

The Highlights of Tuscany & Lake Maggiore



Departs: Friday 14th October

Returns: Monday 24th October

Only £1079

Single supplement £99

Look what's included

- Executive coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Porterage
- Tea & Coffee after dinner
- Viareggio
- The Cinque Terre Full Day excursion with accompanied Tour Guide inc Boat & Train
- Lucca Visit
- Lucca Guided Walking Tour
- 4 Course Lunch with wine at Fattoria il Poggio
- Portofino visit inc Boat trip
- Stresa-Lake Maggiore
- Lake Orta

Our fantastic 11 day Italian tour takes in the very best of Tuscany and its stunning coastal scenery. We will see the beautiful colours of the Cinque Terre by train and by boat; we visit the ancient city of Lucca and enjoy a fantastic 4 course lunch with wine at a Tuscan Farmhouse, Fattoria il Poggio. We also visit the elegant resort of Portofino and enjoy time in Lake Maggiore too and an overnight stay in Lake Orta on our homeward journey. This is definitely a trip to remember!

Itinerary*

Day 1 Departing our local area we travel to Hull and allow free time in this recent city of culture before boarding the P&O overnight ferry to Rotterdam with dinner, bed & breakfast provided. Sit back, relax and enjoy the excellent entertainment on board as we set sail for the continent.

Day 2 After breakfast on board the ferry we travel through the Ardennes, Luxembourg and France onto our overnight hotel in Mulhouse, the Mercure with dinner, bed & breakfast included.

Day 3 We travel south today through spectacular Swiss scenery crossing the Alps and into Italy as we head to our mainstay hotel, the 4 star Palace Hotel, situated on the Tyrrhenian coast in the town of Viareggio. This is our base for the next 5 nights with dinner, bed & breakfast and all excursions included.

Day 4 Today we enjoy a free day at leisure in Viareggio. Once a fishing village and a gateway to the sea for the City of Lucca, Viareggio is now a thriving resort with a long beachside promenade full of shops and cafe's with plenty to explore.



Day 5 Today we travel to La Spezia and meet our guide for a journey to the wonderful and colourful world of the Cinque Terre. These quaint and incredibly scenic fishing villages can only be visited by boat or train due to their location on the rugged coastline of the Mediterranean. We travel first by boat via Portovenere and Vernazza and onto Monterosso.

Monterosso is the largest of the five Cinque Terre villages and we enjoy time at leisure here browsing the shops and maybe enjoying a seafood lunch, before returning by train.



Day 6 This morning we enjoy a 90 minute guided walking tour of beautiful Lucca, which will give us an introduction to one of the oldest cities in Tuscany. The elegant Old Town is still enclosed by its ancient city walls and is home to a maze of narrow cobbled streets, stunning churches, chapels and Lucca's Cathedral, with its magnificent Romanesque facade. After our tour we have time at leisure to explore before making our way to Fattoria il Poggio for a fantastic included lunch with wine!

Day 7 We spend today visiting one of the most fashionable and stylish resorts of the Italian Riviera! We travel first to the popular seaside resort of Rapallo where we will enjoy a relaxing boat ride along the coast, around the headland and into the chic and famous resort of Portofino, where we spend time at leisure before returning by boat to Rapallo to rejoin our coach.



Day 8 Departing Viareggio today we travel to Lake Maggiore arriving early afternoon at Stresa with its shops and bars and just a stone's throw from the lakefront overlooking the famous Borromean Islands. After time spent in Stresa we take the short journey to Lake Orta for the first of our return overnight stops. Here we have a 4 course Gastronomic dinner with bed & breakfast included.



Day 9 After breakfast today we bid a fond farewell to Italy as we travel through the spectacular alpine scenery of Switzerland and into France heading for our overnight stop in Saarbrucken, Germany, with dinner, bed and breakfast provided.



Day 10 Today we head for Rotterdam with comfort stops en-route boarding the overnight ferry to Hull with entertainment, dinner, bed and breakfast provided on board the ship.

Day 11 After breakfast on board the ship we depart and rejoin our coach for the short journey back home from Hull with a suitable comfort stop provided.

*Itineraries can be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances

