## **Explore the Italian Lakes**

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**Day 1 - DEPART -** Today we depart JFK on our overnight flight to Milan aboard a wide bodied jet. We will be served complementary beverages, in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft

**Day 2 – LECCO** – This morning we arrive Milan where we will be met by our Tour Manager and transferred to our hotel in Lecco on the shores of Lake Como. Rest of the day at leisure. Dinner and overnight.



Day 3 – SIRMIONE/GARDONE RIVIERA – Morning departure for Lake Garda. Our first stop this morning will be in Sirmione where we will visit Catullo's grottoes, the largest and most complete Roman villa in northern Italy. We also visit Rocca Scaligera, also known as Sirmione Castle, then continue with a stroll along the historical center. This afternoon we proceed to Gardone Riviera where we will visit "The Vittoriale degli Italiani", the museum where writer Gabriele D'Annunzio lived. We return to Lecco for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 – MILAN – Morning drive to the financial capital of Italy, Milan. Our first stop will be the Brera Art Gallery, followed by a visit to the Scala Opera House. We visit the the majestic Duomo in the afternoon, followed by a stroll along the Navigli canals and time to shop along the most famous fashion routes of Milan. We return to Lecco for dinner and overnight.

**Day 5 – LAKE ISEO /FRANCIACORTA/BRESCIA –**Morning departure towards Lake Iseo, where our first stop will be the small village of the same name. We will then visit the Franciacorta winery and enjoy a wine tasting

session. We then proceed to a local agriturismo for lunch. This afternoon, we continue to Brescia, called "the Lioness of Italy". We will visit the historical center and have some free time for shopping. Afterwards we return to Lecco for dinner and overnight.

Day 6 – LECCO – This morning we will take a walking tour of our host city Lecco, where the first half of "The Betrothed" or "I Promessi Sposi", written by novelist Alessandro Manzoni, took place. This afternoon is free to explore on your own. Dinner will be available at hotel for those who choose to dine with us. Overnight at our hotel.

## Day 7 - LUGANO/LOCARNO/ASCONA/COMO -

Morning departure for Lugano, located in the Canton Ticino, the Italian speaking side of Switzerland, and overlooking the lake of the same name. We take a walking tour of this splendid town. Continue to Locarno located on the northern tip of Lake Maggiore and visit the historical center. We then proceed to nearby Ascona for a short visit. This afternoon we continue to Como, situated on the shores of Lake Como where we visit the historical center. Return to Lecco for dinner and overnight.

**Day 8 – STRESA/ BORROMEAN ISLANDS – Morning** departure for Stresa on the shores of Lake Maggiore where



we will board a ferry for a visit of the Borromean Islands [Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori]. Afternoon visit of Stresa. Return to Lecco for dinner and overnight. **Tuesday, Day 9 – USA –** Today we make our way back to New York, JFK with memories of a lifetime.