

The Best of Lake Maggiore Walking Holiday

Trip style: Guided Walking Holidays

Destination: 📍 Italy

Trip code: MRT07-LCL09

Grades: 1, 2 & 4

Carbon Footprint: 🚲 573kg CO2



HOLIDAY OVERVIEW

Italy's second largest lake after Lake Garda, the shimmering Lake Maggiore is adored for its beautiful scenery, delicious food, and postcard-worthy towns. Visit the picturesque streets of Orta San Giulio and experience sunny shoreside strolls around Lake Orta plus wow-worthy walks in the foothills of Monte Rosa and the Anzasca Valley. You can also take an optional boat ride to the Borromean Islands, the most famous of which is the enchanting Isola Bella, which translates as 'beautiful island'.

WHAT YOU'LL LOVE

- Discovering Lake Orta
- Walking in the foothills of Monte Rosa, one of Italy's highest mountains
- The option to take a train to Milan or a boat to the Borromean Islands

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Return flights from London Heathrow, 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 Pallanza
- 7 breakfasts & 7 dinners
- All in-destination transport

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This is a level 2 and level 4 graded Activity.

Grade 2 - Easier walks: 3 to 6 miles (4.5 to 9 km) on good paths and tracks, with some rocky sections. 1,250ft (380m) ascent in a day.

Grade 4 - Harder walks: 6 to 8 ½ miles (9 to 14km) with some steep, rough ascents and rocky sections. Up to 1,850ft (560m) ascent in a day.

ITINERARY

Day 1: Arrival Day

Welcome to Lake Maggiore. Once you arrive, settle in and get acquainted with where you'll stay for the week.

Day 2: Belgirate To Stresa

Known locally as the chestnut route, this walk starts in a small lakeside village south of Stresa. Hop in a boat and we'll sail across the lake to Belgirate. Then following old mule trails, we'll pass by pretty churches, small hamlets, and the gardens of Villa Pallavicino on our way back to Stresa.

Day 3: Suna To Cavandone Or Lake Mergozzo

Day 4: Lake Como

Day 5: Free Day

Day 6: Lake Orta

Today we head over to Lake Maggiore's little sister, Lake Orta. Both walks start in the hills above the lake and finish in Orta San Giulio, one of the most beautiful towns in Italy.

Day 7: Anzasca Valley And Mont Rosa

Today we head into the mountains and the Anzasca Valley to Macunaga, home to the Walser people. This small region still has its own language and keeps to its historic traditions. After both walks, we'll take you to the village of Macunaga sitting below Mount Rosa.

Day 8: Departure Day

We'll leave Lake Maggiore for our flight back home.

Hotel Belvedere, Pallanza, Lake Maggiore

Overlooking the stunning Lake Maggiore, Hotel Belvedere offers an exquisite 4- star stay in an elegant lakefront setting. Guests enjoy easy access to Pallanza's historic centre and the boat dock for trips to the beautiful Borromean Islands.

Vaccinations & health information - SHARED WITH ALL EU NEW 2026

Before booking, you should check with your doctor to see whether any health precautions are needed for your trip. Health advice and requirements can change, so we recommend doing this in good time before travel. As a general rule, travellers should ensure they are up to date with routine UK vaccinations and boosters, including, for example, MMR and diphtheria, tetanus and polio. Some countries may require you to have specific vaccinations such as Malaria, Rabies and Yellow Fever. Please check with your GP if you are unsure. Please note that the use or possession of some common prescription or over-the-counter medicines is restricted or banned in certain countries. If you will be carrying medication, you should check with the relevant embassy or consulate before travelling. As an extra precaution, we recommend keeping medication in its original packaging, carrying a copy of your prescription, and, where possible, asking your pharmacist to provide the medication name in the language of the country you are visiting. For further country-specific health advice, visit www.fitfortravel.nhs.uk or www.traveldoctor.co.uk. If you are travelling from outside the UK, please consult your own doctor and check local entry requirements.

Passport & Visa information - SHARED FOR ALL EU NEW 2026

This information is for those travelling with a full 'British Citizen' passport; for all other nationalities or passport holders, please check with your local consulate for advice. **Passport Requirements** This information applies to travellers holding a full British Citizen passport. Entry requirements vary by destination and can change at short notice. For most EU and worldwide destinations, passports must be valid for the entire duration of your stay. Some countries also require a minimum period of validity remaining on your passport (often up to 6 months beyond your return date), even if you are not staying that long. We strongly recommend ensuring your passport has at least six months' validity remaining at the time of travel to avoid any issues. If you hold a different type of British passport or a passport issued by another country, you must check the requirements with the relevant embassy, consulate, or official government website. **Visa Requirements** Visa rules depend on your nationality, destination, length of stay, and purpose of travel, and they can change frequently. It is your responsibility to check whether you require a visa before travelling. British passport holders should check the latest entry, passport validity and visa requirements for their destination on the UK government's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) website: <https://www.gov.uk/foreign-travel-advice>

Packing list - Overseas Guided Walking

It's best to be prepared for all weather conditions. To make it easier, here is a list of items you should consider packing. Essentials Walking boots Waterproof jacket Waterproof trousers Insulated jacket/top Walking clothing Walking socks (plus spares) Sunhat Gloves/mitts and warm hat Water bottle (minimum 2 litre capacity) Headtorch High-factor sunscreen (minimum SPF 30) Sunglasses with a dark lens Rucksack (15-30 litres) Mobile phone Personal first aid kit (containing your medication, blister plasters, etc.) Passport Visa (if applicable) Copy of your travel insurance policy UK Global Health Insurance Card (formerly known as EHIC) Recommended Collapsible walking poles Swimwear and travel towel Snacks Dry bags Rubbish bags Insect repellent Optional extras Camera Sit mat Flask for hot drinks Durable lunch box Gaiters GPS device (excluding Bhutan, Georgia and India)
