

Italy's Stunning Lake Garda



Italy's largest lake stretches 60 miles from the mountainous north to the low-lying land around the southern tip at Desenzano. Its shores are dotted with fascinating old towns, castles and picturesque villages.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: Travel to Dover for your short channel crossing to Calais and onto your overnight hotel in France.

Day 2: Depart after breakfast and travel through Bavaria and Austria to arrive in Riva Del Garda at the excellent Hotel Sole in time for Dinner.

Day 3: Free day to relax and enjoy **Riva Del Garda**.

Day 4: The Italian Dolomites, or 'pale mountains', are a breath taking mountain range. With a mixture of Italian and Austrian architecture the Dolomites are said to be one of the most scenic regions in Italy.

Day 5: Spend a day exploring Lake Garda. Along its shores lie pretty villages such as **Sirmione**, **Malcesine** and **Bardolino**. Sirmione, at the southern tip of the lake, is set in a picturesque headland jutting into the lake.

Day 6: Another free day in **Riva del Garda** or why not visit the stunning city of **Verona**, which is rich in history and culture and also the setting for Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. Take time to visit the famous balcony or wander around the beautiful market piazzas and shops, or visit the famous Amphitheatre, where famous operas are held during the summer months.

Day 7: Depart after breakfast and enjoy the Alpine views en route back to your overnight hotel.

Day 8: Depart the hotel after breakfast and make your way to Calais for your return sailing.



Hotel Sole ★★★★★

This hotel is ideally situated in the centre of Riva del Garda with stunning views over the lake and the piazza.

• 63 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 7 nights DBB ➤ Choice of Dinner Menu in Italy
- Welcome drink (at resort hotel) ➤ Wine tasting (in Riva del Garda)
- Gala dinner on one evening ➤ Porterage at resort hotel
- Return Ferry

May, Jun & Sep: Prices from: £409
Oct: Prices from: £399

Italian & French Riviera's



Alassio on the Italian Riviera is ideally situated to combine a relaxing beach holiday with the very best of a sightseeing tour including the cosmopolitan French Riviera resorts of Cannes and Nice.

Suggested Itinerary:

Day 1: From Dover to Calais and onto your overnight stay.

Day 2: Continue south into Italy, arriving in time for your evening meal.

Day 3: Day at leisure in **Alassio**. Visit the busy morning market which sells clothing, fruit and vegetables, the famous muretto (little wall) or the many shops and boutiques in the town.

Day 4: Head into France to the Cote d'Azur, the Riviera, the Midi, call it what you wish, this is the world's dream spot. We include a guide to join your coach from Alassio for a full day tour to the two main resorts. First **Cannes** the elegant and cosmopolitan resort in a beautiful setting, with the liveliest pleasure port on the Riviera. Only during the film festival in May does Cannes lose its habitual cool. We travel onto **Nice**, the unofficial capital of the French Riviera. This vibrant city, boasts France's third largest airport, an opera house and excellent philharmonic orchestra, university and several good museums.

Day 5: Take the coastal road visiting the nearby coastal towns of **Diano Marina** and **San Remo**, the glittering capital of the 'Riviera of Flowers'.

Day 6: Enjoy another free day to relax or visit **Ventimiglia** with its enormous Friday market, and the beautiful medieval village of **Dolceaqua**, with its maze of narrow streets.

Day 7: To France for your final overnight.

Day 8: Calais to Dover, then home.



Hotel Toscana ★★★★★

This excellent family-run hotel is ideally situated near to Alassio beach and the main shopping area.

• 64 Bedrooms • Lift

Tour Includes:

- 7 nights DBB ➤ Live music on 2 nights during your stay in Alassio
- American Buffet breakfast and choice dinner in Alassio
- Welcome drink ➤ Guide to visit the towns of Cannes & Nice
- Porterage in Alassio

May, Sep & Oct: Prices from: £469