



## Discover The Alps & Back By Bernina Train Milan & Northern Lakes – 8 Days (#16791)

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### Overview

Trip Highlights

Local guide in Milan and Verona, Bernina Express, Happy Hour in Milan

Food & Wine tasting

Scenic boat transfers

Unique Bernina Express ride

Happy hour experience

Drinks and fingerfood on a boat on the Navigli in Milan

Light lunch in Franciacorta region

Lake Como & Lake Garda

### Trip Highlights

Milan-Bernina Express-Como-Bellagio-Bergamo-Sirmione-Riva Del Garda-Verona-Milan





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### Detailed Itinerary

#### Day 01

#### Day 01: Arrival in Milan

Welcome to Milan! Meet our driver at Milan Malpensa Airport and enjoy a private transfer to your hotel. Day at your disposal. Overnight.

#### Day 02

#### Day 02: In Milan (HAPPY HOURS)

Breakfast at the hotel. In the afternoon, meet your professional local guide at the hotel and set off on a three-hour walking tour through the heart of Milan. Going down via Spallanzani, you will reach Porta Venezia (literally Venice Gate), one of the historical gates to the city. It has medieval and maybe even Roman origins, and it gives the name to the city district all around it. An urban legend has it that the other name it is known as - "Porta Renza" - stems from Renzo Tramaglino, co-protagonist of the novel *The Betrothed* by Alessandro Manzoni, who enters Milan exactly from this access. You will proceed toward Corso Venezia and take a shortcut inside Giardini Indro Montanelli, a public garden. Opposite the gardens, you will go past GAM, the Galleria d'Arte Moderna (modern art museum). Proceeding along Viale Manzoni, you will head for La Scala opera house (Teatro alla Scala), inaugurated on 3 August 1778. The theatre underwent major renovations from early 2002 to late 2004. Then, get ready to take in the stunning Milan Cathedral (Duomo di Milano). Your tour guide will illustrate its main features. The last stop will be the majestic Castello Sforzesco, a medieval fortress built in the 15th century by the Duke of Milan, Francesco Sforza. In its vicinity, we have chosen a refined bakery for you to be able to relax and taste a typical aperitivo (happy hour). At the end of the aperitivo, the tour is over and you will have some free time before returning to the hotel on your own. Overnight stay is in Milan.

**Meal:** Breakfast

#### Day 03

#### Day 03: Milan • Bernina Express • Milan

This is the day of your Bernina Express tour, on board "the train that snakes its way up to the mountain peaks". Just like sitting in a theatre, you will admire unique views from your seat on board the Bernina Train, a piece of history (it is 100 years old) and a World Heritage train. After breakfast at the hotel, meet our driver and reach Tirano. You will get on board there and start this ride along one of the most beautiful railway routes in the world, with its unsurpassed alpine views. The journey will take two hours to complete. As the train winds its way over the Alps, occasionally passing through mountain





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tunnels, and puffing its way past a myriad of towns and villages, a number of highlights will catch your attention. Look out at the Swiss Alps as you ride along the Bernina pass to St. Moritz, and then enjoy free time to explore it. Meet your driver to return to Milan (meeting point in St. Moritz). Overnight stay in Milan.

**Meal:** Breakfast

### Day 04

#### Day 04: Milan • Como • Bellagio • Bergamo

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel and then prepare for a short visit to Como, a tourist destination for its vicinity to Lake Como and the Alps. Amazing views over the lake and the alpine valleys are guaranteed! The lake itself, sometimes called Lario, has long been famous for its y-shape and for Bellagio, which you will reach by boat. This little gem town lies at the intersection of the lake's two southern arms, with the Alps dominating the horizon to the north, and is home to some of the most charming landscapes in Italy. Spend some time exploring this picturesque village and its small streets, luxury hotels, villas, and gardens, and have lunch at your leisure in one of the many restaurants or cafés. Back on board, you will make your way to Tremezzo/ Villa Carlotta where you will meet the driver and begin your journey to Bergamo, a truly historic and artistic jewel characterized by its urban structure: the città bassa (or lower town) is modern and dynamic, while the famous città alta (or upper town) houses the city's medieval heart. Check in at your Bergamo hotel, dinner y overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner

### Day 05

#### Day 05: Bergamo • Sirmione • Riva del Garda • Bergamo

Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, is the next destination. After breakfast at your hotel, you suggest taking a panoramic tour of the lake's west coast, taking in the splendid natural landscape, like the Brenta Dolomites (the Brenta Group has been officially recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site) and the gentle slopes of the Moraine Hills of Lower Garda. Enjoy the area's rich vegetation, including lemon trees, oleanders, magnolias, and bougainvillea, and be sure to taste some of the locally-made olive oil and wines. Next, you will move to Sirmione, where Lake Garda and its surroundings are at their finest. See the sun reverberating on lake's blue waters, the tree-lined shores, Sirmione Castle as well as the ruins of Catullus's villa or Grottoes of Catullus (the 1st century BC poet owned a villa here) during a boat tour. Once you're through, you will have some free time to have lunch before departing for Riva del Garda. Located on the north side of the lake, you will see its quaint Venetian-style historical centre. Dinner and Overnight stay in Bergamo.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Dinner





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### Day 06

### Day 06: Bergamo · Verona · Franciacorta (light lunch and wine tasting) · Milan

After breakfast, reach “fair Verona”, a museum in plain air. A local professional will be waiting for you and take you on a guided tour. The fascinating mix of historical periods and cultures (both classical and Germanic) is a blend of Nordic as well as Mediterranean influences that is both ancient and modern. A walk through its narrow streets will allow you to get in touch with Verona’s varied and fascinating past: traces of its splendid Roman origins, its medieval structures, its magnificent Renaissance palaces, as well as the impressive fortifications protecting it. The combination of art and history will amaze you. Two of William Shakespeare's plays are set in Verona: “Romeo and Juliet” is by far the most famous one. We suggest taking a look at the so-called Juliet’s home (and its balcony, said to have been the legendary balcony of the famous “Oh Romeo, Rome” tragedy scene). It is a medieval building located in via Cappello. Capello is the name of a family who resided in the edifice in the 14th century. After the Verona tour, you will drive toward the territory of Franciacorta, whose soil consisting of gravel and sand over limestone is ideal for the cultivation of grapes and for winemaking. This is why we chose this place for your next stop. This is where you will enjoy a light lunch and taste some local food as well as the renowned local wine. After this experience, you will head for Milan. Overnight.

**Meal:** Breakfast and Lunch

### Day 07

### Day 07: Milan

Did you sleep well? Time to get up now, you are in Milan, the city of fashion! After breakfast at your hotel, we suggest to take the time to visit Milan’s Fashion District, the epicentre of Italian fashion. Find the so-called Quadrilatero d'Oro (or Golden Rectangle) which is lined with prestigious haute couture boutiques including Versace, Prada, and Armani. In the afternoon, reach our meeting point in Alzaia-Naviglio Grande and explore one of Milan's most beautiful districts (Navigli) with a boat tour. The Navigli district is famous for its canals and vibrant nightlife. On the boat, you will cruise along the Naviglio Grande (Grand Canal) while you have an excellent cocktail and delicious snacks. You will see old typical edifices on the canal, whose ground floors have been converted into bars, restaurants, and art galleries. Navigating upstream you will reach one of the oldest churches in the city: San Cristoforo sul Naviglio. You will then see the historic headquarters of Canottieri Olona (a multi-water sports club) and the famous Vicolo dei Lavandai (or Alley of the Launderers), an open-air wash house in use from the 18th century through the 1950s (their members would collect the laundry from around the city in wicker baskets and take them on their shoulder to this alley). You can listen to the audio guide if you please in order to learn a bit of history, or you can simply enjoy the navigation while chatting with your travel companions. Overnight in Milan.

**Meal:** Breakfast





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### Day 08

### Day 08: Departure Milan

After breakfast, transfer to the airport. Arrivederci!

**Meal:** Breakfast

## Inclusions

- Transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- Monolingual tour escort in English
- Accommodation in 4 stars
- Meals as per itinerary (please inform us at the moment of the booking, in case of any food allergy or alimentary restriction).
- Visits with a local expert guide as per itinerary

## Exclusions

- Tips
- Porterage service
- Drinks
- Entrance fees to monuments or museums when not mentioned
- City tax for overnight stays (according to each city council rules)
- Everything that is not mentioned in the paragraph “The Tour includes”

## Note

Hotels Used OR Similar

MILAN - ANTARES HOTEL CONCORDE BW / SIGNATURE COLLECTION 4\*

BERGAMO - CAPPELLO D'ORO 4\*

We inform all clients that rates do not include city tax when applicable. City tax will have to be paid directly from clients at the hotel upon arrival or at the checkout. We remind you that the city tax may change according to the hotel category.

Rates indicated include Service and the current applicable VAT. All prices are subject to automatic change without prior notice due to VAT increase, local fees, or bus congestion charge.





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### Program Touring / Guide

Escorted Experience

### Fixed Departure

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