

Villas and gardens among the lakes

05 days / 04 nights

SILVER FORMULA

with hotel 3*

GOLD FORMULA

with hotel 4*

PLATINUM FORMULA

with hotel 5*

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01 VILLA TARANTO, LAKE MAGGIORE

day Landing at the airport and transfer to Verbania, on Lake Maggiore. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide and visit to **VILLA TARANTO**. The villa was bought by Neil Mac Eacharn, a Scottish captain, in 1931 and it was given the name Taranto as a homage to a family ancestor on whom the title of "Duke of Taranto" was conferred by Napoleon Bonaparte. The building belongs to the prefecture of the province Verbano Cusio Ossola and it is surrounded by a 16-hectare garden, above all in English style, dotted with fountains, trickles of water and characterized by numerous species of plants and flowers, coming from all over the world. Accommodation at the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

02 BORROMEAN ISLES, LAKE MAGGIORE

day Breakfast at the hotel. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide. Transfer to **ISOLA MADRE** by taxi-boat and guided visit to the biggest isle in the Borromean Gulf. Fully covered by a botanical garden, renowned for its marvelous bloom of azaleas, rhododendrons, camellias and wisteria pergolas. Visit to XVI century palace, rich in furniture coming from the Borromeo Family's historic residences, and where a collection of puppet theatre is kept. Transfer to **ISOLA DEI PESCATORI**. Lunch at a restaurant.

In the afternoon transfer and guided visit to **ISOLA BELLA**. The construction of the Baroque Palace started in 1632 thanks to Carlo III Borromeo, who dedicated it to Isabella d'Adda, his wife. Their son Vitaliano carried on the project and he wanted the magnificent setting of its blooming terraced gardens. The palace boasts a precious collection of painting and rooms rich in tapestries, furniture and objects of art. Time at your leisure for shopping along "Vicolo del Fornello", with some prestigious brands of the so-called Made in Italy. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.



VARESE - VILLA DELLA PORTA BOZZOLO, CASALZUIGNO

day
03 Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Varese by private car; its nickname, the “garden-city”, is due to the richness of its villas surrounded by parks and green areas. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide for a visit to the historical centre, the **ESTENSI GARDENS** and **VILLA MIRABELLO PARK**. Individual lunch. In the afternoon transfer to Casalzignano and visit to **VILLA DELLA PORTA BOZZOLO**. Built in XVI century as a country house, it was then transformed into a noble entertainment residence embellished, in its interior, with Rococo frescoes and a huge terraced garden, rich in balustrades and stone statues and culminating with a nymphaeum and a typical perspective walk of a Baroque French garden. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

VILLA CARLOTTA - VILLA BALBIANELLO, LAKE COMO

day
04 Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to Lenno, on Lake Como by private car. Meeting with your qualified multilingual-speaking tourist guide and transfer to **VILLA DEL BALBIANELLO** by taxi-boat. It is a late baroque mansion, then private house belonging to Guido Monzino, an alpinist and explorer, perched on a breathtaking sheer promontory and surrounded by a beautiful park, which was chosen to shoot films such as Star Wars: Episode II - attack of the Clones (2002), Agent 007 - Casino Royale (2006). Lunch at a restaurant.

In the afternoon transfer to Tremezzo and visit to **VILLA CARLOTTA**, an eighteenth-century mansion commissioned by Marquis Clerici, where a collection of neoclassical works of art (Antonio Canova, Bertel Thorvaldsen and Francesco Hayez) and furniture dating back to that period, are kept. In the wide botanical garden, you can admire some species of trees from all over the world. Back to the hotel late in the afternoon. Dinner at the hotel and overnight.

LAKE MAGGIORE - AIRPORT

day
05 Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the airport by private car.

The rate includes

N. 04 overnights in a standard room at a hotel in the Lake Maggiore area, with half-board treatment (menu 3 courses - drinks not included);
Private tourist guide as to the programme;
Private transportation by car as to the programme;
Transportation by taxi-boat on Lake Maggiore and Lake Como as to the programme;
Entrance tickets to the monuments;
Lunches at a typical restaurants on Isola dei Pescatori and at Lenno (menu 3 courses, drinks included).

The rate does not include

Lunches on days 01, 03, 05;
City-tax;
Tips, extras and all that not mentioned in the programme and in "the price includes".