

COMBINE A PICTURESQUE overland exploration

of Lake Como and Venice with an extensive cruise along the scenic Adriatic and Mediterranean coasts on this inspired odyssey. Tantalize your palate with rustic Croatian cuisine and fine Italian wines. See timeless works of art from the Rialto Bridge to the Sistine Chapel. Rest your eyes on red-roofed medieval Old Towns and the watercolor beauty of Krka National Park, all turquoise, teal and emerald. And walk in places where history echoes with every step - the famous medieval City Walls of Dubrovnik, the silent streets of Pompeii, Split's popular Riva promenade, in existence since Diocletian's Palace was built some 1,700 years ago. Stand at the rail on your elegant ship and take in the beauty of Kotor Bay and the Bay of Naples. Let Lake Como wow you with its jewel-like beauty and aristocratic elegance. Spend the night in Venice and ride a gondola through the moonlight. Magical moments, every one. And each detail is perfectly coordinated for you by Windstar.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 2 hotel nights at Villa d'Este at Lake Como,
 1 hotel night at Palace Bonvecchiati or similar
- All transfers to and from the various included sites
- Admission to Villa Carlotta botanical gardens and museum and wine tasting
- Guided tour of St. Mark's Square and Rialto
- Lake Como scenic cruise
- 8-day cruise from Rome to Venice
- Activity Level: Moderate

Please note: Bring your hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, insect repellent and comfortable walking shoes. When visiting the religious establishment low cut or sleeveless clothing, shorts, miniskirts, and hats are not allowed. This tour is not wheelchair accessible and is not suitable for people with mobility issues. For the pre-cruise tour, we encourage you to book a flight that arrives prior to 5 p.m. the day the Land Tour starts. Order of sites visited may vary based on availability and dates.

DAY TO DAY - POST CRUISE LAND TOUR



DAY 1 - Disembark and Head into Venice

No other sea approach in the Adriatic raises goose bumps like Venice, where the entire city and its lagoon are a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Say farewell to your ship and follow your private tour guide to Palace Bonvecchiati, a 4-star hotel just a stone's throw from St. Mark's Square. The hotel has been welcoming guests since 1790, and offers an upscale boutique hotel experience with contemporary comforts. Spend the afternoon at your leisure before a guided walking tour of St. Mark's Square and the Rialto area, the perfect place to enjoy an Aperitivo.

(Includes overnight at the Palace Bonvecchiati.)



DAY 2 - Venice to Lake Como

Wake in the City of Love and greet the day with breakfast at the hotel before joining your guide for the drive to Verona – home of Romeo and Juliet, and part of Italy's Veneto wine region, known for its quality wines. Spend some time at Cantina Mosconi Berta with its ancient sixteenth-century cellars and splendid vineyard, and sample wines like the Amarone the winery was instrumental in creating. Then it's off to the town of Cernobbio on Lake Como where you'll find the 5-star Villa d'Este, located on the lake shore with its own private 25-acre gardens.

(Includes overnight at the Villa d'Este and breakfast at the Palace Bonvecchiati.)



DAY 3 - Lake Como Bellagio

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your guide for a private boat tour of Lake Como, a lake that's been a popular retreat for aristocrats since Roman times. In Tremezzo, explore the beautiful gardens of Villa Carlotta. The Villa's art collection and botanical gardens were an important stop on the European Grand Tour in the 17th and 18th centuries. Cross the lake to the village of Bellagio, considered the jewel of the lake. Located where the lake splits into two branches, the town climbs the hills in a series of alleyways and staircases lined with historic palaces and colorful shops. If the setting looks familiar, parts of the 2006 James Bond film Casino Royale were shot here, among other movies. Explore the town and dine at a restaurant overlooking the lake before returning by boat to Villa d'Este. Spend the evening as you wish.

(Includes overnight at the Villa d'Este and breakfast at Bellagio)



DAY 4 - Check out and Transfer Milan & Villa d'Este

Enjoy breakfast at the hotel on your last morning at Lake Como then transfer to the Malpensa airport in Milan in time for your flight home.

(Includes breakfast and airport transfer)

