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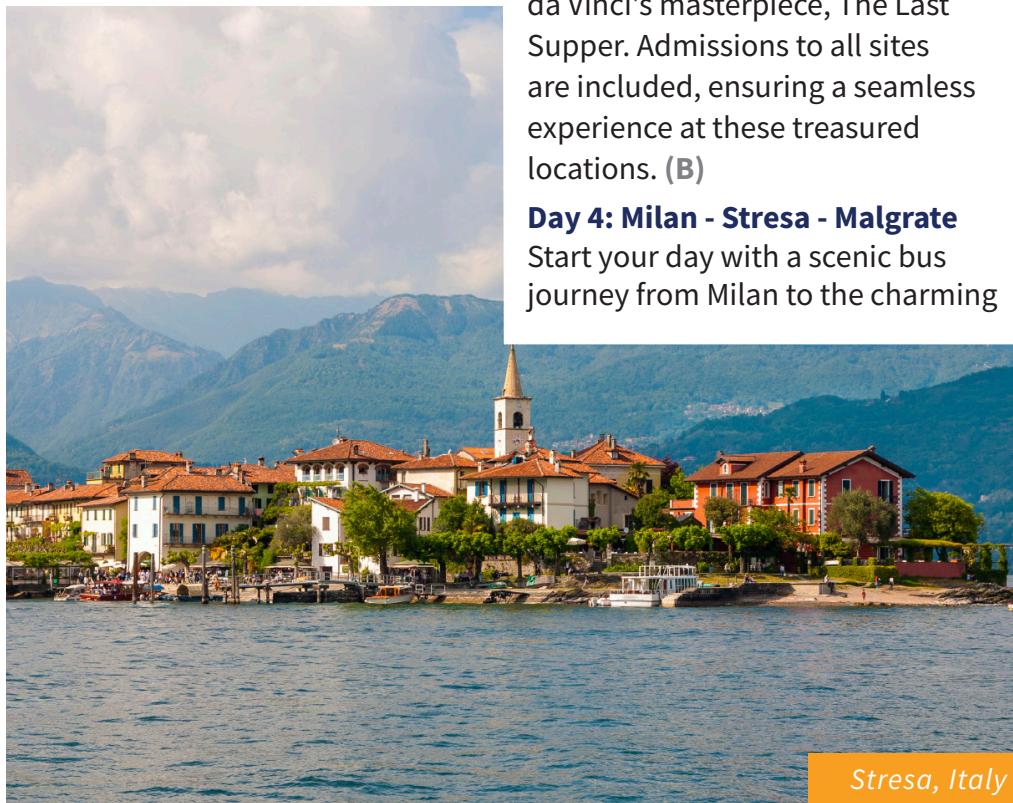
HIGHLIGHTS

- Round trip scheduled airfare from Mobile
- Round trip transfers between airports and hotel
- Welcome gift and drink
- 2-nights hotel accommodation in Milan
- 3-nights hotel accommodation in Lake Como, Malgrate
- 2-nights hotel accommodation in Venice
- Breakfast daily and one dinner in Venice
- Guided tour on the Borromean Islands
- Visit Villas of Lake Como
- City tours of Milan, Stresa, Verona and Venice
- Optional Lugano tour
- Gondola ride in Venice

PREFERRED HOTELS*

- Milan: Chateau Monfort
- Como: Hotel Promessi
- Venice: Hotel Indigo St. Elena

**or similar*



Stresa, Italy

Day 1: USA - Milan, Italy

Today, depart the U.S. on an international flight to Italy. **(in-flight meals)**

Day 2: Milan

Upon arrival, you will be met by your program manager who will assist with your transfer to your hotel. The rest of the day is at leisure to enjoy your time resting or begin your exploration of the beautiful city of Milan. Later this afternoon, meet again with your program manager for a welcome drink and orientation. **(D)**

Day 3: Milan

After breakfast, begin your day with a guided tour of Milan, delving into the city's most iconic landmarks. Visit the grand Duomo, an architectural marvel, followed by the world-renowned Teatro alla Scala, a symbol of Milan's rich cultural history. You'll have some free time to explore and enjoy lunch at your own pace. In the afternoon, the journey continues to the Santa Maria delle Grazie Church, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, where you will experience Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Supper. Admissions to all sites are included, ensuring a seamless experience at these treasured locations. **(B)**

Day 4: Milan - Stresa - Malgrate

Start your day with a scenic bus journey from Milan to the charming

town of Stresa, nestled along the beautiful shores of Lake Maggiore. Upon arrival at the pier, meet your guide and board a private boat to cruise across the lake to the enchanting Borromean Islands. Enjoy a guided walking tour through the lush gardens of Isola Bella and Isola Madre, as well as the picturesque fishing village on Isola dei Pescatori. In the afternoon, return by boat to Stresa, where your bus will be waiting to take you to your hotel in Malgrate and enjoy dinner at the hotel restaurant. **(B, D)**

Day 5: Lake Como

Today, immerse yourself in the stunning beauty of Lake Como, renowned for its picturesque landscapes and romantic charm. Begin with a transfer to Bellagio, where you'll enjoy a guided walking tour that includes a visit to the exquisite Villa Melzi Garden, celebrated for its elegant neoclassical architecture and beautifully landscaped grounds. Savor lunch in Bellagio before boarding a public motorboat to Villa Carlotta, famous for its magnificent botanical garden and impressive art collections. Wander through its lush gardens while taking in breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding mountains. Next, transfer by private boat to Villa Balbianello, set on a scenic wooded promontory with panoramic vistas over Lake Como's tranquil waters, where you'll experience a guided tour of the villa. End the day with a return transfer to Bellagio by private boat, and then head back to your hotel in Malgrate. **(B, L)**

Day 6: Lugano (optional)

Today, enjoy a day at leisure or embark on an optional tour to the stunning city of Lugano. Despite being located in Switzerland, Lugano exudes an Italian charm with its Mediterranean atmosphere and Italian-speaking residents. Nestled



Verona, Italy

by the edge of Lake Lugano and surrounded by majestic mountains, the city offers breathtaking scenery at every turn. Explore Lugano at your own pace, discovering its vibrant piazzas, stylish boutiques, and lakeside promenades. For a truly unforgettable experience, take a cable car ride to the top of a nearby mountain for a panoramic view of Lake Lugano's shimmering waters and the surrounding landscape, or a boat ride along the lake. **(B)**

Day 7: Malgrate - Verona - Venice

Embark on a journey to Venice today, with a delightful stop in the charming city of Verona after breakfast. Meet with a local guide for a tour of the city and walk through the historic center, exploring Roman ruins, captivating churches, and architectural wonders preserved over thousands of years. Gain insights into Verona's exceptional urban layout, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage site, before continuing our voyage onto a private watertaxi to our hotel stay in Venice. **(B)**

Day 8: Venice

This morning, board your private watertaxi to Piazza San Marco and meet your local guide for a walking tour of the beautiful city of Venice. Discover the city's rich history as you visit the grand St. Mark's Basilica, admire the Gothic beauty of the Doge's Palace, and learn about the fascinating past of the adjacent prisons. Continue to the iconic Rialto Bridge, where you'll capture stunning views over the Grand Canal. End the tour with a quintessential Venetian experience – a serene gondola ride through the enchanting canals of Venice, offering a unique view of the city's charming architecture and hidden gems. The afternoon is at your leisure to explore more of Venice or simply relax before gathering for a special farewell dinner to celebrate the end of your journey. **(B, D)**

Day 9: Venice - USA

After breakfast transfer to the airport via water taxi for your return flight to the U.S. or tour extension. **(B)**

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1

- Board your transatlantic flight

DAY 2

- Arrive in Italy and transfer to your hotel
- Afternoon at leisure
- Welcome Dinner

DAY 3

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Visit the St. Maria delle Grazie Church, Duomo and Teatro alla Scala

DAY 4

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Transfer to Borromean Islands by private boat
- Tour of Isola Bella, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori

DAY 5

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Transfer to Bellagio for guided tour
- Visit Villa Carlotta, Villa Balbianello and Villa Melzi

DAY 6

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Optional Lugano tour

DAY 7

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Historic center in Verona
- Overnight stay in Venice

DAY 8

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Guided tour of Venice
- Gondola ride
- Farewell Dinner

DAY 9

- Breakfast at your hotel
- Water taxi transfer to airport for flight home or tour extension



FLORENCE POST-TOUR 3 NIGHTS - \$899

- 3-nights accommodation in a first class hotel in Florence, with breakfast included
- Transfer by train from Venice to Florence (all transfers included)
- Guided City tour of Florence
- Optional tour of Ferrari Museum and balsamic vinegar tasting
- Optional visit to Uffizi

LEGEND: () = Included meal, B = Breakfast, D = Dinner, DB = Dinner Banquet

Venice, Italy



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