



*Concordia College*

# *Northern Italy*

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE:  
June 13 - 23, 2023



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Bellagio

**Day 1: Tuesday, June 13, 2023 • Departure**

Our journey begins as we board our international flight bound for Milan, Italy. **Inflight meals**

**Day 2: Wednesday, June 14, 2023 • Como/Como Area**

Upon arrival, we transfer by coach to Como in the Italian Lakes District where we check into our hotel and freshen up before a local guide joins us for a walking tour of the area. Then we return to our hotel to relax for the evening. **D**

**Day 3: Thursday, June 15, 2023 • Como/Como Area**

This morning we take a cruise on Lake Como boarding the hydrofoil for a ride to Bellagio at the picturesque junction of all three legs of Lake Como. We have time to explore on our own before taking a ferry to Tremezzo. In Lenno, we tour Villa Balbianello, built by cardinal Angelo Maria Durini in 1787 on the site of a Franciscan monastery. The gardens may look familiar from *Casino Royal* or *Star Wars II*. Then we take the ferry back to Como. **B, D**

**Day 4: Friday, June 16, 2023 • Como/Como Area**

Today we take an excursion to San Pellegrino Terme where we have free time to explore the Spa town and have an opportunity to experience the spas and "aperitivo in accappatoio" (*happy hour in bathrobes*). We return to Como today for dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

**Day 5: Saturday, June 17, 2023 • Brescia**

We continue on today stopping in Bergamo, a charming medieval hilltop town. A funicolare (an old fashioned cable



car) ride to Alta Bergamo takes us to the heart of town and Piazza Vecchia where a walking tour with our local guide rewards us with the allure of a walled city of cobblestone pathways lined with shops, pasticcerias, and food stores bursting with color. During our walking tour we explore the tangle of streets, take in the sweeping views, and stop to admire the architectural gems. We learn of Bergamo's medieval history. We have lunch in a local restaurant and some free time to explore on our own. We should not miss the opportunity to try a scoop of stracciatella gelato, created in Bergamo. Then we continue on to Brescia, our home base for 3 nights. **B, L**

**Day 6: Sunday, June 18, 2023 • Brescia**

Today we take an excursion to Parco Delle Incisioni Rupestri, a UNESCO World Heritage Site with one of the largest collections of prehistoric petroglyphs in the world with many of the drawings dated back 8,000 years. A guide took us to the petroglyphs on the Rupe Magna. We see Castello Vecchio and Castello Nuovo and stop at the Antiquarium, excavation museum, as well the Documentation Center Davide Pace. The Antiquarium hosts a permanent exhibition concerning the results of the archaeological excavations on the Castle Hill and on the neighboring Giroldo Hill. The exhibition rooms shows a selection of small finds, especially ceramics, which give us an insight into the prehistoric settlements of those two hills. **B, D**

**Day 7: Monday, June 19, 2023 • Brescia**

Today is focused on the beautiful natural landscapes and



Balsamic vinegar of Modena



Franciacorta vineyards



sparkling wines of Franciacorta. We follow the Franciacorta Wine Route, stopping at one or two of the renowned wineries. We take a diversion to Peschiera Maraglio on the island of Monte Isola, where we discover the craftsmanship of the last remaining artisans producing dried sardines as part of the Lago d'Iseo Presidio Slow Food movement. We catch a boat to the island from Sulzano and on the short crossing we imagine the lives of the fishermen in days gone by as we make our way across the azure water, surrounded by a scenic romantic backdrop of villages, abbeys and fortified towers dotted across the hillsides, forests and lake shore. **B, D**

**Day 8: Tuesday, June 20, 2023 • Modena**

Today we depart for Modena. Along the way we visit Sirmione, to view the small town and the picturesque peninsula. We see the images of the castle at the entrance to the old town and the Roman ruins on the edge of Lake Garda. We have some time to explore on our own and lunch together. Then we continue on to Modena, the city of fast cars; both Maserati and Ferrari have factories here. This afternoon we tour Galleria Ferrari. **B, L**

**Day 9: Wednesday, June 21, 2023 • Modena**

Today we explore Modena. We visit a Balsamic Vinegar factory and discover the market Albinelli in Modena. We have some free time go up the Ghirlandina Tower in Modena. We have dinner tonight at our hotel. **B, D**

**Day 10: Thursday, June 22, 2023 • Genoa**

We start early today for an excursion to the Cinque Terre, a series of five quaint fishing villages to the southeast of Santa Margherita. Our visit involves a train ride, along with a boat ride along the coast. Later today we travel north along the coast to Genoa for a farewell dinner. **B, D**

**Day 11: Friday, June 23, 2023 • Return**

Unfortunately, it's time to transfer to the Milan airport about a two hour drive, for our return flight to the United States. We return with memories of rustic towns, walled cities, (as well as wonderful ice cream and pasta), and a wealth of new friends! Welcome home! **B**

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**

**Tour Price: \$5,099**

Prices are *Land and estimated air from Fargo per person, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 paying participants

**Single supplements: \$800**

**Your Tour Includes:**

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Fargo to Milan, related taxes and fees (\$1,600)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in superior tourist and moderate first-class hotels
- **Meals per the itinerary**
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local step-on guides for city tours and major attractions
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels
- Luggage strap, luggage tags and trip journal
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services except as indicated below.

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- Meals not indicated on itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for tour manager and coach driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and offered by Ed-Ventures.*)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date (March 15, 2023). Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Early registration is encouraged.

**Currency:**

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300/person cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive no refund.

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