



LAGO MAGGIORE SELF-GUIDED BIKE TOUR

THE ALLURE OF NORTHERN ITALY'S LAKES AND MOUNTAINS

Just an hour north of Milan, Lago Maggiore feels a world away from the bustle of Italy's second largest city. Divided between the Italian regions of Piedmont and Lombardy and the Swiss canton of Ticino, the area encompassing Lago Maggiore is seductively beautiful, unique, and little known. Thanks to its mild climate, with its lush, Mediterranean vegetation along the lake's shores, it offers an ideal cycling holiday. Lago Maggiore used to be a favorite holiday resort for the great noble families of Milan who built lavish villas here, turning several of the lake's islands into retreats. Immersed in the marvelous waters of the lake and surrounded by breathtaking views of the magnificent snow-capped Alps, the Borromean Islands also beg to be explored on a boat tour from Stresa. Throughout your self-guided Lago Maggiore bike tour, spin along the lake shore, climb the surrounding heights, and enjoy sweeping descents back to the lake again. The picturesque landscapes dotted with medieval settlements will take your breath away as you enjoy a trip immersed in natural beauty, works of art, and long-time traditions of northern Italy. **This trip offers an upgrade option to enjoy luxury-level accommodations. Please contact a trip consultant at 866-464-8735 to learn more about upgrade pricing and availability.** [Book your trip with confidence »](#) [Learn more about Self-Guided trips and if they're right for you »](#)

From
\$2299

Rider Type
Active

Hotel Style
Combined

Duration
6 days | 5 nights

Start | End
Stresa (VB) or Ranco
(VA), Italy

Dates
Dates Coming Soon

Delight in a week of relaxation in one elegant property overlooking the magnificent Lago Maggiore

Take a boat excursion to the stunning Borromean Islands and explore their picturesque villas and lush gardens

Admire a breathtaking panorama that stretches from the Alps and the Monte Rosa Massif to the seven surrounding lakes

Discover the picturesque village of Arcumeggia, known since 1956 as the "Painted Town" with fresco-covered houses created by the greatest contemporary Italian artists

Explore narrow cobbled alleyways and terracotta roofed houses of Santa Maria del Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage Site sitting at 800 meters above sea level



DAILY ITINERARY

STANDARD

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ranco to Taino Double Loop

Approximately 15 miles with 920 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to one of Italy's most romantic places, where the lakes reach deep into the Alps; writers and travelers from all over Europe have come to sing the praises of this enchanting landscape. Meet your Trek Travel guide at the fantastic Bike Hotel Belvedere overlooking the shores of Lago Maggiore. Settle in and make yourself at home before enjoying lunch with your guide at the hotel and getting a brief orientation of the week ahead. Following lunch, your guide will give you a personalized bike fitting to ensure your comfort on your Trek bike for your trip. Then, it's off on your first scenic ride along the shores of the lake to the stunning Rocca d'Angera located on a lakeside hilltop and dominating the landscape with its grandness. As you get acquainted with your bike, you will loop around the town of Taino before finishing your first introductory ride back to your cozy hotel. Tonight, we suggest to dine at the hotel's on-site restaurant, renowned among locals for its excellent dishes. Alternatively, enjoy dinner at one of the local restaurants recommended by your guide. The choice is yours!

HOTEL:

Hotel Ristorante Belvedere

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch

Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ranco to Orta San Giulio Loop
Approximately 44 miles with 4,058 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Ranco to Orta San Giulio Loop with Coiromonte Climb
Approximately 46 miles with 4,639 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Ferry ride from Ranco to Arona and back

DESCRIPTION:

Today we suggest to take a ferry boat ride to Arona so you have the chance to visit the Piedmont side of the lake. The route we have designed for you will take you to Orta San Giulio, a delightful little town overlooking the charming Lago Orta. From Stresa you will start climbing towards Gignese, home to the one-of-a-kind Umbrella Museum founded in 1939, boasting over 1,500 different pieces. After an optional visit of this extravagant museum, continue your ride until you reach the fantastic shores of Lago Orta, famous for the purity of its water, declared the cleanest lake in all of Europe! As you wander through the cobbled alleyways of Orta San Giulio, we suggest you stop for lunch and order risotto, the local specialty. Before leaving, take a short walk up to the top of the scenic hill to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sacro Monte, a sacred site devoted to the life of Saint Francis. Here you will enjoy unparalleled views of San Giulio Island, which sits in the middle of the lake. When you are ready, saddle up to continue your ride along the panoramic road Alto Vergante back to Arona. From here, board a ferry boat back to the Lombardy shore, to reach your hotel. Tonight, make good use of our hand-selected recommendations for dinner as you explore Ranco at your leisure.

HOTEL:

Hotel Ristorante Belvedere

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ranco to Arcumeggia Loop
Approximately 46 miles with 3,168 feet of climbing

AVID RIDE:

Ranco to Arcumeggia Loop via Cuvignone
Approximately 51 miles with 4,936 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Another memorable day awaits you on your Lago Maggiore bike tour, reaching the unique village of Arcumeggia, known as "The Painted Town." In 1956, the local tourist board promoted an initiative called "Painters on Vacation," attracting acclaimed national artists to visit the town and paint the external walls of the houses, transforming the village into an open-air museum. If you feel like adding more elevation today, the avid option will satisfy your hunger for a challenge! This route will have you climb Passo del Cuvignone from Cittiglio, a nine and a half kilometer climb with an average gradient of 8.2%. After exploring the town of Arcumeggia you will reconnect with the "today's ride" route, heading to Caldé for lunch. Caldé is undoubtedly the most picturesque lakeside village on the eastern Lombardy shore. The village is comprised of a small center with old stone buildings surrounded by Belle Époque villas, all of which blend seamlessly into lush, verdant surrounds. After lunch, a lovely ride along the lake shore will take you back to Ranco, where you can relax at the pool before deciding your plans for dinner.

HOTEL:

Hotel Ristorante Belvedere

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

Mottarone to Arona Loop
Approximately 21 miles with 595 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Mottarone to Lake Orta Loop to Ranco
Approximately 44 miles with 2,657 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Ferry boat to the Borromean Islands and optional cable car ride from Stresa to the top of Mottarone mountain

DESCRIPTION:

Today is yours to enjoy at your leisure, as nothing is pressing on your schedule. We suggest you reach the Piedmont side of the lake and take some time to explore the famed Borromean Islands, undoubtedly Lago Maggiore's main landmark. The three islands take their name from the aristocratic Borromeo family, who took ownership of the land in the 16th and 17th centuries. During the visit you'll discover the lavish palaces and rare-plant gardens of these charming islands, rich in artistic, historical, and botanical appeal. Additionally, if you would like to enjoy some amazing views, we suggest you hop on a cable car from Stresa to reach the renowned Mottarone mountain, sitting at 1,491 meters. A 20-minute ride will get you to the top, offering a unique panoramic view. In fact, from the summit, you will be able to see all of the seven surrounding lakes: Lago Maggiore, Lago Orta, Lago Mergozzo, Lago Varese, Lago Comabbio, Lago Monate, and Lago Biandronno. Alternatively, two ride options are also available if you'd like to explore the fantastic surroundings on two wheels today. In the evening, relax at the hotel perhaps with a spa session before deciding your plans for dinner.

HOTEL:

Hotel Ristorante Belvedere

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ranco to Santa Maria del Monte Loop

Approximately 57 miles with 4,614 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Ranco to Santa Maria del Monte Return (with Tre Croci add-on)

Approximately 63 miles with 5,794 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

This morning, you will ride on a quiet woodland road that winds through the Regional Park of Campo dei Fiori. Your destination is the quaint hamlet of Santa Maria del Monte, sitting high on the mountain, offering breathtaking views of the Alps, pre-Alps, and the lakes. It is well worth dedicating some time to explore the maze of little cobbled lanes which form this Italian village. If you want, you can walk on a two kilometer pilgrims' trail with 14 chapels that leads to the shrine at the top of the Sacro Monte, listed among the UNESCO World Heritage sites. The avid option will have you climb an additional 10 kilometers to reach a fantastic view point. After enjoying lunch in Santa Maria del Monte, retrace your steps and then follow the road toward the lake of Monate, a smaller lake with crystal clear water that makes it the perfect place for a swim. From here, continue riding to Ispra before heading back to Ranco. Once back at the hotel, take some time for a stroll or a relaxing session in the spa. Tonight, celebrate with one last dinner in great style at the hotel and toast to a fantastic self-guided Lago Maggiore bike tour spent between glittering lakes, endless mountain landscapes, and phenomenal food.

HOTEL:

Hotel Ristorante Belvedere

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Ranco to Lago di Monate Loop

Approximately 21 miles with 1,069 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

This morning's loop is the perfect final ride and farewell to the lakes and mountains of Northern Italy. If you'd rather skip the ride, you can sleep in, have a leisurely breakfast, and then enjoy a final stroll in town to savor a few last moments of your week and pick up some souvenirs and gifts. A Trek Travel guide will meet you at the hotel at 11:00 AM to take your bike and say farewell before you depart from your self-guided vacation of a lifetime.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

UPGRADE OPTION

Day

1

TODAY'S RIDE:

Stresa to Lesa Loop

Approximately 15 miles with 1,561 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Welcome to one of Italy's most romantic places, where the lakes reach deep into the Alps; writers and travelers from all over Europe have come to sing the praises of this enchanting landscape. Meet your Trek Travel guide at the luxurious Hotel La Palma overlooking the shores of Lago Maggiore in the heart of Stresa. Settle in and make yourself at home before enjoying lunch with your guide at the hotel and getting a brief orientation of the week ahead. Following lunch, your guide will give you a personalized bike fitting to ensure your comfort on your Trek bike for your trip. Then, it's off on your first scenic ride along the shores of the lake to the lovely little town of Lesa. You'll be met with sweeping views and a sophisticated atmosphere as you ride past the glamorous villas and palazzi, with gardens and distinctive architecture, testifying that Lago Maggiore was populated by noble families in the past centuries. As you get acquainted with your bike, the ride will bring you back downtown to your elegant hotel. Take some time to relax and unwind, perhaps with a tranquil stroll along the beautiful promenade. Tonight, choose to dine in the elegant setting of Hotel La Palma, your home for the next five days during your self-guided bike tour. Alternatively, enjoy dinner at one of the many restaurants in Stresa recommended by your guide. The choice is yours!

HOTEL:

Hotel La Palma

INCLUDED MEALS:

Lunch

Day

2

TODAY'S RIDE:

Stresa to Orta San Giulio Loop
Approximately 37 miles with 4,170 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Stresa to Orta San Giulio Loop with Coiromonte Climb
Approximately 40 miles with 4,692 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

Today's ride will take you to Orta San Giulio, a delightful little town overlooking the charming Lago d'Orta. From the hotel, you will start climbing towards Gignese, home to the one-of-a-kind Umbrella Museum founded in 1939 and boasting over 1,500 different pieces. After an optional visit of this extravagant museum, continue your ride until you reach the fantastic shores of lake Orta, famous for the purity of its water, declared the cleanest lake in all of Europe! As you wander through the cobbled alleyways of Orta San Giulio, we suggest you stop for lunch and order risotto, the local specialty. Before leaving, take a short walk up to the top of the scenic hill to visit the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Sacro Monte, a sacred site devoted to the life of Saint Francis. Here you will enjoy unparalleled views of San Giulio Island, which sits in the middle of the lake. When you are ready, saddle up to continue your ride along the panoramic road Alto Vergante back to the hotel. Tonight, make good use of our hand-selected recommendations for dinner as you explore Stresa at your leisure.

HOTEL:

Hotel La Palma

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

3

TODAY'S RIDE:

Laveno to Cadè Loop via Arcumeggia
Approximately 19 miles with 1,985 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Laveno to Cadè Loop via Cuvignone
Approximately 24 miles with 3,617 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Ferry ride from Stresa to Laveno and back

DESCRIPTION:

Another memorable day awaits you on your Lago Maggiore bike tour, giving you the chance to visit the Lombardy side of the lake by taking a ferry boat ride from Stresa. Once you reach the colorful village of Laveno, you'll ride in the green Valcuvia valley through the unique village of Arcumeggia, known as "The Painted Town." In 1956, the local tourist board promoted an initiative called "Painters on Vacation," attracting acclaimed national artists to visit the town and paint the external walls of the houses, transforming the village into an open-air museum. If you feel like adding more elevation today, the avid option will satisfy your hunger for a challenge! This route will have you climb Passo del Cuvignone from Cittiglio, a nine and a half kilometer climb with an average gradient of 8.2%. After exploring the town of Arcumeggia you will reconnect with the "today's ride" route, heading to Caldè for lunch. Caldè is undoubtedly the most picturesque lakeside village on the eastern Lombardy shore. The village is comprised of a small center with old stone buildings surrounded by Belle Époque villas, all of which blend seamlessly into lush, verdant surrounds. After lunch, a lovely ride along the lake shore will take you back to Laveno, where you will board on a ferry boat back to Stresa, on the Piedmont shore.

HOTEL:

Hotel La Palma

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

4

TODAY'S RIDE:

Mottarone to Lago Orta Loop to Stresa
Approximately 47 miles with 3,150 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Stresa to Lago Orta Loop
Approximately 55 miles with 5,282 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Short ferry boat to the Borromean Islands and cable car ride from Stresa to the top of Mottarone mountain

DESCRIPTION:

Today is yours to enjoy at your leisure, as nothing is pressing on your schedule. We suggest you take some time to explore the famed Borromean Islands, undoubtedly Lago Maggiore's main landmark, on a short ferry boat ride from Stresa. The three islands take their name from the aristocratic Borromeo family, who took ownership of the land in the 16th and 17th centuries. During the visit you'll discover the lavish palaces and rare-plant gardens of these charming islands, rich in artistic, historical, and botanical appeal. Additionally, if you would like to enjoy some amazing views, we suggest you hop on a cable car from Stresa to reach the renowned Mottarone mountain, sitting at 1,491 meters. A 20-minute ride will get you to the top, offering a unique panoramic view. In fact, from the summit, you will be able to see all of the seven surrounding lakes: Lago Maggiore, Lago Orta, Lago Mergozzo, Lago Varese, Lago Comabbio, Lago Monate, and Lago Biandronno. Alternatively, two ride options are also available if you'd like to explore the fantastic surroundings on two wheels today. Tonight is yours to wander through the streets of Stresa and find the restaurant that best suit your palate for dinner, choosing from the list recommended by our local experts.

HOTEL:

Hotel La Palma

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

5

TODAY'S RIDE:

Laveno to Santa Maria del Monte to Ispra

Approximately 47 miles with 4,337 feet of climbing

AVID OPTION:

Laveno to Santa Maria del Monte (with Tre Croci add-on) to Ispra

Approximately 55 miles with 5,296 feet of climbing

TODAY'S ACTIVITY:

Ferry ride from Stresa to Laveno and back

DESCRIPTION:

This morning, you will explore impressive sites located in the Lombardy side of the lake. Once you have reached Laveno by ferry, follow your route on a quiet woodland road that winds through the Regional Park of Campo dei Fiori. Your destination today is the quaint hamlet of Santa Maria del Monte, sitting high on the mountain, offering breathtaking views of the Alps, pre-Alps, and the lakes. It is well worth dedicating some time to explore the maze of little cobbled lanes which form this Italian village. If you want, you can walk on a two kilometer pilgrims' trail with 14 chapels that leads to the shrine at the top of the Sacro Monte, listed among the UNESCO World Heritage sites. The avid option will have you climb an additional 10 kilometers to reach a fantastic view point. After enjoying lunch in Santa Maria del Monte, retrace your steps and then follow the road toward the lake of Monate, a smaller lake with crystal clear water that makes it the perfect place for a swim. From here, continue riding to Ispra, where you can catch the ferry back to Stresa. Once back at the hotel, take some time for a stroll or a relaxing session in the spa. Tonight, celebrate with one last dinner choosing from our list of recommended restaurants and toast to a fantastic self-guided Lago Maggiore bike tour spent between glittering lakes, endless mountain landscapes, and phenomenal food.

HOTEL:

Hotel La Palma

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

Day

6

TODAY'S RIDE:

Stresa to Brisino to Vezzo Loop

Approximately 10 miles with 1,578 feet of climbing

DESCRIPTION:

This morning's loop is the perfect final ride and farewell to the lakes and mountains of Northern Italy. If you'd rather skip the ride, you can sleep in, have a leisurely breakfast, and then enjoy a final stroll in town to savor a few last moments of your week and pick up some souvenirs and gifts. A Trek Travel guide will meet you at the hotel at 11:00 AM to take your bike and say farewell before you depart from your self-guided vacation of a lifetime.

INCLUDED MEALS:

Breakfast

WHAT'S INCLUDED

For us, the details matter most

Every moment of a Trek Travel self-guided bike trip has more than you could have ever dreamed. More romance. More scenery. More choice. It's the little additions to every Trek Travel cycling vacation that make it truly special. And that's how we help you create more memories.

What's Included

- Five nights of accommodation at one handpicked hotel
- Daily breakfast
- Day 1 lunch with the guide
- Daily lunch and dinner recommendations
- Ride a Trek Domane SL 7 disc or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+
- Up to three daily route options on riding days
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump, phone mount, front and rear lights
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager saddle (we suggest you bring your own for the most comfortable fit)
- Shimano clipless pedals or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- All luggage transfers during your trip
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers, and a floor pump
- Bike fit on the first day to help you find your optimal position for comfort, with recreational or avid set-up along with saddle preference
- Ride With GPS app on your phone to navigate and get all the information you need on your self-guided adventure
- Optional daily phone or video call with the guide to prep you for the next day's adventure
- Support on the ground in case of emergency

Gear

- Trek Domane SL 7 disc carbon road bike with Shimano Di2 electronic shifting or Trek Electric-Assist Verve+, available in a limited quantity
- Trek Travel water bottles to keep
- Shimano clipless road pedals, Shimano clipless mountain pedals, or flat pedals (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager helmet (optional if you do not bring your own)
- Bontrager men's and women's specific saddles
- Bontrager front and rear Flare R lights
- Each bike is equipped with a flat pack, frame pump and phone mount
- A bike lock, all necessary chargers, and a floor pump
- Coupon valued up to \$500 off a new Trek Bicycle. Your coupon will be delivered via email prior to your trip.
- *For the most comfortable ride, you may choose to bring your own pedals, saddle, and helmet on the trip. Your guides will install your gear on the first day during your bike fit.*

THANK YOUR GUIDE, BY TIPPING

Gratuities for your Trek Travel guide are not included in your trip price. We recommend tipping 7.5-10% of your trip price, preferably in the local currency. Please tip your guide at your discretion, based on their level of professionalism, guest care, and service.

What's Not Included

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip meeting/departing locations
- Lodging before and after the trip
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Optional activities not scheduled by Trek Travel
- While we provide daily breakfast and one lunch, the other meals are not included. On self-guided trips, Trek Travel provides restaurant recommendations and invites you to explore the local cuisine at your leisure.

HOTELS



HOTEL RISTORANTE BELVEDERE

RANCO, LAGO MAGGIORE, ITALY

Standard Property | Originally a tavern when it opened its doors back in 1865, the Belvedere is now a stylish hotel with stunning views over the banks of Lago Maggiore, on the Lombardy side of the lake. Located in a peaceful setting in the charming town of Ranco, you will find all the comforts and services you expect from a bike hotel. The Belvedere is also a celebrated restaurant: the dishes have a local flavour offering a 'taste of the lakes' complemented by seasonal fare. This cozy 3-star hotel features an outdoor pool right by the lake, along with a sauna and a panoramic terrace with solarium.



HOTEL LA PALMA

STRESA - LAGO MAGGIORE, ITALY

Upgrade Property | Set in a prime location in the center of Stresa and enjoying picturesque views over Lake Maggiore, this upscale luxurious hotel offers an incredible stay in one of the world's most elegant and exclusive settings. This 4-star property features an infinity plunge pool right by the lake, and a panoramic spa with a sauna, steam room, and relaxation area with floor-to-ceiling windows. The hotel boasts the best rooftop terrace on the lake, the Sky Bar, with amazing views over the Borromean Islands. Dinners at Hotel La Palma are a special treat. There's a real focus on local, fresh food so you can enjoy fish from the lake and Piedmont specialities.



How To Get There

We suggest that you arrive at least one day prior to the start of your Lago Maggiore bike tour, which will enable you to adjust to the time zone and minimize the risk of missing the trip start due to flight-related delays. We recommend that you fly into Milan, Malpensa Airport (MXP). From the airport you need to take a taxi to the trip hotel, where you will meet your guide. We suggest you book a private transfer ahead of time at <https://www.malpensatransfer.it>. A chauffeur will be waiting for you at your terminal with a sign with your name on it and will take you directly to your hotel. This service costs approximately €150 and the drive takes about one hour.

If you are going to spend some time in Milan before the trip starts, there are many options to get into Milan city center from the airport, including bus, train, and taxi. **Taxi** - The transfer takes 50 minutes and it costs about €100. **Train** - Two train routes connect Terminal 1 to Milan's center, the Malpensa Express and Trenitalia. The Malpensa Express takes 50 minutes to the end of the line and runs every 20 – 40 minutes. It will take you to Milano Centrale, Cadorna or Milan Porta Garibaldi. A one-way ticket to Milano Centrale or Cadorna costs €13 and trains run approximately every 15 minutes. **Bus** - The bus company called Autostradale has a daily bus service that connects Malpensa Airport's two terminals with the Central Station of Milan. The buses depart from the airport to Milan from 6:00 AM until 12:30 AM (midnight). A bus leaves every 20 minutes and it takes nearly an hour to get to the center. **Private transfer service** - You can book a private transfer ahead of time at <https://www.introducingmilan.com/transfers/>. A chauffeur will be waiting for you at your terminal with a sign with your name on it and will take you directly to your hotel. This service costs approximately €100.

Before & After: Milan, Italy

A lot can be said and written about Milan, the second largest city in Italy and the heart of the financial hub of the country. A town of ancient origins, founded by the Celts and conquered by the Romans, it saw its splendor increase during the

Meeting Time And Location

Your Trek Travel guide will meet you at your trip hotel at 11:00 AM on the first day of the trip. You will enjoy lunch together at the hotel as you familiarize with the itinerary for the week. After lunch you may change into your cycling gear and your guide will fit you to your Trek bike ensuring you are comfortable for the week. After a safety talk, and a few tips about cycling in the area you will set off at your own pace along the beautiful lake shore.

From the airport we suggest you take a taxi ride to your trip hotel, where you will meet your guide to begin your Lago Maggiore bike tour. Taxis are available at arrival area at the airport or you can book a private transfer ahead of time at <https://www.introducingmilan.com/transfers/>. The trip to the Standard Hotel in Ranco takes approximately 35 minutes and to the Upgrade Hotel in Stresa takes approximately 50 minutes.

If you will be late for the meeting or are going to miss it altogether, please inform your guide. You will receive an email a week before the trip starts with their name and contact details. If you cannot reach them, please call your hotel, Hotel Ristorante Belvedere (+39 0331 975260) or the Upgrade Hotel La Palma (+39 0323 32401) and leave a message with your expected arrival time and contact details.

Departing Time And Location

A Trek Travel guide will meet you at 11:00 AM at your trip hotel to take your bike and equipment and say farewell before your departure. If you wish to take a private shuttle to Milan, Malpensa Airport (MXP) we suggest you arrange your transfer ahead of time. The hotel can also book a taxi for you. The trip to the airport takes approximately 35 minutes from the Standard Hotel and 50 minutes from the Upgrade Hotel. Please allow adequate connection time for any ongoing travel to accommodate possible traffic delays.

HOTEL BERNA

A well-located 4-star hotel within a five minute walk to the central station and airport shuttles, Hotel Berna has been recently renovated and makes a convenient stay before flying home.

hotelberna.com/en/

HOTEL GRAN DUCA DI YORK

The Gran Duca di York is a comfortable and romantic hotel located in a late 19th-

Renaissance when the Visconti family and then the Sforza ruled the city. During this period, the magnificent gothic Duomo was built, and artists like Leonardo da Vinci and Bramante came to work in the city, leaving great masterpieces like the "Cenacolo di Leonardo." During the Austrian Imperial dynasty of the Hapsburgs, the world-renowned Scala Theater was created and instantly became the fulcrum of the artistic life of the town. Milan is also an international capital of fashion and design, with a very lively cultural scene. Major theaters and the hundreds of art galleries and events cause visitors to think that Milan never sleeps. We recommend the following accommodations for your pre- and post-trip hotel:

century building. Its central location makes this 3-star hotel an excellent choice from which to enjoy the Milanese culture and lifestyle. Nearby, you will find the famous boutiques of the "Fashion Quadrilateral" and the city's most magnificent monuments including the Cathedral, the Scala Theatre, the Vittorio Emanuele Gallery, the Sforzesco Castle, and Da Vinci's "Last Supper."

www.ducadiyork.com/en

HOTEL REGINA

A small hotel set in a lovely palace with individually decorated rooms, this 4-star hotel has a private interior garden and plenty of charm to add to your enjoyment of Milan. Its beneficial location in Milan city center makes Hotel Regina a perfect base to explore the artistic and cultural heritage of the old city. The hotel provides free bicycles to explore the beauty of Milan city center including the iconic Duomo and the Navigli.

www.hotelregina.it/eng/

* Hotels listed above are local properties we love. We do not have special rates available.



FAQS

What Are The Daily Rides Like?

- Rider Type | 3 - Active
- Average Daily Mileage | 31
- Terrain | Hilly
- Average Daily Elevation | 2,550 feet
- Total Miles | 184
- Total Elevation | 15,560 feet

Averages and totals are calculated from our "Today's Ride" options.

The terrain is hilly, characterized by rollers and more sustained climbs on quiet roads with stunning views. Our Lago Maggiore bike tour is best suited for our Type 3 Riders. For those who wish to ride every mile but are concerned about their physical ability, we recommend to use our electric bikes —you still get a workout but can climb alongside even the strongest rider. Type 4+ Riders will enjoy the extra mileage the avid route options offer.

What are the options for a non-rider travel companion?

There are a variety of non-riding options on our Lago Maggiore trip for riders who want to take the afternoon off or travel companions who want to spend little or no time in the saddle. Some of these options may need to be scheduled before your trip—please contact one of our Trip Consultants for more information. Except as specified in the itinerary, expenses and transportation to these activities are not included in the trip price. Some non-riding options on this trip are:

- Enjoy relaxation at the hotel spa and pool
- Visit artistic treasures, museums, and UNESCO World Heritage Sites
- Enjoy a visit of Isola Bella on a boat excursion
- Take a 20-minute cable car ride to the top of Mottarone mountain to enjoy spectacular views
- Visit the local open-air markets
- Transfer by ferry boat and visit other charming lake towns
- Explore San Giulio Island in Lake Orta
- Enjoy swimming in Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta
- Take a woodland walk along Lake Maggiore

Trip Changes

See itinerary for specific daily ride distances and elevation options. On all of our vacations, Trek Travel seeks to find quiet, paved secondary roads or bike paths to experience a region; busy roads are avoided as much as possible. Our itineraries are an approximation of our trips. Trek Travel strives to offer every guest a vacation of a lifetime on every trip. At times routes, hotels, activities, etc. listed here may change at the discretion of the trip designer or guides to improve the trip experience.