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16 Wonderful Days **Milan to Venice**
Italian Lakes & Tuscany

Unveil the enchanting harbours & towns across the Italian Lakes

Enjoy time soaking up the atmosphere of Italy's famous lakes

Explore the historic naval city of Genoa and cruise the coastline to seductive Portofino and idyllic Cinque Terre. Visit the hidden Abbey of San Fruttuoso, the fantastic Ferrari museum, dine in a Tuscan Osteria and stay in an elegant Italian Villa.

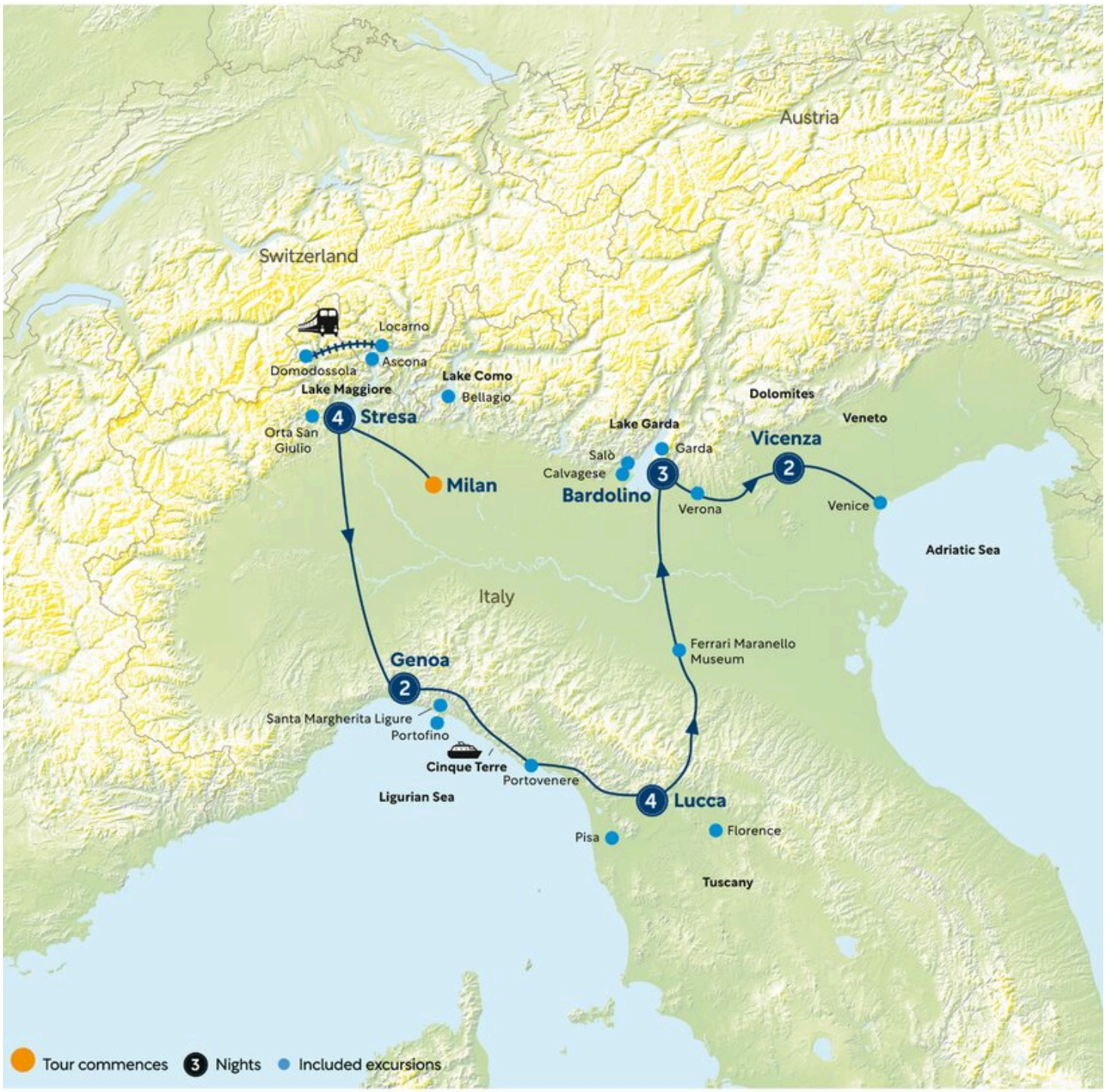
Travel in a first-class air-conditioned touring coach

Welcome drink on Day 1
27 meals including breakfast daily (B), lunch in Lucca, Parmesan cheese tasting with a light lunch, wine tasting and lunch at Redaelli de Zinis (L) plus 9 evening meals (D)
A complimentary glass of wine, beer or soft drink with all included dinners

Hotel porterage of 1 bag per person (where available)
15 nights specially selected hotel accommodation
Free WiFi at most hotels (where available)

Personal audio system whilst on tour (where available)
Local guides as described in the itinerary
ALL tips for your Tour Manager, Driver and Local Guides
Fully escorted by our experienced Tour Manager

Hand Selected Albatross Inclusions : Visit Villa Borromeo on Isola Bella, Portofino, the Accademia Gallery, Cinque Terre, Pisa, the Ferrari Museum and Verona. Private boat trips on Lake Maggiore and Lake Como. Ride on the panoramic Centovalli Express train. Taste wine & olive oil in a Tuscan Osteria. Learn how Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese is made. Enjoy lunch and a tasting at a Lake Garda winery.
ALL excursions, scenic drives, sightseeing and entrances as described


Austria
Switzerland
Locarno
Ascona
Domodossola
Lake Maggiore
Lake Como
Bellagio
4 Stresa
Orta San Giulio
Milan
Dolomites
Veneto
Lake Garda
Garda
Salò
Calvagese
3
Bardolino
Verona
2
Vicenza
Venice
Adriatic Sea
Italy
Ferrari Maranello Museum
Genoa
2
Santa Margherita Ligure
Portofino
Cinque Terre
Portovenere
Ligurian Sea
4 Lucca
Pisa
Florence
Tuscany
Tour commences
3 Nights
Included excursions

Stresa welcome

Day 1 | **Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa, Piedmont, Italy** | **D**

Commencing in central Milan at 2pm we will transfer you to Stresa on wonderful Lake Maggiore, where you will stay the next four nights. Join us tonight for a welcome drink before dinner in a local restaurant. This is an ideal chance to meet, and get to know, your Tour Manager and fellow travellers.

Scenic train journey to Locarno and visit Ascona

Day 2 | **Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa, Piedmont, Italy** | **B,D**

This morning we drive north to Domodossola at the foot of the Italian Alps. Here we board the famous Centovalli Express train which runs through the 'Hundred Valleys' to Locarno. Relaxing in the panoramic carriages, we pass over numerous bridges and through numerous tunnels, travelling beside waterfalls, villages and vineyards. A spectacular journey! Arriving in Locarno we will make a short stop in the grand square before boarding our coach to visit nearby Ascona. Lunchtime will be at leisure in this delightful lakeside town. As a finalé, we follow the scenic route home hugging the shores of Lake Maggiore all the way back to Stresa. Dinner tonight is in your hotel.

Island of Isola Bella and lakeside Orta San Giulio

Day 3 | **Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa, Piedmont, Italy** | **B**

Boarding our private boat we visit Lake Maggiore's famous island of Isola Bella where we have included entrance and a guided tour of the palatial Borromeo villa and gardens, which dominate the island. The villa boasts Murano glass chandeliers, gobelin-covered chairs, intricate tapestries and paintings. The spectacular formal gardens rise behind the ornate villa, with patterned flower beds falling in terraces, with statues and ornamental stonework completing the Italianate style. Lunchtime is at leisure back in lakeside Stresa.Later this afternoon we visit the delightful town of Orta San Giulio beside the beautiful, and some say most romantic, of all the lakes – Lake Orta. Your evening is at leisure to discover a local trattoria for dinner.

Cruise on Lake Como to Bellagio

Day 4 | **Regina Palace Hotel, Stresa, Piedmont, Italy** | **B**

This morning we drive to Lake Como where we follow the western shore of the lake to Tremezzo. Here we board our private boat and enjoy a cruise on Lake Como, past a number of striking lakeside villas, to delightful Bellagio. This beautiful town is situated at the tip of the peninsula deparating the lake's two southern arms, with the Alps visible across the lake to the north. It's time to relax in this delightful town which boasts peaceful villas and gardens nestled by the lakeside, elegant shops and walkways plus stylish al fresco dining at its very best. Your evening is at leisure back in the lakeside town of Stresa.

Explore medieval Genoa and 'street food' tasting

Day 5 | **Grand Hotel Savoia, Genoa, Liguria** | **B,D**

Bidding farewell to Lake Maggiore we drive south to the coastal region of Liguria, arriving around midday in Genoa. Once the capital of a naval empire, Genoa boasts the largest intact medieval city centre in the whole of Europe. Here we are joined by a local guide to explore the city's old heart, with its pedestrian shopping malls, beautiful churches and squares, and nearly 50 UNESCO listed palaces and stately homes, and enjoy a 'street food' walking tour to taste local specialities such as foccacia al pesto, fried fish, farinata and gelato.

Santa Margherita Ligure, Portofino and Abbey of San Fruttuoso

Day 6 | **Grand Hotel Savoia, Genoa, Liguria** | **B**

Boarding a boat in Rapallo, our first stop will be in the beautiful harbour town of Santa Margherita Ligure with its elegant shops, boutiques and cafés that litter the port. We continue by boat along the rugged Liguria coastline to the world famous harbour of Portofino. Delightfully set in a tiny bay, overlooked by the church and castle high above, this old port makes a perfect lunch stop. Later, we continue around the coast to visit the Abbey of San Fruttuoso, which is only accessible by boat. Your evening is at leisure in Genoa.

Cruise the coastline of the Cinque Terre

Day 7 | **Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy** | **B,D**

A delightful day is planned as we explore the famous Cinque Terre. The name means 'five lands' and comes from the five unspoilt fishing villages that cling to the cliffs, overlooking the sea. Boarding a train in Genoa, our first stop of the day will be in the pretty port of Monterosso. From here we catch a boat and cruise along the spectacular coastline of the Cinque Terre to visit the delightful villages of Vernazza and Portovenere. Arriving in La Spezia we board our coach and travel to Tuscany. We stay the next four nights in the typically 'Tuscan' town of Lucca* – a medieval walled city, filled with palaces, churches and ancient houses. Dinner tonight is in a local restaurant.

**13 September 2027 departure stays 4 nights in Montecatini Terme. Please refer to your pre-departure documents for necessary changes made to the Itinerary on Days 7, 8, 9 & 10 for these departures that are based in Montecatini Terme.*

Visit Pisa and 'My Time' in Lucca

Day 8 | **Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy** | **B,D**

This morning we visit nearby Pisa. We have included a 'petit train' ride to take us right into the city centre with its famous Leaning Tower in the magnificent Piazza dei Miracoli. We have also included entrance tickets to the Cathedral, Baptistery and the memorable Camposanto.

Your afternoon has been left entirely free to explore delightful Lucca. Perhaps visit the former home of Puccini, where he wrote 'Turandot'. Take a bike ride or a stroll around the entire town on top of the broad city walls.

As a highlight this evening we drive into the picturesque Tuscan countryside to visit a local olive oil farmhouse estate. Before dinner is served in the Osteria, we spend time amongst the olive groves and enjoy an olive oil tasting accompanied by Tuscan wines and a selection of antipasto including local meats, cheese and bread – all specialities of this region.

Florence sightseeing and 'My Time'

Day 9 | **Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy** | **B**

Today is dedicated to nearby 'Firenze' (Florence). A local guide will bring to life this truly beautiful city which is otherwise known as the 'Cradle of the Renaissance'. We see the Duomo and take in the magnificent statues in the Piazza della Signoria. We also include a guided visit to the famous Accademia Gallery, home to Michelangelo's 'David' and numerous other extraordinary Italian, Florentine and Renaissance works of art.You will have plenty of 'My Time' to enjoy Florence at your own pace. Espresso coffee on Piazza Santa Croce where Michelangelo is buried? A gelato whilst strolling across the Ponte Vecchio? Don't forget the excellent shopping.

Tasting Lunch and 'My Time' in Lucca

Day 10 | **Hotel Ilaria, Lucca, Tuscany, Italy** | **B,L**

After a relaxing start we enjoy a tasting lunch. The rest of your afternoon and evening are at leisure in Lucca.

Parmesan Cheese lunch and Ferraris

Day 11 | **Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda** | **B,L,D**

Travelling north, we visit a local cheese producer to learn how 'Parmigiano-Reggiano' (Parmesan) cheese is made, before enjoying a tasting and light lunch. Afterwards, we visit the fantastic Ferrari Museum at Maranello, near Modena. A local guide will join us and show us around this fantastic exhibition of bright red, old, new and future Ferraris and Formula One racing cars. Continuing to Lake Garda, we reach the charming lakeside town of Bardolino, where we stay the next three nights. Dinner tonight will be in our hotel restaurant.

Lakeside Salo and wine tasting at Redaelli de Zinis

Day 12 | **Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda** | **B,L**

This morning we visit the delightful lakeside town of Salo. Explore its historical centre which is filled with lanes and little squares with noble houses, elegant shops and the longest promenade on Lake Garda, at your own pace. Later we continue to Redaelli de Zinis in Calvagese della Riviera. This is a famous local winery and restaurant. Here we enjoy a wine tasting and sample some of the locally sourced produce before lunch.

'My Time' in Lake Garda

Day 13 | **Hotel Caesius Thermae & Spa Resort, Lake Garda** | **B,D**

We have left today entirely free to enjoy glorious Lake Garda. Often regarded as the most beautiful of all the Italian Lakes, Garda is also the largest and deepest. Do as little or as much as you want. Maybe catch a ferry across the lake to explore and shop in the characterful 'picture postcard' ports of Lazise or Sirmione.

Verona sightseeing

Day 14 | **Villa Michelangelo Vicenza - Starhotels Collezione** | **B,D**

Skirting the lake we will visit Romeo and Juliet's Verona. A local guide will bring to life this beautiful city, where these tragic lovers avowed a love that spanned the centuries. We have included a visit to the Roman Amphitheatre, Verona Arena. Built in the first half of the 1st century A.D and renowned as one of the largest amphitheatres in Italy. It is extraordinarily well-preserved and its elliptical shape produces perfect acoustics. In 1913 the staging of a performance of Giuseppe Verdi's Aida gave it a new purpose as an opera theatre. With a seating area made up of 44 levels and a capacity of around 15,000 spectators, every summer, the Roman amphitheatre is transformed into the world's largest open-air opera house.
Later we arrive at our charming Villa hotel near Vicenza, where we stay the last two nights. B,D

Vicenza sightseeing and a Wine Tasting

Day 15 | **Villa Michelangelo Vicenza - Starhotels Collezione** | **B,D**

This morning we spend time in the beautiful city of Vicenza. Made famous as the home of the influential 16 century architect Andrea Palladio, 'Vicenza and the Palladian Villas' is UNESCO heritage listed. Our local guide will bring this beautiful city to life. Highlights will include; seeing Piazza dei Signori, with its 'Torre di Piazza' clock tower, flanked by Palladio's striking Basili Palladiana and medieval law courts, and visiting Palladio's last work and masterpiece, Teatro Olimpico. Afterwards, you have free time to explore the heart of the town at leisure.
This afternoon we visit a local vineyard to enjoy a tour and wine tasting. Returning to our Villa Hotel we enjoy a farewell dinnner.

To Venice

Day 16 | **Villa Michelangelo Vicenza - Starhotels Collezione** | **B**

Your tour ends today after breakfast. We have included a morning group transfer to drop off at Venice Marco Polo airport and and Venice Mestre train station. We recommend you book flights and trains that depart after 1.00pm today.

Hand Selected Inclusions

These are just a few of the very special hand selected inclusions that will really make your touring experience exceptional and unique, and don't forget, with Albatross they are always included.



Isola Bella
Private Boat Cruise & Guided Tour



Lake Como
Private Boat Cruise



Centovalli Express train
Travel through the 'Hundred Valleys' to Locarno



Portofino
Abbey of San Fruttuoso



Visit Pisa
Leaning Tower of Pisa



Cinque Terre
Discover colourful Fishing Villages



Lucca 'My Time'
A typically 'Tuscan' town



Olive Oil Tasting & Dinner
In the Tuscan Countryside



Florence
Walking tour & visit Accademia Gallery



Redaelli de Zinis
Wine Tasting & Lunch



Visit Verona
Guided Walking Tour



Vicenza Walking Tour
UNESCO World Heritage Site

Dates and Prices

Correct as of 00:35 on 27th November 2026

Start Date	End Date	Twin Price	Solo Price	Guaranteed to Depart

13 Sep 2027	28 Sep 2027	AUD$12,987	AUD$15,487	✓	Space Available
08 May 2028	23 May 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register
11 Sep 2028	26 Sep 2028	TBC	TBC		Pre-Register

* The itinerary, inclusions and hotels featured are based on 2027 tour departures and may be subject to change. Any questions, please contact our European Tour Specialists for further details.

Tour Suitability

Due to the nature of the niche places we visit on this tour, to explore all of the beautiful towns and sites a level of mobility is required.

- In mid-summer, the heat may be energy sapping.
- Being in Italy there are a number of beautiful hilltop towns we visit.
- There are a number of beautiful towns and sites we visit which require exploring on foot and often have cobbled-stone streets and uneven walkway.
- In the Cinque Terre you will need to coastal ferry board the boat via a steel gangplank.

Please refer to our Tour Suitability section for more information.

Terms & Conditions

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