

# Northern Lakes of Italy

## & Eastern Mediterranean Cruise

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The village of Varenna, on Lake Como

June 14 – June 29, 2024

### HIGHLIGHTS

City Tours of Como Town, Mantua & Verona  
Scenic Drives of Lake Como, Lake Garda & Lake Orta  
Welcome Reception  
Boat Tour of Lake Como  
Tour of Lake Orta & San Giulio  
Botanic Gardens of Villa Taranto  
Olive Oil Museum

Wine Tasting & Tour at a Bardolino Vineyard  
Parmigiano Factory Tour & Tasting

### CRUISE HIGHLIGHTS

7 Nights onboard RCCL's 'Explorer of the Seas'  
All Meals Included Onboard the Ship  
4 Unique Ports of Call  
Cocktail Party Including Beverages, and Hot & Cold Canapés

### INCLUDES

8 Nights Land Accommodation  
Multi-Night Stays at Lake Maggiore & Lake Garda  
Deluxe Motorcoach Transportation  
Baggage Handling – 1 per person

### Day 1 – Arrive in Milan, Italy

Welcome to Italy! Arriving off your international flight, clear customs, and immigration, then transfer to your hotel at Lake Maggiore. This evening, join your fellow travellers for a **Welcome Reception**.

### Day 2 – Lake Como

Spend a full day touring through Italy's Lake District to picturesque **Lake Como**. Walk the narrow streets and the waterfront of Como Town on a **Guided City Tour**. Later, take a **Boat Tour** of Lake Como and enjoy the views of elegant villas and gardens that serenely pass by, stopping

to explore some lake side villages such as **Bellagio & Varenna**, with time to savour both the flavours and views, with a delicious **lunch** at a local restaurant overlooking the lake.

### Day 3 – Lake Orta

This morning head to **Lake Orta**, one of the least known Italian Lakes, yet considered to be the most characteristically Italian. Explore the small medieval town of **San Giulio**, surrounded on three sides by the lake, offering incredible views, wonderful for wandering the cobbled streets and alleys. Enjoy a short boat trip on the lake to the **Island of San Giulio** for an enjoyable **lunch** on a charming lakeside terrace.





Island of San Giulio



Desenzano



Verona

In the afternoon, visit the **Villa Taranto Gardens** at Verbania, one of Italy's premier gardens. Spread over 16 acres with 20,000 plants of botanic value and more than 80,000 blooming bulb specimens.

#### Day 4 – Lake Maggiore to Lake Garda

This morning, depart the hotel meandering through Italy's Lake District to the next destination, **Lake Garda**, staying in a beautiful location, steps away from the main square of **Desenzano**, at a charming lakeside hotel. Share a lovely evening with your fellow travellers at **dinner**.

#### Day 5 – Mantua

After a relaxing morning, visit UNESCO-listed **Mantua**, designated as the Italian Capital of Culture and Gastronomy. During your **Guided City Tour**, view the many elegant palaces and surrounding lakes, while learning just how significant of a role Mantua played in the history of opera. With plenty of free time, Mantua is sure to keep you entertained.

#### Day 6 – Verona

Venturing out this morning to visit another UNESCO-listed city, **Verona**. Famously known as the city where Romeo and Juliet took place, Verona offers history, beautiful architecture, great food, and culture. During the **Guided City Tour**, you will see the famous Juliet's Balcony, the Roman Theatre, built in 1st Century AD, and more. After leisure time to explore on your own, board the coach and track back to Lake Garda, but not before making a detour to **Borghetto**. A small hamlet built on the water, with a 14th century fortified bridge and ancient watermills, it is no wonder this hamlet is designated Italy's most beautiful village. Enjoy a taste of the famous handmade tortellini that Borghetto is known for at **dinner** this evening.

#### Day 7 – Lake Garda

Spend today travelling up Lake Garda's scenic **eastern shoreline**, watching the green mountains, quaint villages and crystal-clear waters pass you by. With plenty of free time to

explore a handful of lakeside towns such as Lazise, Cisano, Bardolino, Garda, Torri del Benaco and Malcesine. Stopping to visit an **Olive Oil Museum** in Cisano and take in a **Wine Tasting and Tour** that includes the vineyard and cellar at Bardolino.

#### Day 8 – Lake Garda

Today is your day to experience aspects of the Northern Lakes that most appeal to you. With plenty of options, you may choose to spend the day wandering the narrow alleyways and the Castello Scaligero, an ancient fortress, at the quaint medieval village of **Sirmione**, just a short drive away. Or maybe you simply want to relax by venturing out to the beach across from the hotel.

#### Day 9 – Embarkation Day

It's time to say farewell to the Northern Lakes of Italy and make way to your floating home for the next seven nights, the RCCL's '**Explorer of the Seas**', but not before a quick stop at a **Parmigiano Factory** for a **tasting and tour**!

#### Day 10 – At Sea

Spend the day exploring all the cruise ship has to offer... spa day anyone?



'Explorer of the Seas'





Santorini, Greece



Athens, Greece



Kotor, Montenegro

### Day 11 – Santorini, Greece

**Santorini** is one of the world's most popular islands, known best for its dramatic scenery, whitewashed villages, and fiery volcanic activity.

### Day 12 – Athens (Piraeus), Greece

**Athens** offers a looking glass back in time into Greece's powerful ancient civilization. Art lovers, epicureans and history buffs will be delighted by the ancient ruins, museums and tavernas of this picturesque town.

### Day 13 – At Sea

Spend today onboard the cruise ship. Lounge on the sundeck, take in a show, or enjoy an intimate dinner at one of the specialty restaurants.

### Day 14 – Kotor, Montenegro

A tiny port in the already tiny country of Montenegro, **Kotor** is a larger-than-life world of mighty forts and towering sea cliffs, and the air filled with the refreshing smell of the ocean.

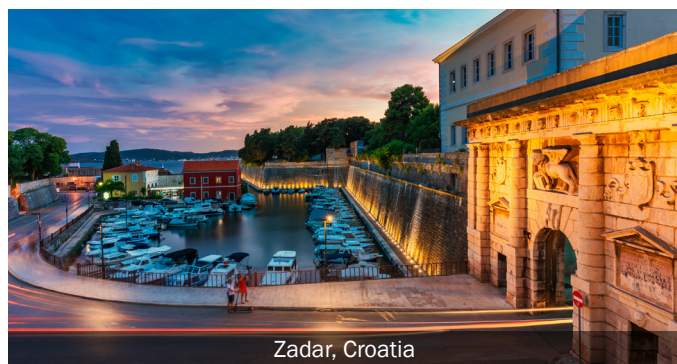
### Day 15 – Zadar, Croatia

**Zadar** is one of the Dalmatian Coast's best kept secrets, and adventure in this tucked away treasure teems with centuries of charm.

### Day 16 – Disembarkation Day

*Arrivederci!* This morning disembarking the ship, transfer to Bologna airport for your flight home.

*Alla prossima* (Until next time).



Zadar, Croatia

### PRICING

	SPACIOUS BALCONY (4B)	BALCONY (2D)	OCEANVIEW (4N)	INSIDE (4V)
Double	\$8,896.25	\$8,496.25	\$7,796.25	\$7,596.25
Single	\$12,666.25	\$11,866.25	\$10,486.25	\$10,146.25

All prices are per person, LAND ONLY and include taxes and fees. Prices are CAD.

Not included in price:

- International airfare
- Airline baggage fees for additional or over-sized luggage
- Airline fuel surcharges if there is a change in fuel prices
- Gratuities for Tour Director and Driver
- Meals and activities not specified in the itinerary
- Any personal expenses
- Travel Insurance
- Pre or post tour arrangements



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