

13 night Fly, Rail & Tour Package from \$7999pp
ITALIAN LAKES & SWISS ALPS
Plus Opera in a Roman Amphitheatre



Italian Lakes, Open Air Opera & Swiss Rail

Four nights in each of Milan, Lake Maggiore & Lake Garda is pretty cool. But the icing on the cake is a Swiss Alps rail trip PLUS open air opera amongst Roman ruins.

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Experience the ultimate Italian Lakes summer getaway, combining a night of opera at Verona's Roman amphitheatre with hotel stays in Milan, Lake Maggiore and Lake Garda.

Your 12 nights in the Italian Lakes begins in the spiritual home of fashion Milan, where you'll enjoy a three-night stay. Embark on an alpine rail adventure on board the Bernina Red Train, flying through the mountain scenery to St. Moritz in Switzerland. Transferring to Lake Maggiore, you'll enjoy a four-night stay including a fully escorted tour of the enchanting Borromean Islands.

Next, you'll head to Lake Como for a full-day visit to its grand palazzos and beautiful gardens. It's then time to check into your Lake Garda hotel for a four-night stay, including an opera performance under the stars at Arena di Verona, a Roman amphitheatre dating back to the 1st century.

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Based on July 15 departure ex Syd. (Brisbane +\$200)



INCLUSIONS

- Return international airfares
- 4 nights four-star stay in Milan at the Starhotels Ritz Milan
- 4 night four-star stay in Lake Maggiore at the Hotel Regina Palace
- 4 night four-star stay in Lake Garda at the Hotel Savoy Palace
- All hotel stays include breakfast
- Scenic rail journey through the Swiss Alps on board the Bernina Red Trail
- Borromean Islands Tour
- Full day trip to Lake Como
- Tickets to A Night of Opera at Arena di Verona
- Taxes & Transfers

DETAILED ITINERARY

Day1 - Fly Overnight to Milan

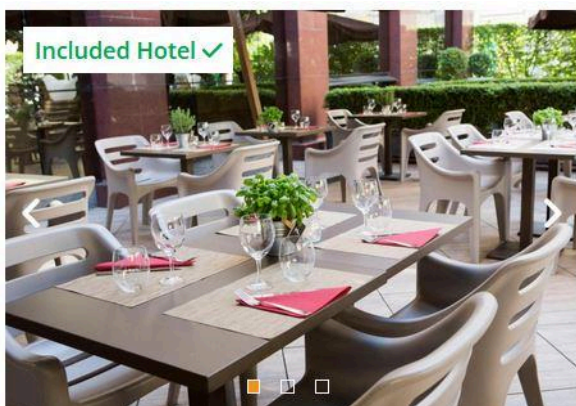
Your holiday begins as you fly from Australia to your destination

Days 2 to 3 - Milan: Hotel Stay

The spiritual home of Italian fashion, Milan attracts the world's best-known designers. It also serves up a feast of cultural riches, like the Duomo and 19th -century glass-dome Galleria shopping arcade.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Starhotels Ritz Milan



Starhotels Ritz Milan (Or Similar)



This chic, central Milan hotel lies near the shopping districts of Porta Venezia and Corso Buenos Aires. Home to a delightful restaurant, fitness centre, sauna, Turkish bath, plus the delicious Bruschetteria Grill & BBQ by Eataly and contemporary, design-led rooms, Starhotels Ritz is the perfect base from which to explore the vibrant city of Milan.

Day 4 - Milan: Tour & Hotel Stay

Today you'll ride the Bernina Red Train through the Swiss Alps between St. Moritz in Switzerland and Tirano in Italy. This masterpiece of engineering cuts through dramatic landscapes, majestic glaciers, and charming alpine villages.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Starhotels Ritz Milan

Day 5 - Lake Maggiore: Hotel Stay

Transfer directly to Lake Maggiore for a four-night hotel stay. Nestled in the foothills of the Italian and Swiss Alps, Lake Maggiore's lush green hillsides and picturesque towns create a serene atmosphere.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Regina Palace



Hotel Regina Palace Stresa (Or Similar)



Dating back to 1908, this four-star hotel in tranquil parkland overlooks Lake Maggiore and the Borromeo Islands. Its opulent interiors feature magnificent guest rooms and suites with lavish period-style decor, including Damask prints, high ceilings, chandeliers, and rich gold, blue, and Venetian red hues. Steps from the lakeside promenade and 300 meters from Stresa's center, it's an ideal base for exploring Lake Maggiore's charms, like the Borromeo Islands. The hotel offers two heated pools (indoor and outdoor), tennis, massages, a sun terrace with views, and live music and dancing at the 1900 bar.

Day 6 - Lake Maggiore: Hotel Stay

During your hotel stay, you'll join a full escorted tour of the Borromeo Islands with their magnificent palaces and enchanting gardens and charming lakeside villas.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Regina Palace

Day 7-8 - Lake Maggiore: Hotel Stay

With its breathtaking scenery and rich cultural heritage, Lake Maggiore is a true paradise for nature lovers and history enthusiasts. The lake offers a wealth of outdoor activities, from hiking and cycling to fishing.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Regina Palace

Days 9 - Lake Como: Day Trip & Lake Garda Hotel Stay

This morning you'll depart for Lake Como. Embark on a visit to the town to discover the ancient buildings, courtyard, towers and medieval walls before transferring to Lake Garda for a four-night hotel stay.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Savoy Palace



Hotel Savoy Palace (Or Similar)



Hotel Savoy Palace graces the shores of Lake Garda, Italy, with timeless elegance. Overlooking the azure waters, it offers lavish accommodations, impeccable service, and panoramic views. The hotel's gardens, pools, and spa create an oasis of relaxation, while gourmet dining showcases Italian flavours. Situated near charming towns like Garda and Riva del Garda, guests can explore historic streets, local markets, and lakeside promenades. The surrounding hills and vineyards provide opportunities for scenic hikes and wine tastings. Hotel Savoy Palace stands as a gateway to Lake Garda's natural beauty and cultural richness, offering an unforgettable Italian escape.

Day 10 - Lake Garda: Hotel Stay

Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy, captivates with its natural beauty, history and culture. Surrounded by majestic mountains, the lake's shimmering blue waters create a breathtaking backdrop.

Meals included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Savoy Palace

Day 11 - Lake Garda: Event & Hotel Stay

Sit among 22,000 fellow spectators and be captivated by soaring vocals and dramatic performances at Arena di Verona, where you'll enjoy an enchanting night of opera in a 1st -century amphitheater.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Savoy Palace

Day 12 - Lake Garda: Hotel Stay

Enjoy an additional day at leisure at your Lake Garda hotel. Relax on the lake's shores or explore charming lakeside towns, such as Sirmione and Malcesine, with their medieval castles and narrow streets.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Hotel Savoy Palace

Day 13 - Milan: Hotel Stay

Your holiday concludes in Milan, where you'll check into a hotel for one final evening. You may wish to relax ahead of your flight or head out to sample Milan's tantalizing restaurants.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Overnight: Starhotels Ritz Milan

Day 14 - Milan: Fly Home

Your holiday complete, today you'll head to the airport for your flight home.

Meals Included: Breakfast

Notes:

The departure date is subject to change based on flight times specified during the booking process.

Named hotels are based on availability and are subject to change without notice. Alternative hotels will always be of equal or higher star rating.