

# Walking Lake Garda's Northern Shores

**Trip style:** European holidays

**Destination:** 📍 Italy

**Trip code:** LMN07-LCL09

**Grades:** 2 & 4

**Carbon Footprint:** 🌱 572kg CO2



## HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Lake Garda has long attracted artists, poets, politicians, and royalty to its glittering shores – and for good reason. Located in the leafy north and fringed by the mighty Dolomites, it's possibly the most beautiful of all the Italian Lakes. Let this walking holiday introduce you to Garda's green hills, vineyards, and characterful collection of lakefront towns and villages. Highlights include hiking on Monte Baldo, and enjoying a boat trip across to Malcesine – a medieval town clinging to the rocks on the lake's eastern shore.

## WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Spend the week close to the beautiful Limone sul Garda
- Soaking up the 360-degree views on the Monte Baldo cable car
- Walking the old Ponale Road from Riva del Garda to the Ledro Valley
- Visiting the medieval village of Canale, an artist's haven
- Admiring the views of Lake Garda from Monte Bestone

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Gatwick, including baggage and transfers (flights available from other airports - price may vary)
- A choice of 2 guided walks per day with local leaders (on walking days)
- HF Holidays Tour Manager
- 7 nights' accommodation in Limone
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

## TRIP SUITABILITY

This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity, Easier walks: 5 to 9 miles (8 to 14½km) on good paths and tracks, with some rocky sections. Up to 1,200 feet (360m) of ascent in a day. Harder walks: 5 to 10 miles (8 to 16km) with some steep, rough ascents and rocky sections. Up to 2,400 feet (720m) of ascent in a day.

## ITINERARY

### **Day 1:** ARRIVAL DAY

Arrive at your hotel in Limone sul Garda. Unpack and settle in. Stretch your legs along the picturesque promenade hugging Lake Garda

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### **Day 2:** DISCOVERING LIMONE

Limone sul Garda is a small pearl located on the western side and is the most northerly town on the lake. With its inviting promenade and picturesque cobblestone alleys this old town has attracted visitors for hundreds of years. The mediterranean landscape dotted with olive and lemon trees is a perfect environment for walking

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### **Day 3:** FOLLOWING THE OLD PONALE ROAD INTO THE LEDRO VALLEY

Since the late 1990s the old Ponale road has been used only by walkers and mountain-bikers. It is one of the main attractions of upper Garda and offers great views of the lake. Deep in the heart of the valley are the emerald Alpine waters of Lake Ledro surrounded by mountains and forests.

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### **Day 4:** ASCENDING MONTE BALDO, THE GARDEN OF EUROPE

Enjoying a boat trip across the lake we head to the medieval town of Malcesine situated on the lower slopes of Monte Baldo. This is one of the most attractive towns on the shores of Lake Garda with its cobbled streets overlooked by the beautiful Castello Scaligero. Our walks from the town take in some wonderful panoramic views

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### **Day 5:** FREE DAY

You'll have a free day to explore the area around Lake Garda as you please, or simply relax at the hotel. Limone sul Garda – the lakeside town where we're staying is well worth further exploration. The waterfront restaurants offer typical dishes with stop-and-stare views while its cobbled streets lead you to historic delights like the Church of San Benedetto Abate and San Rocco. There's also the open-air museum, Limonaia del Castel, an 18th century lemon house. Garda Cycle Path – fringing the entire shore of Lake Garda, you can walk or cycle your way between towns. Lake Garda's beaches tempt with azure waters and mountain views, especially those around Limone sul Garda. Pebble beaches like Grostol, Fonte Torrente San Giovanni, and Cola provide an idyllic place to relax. Riva del Garda – a day trip to another of Lake Garda's gems, Riva del Garda, tempts with impossibly scenic mountain and lake views thanks to its location at the end of the lake. A stroll around the historic centre will lead you to its medieval fortress and Torre Apponale.

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### **Day 6:** ARCO, MOUNT BAONE AND ITS OLIVE GROVES

Today we head to the beautiful town of Arco with its distinctive remains of a medieval castle perched on a rocky outcrop above the olive groves and the town's historic centre. Both walks start from Arco. In the past it was a fief of the Roman Empire while in 1804 it became part of Austrian rule. After changing hands several times Arco finally became part of Italy in 1918.

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**Day 7: LAKE TENNO AND THE MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF CANALE**

On the Trentino side of Lake Garda, our walks take us to Lake Tenno and the medieval town of Canale di Tenno. Pretty Lake Tenno has a nearly perfect round form and is surrounded by trees at the foot of Monte Misone. Canale di Tenno is an ancient town which remains mostly intact from the first written records listing it in 1211. Cobbled lanes, stone houses sitting closely together, arches and small squares create a medieval atmosphere.

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**Day 8: DEPARTURE DAY**

Transfer to the airport for your flight back home.

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## **Hotel Garda Bellevue - Lake Garda**

With an excellent location only a 7-minute walk from Limone and close to the lake, our hotel for the week, is the 4-star Garda Bellevue. (local star rating) Rooms are comfortable with air conditioning, hairdryer, free Wi-Fi and satellite channels. There is an outdoor pool with bar and a saltwater indoor pool in the wellness centre. Enjoy a buffet breakfast and evening meals in the dining room with panoramic views of the lake. Breakfast is a good range of hot and cold dishes including a gluten-free corner. Dinner is included with a three-course menu of choice. (except on arrival night when it is a set menu - please advise our sales team of any dietary requirements when booking)

## **Splendid Palace Hotel, Limone (25th April, 2nd May & 9th May 20**

Situated among the lemon groves above Lake Garda, this elegant 4-star hotel offers sweeping views and air-conditioned rooms complete with all mod cons for a comfortable stay. After a day of walking, relax with a swim in the indoor swimming pool or a soak in the hot tub. Should you wish to explore, the hotel is just a short stroll from Limone's historic centre. Breakfast is a generous buffet, while evenings feature a menu of Italian and international dishes.