

Christ Church Travel

# Venice & the Italian Lakes

October 10 – 19, 2016

	<p>Monday Oct. 10<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Depart from Newark Airport on United Airlines for our overnight flight to Milan, Italy</p>
	<p>Tuesday Oct. 11<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Arrive in Milan and transfer by bus to the Grand Hotel Bristol in Stresa, on the shores of Lake Maggiore. After a gentle walking tour of the area, we'll have a welcome dinner at the hotel restaurant.</p>
	<p>Wednesday Oct. 12<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>The day begins with a tour of Lake Maggiore, including a cruise to the Borromean Islands. We'll stop at Isola Bella and visit the 17<sup>th</sup> century Borromean Palace and botanical gardens, then at Isola Pescatori, said to be one of the most romantic places on the lake.</p>
	<p>Thursday Oct. 13<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Today we travel to Lake Como, famous for its magical combination of lush Mediterranean foliage and snowy alpine peak. Oh, and for George Clooney. After a cruise on the lake we'll visit the town of Bellagio, called "la perla del lago" (the pearl of the lake), many consider this the most beautiful town in Europe.</p>
	<p>Friday Oct. 14<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>After breakfast we'll head to Milan for a full day excursion, where a local guide will take us to visit the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie where we'll see Leonardo da Vinci's mural of "The Last Supper". Later we'll see Castello Sforzesco and go on a walking tour of the historic center of town, including the Duomo and La Scala opera house.</p>
	<p>Saturday Oct. 15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>This morning we'll cruise Lake Orta, the smallest of the northern lakes, and visit the picturesque village of Orta. Afterwards we'll travel on to the island of San Giulio, then travel to the wine region in the valley between the rivers Ticino and Sesia, where we'll visit a local winery for lunch and a wine tasting.</p>

	<p>Sunday Oct. 16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>This is our transition day, when we'll leave beautiful Stresa behind and head to Venice, stopping at Verona along the way. The historical center of Verona is a UNESCO World Heritage Site, famous for its Roman amphitheater (the third largest in the world) and for Juliet's balcony, among other sites. We'll arrive in Venice toward the end of the afternoon, in time for a stroll before dinner.</p>
	<p>Monday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>Wake up this morning in enchanting Venice. The morning's walking tour will include Piazza San Marco, with the majestic Doge's Palace, and a visit to St. Mark's Basilica. The afternoon will be free to explore on your own, and there's a lot to choose from on the main islands as well as the outer islands of Murano and Burano.</p>
	<p>Tuesday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>After breakfast on our last full day in Italy we'll go for cruise on the Brenta River, where 15<sup>th</sup> century noble Venetians built their summer homes. We'll enjoy lunch together before returning for another free afternoon of exploration in Venice before our farewell dinner.</p>
	<p>Wednesday Oct 19<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>An early (sorry) departure from Venice will bring us to our return flight to Newark.</p>

**\$3,929 per person (double occupancy) \***

Singles available for a supplement of \$949

\* Price includes a tax-deductible donation of \$250 per person

Fare includes:

- Round trip economy class airfare from Newark on United Airlines.
- Eight nights' accommodation at 4-star hotels in Stresa and Venice. Hotel taxes and service charges are included.
- Daily breakfast at the hotel, welcome and farewell dinners, lunches as noted
- English speaking tour director from arrival to departure
- Headphones on guided tours
- Portage at each hotel (one bag per person)
- ... and much more!

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