

The Italian Lakes & Alps

With Regina Hona

(22nd- May -6th June. 2025)

DAY 1 / SAN MAMETE (Thurs. 22nd)FREE DAY

From MILAN MALPENSA AIRPORT, you will be met at ARRIVALS (GATE 8) at 11:00. (Please look for sign “ARTEMIS ART TOURS.”) You will be transferred to our beautiful hotel nestled on the edge of the lake with its’ stunning vistas, surrounded by mountains dotted with medieval villages. **Welcome drinks. Included dinner on our terrace.**

DAY 2 /SAN MAMETE (Fri. 23rd)

Our waterfront hotel provides stunning vistas from the terrace with its pergola framed by cascading vines and terracotta urns bursting with bright geraniums.

DAY 3 / SAN MAMETE (Sat. 24th)

Albogassio . This small hamlet on the water’s edge is romantic and timeless - a lovely peaceful spot for our morning painting. In the afternoon we will head up to the church from where we have a panoramic vista of the medieval village perched on the hillside. **Lunch included.**

DAY 4/ MENAGGIO (Sun. 25th)

Morning transfer to **Menaggio**, one of the most beautiful villages of Lake Como. The little main square is surrounded by yellow ochre and faded apricot buildings with sage wooden shutters. Filled with locals enjoying coffee or gelato at the very popular Gelato Edo, it’s a fabulous spot to capture the atmosphere of Menaggio.

DAY 5 / MENAGGIO (Mon. 26th)

Bellagio with its oleander trees is considered as the “jewel of Lake Como” and attracts a wealth of celebrities. We will head up to a stunning location, away from the crowds, to capture the panoramic vista of the lake and snow-capped mountains. **Lunch included.** Free afternoon to explore Bellagio, with its lively array of little shops and cafes.

DAY 6 / MENAGGIO (Tues. 27th)

Lenno: All aboard the tourist train to head off down the coast to Lenno with its Tuesday market and lakefront lined with stunning villas and cafes.

Lake Como is famous for its’ elegant villas. On our way back to **Menaggio**, we will visit beautiful **Villa Carlotta** with its’ superb gardens.



DAY 7 / MENAGGIO (Wed. 28th)

Varenna. Taking the early morning ferry, we cross the lake to Varenna with its little harbour lined with pastel coloured mansions, bright spring flowers and colourful boats. **Villa Monastero** is a dream! With its graceful marble terrace, looking over a garden dotted with needle pines to the iridescent lake, you could not ask for a more idyllic setting. **Dinner included.**

DAY 8 / MENAGGIO (Thurs. 29th)

Pescallo. We will have the chance to capture the reflections of fishing boats from this historical little fishing hamlet. **Afternoon critique.**

DAY 9 / SOGLIO (Fri. 30th) FREE DAY

Morning transfer to Soglio , following the stunning road running along Lake Como before heading inland to cross the incredibly beautiful Swiss mountain range. Arriving at our wooden-beamed chalet, you are surrounded by majestic snow-capped Alps. Free day to explore the village or take a walk through nature. **Dinner at chalet.**

DAY 10/ SOGLIO (Sat. 31st)

Our chalet, with its terrace overlooking a panoramic vista of mountains and flower-filled meadows is the perfect painting spot. In the afternoon, why not jump on the local bus for a trip to St. Moritz -the playground for the rich and famous! **Dinner at chalet.**

DAY 11 / SOGLIO (Wed. 1st)

The fairy-tale village of Soglio, with its wooden chalets dotted over undulating hills backdropped by mountain peaks, is truly memorable. There are plenty of easy walking trails leading to magical panoramic vistas . **Dinner at chalet.**

DAY 12 / SOGLIO(Thurs. 2nd)

The snow-capped alps surrounding our village are absolutely breathtaking and our terrace is the perfect spot to capture this panorama! **Afternoon critique. Dinner at chalet.**

DAY 13/ ORTA SAN GIULIO(Fri. 3rd) FREE DAY

Morning departure for Lake Orta. Free time to explore the medieval quarter of Orta San Giulio or soak up the atmosphere at one of the cafes strewn along the promenade.

Day 14/ ORTA SAN GIULIO (Sat. 4th)

Isola San Giulio is home to a medieval basilica and a beautiful Benedictine monastery.

Day 15/ ORTA SAN GIULIO (Sun. 5th)

Our hotel is surrounded by medieval charm and is the perfect spot for our final painting workshop. **Farewell drinks. Dinner included.**

DAY 16/DEPARTURE(Mon. 6th)

Morning transfer to Milan Malpensa Airport. Please book flights departing after 11am.



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