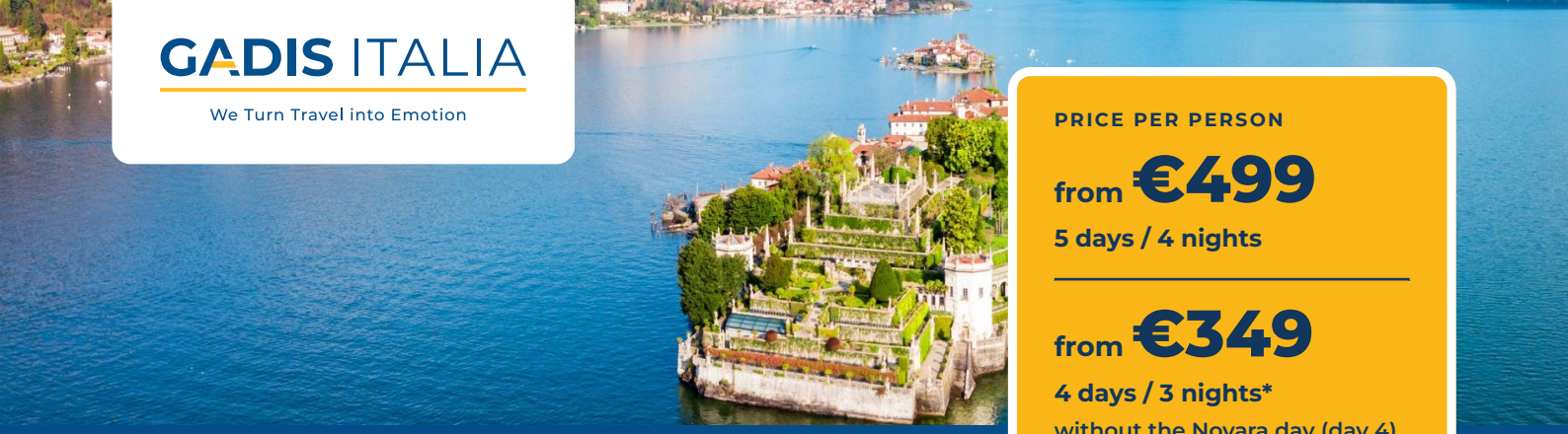
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PRICE PER PERSON

from €499

5 days / 4 nights

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4 days / 3 nights*

without the Novara day (day 4)

GROUP TOUR 2026 · 5 DAYS / 4 NIGHTS OR 4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS

Lake Maggiore

Islands, castles and Piedmont flavours

Five days among the Borromean Islands, alpine valleys and gourmet traditions.

Half board
4 or 3 nights in a 3★ hotel in Stresa or Baveno

2 islands
Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori by boat

3 guided days
full-day guide and earphones

3 tastings
Fugascina, cheese & cured meats, Gorgonzola

TRAVEL DATES
* 4 days / 3 nights package

05.03 – 10.03 | 22.03 – 26.03 | 08.04 – 12.04 | **23.04 – 26.04*** | 14.10 – 18.10 | 24.10 – 28.10

Few places capture the romance of Italy like Lake Maggiore: a mirror of blue water framed by palm-lined promenades, baroque palaces and the first peaks of the Alps. From the elegant resort towns of Stresa and Baveno, this five-day tour opens the door to one of the country's most scenic corners, where island gardens, medieval villages and generous food traditions follow one another at an easy, pleasurable pace.

The heart of the journey is a day among the fabled Borromean Islands, gliding by boat to the sumptuous Palazzo Borromeo and its terraced gardens on Isola Bella, then to the timeless fishing village of Isola dei Pescatori. Beyond the lake, the tour climbs into the Ossola valleys to the storybook village of Vogogna and the art town of Domodossola, and reaches the noble city of Novara, crowned by its soaring Antonelli dome.

Throughout, the flavours of Piedmont take centre stage: the traditional Fugascina of Mergozzo, local cheeses and cured meats paired with regional wine, and a tasting of the king of local cheeses, Gorgonzola, straight from the producer. A relaxed, richly rewarding escape for groups who love beauty and good food in equal measure.

Tour includes

Hotel & meals

- 4 or 3 nights half board at a 3★ hotel in Stresa or Baveno

Guided excursions

- Full-day guided excursion to the Borromean Islands (Isola Bella and Isola dei Pescatori) and Lago di Mergozzo
- Full-day guided excursion to Vogogna and Domodossola
- Full-day guided excursion to Novara (5-day / 4-night package only)
- Earphones

Boat & admissions

- Boat transfers to the islands, including disembarkation fees
- Admission to Palazzo Borromeo and the gardens of Isola Bella
- Admission to Vogogna Castle

Tastings

- Tasting of the typical Fugascina in Mergozzo
- Tasting of local cheese and cured meats with regional wine
- Tasting of Gorgonzola cheese (three varieties with coppa and salami, bread, water and a glass of red and white wine)

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Itinerary Days 1 – 5

Coach kilometres (guideline) · Included: boat / tasting / meal · 5-day / 4-night package only



Tour day · excursions start and end at your hotel in Stresa or Baveno

1 DAY Arrival in Stresa or Baveno

Dinner

Arrival in **Stresa or Baveno** and check-in at your hotel. Time to settle in and enjoy a first stroll along the lakefront. Dinner and overnight stay at the hotel (half board).

2 DAY The Borromean Islands and Lago di Mergozzo

Coach approx. 20–30 km · Private boat · Fugascina tasting · Dinner

After breakfast, meet the guide and set off by private boat to **Isola Bella**, a true jewel of nature perfected by human hand: a magnificent baroque palace surrounded by a lush Italian garden rising over ten terraced levels. Continue to **Isola dei Pescatori**, the only one of the Borromean Islands inhabited year-round: a small village of narrow, winding lanes where fishing is still practised, and where guests can enjoy a lunch of fresh lake fish in a local restaurant (lunch not included).

In the afternoon, return by boat and continue by coach to the picturesque **Lago di Mergozzo**, one of Italy's smallest and clearest lakes, with its old lanes, stone houses and ancient traces of history. The day ends with a delicious tasting of the **Fugascina**, the traditional local pastry prepared with passion by a village baker. Return to the hotel, dinner and overnight stay.

3 DAY Vogogna and Domodossola

Coach approx. 75–85 km · Cheese, cured meats & wine tasting · Dinner

Transfer by coach to the historic centre of **Vogogna**, ranked among the most beautiful villages in Italy for its medieval stone buildings. A guided walk reveals the majestic Castello Visconteo, the Palazzo Pretorio (from outside) and the historic lanes that evoke the atmosphere of times gone by.

After lunch, continue into the Ossola valley to **Domodossola**, the cultural heart of the valley, set amid an enchanting alpine landscape of imposing mountains, green valleys and rich artistic heritage. The day closes with a **tasting of local cheese and cured meats** paired with regional wine, before returning to the hotel. Dinner and overnight stay.

Distances from Stresa / Baveno one way, approx.

Mergozzo	**10–15 km**	Domodossola	**40–45 km**
Vogogna	**25–30 km**	Novara	**65 km**

4 DAY Novara & Gorgonzola tasting

5-day / 4-night package only · Coach approx. 125–135 km · Gorgonzola tasting · Dinner

Departure for **Novara**, where a local guide leads a tour starting at the imposing Visconti castle and continuing past the Coccia theatre and 19th-century palaces to the Cathedral of Santa Maria and its baptistery. Through the Broletto, the heart of medieval Novara, the walk reaches the Basilica of San Gaudenzio, crowned by its famous dome designed by Alessandro Antonelli, with a short stop at the historic Camporelli biscuit bakery. Free time for lunch.

In the afternoon, a **tasting of Gorgonzola cheese**: three varieties served with coppa and salami, bread, water and a glass each of red and white wine, with the chance to buy directly from the producer. Return to the hotel by coach, dinner and overnight stay.

5 DAY Departure

Breakfast

After breakfast, check-out and departure.

Hotels, dates & prices

Sample hotels in Stresa and Baveno



SAMPLE HOTEL

3★ hotel on the Stresa lakefront

Set just a step from the lakefront promenade, this family-run hotel looks out over Lake Maggiore towards the Borromean Islands, a ten-minute lakeside walk from the centre of Stresa. Its 32 rooms come in three styles: deluxe with lake view, deluxe with mountain view, and cosy doubles, many with a private balcony from which to take in the panorama. For groups, a welcome highlight is the hotel's own outdoor pool, free for guests and fitted with sunbeds and umbrellas, while the kitchen builds its menus around fresh, genuine cooking, with a chef glad to accommodate particular dietary needs. On-site private coach parking makes this hotel an especially practical base for touring the lake and its islands.

32 rooms · Outdoor pool · Coach parking



SAMPLE HOTEL

3★ hotel in the centre of Stresa

In the pedestrian heart of Stresa, just a couple of minutes from the ferry terminal for the Borromean Islands, this hotel occupies a characterful 1934 building recently refurbished into a contemporary 3★ hotel spread over five floors. Its 54 individually styled rooms range from classic doubles to superior and deluxe rooms with balcony, while breakfast is served in a charming internal courtyard garden, complemented by a guest terrace and bar. The central, car-free setting places restaurants, boutiques and the lakeside promenade within a short stroll: the ideal choice for guests who like to stay in the lively core of town.

54 rooms · Courtyard garden · Car-free centre



SAMPLE HOTEL

3★ hotel in Baveno

Set in Baveno, just a short walk from the ferry landing on Lake Maggiore, this hotel is a well-run, highly rated property with a relaxed lakeside feel. Its 48 air-conditioned rooms include lake-view options, and the real signature of the house is its outdoor space: a panoramic sun terrace and a garden looking out over the water and the surrounding hills. The in-house restaurant serves a mix of local and international dishes, while bicycle rental and free on-site parking make it a comfortable, practical base for exploring the lake and the Borromean Islands.

48 rooms · Sun terrace & garden · Free parking

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