

East Lyme Senior Center presents...

Northern Italy and Its Lakes

featuring Lake Como and Venice

with Optional 2-Night Milan Pre Tour Extension

October 7 – 15, 2023



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9 Days ● 11 Meals: 7 Breakfasts, 4 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Lake Maggiore, Lake Lugano, Lake Como, Bellagio, Lake Garda, Sirmione, Treviso, Glassblowing Demonstration, Venice, St. Mark's Square

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Days 6 – 8	Villa Pace Park Hotel Bolognese, Treviso <i>On some dates alternate hotels may be used.</i>

Day 1: Saturday, October 7, 2023 Overnight Flight Take the best of Italian culture – savory cuisine, friendly locals, eons of history – and add the beauty of mystical lakes. A blend of winding canals and gently lapping waves, this is the northern lakes region of Italy. Delve deep into this relaxing hub, serving as a favorite getaway for the international elite.

Day 2: Sunday, October 8, 2023 Lake Maggiore, Italy - Tour Begins Your journey begins in Lake Maggiore where you will settle in for a leisurely 4-night stay, surrounded by the tranquil beauty of the Alpine lakes region. This evening, get to know your fellow travelers as you cruise to picturesque Isola dei Pescatori* for a welcome dinner featuring regional delicacies and local wines. (D)

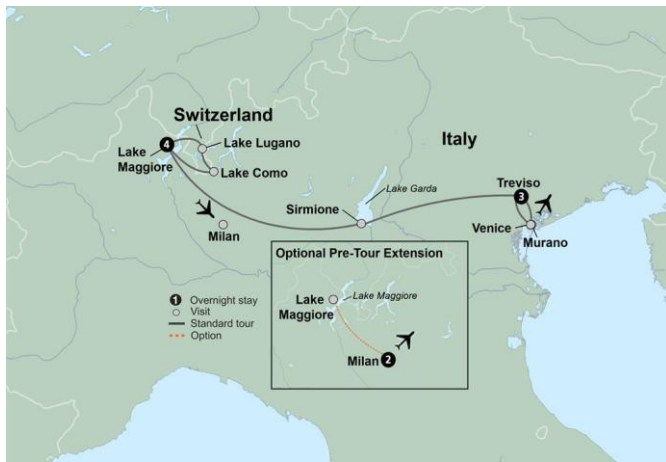
Day 3: Monday, October 9, 2023 Lake Maggiore - Stresa - Lake Maggiore Start the morning by strolling the cobbled streets of Stresa. Long-favored by European aristocracy because of its blend of elegant belle-époque mansions, fragrant gardens and charming views, Stresa has inspired artists and writers since the late 1800s. Enjoy the rest of the day at leisure. Perhaps you'll take an optional tour and coast along the ethereal waters of Lake Maggiore for an up-close look at the Borromean Islands before docking at Isola Bella,** known as the "beautiful island." Join an expert guide and venture into the Borromeo Palace, a Baroque beauty with an exotic garden. Then, return to your boat and cruise by the remaining Borromean Islands. (B)

Day 4: Tuesday, October 10, 2023 Lake Maggiore-Lake Lugano, Switzerland-Lake Como, Italy-Lake Maggiore Take a scenic drive along the glittering shores of Switzerland's Lake Lugano before enjoying a day of sunshine and scenic peaks on the stunning banks of Lake Como. Sail to Bellagio, an ancient peninsula home to winding streets and views that will take your breath away. Enjoy some free time to discover the town's secrets on your own before returning to Lake Maggiore in time for dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 Lake Maggiore The entire day is yours. You may want to soak up the sun on the beach, relax in an outdoor café, or head out on the waves by boat. Perhaps you will take an optional tour to picture-perfect Lake Orta, a hidden gem surrounded by romantic villages and filled with quaint islands, before returning to Lake Maggiore where the evening is yours to enjoy the twinkling lights that illuminate the shores as night falls on the lake. (B)

Day 6: Thursday, October 12, 2023 Lake Maggiore - Lake Garda - Treviso This morning, head to Sirmione, an ancient village situated on the shores of Lake Garda. Enjoy time at leisure to discover the narrow streets, take in views of its famous sinking castle, or simply relax alongside the bright blue waves of the lake. End the day at your hotel next to Treviso, in the Venetian mainland. This evening, explore Treviso, an elegant town of painted houses and quaint canals, crossed by the Sile and Botteniga rivers and encircled by a set of Renaissance city walls. (B)

Day 7: Friday, October 13, 2023 Treviso - Murano Island - Venice - Treviso Start your day with a visit to Murano Island,*** known for its intricate glass making. Witness a glassblowing demonstration, providing a glimpse into the



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methods behind this fine art. Feel the grandeur of the past come alive as you make your way to Venice, a floating labyrinth settled on a lagoon. Pass through the sprawling St. Mark's Square with an expert guide and admire the *Campanile*, a brick bell tower that rises above the piazza. Step outside the main square and explore the Castello district, making your way past historic buildings and architecture as you walk the narrow streets. Enjoy some time at leisure before returning to your hotel in time for dinner. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, October 14, 2023 Treviso The day is yours to discover Treviso however you wish. Perhaps you will

choose to explore more of the Venetian mainland on an optional tour to the enchanted hilltop village of Asolo, where the streets echo the footsteps of the poet Robert Browning, composer Igor Stravinsky and explorer Freya Stark. Continue your journey into the rolling hills of Italy's *Prosecco* region for a visit to a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty. This evening, celebrate the end of a memorable journey during a farewell dinner at your hotel. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, October 15, 2023 Treviso - Tour Ends Wish Italy *arrivederci* as your tour comes to a close today. (B)

Experience It! Lake Como

The gentle waves. The soft breeze. The gleaming sunshine. There's a reason why the rich and famous flock to the shores of Lake Como – and its natural beauty is only the start of it. Nestled against the foothills of the Alps, Lake Como is dotted with bobbing boats and relaxing sunbathers. Along its shore, find towering villas of the brightest colors, jutting out between the trees. The lake was formed by glaciers and displays an iconic "Y" shape. Enjoy a guided cruise of the waters and marvel at the surrounding landscape. Considered to be one of the most beautiful lakes in the world, you'll have to judge its charms for yourself.

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Optional 4 Days 2-Night Milan Pre Tour Extension

Rate: \$699.00 USD per person, double, land only

For more information on extensions and options for this tour visit
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Book Now rates valid until Apr 08, 2023, valid on air inclusive packages only.

IDENTIFICATION

Passports are required for this tour at your expense. Certain countries require a minimum of 6 months passport validity from date of return home. You are strongly urged to contact the appropriate consulate for details. Visit www.travel.state.gov for the U.S. State Department for the latest details about passports and visa requirements.

IMPORTANT: We recommend that our clients traveling abroad take a photocopy of their passport and applicable visas. It should be packed separately from your actual passport and visa. We also recommend leaving a copy at home with your emergency contact.

Effective for travel after May 2023, all visitors who do not need a visa to enter Europe will be expected to apply for an ETIAS travel authorization, for a fee, when visiting a Schengen Area Country. To identify Schengen Area Countries and to complete the ETIAS application, please visit <https://www.etiasvisa.com/>

To complete your tour, we include roundtrip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of *purchasing* these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

Most shops and businesses in Italy are closed on Sundays and on national/religious holidays.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

When reserving single accommodations, be advised that single rooms in Italy are often smaller in size.

*In the event of adverse weather conditions, the dinner at Isola dei Pescatori may be held at your hotel instead.

**Isola Bella and the Borromeo Palace are open from April 1 to October 31. If you are travelling between November 1 and March 31, you will enjoy a scenic cruise of the Borromeo Islands and a visit to Pallanza village instead. If you are in Lake Maggiore between April 1-15 the Borromeo Palace might be closed mid-week.

***Your visit to Murano Island may be substituted with a visit to a local glass factory in Venice in the event of inclement weather.

Zacchera Hotels is a hotel chain in Lago Maggiore. The exact hotel to be used will be available 15 days prior to the tour departure date.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. You feel confident walking at least 30-45 minutes at a time over a variety of terrains – from cobblestone streets to easy straightaways to a couple hills or flights of stairs. You're comfortable walking a few city blocks at a time, but need some time to unwind and relax.

In particular, you should expect large crowds in Venice, which requires about 2 miles of walking over cobblestoned streets and negotiating steps up and down 8-10 bridges with 15-20 steps each. For your visit of Venice, agility is required to board motorboats to Murano and St. Mark's Square. If you require a walker or wheelchair, or have difficulty walking, you may not be able to access some of these areas and may want to consider an alternate tour.

Please be advised many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Our air passengers will arrive into Milan Malpensa airport. All arrival transfers will depart from Milan airport for Lake Maggiore. Our air passengers will depart from Venice airport. All return transfers will depart from Treviso for Venice airport.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

A deposit of \$600 per person is due upon reservation.

Reservations are made on a first come, first served basis.

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CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION FORM

BOOKING NUMBER: 1108953

TOUR: Northern Italy and Its Lakes
featuring Lake Como and Venice

DEPARTURE DATE: October 7, 2023

GROUP NAME: East Lyme Senior Center

Name of Passenger:

Salutation: _____ First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____ Suffix: _____
 (Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

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DEPARTURE DATE: October 7, 2023

GROUP NAME: East Lyme Senior Center

Available Options

Personalize your tour by adding an optional activity below. Our recommended options have been carefully chosen to help enhance your individual experience. Complete the provided Prepaid Options Form to reserve your options.

Availability is limited and reservations are on a first come, first serve basis. Payment must be received no later than 15 days prior to departure. Prices are subject to change.

Children under the age of 18 **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

Stresa

Lake Maggiore Cruise

\$80 USD

Surround yourself in the beauty and grandeur found on the lakes of Northern Italy. Cruise along scenic Lago Maggiore passing the Borromean Islands sprinkled throughout this stunning lake. These petite but incredible islands are brimming with grand villas and exquisite, world-renowned gardens. Glide past Isola del Pescatore viewing the gulf of Baveno before making a stop at Isola Bella. Then we make our way along the cobblestone streets of the quaint town to the impressive, Baroque Borromean Palace and gardens. This famed palace is steeped in immeasurable wealth and regal pageantry. On your guided tour, surroundings will bring you back to the 17th century. Get a glimpse inside life as a royal as you stroll through the opulent halls superbly decorated with rare artwork and tapestries. Then, you'll head outside to the perfectly manicured, tiered gardens that abut the lakeshore. Behold stunning views and the splendor of the gardens as we make our way through with an expert. Return to the boat for a cruise back to Stresa. This option must be purchased at least 20 days prior to the tour's departure. In the event that the option does not meet the minimum number of guests required to operate, guests who purchased the option will be refunded. *Duration: Approximately 2 hours.* Please note a minimum of 12 passengers is required. Transportation is not included.

Lake Orta

Treasures of Lake Orta

\$85 USD

Journey to picture-perfect Orta, a scenic subalpine lake surrounded by ancient villages. During a guided tour, visit one of Italy's Sacri Monti (UNESCO)—chapels built in a scenic location above the lake as pilgrimage sites for those who could not afford the journey to Jerusalem. Then enjoy a boat ride to San Giulio Island, a rocky island in the middle of the lake that provides impressive views of the surrounding shore. Take a walk around the island before returning to the mainland for time at leisure in the old town of Orta, replete of quaint cobblestoned lanes and local cafes. *Duration: Approximately 6 hours.* Transportation is included.

Treviso

Asolo Village & Prosecco Winery

\$95 USD

In 1489 Venice bestowed upon Caterina Cornaro, former Queen of Cyprus, the Seigniorship of Asolo. In this hilltop haven, Caterina created a magnificent Renaissance court of artists, men of letters and poets – leaving an indelible imprint in the art and in the very ideal of the city. Since Caterina's time, this pilgrimage of great minds has never ceased to reach Asolo, and still today its streets echo the footsteps of Robert Browning, Henry James, Igor Stravinsky, Ernest Hemingway and many others... Enjoy time at leisure to discover your favorite corner of this enchanted hilltop village before continuing your journey into the rolling hills of Italy's Prosecco region. Visit a local vineyard where you'll taste the region's sparkling specialty and toast to la dolce vita – sweet life in the Venetian countryside. *Duration: Approximately 8 hours.* Transportation is included.



TRAVEL DATE: 10/07/2023 TERRITORY: A7
RES#: 1108953

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YOUR INFORMATION:

Clearly print your full name (first/middle/last) **as it appears on your government issued travel documentation.**

IMPORTANT: In order to avoid any unnecessary change fees, it is imperative that all guest names are entered correctly from the start. The information below must be the legal name and be 100% identical to the ID being used to travel <passport/driver's license> including middle names or suffixes <Jr, Sr>.

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

Nickname: _____ Gender: () Male () Female Date of Birth: month _____ day _____ year _____

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Passport Number: _____ Expiration Date: (month/day/year) _____ Date of Issuance: (month/day/year) _____

City, State, Country of Issuance: _____ Citizenship: _____

Should you become ill or injured, whom should we contact (not traveling with you): _____ Phone: () _____

ROOMING WITH: Check if address is the same as Passenger #1

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____ Suffix: _____

AIR GATEWAY: Departure airport for this tour: _____

Air Seat Request: () Aisle () Window () Next To Traveling Companion

Collette cannot guarantee your seat preference. If you have not purchased air through Collette and wish to purchase transfers, you must transfer at our pre-scheduled times. Please be advised, when travelling as part of a group, many airlines do not provide seat assignments. Preferred seating may be available for an additional charge.

Please reserve an upgrade to Elite Airfare for an additional rate of: Business Class \$4,190

Service is limited and not available on all flights or carriers. Other restrictions may apply. Please note: if you purchase an upgrade we cannot guarantee the same flight schedule as the group. If Business class service has been purchased, it is for the international portion of the journey only.

Are you willing to separate from the group air schedule to accommodate your upgrade request? () Yes () No

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TRAVEL PROTECTION: () Yes, I wish to purchase travel protection \$399 () No, I decline

If you choose not to purchase Collette's Waiver Insurance Plan, you will incur penalties for changes and cancellations. Travel Protection Payment is due with first deposit. The Waiver Fee does not cover any single supplement charges which arise from an individual's traveling companion electing to cancel for any reason prior to departure. The single supplement will be deducted from the refund of the person who cancels. (There is coverage under Part B which includes a single supplement benefit of \$1,000 for certain covered reasons. See Part B for details.)

EXTENSION: I wish to purchase "2-Night Milan" () Yes () No

ON TOUR ACTIVITIES: Please choose one of the following on tour hotels (subject to availability)

() Zacchera Hotels – Standard (included)

() Zacchera Hotels – Lake View (additional charge of \$200.00 double, \$400.00 single required)

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GROUP NAME: East Lyme Senior Center

DEPARTURE DATE: Oct 07, 2023
BOOKING NUMBER: 1108953

AVAILABLE PREPAID OPTIONS

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PASSENGERS NAME: (Please submit a separate form for each passenger)

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(Mr., Mrs., Rev.) (Please print **EXACTLY** as it appears on Passport) (Jr., Sr.)

✓	Option	Price Per Person (USD)
	Lake Maggiore Cruise <i>This option must be purchased at least 20 days prior to the tour's departure. In the event that the option does not meet the minimum number of guests required to operate, guests who purchased the option will be refunded.</i>	80.00
	Treasures of Lake Orta	85.00
	Asolo Village & Prosecco Winery	95.00

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Rate: \$699.00 USD per person, double, land only

3 Meals: 2 Breakfasts, 1 Dinner

Day 1: Overnight Flight

You are on your way to discover Milan, the fashion-forward financial capital of Italy.

Day 2: Milan, Italy - Extension Begins

Arrive in Milan, a chic and sophisticated metropolis known for being the hub of Italian high fashion and a mecca for international opera buffs. This evening, join your local guide for an authentic Milan ritual, an informal *Apericena* meal mixing pre-dinner drinks and tapas-style food. *Today dinner will be included.*

Day 3: Milan

This morning, take in some of the city's iconic sights on a locally guided walking tour: view the La Scala Opera House and Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, and visit the Duomo,* Milan's magnificent Gothic cathedral. The remainder of the day is at leisure to explore this bustling city at your own pace. You may choose to visit the Sforza Castle, Sant'Ambrogio Cathedral, Leonardo's *Last Supper*** or the Brera Academy of Fine Arts. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Day 4: Milan - Lake Maggiore

This morning, join your local guide for a tour of the *Quadrilatero della Moda*, Milan's high-fashion district, including visits to some of the city's best ateliers and fashion stores. In the early afternoon, transfer to Lake Maggiore where you begin your tour of Northern Italy & its Lakes. *Today breakfast will be included.*

Please Note:

*Please be advised that on occasion you may experience higher than average wait times for entering the Duomo.

During this extension, you can expect to have a **hosted** experience or two, with a local representative revealing more of what this destination has to offer. Enjoy a mix of independent exploration and guided sightseeing and experiences.

**Leonardo's *Last Supper* fresco is one of Milan's most popular sites and is located in the refectory of the Santa Maria delle Grazie Church. Tickets are in high demand and are difficult to obtain on the day or close to the day of visit. If you are interested, we recommend that you purchase tickets online in advance through the official website of Cenacolo Vinciano Vivaticket. Tickets should be purchased for the afternoon of your first or second day in Milan.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first come, first served basis.

Extensions are subject to availability and applicable charges at time of request.

We reserve the right to cancel this extension if a minimum of 3 passengers is not met to operate.

The overall activity level of this extension is a level 3. This means walking and standing for longer periods of time (1-2 hours) isn't a big deal for you. You can navigate hills and uneven ground, climb into various modes of transportation (tuk-tuk, cable car, Zodiac, etc.), and could possibly anticipate changes in elevation. You can expect some longer days balanced with free-time to recharge or set out on your own adventure.