

ITALY'S LAKE DISTRICT AND RIVIERA

Featuring Lake Como and Cinque Terre



10 DAYS • 12 MEALS

2017 Departure Dates:

April 21; September 8; October 6, November 3


MayflowerTours™
Life Enriching Experiences

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Keep an eye out for celebrity sightings in Portofino – playground of the rich and famous

The Mayflower Way

- ✓ 12 Meals (8 breakfasts and 4 dinners)
- ✓ Airport transfers on tour dates when air is provided by Mayflower Tours
- ✓ Walking tour of Milan with a visit to the Castello Sforzesco
- ✓ Boat excursion to the Borromean Islands and visit to Borromeo Palace
- ✓ Visit to Sirmione on Lake Garda
- ✓ Touring of Lake Como and cruise to Bellagio
- ✓ Touring in Genoa, Rapallo and Portofino on the Riviera
- ✓ Train adventure to three villages of Cinque Terre
- ✓ \$50 in Mayflower Money

DAY ONE – Depart the USA

Today you'll depart the USA on your overnight flight to Milan, the fashion capital of Italy.

DAY TWO – Milan, Italy

Upon arrival, you'll be met by a Mayflower Tours representative and transferred to your hotel. All flights should arrive by 4:00pm. The remainder of the day is at leisure to begin immersing yourself in the Italian culture. This evening, join your Tour Manager and traveling companions for an included dinner.

(Dinner)

DAY THREE – Milan / Lake Maggiore

The day begins by seeing some of the main sites and monuments of Milan on a guided walking tour. On a stroll through the Brera District, home to art museums and galleries, you'll see why this area is popular among artists and has a likeness to the Montmartre District in Paris. The *Teatro alla Scala*, one of the world's most famous theatres, is among the highlights of the Piazza della Scala, along with the monument to Leonardo da Vinci, a former resident of Milan. As you pass through the Galleria Vittorio

Emanuele II, be sure to notice the patriotic mosaics and statues that grace the interior of this impressive five-story, glass covered arcade. Step inside the *Duomo di Milano*, Italy's largest cathedral and the largest gothic cathedral in the world. Visit one of Milan's most important landmarks - the 15th-century Castello Sforzesco, which, during its heyday, was decorated by Donato Bramante and Leonardo da Vinci. This afternoon, the journey to the scenic Lake District begins with a departure by coach for Lake Maggiore. (Breakfast)

DAY FOUR – Lake Maggiore

Today is spent discovering the three Borromean Islands, named after one of the most renowned Italian families, of Lake Maggiore. Set off by boat with a local guide to Isola Bella for a visit to the exquisite Borromeo Palace with its terraced gardens and amazing view of the turquoise and sapphire-blue lake below. Continue on to Isola dei Pescatori, a tiny, quiet island of narrow alleyways and old churches. Finally, cruise to the largest island,



Step inside the Duomo di Milano in Milan



Castle Rocca Scaligera stands guard over the village of Sirmione

Isola Madre, to see Villa Borromeo, an aristocratic palace surrounded by a botanical garden with rare trees and exotic flowers. Return to the hotel this afternoon for time at leisure.

(Breakfast)

DAY FIVE – Lake Maggiore to Lake Como via Sirmione

Discovery of the lovely Lake District continues as you depart Lake Maggiore for Lake Como. En-route, visit Sirmione on Lake Garda. With its 13th-century castle Rocca Scaligera standing guard (complete with a moat and two drawbridges!), Roman ruins, and a historical center with narrow, winding lanes, it's a lakeside town that's sure to please. Upon arriving in Lake Como, you'll have free time before the included dinner this evening. (Breakfast and dinner)

DAY SIX – Lake Como

Known as the 'jewel of the Italian Lakes', Lake Como lies at the foothills of the Alps and offers magnificent scenery. It was also the setting for the blockbuster movies *Ocean's Twelve*, *Star Wars: Episode II* and *Casino Royale*. Your local guide takes you on an orientation tour and a cruise to Bellagio, the 'Pearl of Lake Como', where you experience the dramatic beauty of the Italian Lakes' aqua blue waters. The remainder of the day is at leisure for your enjoyment of this scenic paradise. (Breakfast)

DAY SEVEN – Lake District to the Riviera

This morning, depart the Lake District by motorcoach and journey to La Spezia with sightseeing along the Italian Riviera en-route. During the stop in Genoa, gateway to the Riviera, your local guide will show you the old quarter which was reconstructed in its original form: a medieval maze of narrow, winding lanes. In the small, charming fishing village of Portofino, you'll see why this picturesque seaside resort is internationally renowned. Continuing on to Rapallo, the oldest town of the area, see the 16th-century seafront fortress and the medieval bridge presumably crossed by Hannibal during the 2nd Punic War. Accommodations for the next two nights are in the port town of La Spezia. Dinner is included this evening.

(Breakfast and dinner)

DAY EIGHT – Cinque Terre

Today's adventure begins with a motorcoach transfer to the rail station for the train ride to Italy's 'Fab Five': picturesque Cinque



Terre (meaning 'Five Lands'). Comprised of five fishing villages perilously perched along steep cliffs on a short stretch of coastline, this national park and protected marine area is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Train rides through a series of coastal tunnels takes you between the villages. While visiting Monterosso (the oldest, dating from the early medieval period), Manarola and Vernazza, each with a charm and character of its own, you'll have time to explore and enjoy lunch on your own. After a day of discovering seaside villages from centuries past, quaint harbors, and the rugged coastline of Cinque Terre, return to the hotel for an evening at leisure. (Breakfast)

DAY NINE – La Spezia to Milan

Enjoy a morning at leisure before the motorcoach departs for the return to Milan. This evening, enjoy a farewell dinner at the hotel with your Tour Manager and traveling companions.

(Breakfast and dinner)

DAY TEN – Milan / USA

It's time to bid 'arrivederci' to the beauty of Italy's Lake District and Riviera as you depart for the airport and flight home.

(Breakfast)



Fishing villages adorn the rugged coast in Cinque Terre

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Picturesque villages dot the shoreline of Lake Como

2017 DEPARTURES	PER PERSON TWIN ROOM	SINGLE ROOM
April 21	\$2,599	add \$879
September 8	\$2,599	add \$879
October 6	\$2,599	add \$879
November 3	\$2,469	add \$789



Call for air rates and schedules between
your city and Milan, Italy

TOUR ACTIVITY LEVEL

EASY **1** **2** **3** **4** **5** **ENERGETIC**

FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION CONTACT:

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

Day Two – Hotel Sheraton or similar, Milan, Italy

Days Three and Four – Zacchera Hotels,
Lake Maggiore District, Italy

Days Five and Six – Hotel Cruise, Como, Italy

Days Seven and Eight – Hotel NH La Spezia or similar,
La Spezia, Italy

Day Nine – Una Hotel Malpensa, Milan, Italy

Travelers Protection Plan (TPP) - \$149

This nonrefundable fee waives all cancellation fees when we are notified of cancellation one day before the tour departs. If you must leave the tour early due to personal illness, illness or death of a member of your immediate family, TPP guarantees full refund for any unused services after the departure of the tour. Other benefits include medical expenses for illness and injury, emergency transportation, 24 hour hot line, and lost or stolen baggage assistance. Return air transportation is included ONLY if your air tickets were provided by Mayflower Tours. If you purchase the optional Travelers Protection Plan (TPP), you will be refunded all payments, including deposit amount, less the TPP premium amount.

Cancellation Charges Without Traveler's Protection Plan (TPP)

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| • 91 days or more | Deposit Amount |
| • 90 to 45 days prior | 20% of tour cost |
| • 44 to 15 day prior | 30% of tour cost |
| • 14 to 1 day prior | 40% of tour cost |
| • Day 1 of departure | 100% of tour cost |
| • or early departure from tour | |
| • No refund on unused portions of the tour | |

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Passport & Visas

Each U.S. citizen must have a valid passport. Expiry date of passports should be at least 6 months after the return date of tour. If you don't have a passport, call our office and we'll tell you how to apply for one. Some countries require visas for entry by U.S. citizens. We will send visa applications and instructions if a visa is required for your tour. Holders of non-U.S. passports should contact their nearest consulate and inquire about the necessary passport or visa documentation required for entry into the countries visited. NOTE: Due to airline security measures, your passport name must match your airline ticket name and your tour reservation name or you may be denied aircraft boarding.

