

Road Cycling Italy Lakes 2020



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Guided Road Cycling Italian Lakes 2020
From April until September.

The 8 days - 7 nights tour starts on Friday - The 5 days - 4 nights weekend tour starts on Thursday

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Guided cycling Tour Italian Lake district 2020 on road bike

Welcome in Italy! Cycle the beautiful Italian Lake District 2019 in the North of Italy. Experience the peaceful countryside roads in the province of Varese. This cycling trip is wonderful because of the rolling hills and the ride through typical Italian villages, that is what this trip makes an real cycling paradise. The area of Varese is well known in the cycling history. The Tour of Lombardy and the Giro d'Italia always visiting this world famous region right in the middle of the Italian and Swiss border. Challenging climbs and great views are waiting for you during this fully supported cycling holiday across Northern Italy.

Cycle along and around Lake Maggiore, Lake Lugano, Lake Como and Lake Varese with little traffic and panoramic roads. The Lake District has ten lakes that surround Varese. Furthermore enjoy fitness with the qualities of life in North Italy. Immerse your cycling holiday in North Italy and cycle the Italian Lake District right now! Your base will be in a fantastic three star bike-hotel in Varese also known as the "Garden City". Fantastic scenery, perfect roads and fine food makes Italy a road cycling paradise. Combine the beauties of North Italy with your bicycle and get an unforgettable cycling holiday.

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- Cycle The beautiful Lake District of Northern Italy also known as the "City of garden" Varese
- Rolling hills and Challenging cycling days
- Panoramic view from the top of the Regional Park Monte Campo dei Fiori
- Postcard villages and historical places like Castiglione Olona and the village of Arcumeggia, known as "Painted Village"
- Fantastic scenery, perfect roads and fine food makes Italy a Road Cycling paradise
- Great ride along stunning Lake Lugano.

Itinerary

Day 1

Friday - Arrival

Check in around 14.00h at your hotel in Varese. For those who want to have an airport pick up

please contact us. This beautiful town will be your starting point for your upcoming tour. The tour leader will explain the coming activities and itinerary for this Italian Lake district cycling trip.
Accommodation Varese

Day 2

Saturday 102 km Laveno - Luino

Let's get started on our exploration of the foothills to the North of Varese. You'll cross three valleys: Valcuvia, Valganna, Valmarchirolo. Ride along five lakes: Lake Maggiore, Lake Lugano, Lake Brinzio, Lake Ganna and Lake Ghirla. Today's route is undulating. Tackle the Ardena climb and if you want, the extra Marzio climb in the challenging route. Route: distance 97 km – 60 miles- elevation 1,040 m – 3,412 ft Challenging option: distance 102 km – 63 miles elevation 1,340 m – 4,396 ft Major climbs: Ardena climb (3.2 km – 2 mi, avg. 6%, max. 8%), extra climb in the challenging option: Marzio climb (3.4 km – 2.1 mi, avg. 8%, max. 10%). Accommodation: Varese

Day 3

Sunday 82 km Lugano-Bellagio-Madonna del Ghisallo

Today's ride has one focus: go up to the Shrine of Madonna del Ghisallo. The small Chapel is located at Magreglio (CO) on the top of the Madonna del Ghisallo climb and has become the focus of many riders' pilgrimages. You cross the Swiss pre-alpine mountains and ride along Lake Lugano and Lake Como's shores, passing through the lake side villages of Menaggio and Bellagio where the Madonna del Ghisallo climb starts. You'll come back to hotel all together by support vehicle. Route: distance 81 km – 50 miles elevation 1,250 m – 4,100 ft Major climbs: Madonna del Ghisallo climb (10.5 km – 6.5 mi, avg. 9%, max. 11%)
Accommodation: Varese

Day 4

Monday 84 km Varese to Colmegna

Today you transfer to your new accommodation on the shores of Lake Maggiore. You ride around the Regional Park of Monte Campo dei Fiori, then you pass close to Lake Brinzio, Lake Ganna and Lake Ghirla. After climbing down towards the Lake Lugano, You cross twice the border between Italy and Switzerland in Malcantone region where you tackle several wooded climbs . At last you climb down towards the Lake Maggiore to reach the hotel in Colmegna. Main route: distance 84 km – 52 mi; ascent 1,701 m – 5,581 ft. Major climbs: Brinzio climb (2.7 km – 1.7 mi, avg. 5.2%, max. 8%), Vernate climb (8.2 km – 5.2 mi, avg. 6%, max. 8%). Accommodation Colmegna

Day 5

Tuesday 61 km Val Veddasca - Alpe Neggia-Passo Forcora

Yet climbing in Val Veddasca close to Lake Maggiore, as the route heads to Alpe Neggia. It's a 22 km climb (elevation gain 1,200 mt - 3,940 ft). The last 2 km are harder. From Alpe Neggia a

view opens over the the town of Locarno, the Lake Maggiore and the Alps in the distance. The descent requires your concentration. You can tackle, the extra Passo Forcora climb in the challenging route if you want. Some flat lake-side riding, good climbing, thrilling descent and the view across Lake Maggiore. Main route: distance 56 km – 35 mi; ascent 1,775 m – 5,823 ft Challenge route: distance 61 km – 38 mi; ascent 2,020 m – 6,627 ft Major climbs: Alpe Neggia climb (22 km – 13.6 mi, avg. 5.4%, max. 10%), extra climb in challenging option: Passo Forcora climb (9 km – 5.6 mi, avg. 7%, max. 13%). Accomodation Colmegna

Day 6

Wednesday 90 km Sant Antonio-San Michele-Sette Tremini-Cuvignone

Today climbs, descents and views over the Lake Maggiore and over the Alps. Your morning is spent on the foothills and tidy back roads close to Lake Maggiore. The climbs aren't long but they are one after the other in succession along small medioeval villages. You tackle the Sant'Antonio climb, the San Michele climb, the Montegrino climb and Sette Termini climb. Optional extra climbs for those looking for a challenge: Passo del Cuvignone and Arcumeggia climb. Main route: distance 68 km – 42 mi; ascent 1,831 m – 6,007 ft Challenge route: distance 90 km – 56 mi; ascent 2,570 m – 8,432 ft Major climbs: Sant'Antonio climb (4.4 km – 2.7 mi, avg. 6%, max. 8%), San Michele climb (2.4 km – 1.5 mi, avg. 10%), Montegrino climb (5 km – 3.1 mi, avg. 5.7%, max. 7%), Monte Sette Termini climb (5.5 km – 3.4 mi, avg. 7%, max. 8%), extra climbs in challenging option: Cuvignone climb from Sant'Antonio (4.5 km – 2.8 mi, avg. 8.7%, max. 10%), Arcumeggia climb (3.6 km – 2.2 mi, avg. 7%, max. 7%). Accomodation Colmegna

day 7

Thursday 92km Loop around North Lake Maggiore

The main route is a flat ride around the Northern part of Lake Maggiore. You ride through the pedestrian area of the cities of Locarno and Ascona, you cross twice the border between Italy and Switzerland. You came back to hotel by a 20minute ferry ride. We suggest to make a stop at the lakeside villages of Cannero and Cannobio. We planed to climb up to the Alpe Trarego in the challenging route. The Alpe Trarego climb is a back road riding through dense woods and arriving on a natural balcony that offers beautiful views of Lake Maggiore. Main route: distance 92 km – 57 mi; ascent 1,230 m – 4,035 ft Challenge route: distance 120 km – 75 mi; ascent 2,517 m – 8,258 ft Major climbs: extra climb in challenging option: Alpe Trarego climb (10.4 km – 6.4 mi, avg. 9%, max.13% .Accommodation: Colmegna

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 Europe
- 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 Orio 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.

Busses

- 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.

Train

- The train ride from Milan to Tirano takes roughly two hours. The ride is very scenic ...you will certainly enjoy it!

Booking Information

Add your start date

- All prices are based on double rooms
- For bookings & inquiries info@cycleclassictours.com

Extra Information

The tour dates for 2020 are as follow with start on Friday

- **June** 19th - 26st 2020
- **July** 3rd - 10th 2020 - **July** 17th – 24th 2020 - **July** 31st – Aug 7th 2020
- **August** 14th – 21st 2020 **August** 28^{rth} – Sep 4th 2020
- **September** 11th – 18th 2020 **September** 25th – Oct 2nd 2020
- **October** 9th – 16th 2020

1. Fill out and submit the online booking request or send an email to info@cycleclassictours.com
2. Once we receive your request we contact our local tour operator if the tour is available.
3. When the tour operator confirms to us. We confirm to you and send you over to our tour operator
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.
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8. 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

8 days - 7 nights Friday to Friday € 1300

- 7 nights in double room
- 7 high-calorie continental breakfasts
- 5 bike packets, strengthened and protein content snack with bananas and sandwiches
- 1 lunch on the rest day
- 5 afternoon buffet when you'll be back to the hote
- 7 dinners
- A skilled bike guide
- Support vehicle for coming back to hotel after Madonna del Ghisallo ride
- Luggage transport when you move from the first hotel to the second hotel
- Maps and information material
- Safe storage with CCTV for your bike at the hotel
- Workstand tool bench for basic maintenance
- Isotonic drink or water for your ride
- Washing and cleaning area for bikes
- Daily laundry service for your cycle clothing
- Bicycle recovery assistance in case of breakdown
- Free Internet Wi-Fi
- Car parking

5 days - 4 nights Weekend Tour Thursday to Monday € 760

- 4 nights in double room
- 4 high-calorie continental breakfasts
- 3 bike packets, strengthened and protein content snack with bananas and sandwiches
- 3 afternoon buffet when you'll be back to the hote
- 4 dinners

Not Included

- Transfers from/to Malpensa airport on request
- Airfares & Taxis
- Drinks with evening meals
- Archaeological sites/museums visits and entrances fees
- Single Supplement 8 days tour + € 210
- Single Supplement 5 days tour + € 120
- Bike Rental 8 days tour + € 195
- Bike Rental 5 days tour + € 110