monterosso • Corniglia

After breakfast, we'll board a 4-wheel-drive vehicle to explore the least-visited of the Cinque Terre towns, Corniglia. Unlike the others, Corniglia is 300 feet uphill, with no harbor. Then, we gather around the table in a local farmhouse for lunch, savoring the specialties of Liguria in the most authentic setting. After lunch, we return to our hotel for the remainder of the day on your own.

DAY 7 • Transfer to Lecco • Join main trip

After breakfast, transfer to Milan to begin the main trip.

Learn more at www.oattravel.com/itr-genoa-2024

Please note: This extension may not be available on all departures.

IT'S INCLUDED

- Accommodations for 5 nights
- 10 meals—5 breakfasts, 2 lunches, and 3 dinners
- 5 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters
- All transfers

FEATURED HOTEL

Hotel Continental Genoa, Italy

Housed in an elegant Art Nouveau building, the Hotel Continental sits opposite the Genova Principe Train Station, just steps away from Piazza Acquaverde. Each of the hotel's air conditioned rooms offer a flat-screen TV, minibar, en suite bathroom, and hair dryer. The hotel also features an on-site restaurant with a leafy outdoor terrace.



Venice, Italy

Classic Venice: Murano & Burano

4 nights post-trip from **\$1,995** Only **\$499** per night

Single Supplement: **FREE**

DAY 1 • Transfer to Venice

After breakfast, we transfer to Tronchetto, an artificial island in the Venetian Lagoon, where we'll take a water taxi to our Venice hotel. After lunch at a local restaurant, your afternoon is free in Venice.

DAY 2 • Venice • Optional Gondola ride & dinner

After breakfast, we'll embark on a walking tour of Venice, stopping at sites such as Basilica San Marco, Venice's most famous church and an excellent example of Byzantine architecture. The rest of the day is yours to pursue independent discoveries in Venice. This afternoon, you can join an Optional Tour to one of the few remaining gondola workshops in the city to observe how they build these elegant black boats that have been plying the canals of Venice since the 16th century.

DAY 3 • Venice • Visit Burano & Murano islands

After breakfast, we'll take the public ferry to Burano, a charming island in the Venetian Lagoon with fishing and lace-making traditions, and colorfully painted houses. Then, we'll visit Murano, renowned for its glassblowing tradition, before returning to Venice for the rest of the afternoon free, with dinner on your own.

DAY 4 • Free time in Venice

After breakfast, your day in Venice is free to pursue individual interests. You may also join your Trip Experience Leader for a morning discovery walk. This evening, enjoy a Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant.

DAY 5 • Depart for U.S.

Transfer to the airport in Venice for your flight home.

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IT'S INCLUDED

- All land transportation
- Accommodations for 4 nights
- 8 meals—4 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 1 dinner
- 5 small group activities
- Services of a local O.A.T. Trip Experience Leader
- Gratuities for local guides, drivers, and luggage porters

FEATURED HOTEL

Hotel Papadopoli Venezia Venice, Italy

The Hotel Papadopoli Venezia is located in the historic center of Venice, close to the Grand Canal and Constitution Bridge. Amenities include a restaurant and bar. There are 96 air-conditioned rooms, each with minibar, safe, satellite TV, wireless Internet, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and private bath with hair dryer.



2025 Departure Dates & Prices

Additional departure cities are available

DEPARTURE: APRIL 28, 2025
RETURN: MAY 13, 2025

Small Group Adventure only	\$4,995
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AIR ADD-ON

San Francisco or Los Angeles	\$1,350
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Additional departure cities are available. Call for details.

Deposit: \$500 Deposit per person.

Single Supplement: FREE. Single accommodations are limited. If single rooms are full, ask about our Roommate Matching Service.

Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure, January 28th, 2025

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