

ACTIVO - Hiking Tour - Italian Lake District – History and nature of the Northern Lakes - 8 Days

- Explore three lakes in one trip
- Boat-ride to the famous Borromean Islands
- Como and panoramic hike above the lake

SUGGESTED ITINERARY - GET IN TOUCH FOR A CUSTOMIZED TOUR!

Day 1: Arrival at Lake Maggiore

Day 2: Charming villages and Borromean Islands (boat Suna – Pescatori – Isola Bella – Intra)

- Setting off from the fishing village of Suna, our hike to Cavandone, a picturesque jewel and example of a traditional dry stone walled mountain settlement, affords wonderful alpine and lake views.

- Back in Suna we take the boat to the Borromean Islands and enjoy lunch at leisure in the fishing village on Isola dei Pescatori

- in the afternoon we head to Isola Bella and visit its sumptuous Baroque Palace with luxuriant gardens

Hiking time: 2.5 hours

Vertical height difference: 200m

Degree of difficulty: easy

Day 3: Along the coast to Switzerland

- A panoramic hike along the coast from Cannero to Cannobio with views of the legendary castles, which appear to rise directly out of the lake itself

- In the afternoon we make a short detour into Switzerland to visit the famous resort of Ascona, a former fishing village, which today is home to artists and high society

Hiking time: 3 hours

Vertical height difference: 295m

Degree of difficulty: moderate

Day 4: Lake Orta

The tour includes:

5 x nights accommodation with buffet breakfast
1 x welcome drink
1 x 3-course evening meal with set menu
3 x 3-course evening meals with choice of starter and main course
1 x traditional 4-course evening meal with set menu
Salad buffet with all evening meals
1 x private return boat-ride to Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori
1 x entrance to the Palace and Gardens on Isola Bella
1 x return boat-ride from Torno to Como
4 x English-speaking hiking tour guides
REQUEST A QUOTE AND A CUSTOMIZED TOUR!

Prices:

04-01-2024 - 10-31-2024 - 3* or 4* Hotel

per person in a twin/double room from 739 €



- Today we discover small but enchanting Lake Orta, a peaceful corner full of Mediterranean charm
 - Hiking between water and mountains, history and nature, we enjoy the spirituality and panoramic location of the Franciscan Monastery on Monte Mesma
 - Back to the lake shores we explore the picturesque old town of Orta San Giulio
- Today, culture and spirituality meet as we take a hike around the settlements of Lake Orta.

Our circular route captures the spirit of Lake Orta and encompasses water and mountains, and history and nature alike. Our first stop is Corconio, a little baroque gem, before reaching the deeply spiritual and peaceful Franciscan Monastery on Monte Mesma, which affords a stunning view. We are then brought back to the present day in the next village of Vacciago, which is devoted to contemporary art. Finally, you will have the opportunity to explore the old town of Orta San Giulio.

Hiking time: 3,5 hours

Vertical height difference: 270m

Degree of difficulty: moderate

Day 5: Lake Como

- On our last day we head to the elegant town of Como and its romantic
- Boat ride to the small town of Torno, a hidden jewel on the lake-shore
- Panoramic circular hike through lush woods towards Monte Piatto, a beautiful terrace with an amazing view over the lake
- Back to Como by boat with time to visit the fascinating old town

Today we head to the other beautiful Lake of Northern Italy, Lake Como. From the city of silk we take the boat to Torno, a hidden jewel with a picturesque historic centre.

We start our hike to Monte Piatto (Flat Mount), to enjoy the most beautiful views over Lake Como. We then start hiking downhill through lush woods and reach the small town of Torno again on another path. From here we take the boat back to Como. Back in Como time to relax and discover the the fascinating old town and the magnificent lakeside promenade.

Hiking time: 4 hours

Altitude difference: 400m

Level of difficulty: middle

Day 6: Departure

3* or 4* Hotel

Accommodation in a 3* or 4* hotel

