



LAKE COMO

Ideas for an incentive programme

Activity #1 VILLAS & GARDENS BY MOTORBOAT (half-day)



Depart in the morning aboard a private motorboat. A guide will be onboard with the group and will introduce the beautiful villas and gardens that can be seen only from the lake. The first stop will be at the enchanting Villa Carlotta (after 40-minute sailing) where the participants to this excursion can admire the

At the end of the visit, board again the private motorboat and cross the lake to Bellagio (10-minute sailing). Here, the participants will be left some time at disposal wandering around the tiny streets full with shops.

Before arriving in Bellagio, each participant will be given a voucher to spend for a drink, a coffee or a snack at one of the bars facing the lake.

Back to the hotel according to the scheduled time.

Drinks will be available onboard the motorboat.

Activity #2 VILLAS & GARDENS BY MOTORBOAT (full-day)

Depart in the morning aboard a private motorboat. A guide will be onboard with the group and will introduce the beautiful villas and gardens that can be seen only from the lake. The first stop will be at the enchanting at the wonderful Villa Balbianello where the participants to this excursion will visit both the garden and the interiors of the villa.

At the end of the visit, board again the private motorboat and cross the lake to Bellagio. Here, the participants will be left some time at disposal wandering around the tiny streets full with shops.

The meeting point will be for everybody on the terrace of a hotel facing the lake where a lunch will be served.

At 3:30 pm, board again the private motorboat directly at the pier of the hotel directed to the nearby Villa Carlotta where the participants to this excursion can admire the blooming at the azalea bushes at its best.

Back to the hotel according to the scheduled time.

Drinks will be available onboard the motorboat.



Activity #3 GUIDED TOUR OF COMO (half-day + lunch)

Meet the guide at the hotel hall and board a private van/coach that will take you directly to Como at the **Silk Museum**, quite unique. We have to keep in mind that Como has been for centuries the world leader in the production of silk and now, with China as a tough competitor, Como silk industry has been specialized itself in the high quality production and design.

In fact, after the visit to the Silk Museum, the group will be taken to a silk factory outlet where the participants to this excursion will have the possibility to buy scarves and ties of famous fashion brand names at very interesting prices.

After this shopping moment, the group will be taken by coach in town and, at a local bar, they will be offered a coffee or cappuccino before starting the walking guided tour of the pedestrian area of the town.





For lunch, we are suggesting two options: a dining around in town or the restaurant of the local hotel school
Back to the hotel according to the scheduled time.

Activity #4 SEA PLANE TOUR OVER LAKE COMO

Nice activity to see Lake Como from the sky and appreciate the beauty of its landscape.
The choice is between a 30-minute fly (Bellagio and return) or a 1-hour fly (High part of the lake and return).



Activity #5 AT THE DISCOVERY OF LAKE COMO ABOARD A PADDLE-BOAT

Option 1: Half-Day

At 8:45 am, the paddleboat will be ready. A local guide will welcome the participants onboard for this half-day excursion of Lake Como.

At 10:30 am, the boat arrives in Bellagio and you will be left 1 hour for visits and shopping. In alternative to Bellagio, the 1-hour stop can be done at Villa Carlotta.

At 11:30 depart from Bellagio or Villa Carlotta to be at the hotel by 1 pm.



Option 2: Full-Day

At 8:45 am, the paddleboat will be ready. A local guide will welcome the participants onboard for this half-day excursion of Lake Como.

At 10:30 am, the boat arrives at Villa Carlotta where the participants to this excursion can admire the blooming at the azalea bushes at its best.

At the end of the visit, board again the paddleboat directed to Bellagio (10-minute sailing). Here, the participants will be left some time at disposal wandering around the tiny streets full with shops.

The meeting point will be for everybody on the terrace of a hotel where a lunch will be served.

At 3:30 pm, board the paddleboat and sail towards the hotel.

Option 3: Afternoon + Dinner



At 3:30 pm; the group will board the paddle-boat and will be taken towards Bellagio for a nice lake excursion. Onboard, a coffee break will be at disposal throughout the sailing.

During the journey, an official guide will illustrate the beautiful villas that can be seen only from the lake: the Versace's, the Clooney's and so on.

In Bellagio, they will be left on own exploring this village considered by Steinbeck a *pearl*. The journey to Bellagio takes approx. 90/120 minutes.

At 7:45pm, the group will board again the paddle-boat and on stepping onboard the guests will be served with an aperitif. Dinner will served in one of the dining

rooms.

Back to the hotel late at night.

Activity #6 TRIP TO LUGANO

Option 1: Half-Day

A local guide will wait for the group in the hall of the hotel and together they will board the private van/coach directed to the nearby Lugano for a guided tour of the historical centre, including the famous shopping street named Via Nassa.

Some time will be left at disposal before returning back to Lugano and from here to the hotel.

Option 2: Full-Day



A local guide will wait for the group in the hall of the hotel and together they will board the private van/coach directed to the nearby Lugano for a guided tour of the historical centre, including the famous shopping street named Via Nassa.

Some time will be left at disposal for shopping before to Lugano Paradiso and from there the group will walk to the funicular that goes up to a majestic mountain that offers a spectacular view of the lake, part of Lombardy (Italy) and the Swiss and the Savoy Alps.

On the top, the group will have lunch at the restaurant on the top.

Back to the hotel late in the afternoon.



Activity #7 BELLINZONA AND LUGANO (Switzerland): a full day between castles and vineyards



Meet the guide in the hall of the hotel and depart aboard a private van/coach towards Bellinzona, the capital of Ticino, the Italian speaking part of Switzerland.

Bellinzona is famous for its three castles and one of these will be visited by the group. At the end of the tour, a glass of wine will be offered as an aperitif.

Some time will be left at disposal for some shopping in this enchanting town before boarding again the coach to reach, after 10 minutes, a vineyard where the group will have a typical lunch and a wine tasting organised by the sommelier of the wine producer.

In the afternoon, drive back to the hotel. On the way, stop in Lugano (18 miles) for a short guided tour of the centre.

Back to the hotel by 5 pm.

Activity #8 LAKE MAGGIORE (full-day)



Meet the escort in the hall of the hotel and board the private van/coach directed to Stresa, on Lake Maggiore, via motorway. Once here, the group will be welcome by a local guide and, aboard a private motorboat, they will leave for a guided tour of the southern part of the lake stopping, at the end, at Isola Bella (Beautiful Island).

Another guide will take care of the group for the visit of the gardens.

At the end of the visit, board again the private motorboat and sail for few minutes towards Isola dei Pescatori (Fishermen's Island) where a lunch will be served at the Verbano restaurant.

At the end of the lunch, board again the motorboat and sail to where the coach will be waiting to take the group back to the hotel via Ascona and Locarno, located on the Swiss side of Lake Maggiore.

Time permitting, a stop in Locarno or in Lugano can be arranged on the way back to the hotel.

Activity #9 MILAN (full-day)

Meet the guide in the hall of the hotel and depart to Milan via motorway. The first stop will be at *The Last Supper*, the famous Leonardo's fresco.

The guided tour continues with the visit of Castello Sforzesco and of the centre of Milan with the Duomo, the Galleria.



The visit can be completed with a tour onboard some tramways. During the journey, an aperitif can be served before going for lunch in a local restaurant in town.



The afternoon will be left completely at disposal for shopping. The participants will be given a map of the shopping area, plus a list of shops divided by interests and some suggestions of fashion outlets.



Those who are not interested in shopping will be taken to the Leonardo's sites.
Back to the hotel by 5 pm.

Activity #10 ON THE PATH OF LEONARDO DA VINCI IN MILAN



Do not forget that Milan is the place where Leonardo Da Vinci spent many years leaving considerable evidences of his work such as *The Last Supper* or the Castello Sforzesco that it is possible to organise a full-day at the discovery of the works of *the genius*.

Back to the hotel by 6 pm

Activity #11 MILAN: TEATRO ALLA SCALA



Depart in the afternoon from the hotel by private coach to Milan. Here meet a local guide and onboard a private tramway make a guided tour of the centre.

Onboard, an aperitif will be served before the pre-theatre dinner that will be served in the best restaurant in Milan: the *Savini* in the famous Galleria.

From here, walk directly to the Teatro alla Scala that is only 2 minutes from the restaurant.

After the opera or the ballet, back again to the hotel by private coach.



Activity #12 GUIDED TOUR OF BERGAMO (full-day)



Depart in the morning towards Bergamo (1-hour journey).

Bergamo is divided in two parts, the Lower and the Upper. What interests the visitor is the Upper part of the city. Placed on a hill and surrounded by imposing fortifications of the XVIth century, Upper Bergamo, with its medieval glamour, is surely the most characteristic and charming part of the city. Palaces in the old Venetian manner, towers, kiosks, gardens, fountains, goldsmith and artisan workshops look out upon the narrow historical streets.

In Bergamo the group will be followed by a local guide who will conduct it through the streets of the Medieval town that will be reached by funicular. Nice lunch in a typical restaurant overlooking the main square of Bergamo.

Time for shopping before returning back to the hotel by 6 pm.

Activity #13 SHOPPING OUTLETS



The area between Como and Milan is rich in outlets and then, why do not take advantage of the transfer day to Milan to visit some of these outlets?

Depart in the morning by Como aboard a private deluxe coach and on the way to Milan stop in some outlets.

Lunch will interrupt in two parts this fascinating day.

Back to the hotel by 5 pm.



Activity #14 A DAY OF GOLF IN LAKE COMO

Lake Como is the #1 golf destination in Italy. You can choose among 9 courses in 30-minute driving.

The golfers will be transferred in the morning by a private coach. A golf escort will be with them and will assist them at the driving range preparing the balls.

Back to the hotel in the afternoon.



Activity #15 COOKING CLASS at the Culinary Institute “Gianni Brera” in Como

Meet the escort in the hall of the hotel and transfer to the local hotel school where the participants will learn how to cook some simple but tasting Italian dishes. During the meal, a sommelier will explain the different wines that will be served.

The cooking class can be combined with the **Guided Tour of Como**, substituting the lunch in a restaurant with this activity.

NEW: The Culinary Institute can organise Cooking Challenge also big groups of more than 150 participants.

Activity #16 FUNNY ACTIVITIES IN COMO

Meet the escort in the hall of the hotel and walk to the pedestrian area. Here, in the main square facing the lake, the participants will be taught about the activity. The activities the participants will be involved in are various: a treasure hunt, a photosafari, an interview to local people, shopping food for a cooking class, a "blind" wine tasting.



Activity #17 FUNNY OLYMPIC GAMES

For this activity we have chosen Bellagio, on Lake Como.

The general idea on which the *Funny Olympic Games* are based is the collaboration and the amusement, both elements at the basis of the challenge among the teams.

All the games involved in this activity see the involvement both emotional and physical of the participants.

In every situation, the team-mates will be the only main source to refer to for the victory; besides, each one can test his own motivation for the achievement of the target because he will be playing a real situation where he will be asked to get involved at his best.

Activities will include: basket, tug-of-war, penalties (soccer), run with bags, putting (golf), peeling apples wearing builder-gloves, bowling, orienteering, biking, canoe and rock-climbing.

At the end of the activity, a BBQ will be organised.

Activity #18 BEACH-OLYMPICS



We light the Olympic Fires for you: The Beach Olympics is a trendy and creative event at the Lake Como. We provide communicative activities, that engage networking, fun and corporate culture. The activities are all presented by our professional trainers to give you a friendly hand and advices as well as safety: Pedalo Race, Bike Parcour, CreaNature, Team-Spider, Beach Volleyball or Water Ball, Crocodile-River, Fashion Parade, Boat Race.

Activity #19 TEAM-OLYMPICS



Today's highlight is the country-side! We take you up by cable car to the mountain of Como. There our professional outdoor-trainers will introduce you to challenging and tricky team exercises: Team-Spider, CreaNature, Crocodile-River, Team-Tangram, Trust-Fall, Blind-Parcour

After this adventure we will hike back to the cable car and take you back to the hotel.

Activity #20 DRIVING A FERRARI FOR ONE DAY

A unique and unforgettable experience: you will drive and experience the following Ferrari for one day:

- **Ferrari F430 F1**
- **Ferrari F430 Spider F1**
- **Ferrari 575M Maranello F1**
- **Ferrari Scagletti F1**
- **Ferrari Modena F1**
- **Ferrari Modena F1 Spider**



Activity #21 TREASURE HUNT WHILE DRIVING A DUETTO VINTAGE CAR



After a delicious breakfast, guests will be taken by the escort in the parking area of the hotel, where they will find magnificent Spiders (Alfa Romeo, MG).

After a short briefing, the escort will give to each couple a big envelope containing maps, directions, some money and an instant camera. The Treasure Hunt will finish in the afternoon at the hotel

Activity #22 DRIVING CAMP IN MONZA

The Driving Camp is a particularly special driving school and it has been designed for people who wish to learn how to control cars in every kind of situation.

The Driving Camp stands out though, because it has introduced into its programmes a determining novelty; not just safe driving is taught in the courses, but above all **active driving**. This is a significant change of adjective.



Active Driving establishes that the driver does not submit to the vehicle, but rather he is in complete command. Therefore, while safe driving schools teach how to react to events, in Active Driving the pupil learns how to anticipate them, which is much more important!

The result is that, at the end of the course, one certainly feels more in charge of one's car and more "agile" on the road.

Activity #23 GO-KART

A different activity we suggest to combine with a half-day in Milan, in the afternoon after the race. In fact, the kartdrome is located in the north of Milan and it will be reserved just for the group for a race among the participants.

Lunch will be organized at the kartdrome and then in the afternoon, the group will continue their day in Milan (see Milan options).



Activity #24 UP TO THE MOUNTAIN BY FUNICULAR, WALKING DOWN TO THE LAKE

Transfer to the departure station of the funicular. The journey time is 7 minutes. Once there, they will start walking down, towards the lake (90-minute walking).

Once there, the participants to the excursion will be taken back to Como by private motorboats.



Activity #25 HIKING AND BIKING IN THE MOUNTAIN



Transfer to the departure station of the funicular. From here, small vans will take the group to the point where the hiking/biking path begins. The group will be guided by escorts.

The participants can choose between biking and hiking.

After lunch, to digest, the group will walk back to the private vans and from there to the funicular.

Once in Como, the group will be transferred to the hotel by private coaches and then to the airport.