

## Lake Como 2019



### Lake Como Tour 2019

**Guided cycling Tour Lake Como 2019, for private groups only from 5 persons or more. This tour is also available in self guided.**

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### **Guided cycling Tour Lake Como 2019 on road bike**

Welcome in Italy! Cycle the beautiful area of Lake Como in Northern Italy. Experience the peaceful countryside roads with very little traffic. Furthermore every year at the end of September the UCI Pro Tour race Giro di Lombardia will be held in this famous region.

Lake Como is among the bestselling cycling destinations in Italy. Cyclist can ride along the lake's narrow roads passing through the picturesque Italian towns with the villas of the rich and famous (like George Clooney's huge Villa house). Don't forget to climb to Madonna del Ghisallo, a not-to-be missed cycling hot spot! On top you must visit the intimate road cycling

museum, and home to many world class pro riders who gave away their cycling jerseys.

The Como region also borders with Switzerland and its nearby Lake Lugano, another great cycling playground. Cycle the rolling hills and ride through the typical Italian villages in this wonderful cycling paradise. Imagine drinking an espresso or cappuccino in the town of Bellagio after a hard day in the saddle or drinking a glass of wine, overlooking Lake Como. Challenging climbs and great views are waiting for you during this Road Cycling Holiday on the shores of Lake Como. Enjoy fitness with the qualities of life in Italy.

## **Immerse your Cycling Holiday in Europe and Cycle Italy right now!**

- Cycling Lake Como and enjoy all the qualities of Northern Italy!
- Cycle through the beautiful town of Bellagio Visit Madonna del Ghisallo. This cyclist chapel is just a few meters from the top of the pass
- Rolling hills & challenging cycling days
- Panoramic views on your way along Lake Como & Lake Lugano
- Astonishing and spectacular view of Monta Rosa of all the Alps and the Matterhorn
- Fantastic scenery, perfect roads and fine food
- Cycling Switzerland & Italy around Lake Maggiore and Lake Lugano
- You stay in Cernobbio. Also called “The Italian hometown” of George Clooney

## **Itinerary**

### Day 1

#### Check in

Check in around 14.00 at your hotel in Cernobbio. This beautiful town will be your starting point for the upcoming week. The tour leader will explain the coming activities and itinerary for this Cycle Lake Como program.

### Day 2

#### Cernobbio loop ride 84 km - altitude 640m

After breakfast you'll first leave for a beautiful loop ride (mostly flat) starting from your hotel in Cernobbio. Today's ride will take you into Switzerland. You cycle along Lake Lugano's most quiet roads and cross the Italian and Swiss border a few times. Enjoy the atmosphere of quaint Swiss little towns whilst riding along Lake Lugano. Stop for coffee in Pontetresa (almost half way into today's ride) and from here carry on back into Italy to Cernobbio. Overnight stay in Cernobbio

### Day 3

#### Cernobbio to Schignano 84km - altitude 1800m

Leaving Cernobbio, today's ride will ultimately lead you to the Intelvi Valley .... riding along the lake to the Swiss town of Lugano, the views open up to Monte San Salvatore just in front of you

and Monte Sighignola across the lake on top of Campione d'Italia. You will pass luxurious villas and stunning gardens, and come back into Italy at Gandria. More lake side riding will take you to the lake village of Porlezza an ideal coffee or lunch stop sitting at tables overlooking mountains and of course the lake. A little further on, you start the 7 km climb to San Fedele into Pian delle Noci. Here you have the option to do a detour to the village of Pigra, nested on the side of the mountain with from the most stunning view of all Lake Como. Overnight stay in Schignano

#### Day 4

Schignano to Pian delle Noci 84 km - altitude 1700m

Cycling in Italy is superb! Waking up with breathtaking views of Pian delle Noci your day's ride starts with a climb to the top of La Sighignola, also named the "Balcone d'Italia". On top you will have a magnificent view over the whole northern Alps chain, lake Varese and lake Lugano. Take your time take cycling on the switchback descent and enjoy the scenic route, leaving Monte Generoso on your left and almost literally falling onto lake Lugano. Cycling to Lake Como, you will take the lower road, passing famous villas such as Villa d'Este and the residence of George Clooney. From Schignano, just before Argegno, you start the climb back up to Pian delle Noci, in time for an afternoon aperitivo taken in the gardens of your Hotel. Overnight stay in Pian delle Noci.

#### Day 5

Pian delle Noci to Bellagio 68 km - altitude 1600m

A wonderful ride taking in the highlights of Bellagio and the little church of the Madonna di Ghisallo. Leaving your Hotel at Pian delle Noci, you'll descend to lake Como, riding through San Fedele to Argegno. You first take the lower road along the lake to Lenno. From here you cycle to Cadenabbia and take a short ferry ride over to Bellagio. Explore this idyllic little town, with its many lake-side cafeterias and little restaurants before you start a gradual climb up to Magreglio, the famous cyclists mecca where you can admire the little chapel of Madonna di Ghisallo, dedicated to all cyclists. Visit the "Museo del Ciclismo", with regalia of the most famous world riders. You can top your ride with a Panino alla Pantani from the local bar! The carefree descent will take you to Valbrona, from where the views of the Lecco branch of lake Como opens up in front of you. From Onno you ride again along the lake again passing through Oliveto Lario till Bellagio. Overnight stay in Bellagio

#### Day 6

Bellagio loop ride 61 km - altitude 1500m

Bellagio is a perfect setting to chill out or to visit some local sights of interest, such as Villa Balbianello across the lake or the village of Varenna or Menaggio. Alternatively, if you are keen to cycle, a loop ride will take you to Nesso, from where you start a gradual but long climb to Pian del Tivano and on to La Colma di Sormano. Here at the Rifugio della Colma, you can indulge in some local specialities such as Polenta with local cheese, home made pasta with Porcini mushrooms and other delicacies whilst enjoying the outstanding views of the Lombard Alps! After a winding descent (or alternatively descending the famous "Muro di Sormano"), you will

reach Asso from where you climb back up to Magreglio (Madonna del Ghisallo) and then down to Bellagio. Overnight stay in Bellagio

## Day 7

Bellagio to Cernobbio 36 km - altitude 550m

Unfortunately your last cycling day. This is just a relaxing day along the southern shores of lake Como. Never leaving the lake side, it rollercoaster's for 30 km, passing small villages and old churches. With time to spare, the old part of Como with its imposing Duomo is a lovely centre to explore by foot or by bike. From here, a short ride will take you to Cernobbio going through the Gardens of Villa Olmo, facing the lake. This is your last evening in Italy, and there is a great choice of local restaurants in the little square facing the lake, where you can celebrate the end of a great cycling holiday. Arrivederci sul lago di Como! Overnight stay in Cernobbio

## Day 8

Departure day

Departure day.....Time to say goodbye, a good flight back home or else a pleasant stay in Italy. Transfers to the Airport Milan Malpensa will be made by the Tour guide.

## Airport

- Milan has three important airports; the most important airport is Milan Malpensa, from here many flights leave /arrive worldwide. There are many regular flights to/ from Madrid, Brussels, Amsterdam, Frankfurt, Berlin, Rome, London Heathrow, Copenhagen, Barcelona, Athens, Zurich and more very important cities from all around the Globe.
- The second airport is Milan Linate which has a lot of domestic and European flights to all important cities in Europe. There is a shuttle bus connecting Malpensa with Linate Airport. The ride between the two airports takes more than an hour.
- The third airport is Bergamo Airport (officially rio al Serio International Airport) and is northeast of Milan, close to the city of Bergamo. This airport is especially used by budget companies like Ryanair.

## Bus to central station

- From Milan Malpensa Airport to Milan Central station are Malpensa Shuttle busses departing: every 30 to 60 minutes Length: 1 hour.
- From Milan Linate International Airport to Milan Central station busses departing every 30 minutes Length: 20 minutes.
- Bergamo Airport has no direct train connection, but there is a shuttle bus that takes you to the station in Bergamo.

## Booking Information

- All prices are based on double rooms
- All day departures
- For bookings and inquiries contact us [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com)

## Extra Information

This cycling tour is from 5 persons or more. We can fully customize a private group tour for The Lake Como and Swiss lakes region.

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to [info@cycleclassictours.com](mailto:info@cycleclassictours.com)
2. Once we receive your request we contact the local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and charge you're a deposit fee of € 400 per person plus a € 15 booking fee.
4. We tend and try to send all over within 48 hours.
5. You will receive an invoice, the tour program and the terms and conditions of the tour operator.
6. Please do not make travel plans until you receive our confirmation.
7. Your confirmation invoice contains a statement reflecting of your deposit payment and the balance due.
8. The balance payment is due 60 days before the start of the tour.
9. Please be advised that we make every effort to ensure that all the information given on this site is accurate. All statements and information has been researched and supplied by third parties.
10. The information given is accurate and reliable, to the best of our knowledge. Should errors be found, we will rectify them as quickly as possible. However, we accept no responsibility for errors or inaccuracies.

## Included

- 7 nights in 3\* Hotels with daily breakfast
- A daily map and route sheets will be provided
- Safe storage for your bike at the hotel & washing and cleaning area for bikes
- Car Parking & Wi-Fi
- Bicycle recovery assistance in case of breakdown
- Transfer to/from the airport Milan

## **Not Included**

- Lunches
- Dinners
- Airfares and Taxis
- Archaeological sites/museums visits and entrances fees
- Single Supplement €350
- Road bike Carbon €225