

Bergamo

Tour Code: CIT26



*Concordia College*

# Northern Italy

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE  
June 16 - 26, 2026

Lake Como



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*Hydrofoil Ferry*

#### **Day 1: Tuesday, June 16, 2026 • Departure**

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

#### **Day 2: Wednesday, June 17, 2026 • 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 18, 2026 • 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 Royale* or *Star Wars II*. Then we take the ferry back to Como. **B**

#### **Day 4: Friday, June 19, 2026 • Como/Como Area**

Today we take an excursion to San Pellegrino Terme where we have free 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 for a late dinner at a local restaurant. **B, D**

#### **Day 5: Saturday, June 20, 2026 • 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



*Funicular at Bergamo*

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 about Bergamo's medieval history. We have lunch in a local restaurant and enjoy free time to explore on our own. Don't miss the opportunity to try a scoop of straciatella gelato, created in Bergamo. We continue to Brescia, our home base for the next three nights as we explore the Lago d'Iseo area. **B, L**

#### **Day 6: Sunday, June 21, 2026 • 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 takes 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 Castle Hill and on the neighboring Gironoldo 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 22, 2026 • Brescia**

Our day today is focused on the beautiful natural landscapes and 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



*Bellagio town*





Modena hills covered with red  
Lambrusco vineyards



remaining artisans producing dried sardines as part of the Lago d'Iseo Presidio Slow Food movement. We board a boat to Sulzano for a short journey across azure waters to the island and imagine the lives of fishermen from days gone by, surrounded by a picturesque and romantic backdrop of villages, abbeys, and fortified towers dotting the hillsides, forests, and lakeshore. We return to Brescia for overnight. **B, D**

#### Day 8: Tuesday, June 23, 2026 • 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 to Modena, the city of fast cars; both Maserati and Ferrari have factories here. This afternoon we tour Galleria Ferrari. This evening, you have time to relax and enjoy dinner on your own. **B, L**

#### Day 9: Wednesday, June 24, 2026 • Modena

Today, we explore the charming city of Modena. We visit a Balsamic Vinegar factory where we'll learn about the production process and enjoy a tasting. Next, we discover the bustling Albinelli market in Modena. We have free time to climb the iconic Ghirlandina Tower for panoramic views of the city. **B, L**

#### Day 10: Thursday, June 25, 2026 • Modena

After breakfast, we depart for Ravenna. We visit the UNESCO site the Basilica di San Vitale to see its stunning Byzantine mosaics and have some time to stroll through Ravenna's charming streets. If you are a fan of literature, you may want to see the Tomb of Dante Alighieri. After some time for an early lunch on our own, we head to the beaches for a relaxing afternoon. Later we return to Modena for a farewell dinner and a glass of wine as we toast our adventure and the new friends we have made. **B, D**

#### Day 11: Friday, June 26, 2026 • Return

Unfortunately, it's time to transfer to the Bologna airport 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**

To register online:

<https://tinyurl.com/CITALY26>

## Tour Price: \$5,899

Prices are *Land and estimated air from Fargo*  
*per person, double occupancy*  
with a minimum of 25 paying participants

**Single supplements: \$975**

### Your Tour Includes:

- Estimated **Roundtrip airfare** from Fargo to Milan and return from Bologna, related taxes and fees (\$1,750). Other gateways available.
- **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 when available.
- 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 \$750 per person is due with reservation.  
An interim deposit of \$750 is due June 16, 2025.  
Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure date (Feb. 16, 2026). 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 180 days before departure a \$100/person administrative fee plus any airfare & land penalties will be assessed. From 179-31 days, a \$500/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 30 days or less prior to departure will receive no refund.

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### Abbreviations for Meals

**B=Breakfast, D=Dinner**

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