



Lakes of Lombardy

A very varied and fascinating journey through sweet hills and transparent mirrors of water reflecting the green of the vineyards and cultivated fields. We start from Lake Garda and cycle along a stretch of the beautiful "Ciclopista del Sole" that runs along the Mincio or we pedal near the lake passing through the famous tourist resorts Desenzano and Sirmione; the tour ends at Lake Maggiore passing by the Iseo, Lecco and Como lakes and touching art cities such as Brescia, Bergamo, Varese and Como itself. There is also a brief episode in Switzerland in the Canton Ticino. Altogether there are seven lakes that are included in the route. The natural beauty of these places, the richness of artistic testimonies and good cuisine accompanied by excellent local wines give color and flavor to your cycling holiday. The route involves some climbs that require a minimum of training and even if it takes place mainly on cyclepaths and secondary roads it includes stretches where traffic is intense. GPS track recommended.

Day 1 Individual arrival in Peschiera del Garda (lake Garda)

In Peschiera is located the Fortress, surrounded by the river Mincio, a small jewel of architecture, enclosed in a mighty sixteenth-century pentagonal wall with beautiful ramparts and imposing access doors.

Day 2 Peschiera del Garda – Brescia km 53/63

If you choose the long, quieter and more hilly route, cycle along the Mincio cyclepath and then pass by San Martino della Battaglia with its big tower reminiscent of the wars of independence. The short route passes closer to the lake and takes you to Desenzano and Sirmione, one of the most beautiful places on Lake Garda. Arrival in Brescia, a city rich in Roman and medieval remains, surmounted by the ancient castle.

Day 3 Brescia – Sarnico/ Iseo Lake km 35

Today a short and relaxing itinerary that leads us to ride in Franciacorta, a land of wines of excellence. The route takes us to Rodengo Saiano, home to a Benedictine abbey where the monks still lives, passes near the castles of Passirano and Clusane and at the Sebino Nature Reserve, a protected area rich in water birds, and then ends on the banks of the lovely Lake Iseo.

Day 4 Sarnico/Iseo lake – Montello – Bergamo km 35

We cycle along the Oglio river that comes out from Lake Iseo; in short you reach Grumello del Monte, a pretty village with the stone houses; then, past a small bridge, you enter the beautiful medieval old town of Montello, all in stone. The day on the bike ends in Bergamo, the pearl of northern Italy, where you will arrive early enough to visit both the elegant lower town, but above all the splendid upper town, accessible by a funicular.

Day 5 Bergamo – Garlate (Lake of Lecco) km 45

Today we reach the branch of Lake Como called Lago di Lecco. The route takes us to Mapello, where there is a sanctuary dedicated to the Madonna of Prada; another place of great spirituality is Sotto il Monte, the town where Pope John XXIII was born; his birth place is a nice free museum. A memorable experience is the crossing of the river Adda on a Leonardesque ferry pulled by cable. You reach Garlate by pedaling through the green of the beautiful cyclepath along the Adda.

Day 6 Garlate/Lecco – Como (lake Como) km 40

This is the day when you pass through the largest number of lakes, all very small: Annone, Pusiano, Alserio, partially riding on dirt roads. The end of the path is the most beautiful part; in Solzago you take the Passeggiata Voltiana that takes its name from Alessandro Volta, buried nearby; with an exciting descent first through the woods and then along a beautiful road you will arrive in the center of Como and then on the shores of the beautiful lake.

Day 7 Como – Varese – Ranco (lake Maggiore) km 60

The last day we set off along the lake surrounded by splendid villas, in particular Villa Olmo, in the direction of Cernobbio; you cross the border with Switzerland and then you reach Varese and immediately after its lake with the bike path; along the Monate lake from the clear waters where it is possible to swim; finally you are in Ispra on the Lake Maggiore and passing through the green Quassa cyclepath you arrive to Ranco, where you will enjoy a splendid view of the lake.

Day 8 Lago Maggiore; tour ends after breakfast.

Characteristics



Tour type self guided

Departure dates minimum 2 people; every Saturday from March 22nd to September 27th; other dates of your choice for a minimum of 4 people

Duration 8 days/7 nights

Tour level medium

The route has been chosen mainly on roads with low traffic density, in some places even on bicycle trail, despite a reputation for high traffic areas. The rise in elevation is minimal.

Km 255/280

Bicycle city bike

Luggage transfer yes

Personal briefing no

Price 2025 per person in double room

Tour price € 1190.-- (minimum 2 people)
€ 960.-- (minimum 4 people)

Included in the tour price

Accommodation in 3/4* hotels
Breakfast Buffet
Luggage transfer from hotel to hotel
Road book, maps, tourist information in English
Telephone service hotline

Not included in the price

The journey to reach the starting point and back
Meals and beverages
Entrance fees to churches, museums and so on
Tips and personal expenses
Everything not specified under "the price includes"

Supplements

Half board	not available
Single room	€ 265.--
Rental bike	€ 130.--
Rental E-bike	€ 280.--
Helmet	€ 5.--
Printed roadbooks and maps	€ 20.-- (per room)

On request

Travel cancellation insurance: 5% of the cost of the tour
Additional nights in Peschiera del Garda and Ranco
Estimates for pre-formed groups

Reservations



To book, fill out and send us by mail the registration form; pay 25% of the quote; pay the balance one month before departure.