



Lake Como

New Tour

## OUR PRICE INCLUDES



- ✓ Executive coach travel
- ✓ Door to door pick up
- ✓ Return ferry crossings
- ✓ 2 nights half board accommodation
- ✓ 5 nights full board, buffet breakfast, packed lunch if on excursions
- ✓ 4 course buffet lunch and dinners including 'show cooking' including fresh pasta and pizza, meat and fish
- ✓ Welcome drink on arrival
- ✓ Unlimited house drinks\* from 08.00 – 23.45
- ✓ Live entertainment most nights
- ✓ Weekly Gala Dinner
- ✓ Single journey on the Bernina Express from Poschiavo to St Moritz
- ✓ Private Boat Tour of the lake direct from the hotel
- ✓ Guide for Milan
- ✓ Excursions as described in the itinerary

Entry fees not included unless otherwise stated

\*Applies to local brand beers, wines, soft drinks and tea & coffee

### Grand Hotel Britannia Excelsior

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Lakeside location • Views across to Bellagio, the "Pearl of the Lake" • Furnished in an elegant Italian style • En-suite air conditioned bedrooms • Hairdryer • Direct dial telephone • Overhead ceiling fans • Flat screen satellite televisions • Two comfortable lounges • Lakefront sun terrace • Restaurant • Lift • Outdoor swimming pool with its own bar.

www.grandhotelbritanniaexcelsior.com

### Departure Dates

Friday	22nd June	8 Days	£699
Friday	24th Aug	8 Days	£699
Friday	19th Oct	8 Days	£629

Single room supplement £70. Single rooms do not have balcony or lake view. Supplement for guaranteed Lakeside view and Balcony £8 prpn. For Door to Door terms & conditions please refer to Page 141.

# Lake Como & Bernina Express

All inclusive

Door to Door

The beautiful glamorous shoreline of Lake Como is a magnet for the rich and famous and it's easy to see why - crystal clear lakes framed by majestic snow capped peaks and surrounded by shores dotted with ancient villas and quaint fishing villages. Savour the local specialities of the valley – earthy red wines, handmade icecream to die for and freshly caught seafood sprinkled with olive oil and herbs.

## ITINERARY

- Day 1** Travel to Dover for the short sea ferry crossing to Calais before continuing to our overnight half board accommodation.
- Day 2** We drive through the soaring peaks of the Swiss Alps arriving at our hotel in the charming lakeside town of Cadenabbia in time for dinner.
- Day 3** This morning we have arranged a leisurely private boat tour where you can admire the pretty pastel houses and flower decked balconies of villas lining the lakeside. Our first stop is at the village of Lenno before continuing the cruise viewing the many lakeside villas including the one where Edward and Mrs Simpson used to stay. We continue to the only island on the lake 'Isola Comacina', before spending time in the beautiful village of Bellagio our last stop before returning to the hotel. The afternoon is at leisure to relax or take a leisurely stroll to the nearby 18th century Villa Carlotta, one of the most colourful places on the Lakes, a cornucopia of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias and over five hundred varieties of trees and shrubs.
- Day 4** Today we make a clockwise circuit of the lake. We travel to Dongo then around the top of the lake before stopping in the medieval town of Varenna. We then travel via Lecco to Como where there are plenty of shops to explore, browse for souvenirs or take your pick from locally made glassware, silk and olive wood carvings.
- Day 5\*** Today we take a single leg journey on the Bernina Express from Poschiavo to St Moritz, an amazing experience with spectacular close up views of the Alps, white glaciers and black lakes, voted one of the best train journeys in the world. Join the international jet set in the glamorous ski resort with its champagne climate and glamorous reputation. On the way back through the Maloya Pass, we can stop off at the lovely Roman village of Chiavenna.
- Day 6** Enjoy a day of retail therapy and sightseeing in the fashion capital of the world, Milan. We include a guided tour



Lake Como view from the Villa Monastero

with our knowledgeable local guide to make sure you don't miss the mighty Gothic Duomo, crowned with lacelike spires, statues and gargoyles. Other sights not to be missed are the Castello Sforzesco and Italy's premier Opera House, La Scala. The Renaissance church of Santa Maria della Grazie is the home of Leonardo da Vinci's legendary "Last Supper". Pay a trip to renowned fashion emporiums such as Dolce and Gabbana, Versace and Armani in search of that perfect outfit. Not just designer labels, Milan is a fascinating mix of art, culture and cutting edge industry.

**Day 7** Sadly it's time to leave and travel to our overnight half board accommodation

**Day 8** We travel to Calais for the mid afternoon ferry crossing and complete the journey home.

\*19th October departure, Bernina Express on day 3