



The great lakes of Northern Italy

8 days/ 7 nights

Let yourself be tempted by the prestigious lakes of Northern Italy: Como, Maggiore and Iseo among others. Be captivated by Italy's mixture of a rich past, local traditions and inviting meandering roads set against wonderful natural landscapes. This holiday is a must for every passionate biker!

Nights in 3 star hotels, ideally situated.

YOUR PROGRAM

Day 1 - Lecco and Lake Como

Once you have arrived in Lecco, you will have the chance to settle into your hotel and to explore the town's little streets and historical buildings.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Lecco.



Day 2 - Lake Como

You will start your great Italian motorcycling adventure by riding around the Lake Como. Dazzling and mesmerizing landscapes hiding behind a bend in the road will undoubtedly remain etched in your mind. Head northwards and follow a coastline road to reach Varenna. Then, you will climb uphill along a little meandering road where amateur photographers will love shooting pictures. Finally, enjoy a long swopping descent to the Abbey of Piona and its peninsula, and ride along the West Coast via Gravedona and Menaggio before returning to Lecco.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Lecco.

Distance: 140km.



Day 3 - From Bellagio to Como

Have breakfast and ride in the footsteps of the Triangolo Lariano. Along the way, you will have several opportunities to drink a real Italian cappuccino while riding through enchanting little villages. We recommend that you stop in Bellagio for a while, which is otherwise known as 'la perla del lago di Como' or the 'treasure of Lake Como'. This magnificent little town shines for the idyllic atmosphere of its setting, its gardens, stone staircases and villas with stunning views over the lake. Continue your motorbike adventure by riding along a meandering mountain road which offers stunning views over the valley. You will come across the 'Madonna Del Ghisallo' who was declared the patroness of cyclists by a local priest. Finally, take a break at the Brunate lighthouse on your way back to Como.

Night in Como in a 3 star hotel.

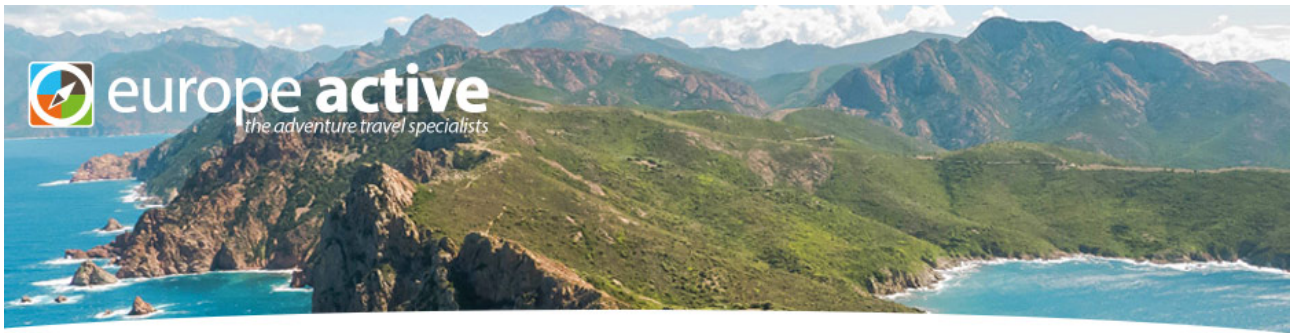
Distance: 100km.



Day 4 - Switzerland and Lake Lugano

A great day of adventure awaits you, with a ride along Lake Como in order to reach Switzerland. You will ride through a series of tunnels before arriving in Argegno and continue your journey in a spectacular setting. This is the ideal moment for amateur photographers to take pictures of their idyllic surroundings. Next, ride through little villages and take a break in the city centre of Lugano, which is famous for its banks and luxury shops. You will then return to Italy to reach Lake Como and its sublime landscapes, which will undoubtedly sweep you away.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Como.



Distance: approximately 140km.



Day 5 - From Lake Maggiore to Verbania

Spend time near Lake Maggiore before setting off to the shores of Lake Varese and its surrounding lush greenery. When in Arona, don't forget to explore the town's great fortress. Once the theatre of many battles, the fortress acquired significant importance during Napoleonic Wars, and its ancient feeling will offer you the opportunity to travel back in time. Next, follow scenic stretches of mountain road, which will take you to Il Lago d'Orta. Once you get back to Lake Maggiore, you will be able to admire the picturesque setting of the Borromean Islands.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Verbania.

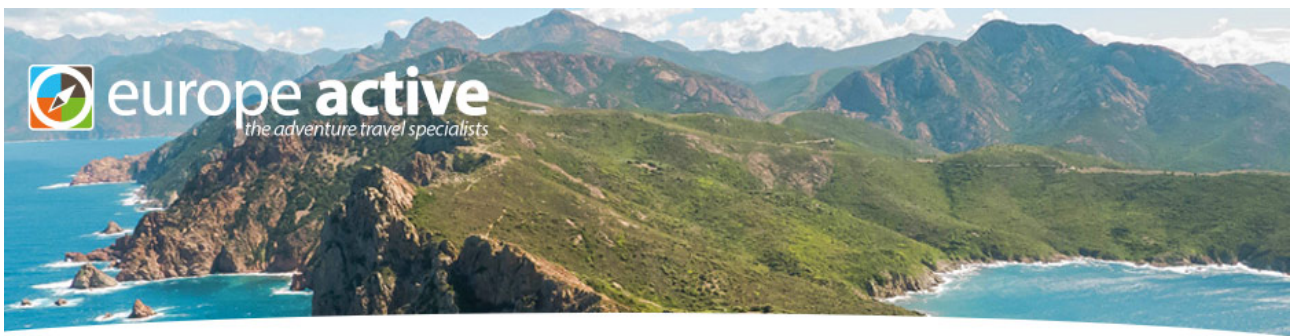
Distance: approximately 170km.



Day 6 - Lake Maggiore

Continue your motorbike journey to Lake Maggiore and ride northwards to Switzerland and Locarno, which hosts the International Film Festival every August. Adventurous bikers may want to ride on and explore Laveno and its port or the Sanctuary of Saint Caterina del Sasso, perched on a rocky ridge overlooking the lake. In the evening, you will ride to Bergamo, your new adventure land for the day.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Bergamo.



2 different options: 220km or 235km.



Day 7 - The Orobic Alps and Lake Iseo

The first part of today's stage will be devoted to riding thrilling mountain roads with nice corners. You will then follow smooth twisting roads, which host car rallies every year, before reaching San Pellegrino Terme, famous for its ancient thermal baths and sparkling mineral water. Brave riders will have the option to climb up to the Col de la Presolana, a truly heavenly place for bikers. You will then follow the eastern shore of Lake Iseo and ride through the historic centre of Lovere, Iseo and Sarnico. Our team also recommends a boat trip around Monte Isola, which is the largest lake dwelling in Italy. You will then return to Bergame in the evening.

Night in a 3 star hotel in Bergame.

Two different options: 150km or 180km.





Day 8 - Medieval Bergamo

After breakfast, you will have the opportunity to visit Bergamo. In its Città Alta lies a tightly packed network of charming medieval streets and buildings surrounded by 17th century Venetian walls.

Your trip ends here in Bergamo.



Additional information

TARIFFS

Price from 670 euros per person.

OPTIONS

Supplement for single bedrooms : 280 euros per person.

Supplement for July and August departures : 90 euros per person.

GPS tracks on USB stick : 25 euros per person.

INCLUDED

Nights in 3 star hotels (double bedrooms), breakfasts, information package with maps and road-books.

NOT INCLUDED

Transport options to the meeting point and from the point of dispersal, personal travel insurance, lunches and evening meals, motorbike rental, personal expenses.

ACCOMMODATION

3 star hotels.

SIZE OF GROUP

From 2.

DEPARTURES

Every day from the beginning of April to the end of October.

DEPARTURE

Lecco.



DISPERSION

Bergamo.

EQUIPMENT TO TAKE

Repair kit, puncture repair kit, air compressor.

Battery charger.

Engine oil.

Spark plugs and spark plug remover tools.

Wrench, flare-nut spanner, ring wrench, tongue-and-groove pliers, needle-nose pliers.

Screwdriver set.

Zip ties, electrical wire, iron wire and duct tape.

Fuses and full set of spare light bulbs.

Latex gloves and duster.

Spare keys.

Earplugs.

U-lock.

Bike Trousers.

Bike Jacket.

Gloves.

Boots.

Helmet.

Waterproof Boot Covers.

Waterproof Coat & Trousers.

First aid kit.

Survival blanket.

Head lamp.