

Italy: Lake Como & the Italian Lake District

Pre-Trip-Extension - SIRMIONE Pre-Trip Extension

2 Nights from \$295.00 per person, double occupancy

- 2 nights at the Hotel Ideal
- Airport car service for arrival
- Daily breakfast
- City information

Only available with the Air Inclusive Package.

DAY 1: Depart from the United States or Canada

All you have to do is get to the airport. On our Air Packages, we'll take care of the rest, handling all the logistics, so you can travel with peace of mind. Spend your first night aloft and arrive refreshed for an unforgettable trip.

After an included breakfast at your Sirmione hotel, check out by 11:00 a.m. and store your luggage at the reception desk. Enjoy a free morning, strolling the medieval city or enjoying the hotel amenities. Meet your VBT trip leaders at 12:45 p.m. in the hotel lobby. They will be wearing VBT staff garments. Please plan to have lunch and change into your biking clothes before this meeting. Your trip leaders will hold a safety talk at the hotel for about 45 minutes. Afterwards you walk a short distance to board your private motorcoach. En route to Sulzano, scenically situated on Lake Iseo, you stop to enjoy a warm-up ride along quiet country roads and through small villages into the medieval town of Iseo. From there follow the lakeshore, taking advantage of a local bike path for part of the way.

All guests: In the afternoon, settle in your romantic lakeside hotel in the picturesque village of Sulzano. You might recognize the postcard-picture of Monte Isola within the lake, made famous in 2016 when artist Christo placed yellow floating piers to connect the island of Monte Isola and the private islet of San Paolo to the mainland. That summer, in only 16 days, 1,300,000 people walked these piers to discover this incredible place.

Tonight, enjoy a welcome cocktail reception on the hotel's lakeside manicured terrace and get to know your fellow travelers. Then board a private ferry to Monte Isola to enjoy your welcome dinner in a very special and scenic location.

Included Meals: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 2: Arrive in Verona / Travel to Sirmione / Begin your Pre-Trip Extension

A VBT representative will greet you at the Verona airport to start your adventure off right. A complimentary car service will whisk you to your centrally located hotel in Sirmione. From here, you are perfectly positioned to explore this charming city at your leisure.

DAY 3: Continue your Pre-Trip Extension

Arrive at the airport in Verona. Once in the arrival terminal you will be met by a VBT representative holding a VBT sign. He or she will be located just outside of customs and will provide your transportation by private car (approximately 45 minutes) to your hotel in Sirmione on Lake Garda.

If you are going to be delayed for more than 15 minutes at the Lost & Found desk due to delayed or lost luggage, please let our transportation company know by calling +39 393 64 64 393 (at a fee). You may also contact Allianz Global Assistance to advise of your delay, and they will contact our transportation service.

The rest of the day is free to discover and dine on your own with the VBT city information as your guide. Your hotel room may not be available until 2:00 p.m. If you arrive early in the day, you may store your luggage with the reception desk. Enjoy the garden, the swimming pool and private beach of the hotel to relax after your trip.

Please note: VBT transportation times and departure points are finalized in advance and cannot be modified for individual guests. If you fly in earlier than the scheduled program dates, transportation from the airport will be at your own expense.

Over the next two days, take in the beauty of this peninsular town jutting out into Lake Garda. Its beauty is so captivating that it lured the Roman-era poet Catullus here. The ruins of his villa remain at the very tip of the peninsula. Take time to also roam the cobbled streets and explore the imposing waterfront fortress, or perhaps soak in the lake's only hot springs. Explore farther afield using the lake's ferry system, a wonderful chance to marvel at the alpine setting of Lake Garda. You might head to Salò, home to the lake's longest promenade, or the Isola del Garda islet, where you can stroll footpaths among its formal gardens. Plentiful restaurants provide delicious local cuisine throughout your idyllic stay.

DAY 4: Continue your Pre-Trip Extension

After a delicious included breakfast at your hotel, you are free to explore on your own, using our included city information packet to guide your discoveries.

Included Meals: Breakfast