



for hardcore cyclists

Lakes Garda & Como, Italy

Date: May-October | **Duration:** 7 days / 6 nights | **Start / End:** Milan or Bergamo



Lago di Garda

Highlights of your tour

- Explore three the most popular lakes in Italy: **Lago di Garda, Como and Lugano**
- Ride around the lakes, stop at many picturesque villages, have delicious meals – simply enjoy Italy
- Challenge yourself on Giro d'Italia climbs: **Muro di Sormano and Madonna del Ghisallo**
- Ride leader, SAG van, transportation, accommodations, meals – simply enjoy your All-inclusive Private tour and rely on professionals of HC Bike Tours
- The tour is perfect for all kind of cyclists. We can make it less challenging by excluding and shortening the rides or we can add more climbs and make the routes longer if you wish☺ If needed, you can use our van to continue your trip
- Accomplish in total 250+ miles / 400+ km

Price – on request*

**The price depends on a group size, service level, and trip duration. Usually we host groups of 2-14 travelers.*

Extras:

Rental bike (carbon frame, Shimano Ultegra, compact or triple cranks) – on request
High-end rental bikes - on request





What's included:

7 days / 6 nights All-inclusive tour
All transfers and ground transportation
All luggage transportation
All accommodation fees (3-4 star hotels)
All breakfasts
All dinners
On-road supplements including fresh fruit, snacks, energy bars and drinks
SAG van during the ride and professional Ride Guide
Services of our English speaking staff including mechanic assistance
Complimentary welcome pack including two water bottles and maps for the tours
Pre-tour training and holiday preparation advice
Non-riders take the daily rides with the riders in the van and enjoy beauty of the magnificent mountains

What's not included:

Airfare
Travel and personal insurance (recommended)
Additional hotel expenses, i.e. phone charges, mini-bar, drinks, gratuities, laundry
Lunches (on-road supplements are included)
Rental bike (available for an additional fee)

Day 1

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Welcome to Italy and let's start to explore the lakes Desenzano del Garda – Sirmione - Desenzano del Garda</p> <p>HC Bike Tours' team will meet you at the airport. From there, you will be provided with the transportation to the hotel. Our team will help you to set up your bicycle. If possible, we will take off for a warm-up ride to the beautiful village of Sirmione in the afternoon. Sirmione is one of the must-visit places. Don't rush and simply enjoy a stroll through it. No bikes in the village! It is permitted to ride there.</p>  Strava map http://www.strava.com/routes/2286257	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>3-4 star hotel in Desenzano del Garda area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 20+ miles</p>
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Sirmione







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Day 2

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Ride along Garda Desenzano del Garda – Lazise – Garda - San Zeno di Montagna* - Malcesine castle – Riva del Garda</p> <p><i>* Optional - climb San Zeno di Montagna on the way to our destination: length 5 miles, average grade 6.1% with some ramps over 10%. The view from there is worth to do it☺</i></p> <p>Coffee + Italian style breakfast and we are off for the ride along the largest lake in Italy – Lago di Garda. We will ride through the picturesque villages Lazise and Garda. We will make a stop in Malcesine to see more than 700 year's old castle. Take it easy and relax! Let's have coffee before we ride the last 14 miles until our hotel located in another beautiful town of Riva del Garda. This town is perfect for a walk and to have delicious dinner at one of the many restaurants by the lake. Pasta or pizza?</p>  Strava map https://www.strava.com/routes/2285150	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>2-3 star hotel in Riva del Garda area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 50 miles Elevation gain 3000 ft</p>
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Day 3

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Strada della Forra... Riva del Garda - Strada della Forra - Il Santuario di Montecastello – Salò</p> <p>Yeah, don't forget your camera today! Strada della Forra - one of the world's most scenic roads!!! That will be an unforgettable experience☺ Later on, we will stop at Il Santuario di Montecastello – old church with amazing views of the lake. Our destination is Salò - a town with the longest promenade. The best restaurants are located right there☺</p>  Strava map https://www.strava.com/routes/2285538	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>3-4 star hotel in Salò area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 45 miles Elevation gain 11 000 ft</p>
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Strada della Forra

Day 4

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Lake Como and Muro di Sormano Lecco - Muro di Sormano - Bellagio - Madonna del Ghisallo - Lecco</p> <p>We will start our day with breakfast and two hours transfer to lake Como. As soon we will reach lake Como, we are off for a challenging ride. We are going to ride two very famous climbs of Giro d'Italia: Muro di Sormano and Madonna del Ghisallo. We know you can do it! In between those climbs, we will have a coffee stop in Bellagio. This town is known as <i>la perla del lago</i>, and is considered by many to be the most beautiful and romantic town on Lake Como, if not in Italy. Madonna del Ghisallo is a chapel and museum situated at the pass's summit and it's a must visit place for cyclists. We will stay overnight in Lecco. This town has a lot of very nice places where to go for a walk and have meal.</p>  Strava map https://www.strava.com/routes/2285725	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>3-4 star hotel in Lecco area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 65 miles Elevation gain 8200 ft</p>
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Muro di Sormano



Lecco

Day 5

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Lake Como... Lecco – Varenna – Bellano – Musso - Menaggio It will be a beautiful day. We are going to ride along the lake all day long visiting the charming villages and enjoying the magnificent views. The fishing village of Varenna has picturesque narrow alleyways and streets below a castle - Castello di Vezio. Bellano is a delicious spot to stop on the lakeside and have coffee and pastries. Musso certainly is popular because of its architecture. Menaggio, against the mountains, is a lively resort with a lakeside promenade. Let's rest and find real pizza – hot and tasty straight from a wooden oven.</p>  <p>Strava map https://www.strava.com/routes/2285979</p>	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>3-4 star hotel in Menaggio area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 50 miles Elevation gain 5000 ft</p>
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Lago di Lugano






Bellagio

Day 6

 <p>ROUTE</p> <p>Lago di Lugano and more... Mennagio – Lago di Lugano - Lanzo D'intelvi – Argegno – Cernobbio - Como</p>	 <p>ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>3-4 star hotel in Como area</p>	 <p>ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>Distance 50 miles Elevation gain 6500 ft</p>
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<p>This is not a joke – we are going to Switzerland. Ok, almost☺ We will start our day with the ride to lake Lugano, and we will climb one narrow road to Lanzo D'intelvi. It's amazing view of lake Lugano from there. We are sure, it's time for a coffee. Later on, we go down to lake Como to finish our trip riding along the lake until the town of Como. Before the finish, we will stop at <i>Villa d'Este</i>, in the village of Cernobbio, is the most famous of Lake Como's villas. What to see in Como? Piazza Cavour, one of the town's bustling public squares, and Como's resident cathedral too. It's a nice town for a walk or easy spin by bike. Let's celebrate our trip and have delicious traditional meal and some wine too☺</p> <p> Strava map https://www.strava.com/routes/2286193</p>		
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Day 7

<p> ROUTE</p> <p>Arrivederci! Another breakfast in Italy and it's time to head back home. We will transport you back to the airport or a hotel if you are going to stay there for couple days more.</p> <p><i>Optional – if you don't rush, we would be glad to guide you for another ride in the morning. Let us surprise you with another great route☺ before we transfer you to the airport or a hotel.</i></p>	<p> ACCOMONDATION</p> <p>-----</p>	<p> ACCOMPLISHED</p> <p>-----</p>
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It's up to you to shorten rides or even ride more. Your trip, you choose.

Contact us to reserve your tour!

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