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# **Lake Maggiore Tour**

# Available dates



15/03 - 19/03	24/04 - 27/04	20/09 - 24/09
30/03 - 02/04	27/04 - 01/05	13/10 - 16/10
02/04 - 06/04	13/06 - 17/06	16/10 - 19/10
07/04 - 11/04	21/06 - 25/06	26/10 - 30/10
08/04 - 12/04	23/08 - 27/08	28/10 - 01/11
09/04 - 12/04		

# **Day by day Program**

#### Day 1 - Arrival on Lake Maggiore

Arrival at the hotel in the Lake Maggiore area and check-in. Guests have time to settle in and enjoy the lake atmosphere. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.

# Day 2 - Villa Taranto & Intra

After breakfast, a full-day guided excursion introduces guests to two of the lake's most distinctive highlights. The morning is dedicated to Villa Taranto, renowned across Europe for its extraordinary botanical gardens created by the Scottish captain Neil McEacharn in the 1930s. The gardens feature terraced paths, water gardens, rare plant species and seasonal flower displays that make every visit unique.

The tour continues to Intra, a lively lakeside town with charming squares, cafés and a vibrant weekly market (only Saturday). The guided walk includes a visit to the Basilica of San Vittore, one of the most important religious buildings in the Verbano area, known for its elegant neoclassical façade and richly decorated interior.

A relaxing ice-cream break is included before returning to the hotel in the late afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay.

# Day 3 – Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori & Stresa

Breakfast at the hotel. Today's program focuses on Lake Maggiore's most iconic sights, beginning with a transfer by private boat to Isola Bella for a guided tour. Entrance to the Borromeo Palace is included, allowing guests to explore its sumptuous Baroque halls, the historical art collections and the famous terraced gardens inspired by the botanical style of European royal courts. The excursion continues to Isola dei Pescatori, the only Borromean island permanently inhabited. Its narrow alleys, traditional fi shermen's houses and lakefront promenade create a unique atmosphere. Here, guests enjoy a local tasting, highlighting regional flavours.

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After breakfast, check-out and departure.

# **Optional Extra-Day Excursions**

#### **Centovalli Railway Experience**

This full-day excursion begins in Domodossola, where guests board the famous Centovalli train. The journey crosses deep gorges, vineyards, waterfalls and tiny stone villages that have preserved their traditional alpine identity.

Arrival in Santa Maria Maggiore, a postcard-perfect village known for its historical centre and artisan shops, then continuation by bus to the Sanctuary of Re, an important pilgrimage site framed by mountain scenery. On the return to Domodossola by bus, guests enjoy a stop at the renowned Officina del Cioccolato, Grandazzi Patisserie, known for its handmade pralines and traditional recipes. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Orta & San Giulio Island**

The day begins with a visit to Orta, considered one of the most atmospheric medieval towns in Northern Italy. A short ride on the tourist train leads directly to the lakeside square, surrounded by elegant palazzi and small artisan boutiques.

A private boat then takes guests to San Giulio Island, famous for its Romanesque basilica and its peaceful "Way of Silence" path circling the monastery.

After returning to Orta, free time is available to explore the picturesque alleys. Then the tour continue towards Omegna for a stop to the Alessi factory shop, one of the most famous industrial design brand known for turning everyday objects into aesthetic and functional icons. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

#### **Arona & the San Carlone Statue**

Arona & the San Carlone Statue A full-day excursion to Arona, a dynamic lakeside town with fashionable shops, lively cafés and beautiful lake views. The visit includes a pleasant ride on the Arona tourist train with a photo stop at the Rocca di Arona, an ancient hilltop fortress overlooking Lake Maggiore, before reaching the monumental San Carlone Statue, one of the tallest statues in Europe. Entrance includes access to the external staircase to reach the terrace, offering panoramic views over Lake Maggiore and the surrounding landscape. Free time in Arona completes the day before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight stay.

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