

Milan (4 nights) – **Pavia** (Day Trip) – **Turin** (4 nights) – **Langhe Region** (Day Trip) – **Lake Maggiore** (4 nights)

Sunday, June 4 – Milan: Welcome Dinner in the Historic Center. Milan by Night.

Participants should plan to arrive at the Milan-Malpensa (MXP) airport by 2:00PM. Private drivers will meet participants and take them to our hotel, located within the center of Milan and close to the major attractions. In the evening, the group will gather for a **Welcome Drink**, followed by a **Welcome Dinner** at a local traditional Milanese restaurant. After dinner, a walking tour of **Piazza del Duomo by Night** to admire one of the most beautiful churches in the world under a different light.

Welcome Drink and Dinner included. Private transportation from airport and walking in the evening.

Monday, June 5 – Milan: Classic Milan, the Duomo, San Bernardino Ossuary and Pinacoteca Ambrosiana.

In the morning, a private tour guide will lead the group on an orientation tour of the historic center of Milan, passing by *La Scala* theatre and the **Galleria Vittorio Emanuele**. During the tour, we will also visit inside the **Duomo** (Cathedral) of Milan with its **San Sebastian sculpture**, as well as the ossuary of **San Bernardino alle Ossa**. In the afternoon, we will visit the **Pinacoteca Ambrosiana** with important pieces by Leonardo, Raffaello and Caravaggio. Later in the afternoon, we'll have the opportunity to reach the roof terrace of the Duomo by elevator to enjoy a majestic view of the entire city. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Tuesday, June 6 – Milan: Brera District and Pinacoteca di Brera.

A private tour guide will lead the group to discover the most charming district of Milan, **Brera**, which is a neighborhood of many artists and a place of bohemian atmosphere, sometimes referred to as the "Milanese Montmartre". The tour continues to the well-known art gallery **Pinacoteca di Brera**, which houses some of the greatest masterpieces of Italian and foreign art from the 13th to 20th centuries (Mantegna, Raffaello, Guercino, Bramante, Bronzino, Tintoretto, Caravaggio). After our tour, you can enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many little restaurants and trattorias that populate this area. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure to explore this city of fashion. Optional, if available, will be a guided tour of the La Scala Theatre.

Wednesday, June 7 – Milan: Michelangelo and Leonardo – Rondanini Pietà, the Last Supper and Leonardo's Vineyard.

In the morning, a private tour guide will lead the group on a walking tour of the medieval **Castello Sforzesco**. Housed here is the **Rondanini Pietà**, a marble sculpture that Michelangelo worked on from 1552 until the last days of his life, in 1564. The tour will continue to the church of **Santa Maria delle Grazie** to visit the **Last Supper** mural painting of Leonardo da Vinci. In the afternoon, at your own pace, you can visit the nearby **Leonardo's Vineyard** and continue to explore more museums located in the Sforza's Castle. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Thursday, June 8 – Pavia: University Museum of Medicine, Anatomical Theater and Library, and Certosa di Pavia. Arrive in Turin and Welcome Dinner.

In the morning, we'll depart for Turin by private bus. On the way, 25 miles south of Milan, we will visit the incredible collection at the **University History Museum of Pavia**. Here we will find a room dedicated to the physician and **anatomist Antonio Scarpa** and another room dedicated to Nobel Prize winner **Camillo Golgi**. The visit includes the **Anatomical Theater** and the **University Library**. Enjoy lunch on your own in the historic center of Pavia followed by a visit to the **Certosa di Pavia**, one of the largest monasteries in Italy. We'll then continue to Turin by private bus and check in at our hotel. In the evening, we'll enjoy a **Welcome Dinner** at a local restaurant in Turin.

Dinner included. Private bus transportation.

Friday, June 9 – Turin: Historic Turin, Royal Palace, Chapel of the Holy Shroud and Royal Library.

In the morning, we'll be led on a private guided walking tour of the **historic center** of Turin and its major historical buildings. Afterwards, you'll have time to enjoy lunch on your own at one of the many elegant cafés of Turin. In the afternoon, our tour will continue to the **Residences of the Royal House of Savoy**. This includes the **Royal Palace** (*Palazzo Reale*) and its splendid Royal Armory, one of the richest collections of antique weapons and armor in the world. Other highlights include the **Chapel of the Holy Shroud**, once the guardian of the *Shroud of Turin*, and the **Royal Library**, all UNESCO world heritage sites. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Saturday, June 10 – Langhe Countryside: Royal Castle of Racconigi, Wine Tasting and Barolo Village.

Today we'll enjoy the Langhe countryside of Piemonte where we will reach our destinations by private bus. Our first stop will be at the **Royal Castle of Racconigi**, a summer Savoy residence with a marvelous park. After a short tour, we'll continue to our next destination, a visit to one of the best wineries in the **Langhe**. We will be presented with an overview of the best wines from Piedmont, followed by a **tasting** of several wines including the famous **Barolo** and **Barbaresco**, paired with local delicacies. Afterwards, we'll make a short stop in the quaint village of Barolo where you can explore on your own. We'll then head back to our hotel in Turin where you can enjoy the evening at your leisure.

Wine tasting and light lunch included. Private bus transportation and walking.

Sunday, June 11 – Turin: The Egyptian Museum.

During the day, we'll have an expert archeologist guide us in the discovery of the **Egyptian Museum**, the oldest museum in the world dedicated to Egyptian culture. The museum houses one of the largest collections of Egyptian antiquities, with more than 30,000 artifacts, and is considered the most important Egyptian collection in the world outside of Egypt. Enjoy the rest of the day on your own exploring this rich city.

Monday, June 12 – Turin: Museum of Human Anatomy. Departure to Lake Maggiore: Saint Michael's Abbey.

In the morning, after checking out from our hotel, we'll visit the **Museum of Human Anatomy Luigi Rolando** at the **University of Turin**. The museum was founded in 1739, and in 1898 was transferred to the *Palazzo degli Istituti Anatomici* (Palace of the Anatomical Institutes). The museum has been recently restored while preserving its spectacular cathedral structure hosting a stunning collection of anatomical artifacts. After a lunch break, we'll drive by private bus to the **Sacra di San Michele**, an imposing abbey that dominates the top of Mt. Pirchiriano. The Abbey was originally built between 983 and 987 AD. Its charm served as the inspiration for the best-seller novel, *The Name of the Rose*, by Umberto Eco. After a short visit, we'll continue our drive to the town of **Stresa**, located on the shores of Lake Maggiore, and check-in at our hotel.

Lunch included. Private bus transportation and walking.

Tuesday, June 13 – Lake Maggiore: Discovering the Borromean Islands.

Today will be a relaxing day on the lake to discover the jewels of Lake Maggiore. We'll travel by private boat, with our first stop at **Isola Madre**. With our local guide, we'll visit its Palazzo and explore its wonderful 8-hectare botanical garden. Afterwards, we'll enjoy lunch together at a local restaurant. Our next destination will be the most famous of the islands, **Isola Bella**. With our local guide, we'll take a fascinating journey between art and history at **Palazzo Borromeo**. This palace has over 20 rooms of wonderful baroque architecture and a beautiful Italian garden. We'll return to Stresa by boat where you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Lunch included. Private boat transportation and walking.

Wednesday, June 14 – Lake Maggiore: Hermitage of Santa Caterina and Isola dei Pescatori.

In the morning, we'll take a private boat to reach the spiritual, yet fascinating, **Hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso**. This monastery dates from the 14th century and is composed of three convent buildings, extraordinarily perched on a steep wall of rocks along the Lake. We'll have a short, guided tour there. Afterwards, we'll reach by boat **Isola dei Pescatori** (Fishermen's Island), where you'll have time to walk through the quaint cobblestone streets and enjoy lunch on your own. We'll return to Stresa by boat where you can enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Private boat transportation and walking.

Thursday, June 15 – Lake Maggiore: Day at Leisure.

You'll have the entire day to explore on your own or just relax. In the evening, we'll meet for our **Arrivederci Italia Dinner**.

Dinner included.

Friday, June 16 – Depart to USA.

Hotel check-out. Group transfers of minimum 4 people from the hotel to Milan Malpensa (MXP) airport.

N.B. The above Itinerary is subject to modification.

REGISTRATION FORM

Full Name (**must match passport**) _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yy) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ Country _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Sharing room with _____

Type of room: *Twin (2 beds)* *Double (1 king/queen)* *Single (extra charge)*

Dietary restrictions _____

How did you hear about the Tour? _____

Note: The Tour requires participants to be able to walk, on average, 2-3 miles day

Terms and Conditions

Package Includes:

- A dedicated professional Tour Director (English/Italian bi-lingual) will accompany the group, coordinating all activities and providing 24/7 onsite assistance for the entire experience
- Scientific expertise at didactic venues provided by Professor Kevin Petti and local specialists
- Twelve-night accommodation (Milan – 4 nights, Turin – 4 nights, Lake Maggiore – 4 nights) at highly comfortable 4-star hotels in central locations in a shared bedroom
- Daily morning buffet breakfast
- Welcome Drink (Milan)
- 3 Three-Course Dinners with wine (on the dates identified in the Itinerary in Milan, Turin, and Lake Maggiore)
- 2 Lunches + 1 Wine Tasting & Pairing Lunch (Langhe Region)
- Guided tours in Milan, Pavia, Turin, and Lago Maggiore, as described in the Itinerary
- Academic private visits, as described in the Itinerary
- Entrance tickets to all museums specified in the Itinerary, with skip-the-line reservations if available
- Private bus transportation to venues as indicated in the Itinerary
- Private transfers (with minimum of 2 program participants/car) from the Milan Airport (MXP) to the hotel in Milan on arrival day
- Private group transfers (with minimum of 4 program participants/car) from the hotel in Lake Maggiore to Milan Malpensa airport (MXP) on departure day
- City tax at all hotels and tax and tips for all services identified in the Itinerary

Package Does Not Include:

- Flight tickets to/from Italy
- Optional excursions and/or other activities not listed in the Itinerary
- Meals, drinks or extras not explicitly stated in the 'Package Includes' section above
- Travel insurance

Optional Arrangements:

Exclusively Italian can provide additional arrangements for activities on leisure days, as well as personalized trip extensions (before and after the tour). Please contact Laura at Exclusively Italian for more information.

Price & Payments (in US Dollars)

- The price of the Package as described above is **\$5,495** per person in a twin/double room accommodation (2 people/room) based on a group with a **minimum of 16 participants**. Accommodation in **single room** has an extra charge of **\$1,375**.
- Deposit and Final Payment:**
 - A **deposit of \$1,000** per person is required to secure your place by **December 15, 2022**. The deposit may be paid by check or with credit card – please indicate your preference at the bottom of the page. **Please email your completed Registration Form to Laura Bianconcini:** laura@exclusivelyitalian.com
 - The balance is required by **March 1, 2023**. The balance is payable only by check.
 - Checks:** Please make checks payable to “**Exclusively Italian**”. Payments are accepted in US dollars only.
 - Please mail checks to:
Laura Bianconcini – Exclusively Italian
4080 Goldfinch St. Unit 1
San Diego, CA 92103

Refund and Cancellation Policy

Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to cancel this trip for any circumstances beyond its control, including if there are fewer than 16 participants. In this case, a full refund will be provided. No refunds are provided for unused portions or services of the trip for any reason whatsoever. The trip is sold as a package only. Below is the cancellation policy.

Due Date	Payment	Cancellation/Refund
December 15, 2022	\$1,000 Deposit	Once the tour is confirmed, \$500 of this payment becomes non-refundable. After January 15, the entire deposit is non-refundable.
March 1, 2023	\$ Remaining balance	50% of this payment is refundable until April 1, 2023; after April 1, 2023, this payment is non-refundable.

Note on Prices

Prices quoted are based on current external supplier costs and exchange rates. **Prices are subject to change if there are significant exchange rate fluctuations**, although not to exceed 10% of the Package price.

Not Included

All items of a personal nature, meals and other services or transportation not specified in the ‘Package Includes’ section.

Travel Insurance

To protect your trip investment, the purchase of Travel Insurance is strongly recommended to cover unforeseen events such as trip cancellation and/or interruption, emergency medical expenses, loss of baggage or trip delay. Please be aware that losses incurred due to known events (such as COVID-19) may need to be specifically selected when choosing your Travel Insurance (read terms carefully). We would be happy to provide names of Travel Insurance companies and any information regarding Travel Insurance.

DISCLAIMER

All arrangements covering accommodation, transportation, tours, transfers and all other services arranged for this trip, are made on the explicit understanding that Exclusively Italian LLC and/or Laura Bianconcini or Prof. Kevin Petti act only as an intermediary and as such admit no liabilities whatsoever for any loss, damage, delay or injury to persons or property arising out of, or in any connection with any act of neglect or default however caused, either directly or indirectly by the principals or persons or their agents or servants, who shall provide such hotel accommodation, transport, tours, transfers or all other services provided. Exclusively Italian LLC reserves the right to change accommodations, activities and services specified in the Itinerary at any time, for any reason, and replace them with others of the same category and/or value.

- I have read, understand, and accept all the above Terms & Conditions
- I select a Single Room accommodation for an extra fee of \$1,375
- I will mail a check for \$1,000/participant as a deposit to secure my Registration
- I request to pay \$1,000/participant by credit card as a deposit to secure my Registration

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____