



LAKE MAGGIORE

SORDEVOLO & THE LAKE

9 Days/7Nights Itinerary

Day 1: Depart USA on overnight flight to Milan.

Day 2 Arrive Milan. Meet Tour escort and transfer to hotel in Biella. Check in. Enjoy some free time to begin exploring or relaxing. Welcome dinner at local restaurant (WD)

Day 3 Breakfast at hotel. This morning we depart to enjoy a city tour including a visit of the Cathedral where the Holy Shroud is kept and to the National Cinema Museum. The Museum is more than a museum and whoever enters it isn't just a visitor but also an explorer, an author, an actor, a spectator. We continue with a visit to Eataly Torino. Walking into Eataly is like entering the Land of Oz. You will receive a voucher which you can exchange for lunch at one of the many food stands. Have some free time to walk around before returning to the hotel. Balance of the day at leisure.

Day 4 Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visit of a local cheese factory. We will have the chance to see how they produce the cheese of the Piemonte region and also get a chance to taste it. We then continue to Desana to visit the Agricultural farm where many types of rice are produced. After the visit of the fields, you will have a chance to taste the different type of rice. Return to Biella and afternoon walking tour of the town. Enjoy dinner at the hotel

Day 5 Breakfast at the hotel. An exciting day of discovery awaits you as we will drive to the Sacro Monte di Oropa (Sacred Mountain of Oropa). It is one of the nine Sacred Mountains of Piedmont and Lombardy and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. The 12 chapels (plus another seven nearby) create a devotional path. Inside each chapel are scenes of the Virgin Mary life. The path culminates on top of the hill with the Crowning of Mary. We also have a chance to visit the old Basilica. Return to Biella. Early evening we depart for Sordevolo. Sordevolo is the village where, every 5 years, a Passion Play is performed, with all

the actors being local village people. Dinner will be at a local restaurant in Sordevolo before we attend this remarkable performance of "The Passion of Christ" Return to Biella for overnight.

Day 6 Breakfast at hotel. Morning departure for Stresa by Lake Maggiore. Stresa has skyrocketed from being a simple village of fisherman to a first class international resort. After check-in enjoy an afternoon boat ride to visit the Borromeo Islands in the center of Lake Maggiore. We will visit Isola Bella (Beautiful Island) to see the 17th century Borromeo Palazzo, and the largest island Isola Madre (Mother Island) to see its Botanical Garden. Return by boat to Stresa. This evening enjoy a lovely dinner at a local restaurant (B & D)

Day 7 Breakfast at hotel. Full day excursion to Milan. Enjoy a guided tour including a visit of Last Supper (subject to ticket availability) On your guided tour you'll visit the glamorous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele





PASSION PLAY SORDEVOLO

shopping gallery and the medieval Sforza Castle. Next, you'll tour the breathtaking Duomo, one of the world's largest, most striking Gothic cathedrals. You'll also see the fabulous La Scala, one of the world's best known opera houses. Enjoy some free time before returning to Stresa

Day 8 Breakfast at hotel. Excursion to Como. Como is at the southern tip of the lake and is known for its silk industry. We have some time to stroll around and see what Como has to offer. Return to Stresa for overnight. This evening enjoy a lovely Farewell Dinner. (B & D)

Day 9 Breakfast at hotel. Morning transfer to the airport for return flight home

TOUR FEATURES

- 7 nights accommodations at indicated First Class hotel or similar with
- private bath or shower
- Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- Buffet breakfast daily
- \$25 lunch voucher for Eataly
- Rice tasting
- Cheese tasting
- 5 Dinners at local restaurants including wine (1/4 bottle pp), mineral water (1/2 bottle pp) and coffee:
- Sightseeing as indicated, including local guide and all entrance fees
- Passion Play ticket
- Touring and transfers by deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach
- Porterage of 1 piece of luggage per person at hotels
- City Tax included
- Hotel taxes and service charges

