



Lake Como Walking

ITALY - TRIP CODE LC

WALKING AND TREKKING

Why book this trip?

A relaxed walking holiday that is based in the charming town of Gravedona on Lake Como. Enjoy easy walking on the network of footpaths linking the many villages nestled in the mountains around the lake and along the shore. Stay in a family-run hotel with swimming pool spectacularly located right at the water's edge.

- **Bellagio** - Take a ferry across the lake to this picturesque town known as the 'Pearl of Lake Como'
- **Historic villas** - Opportunity to visit the magnificent Villa Carlotta and take a boat tour of lakeside villas
- **Food and drink** - Enjoy Italian cuisine by the lake in Gravedona's restaurants and bars

**INCLUDED MEALS**

Breakfast: 7
Lunch: 4

**TRIP STAFF**

Explore Tour
Leader / Trek
Guide
Driver(s)

**TRANSPORT**

Bus
Ferry
Public Bus

**ACCOMMODATION****WALKING**

GRADE:
Easy To
Moderate

**GROUP SIZE:**

10 - 16

Itinerary

Itineraries on some departure dates may differ, please select the itinerary that you wish to explore.

Trip information

Climate and country information

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Climate

April/May and October/November are pleasantly warm. June/September are the hottest months. Showers are common in Autumn.

Time difference to GMT	Plugs	Religion	Language
+1	2 Pin Round	Roman Catholic	Italian

Budgeting and packing

Optional activities

The following excursions and/or activities are usually available and may be arranged locally. Estimated costs are provided below for guidance only, are on a per person basis unless shown otherwise, and may depend on the number of participants. Prices quoted are correct as of the date these tour notes were originally issued but may change at any time due to currency fluctuations. Please note: These activities

are booked and paid for direct with the supplier and do not form part of your Explore holiday contract.

Visit Villa Carlotta near Menaggio (30 minutes away from Gravedona by public bus) - Entrance ticket is €9 or €7 for over 65s. Return bus fare is €6.

Private boat tour from Menaggio of the lake-side villas - €20 for 60-90 minutes. Return bus fare Gravedona/Menaggio is €5 and takes 30 minutes.

Como town - The direct boat from Gravedona to Como Town is €12.60. Return is €25.20. Add another €4.90 each way for the express service (slow takes 2 hours / express 1.30 hours). There is also another boat ticket that costs €28 and allows you to get on and off ferries when you feel like it (so you could do Gravedona, Menaggio, Bellagio and Como by boat in one day!). The public bus takes 1.45 hours from Gravedona to Como town and costs €7 each way. You have to change bus at Menaggio - there is a 5-7 minute window to change bus.

Clothing

Take light and comfortable clothing that can be layered according to the temperature. Rainwear (e.g. Gore-Tex jacket and waterproof trousers) may be needed at any time of year, and a warm fleece/jacket is needed for cooler days and evenings, particularly in April and October when it can sometimes get quite chilly in the evening.

Footwear

We recommend you bring lightweight walking boots, make sure that your boots are worn-in and comfortable before the start of the trip. Also trainers or sandals for relaxing and general wear. We suggest that on international flights you either carry your walking boots in your hand luggage or wear them - should your luggage be lost or delayed, your own boots are the one thing that will be irreplaceable.

Luggage

20kg

Luggage: On tour

One main piece and a daypack.

Equipment

A reusable water bottle, sunhat and high factor sunscreen are all essential. A torch is useful in case of power cuts or emergencies and a lunch box/Tupperware for picnic lunches.

Tipping

Explore leader

Tipping isn't compulsory, and we work hard to ensure that our leaders all receive a fair wage. You may however, want to recognise a leader that has done a great job or really added to your trip by giving them a tip. We're often asked about the recommended amount. It is a tricky one, and down to personal preference, but we would recommend £15 to £20 per person per week as a guideline.

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Food and drink

The costs for meals may vary depending upon location, type of restaurant and number of courses eaten and so the prices given are an average guide. Local restaurants located off the beaten track may be less expensive, whereas an upmarket restaurant located in the centre of a major city may charge more.

Lunch price	Dinner price	Beer price	Water price
£10.00 - 15.00	£20.00 - 25.00	£2.00 - 4.00	£1.00 - 2.00

Foreign Exchange

Local currency	Recommended Currency For Exchange
Euro.	GBP.

Where To Exchange

We recommend that you change any currency into Euros prior to arrival. Bureau de Change are generally only found in major cities and large airports.

ATM Availability	Credit Card Acceptance
Major towns.	Larger hotels and restaurants.

Travellers Cheques

Only in major towns. Please note, the exchange rate for cash and Travellers Cheques is poor.

Transport, Accommodation & Meals

Transport Information

Bus, Ferry, Public Bus

Accommodation notes

Family-run Hotel Regina occupies a prime position on the shore of Lake Como and is just a 10 minute scenic walk from the restaurants and shops of laid-back Gravedona. After a day's walking, it's the perfect place to relax and enjoy the inspiring lake and mountain views from the bedrooms, breakfast room and bar. Or take advantage of the stunning panoramic solar heated swimming pool. All rooms have private attached bathrooms. There's also a small gym, mountain bike rental and free Wi-Fi.

All double occupancy rooms will enjoy a lake view. The price quoted for a guaranteed single-occupancy room is for a non lake-view room. Please contact our sales team for availability and price if you wish to upgrade to a lake-view room.

Essential Information

Government Travel Safety Advice

We strongly recommend that you check your government's travel advisory for up-to-date information and advice about your destination: safety and security, entry requirements, health, local laws and customs. For UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office advice [click here](#).

For more information from Explore about travel advice, [click here](#)

Under 18 immigration guidance

Please note that some countries require proof of parental consent when travelling overseas with under 18s. Please check requirements with the relevant embassy or consular office well in advance of travel if this applies to your party.

Price Guarantee

Once your booking has been confirmed we guarantee the price will not increase, whatever the circumstances. Before booking please ensure you have read our important tour pricing information. [Booking Conditions](#)

Visa and Passport Information

Italy: Visas are not required by UK, E.U Nationals, Australian, New Zealand, US and Canadian citizens. Other nationalities should consult their local embassy or consular office.

If you do require assistance in obtaining a visa then you may be able to apply through Explore's recommended visa service in the UK, Travcour. See www.travcour.com to download the relevant visa application for your trip, if applicable (UK citizens only), along with details of how to apply for your visa through Travcour. The Team at Travcour will be happy to answer specific questions relating to visa applications, please call them directly on 0208 5431846.

It is your responsibility to ensure that you are in possession of a full passport, with the correct validity for your chosen destination.

Booking conditions

Before booking your Explore trip, please ensure that you read both our Essential Information and [Booking Conditions](#).

Transfers

Find out more about [Trip Transfer Terms and Conditions](#) before you book.

Booking a land only package with Explore

Customers who have chosen to book on the 'Land Only' arrangements of our tour, please ensure that you have checked your tour specific 'Joining Instructions' prior to booking your own travel arrangements. Your joining instructions can be found below in the dates and prices information.

You may also be eligible for the Free Explore Transfer.

Joining Tour Abroad

Customers booked on the 'Land Only' arrangements will receive a Free Transfer, provided you arrive and depart on the tour only itinerary start and end dates. The complimentary transfers will be arranged from the Explore designated airport or train station to your trips joining point, and then back from the ending point to the designated airport or train station. Generally the airport or station that Explore have selected will be the one that is closest to the town or city where the trip starts, or the one nearest to the joining point. It will be either an airport or train station but not both.

The exception to this rule is customers who are booked on a tour where the joining and ending point is at the designated airport or train station.

Free transfers are not available for Self-Guided, Polar, Tailormade or Tours for Churches customers.

If you are not eligible for the Free Transfer then you will need to make your own way through to the joining and ending point. On a majority of our tours Explore will be able to provide a private transfer at an additional cost. Please ask for a quote at the time of booking.

For more information regarding the Explore Free Transfer [click here](#)

Insurance

It is a condition of booking with Explore that you have adequate valid travel insurance. It is your responsibility to arrange appropriate travel insurance and ensure you have read and understood the full terms and conditions of your travel insurance policy to ensure that you are covered for all activities you intend to undertake whilst on the tour, including all optional activities. Your Insurance Policy must fully cover you for medical expenses and emergency repatriation to your home country. Please ensure your policy includes medical emergency helicopter evacuation in the event of illness or injury and covers the entire duration of your holiday. If you are trekking at altitude please ensure that there is no upper altitude limit which may limit or exclude cover for your trip. The cost of many of our Polar Voyages will exceed the capped amount covered by standard insurance premiums and you will be required to pay an additional premium to cover the full value of your trip. Please ensure that you are covered for the full amount of your holiday cost, as insufficient cover could invalidate a claim under the policy. Medical and repatriation insurance cover is not mandatory for UK residents who are travelling on trips within the United Kingdom.

Read more information about what travel insurance is required.

Flight information

Explore offers a wide range of flexible flying options to make joining and leaving our trips easy. Read more about them [here](#).

Flight Information

You are able to book this tour on a 'land only' basis or as a 'flight inclusive' package. Your flight inclusive package will be fully protected by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) ATOL protection scheme.

Booking a flight inclusive package with Explore

We have a good selection of flights not only from London but from many regional airports around the UK allowing us to compare fares between scheduled carriers as well as low cost and charter airlines. Our dedicated flights team will match the best flight options to your arrival and departure airport.

On our website we display a UK flight inclusive package guide price which is generally based on a London departure. To avoid paying supplements or to secure your preferred flight option, we recommend booking as early as possible, especially for peak travel dates.

Maximum altitude (m)

630

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Vaccinations

Nothing required. Tetanus recommended. Please check the latest requirements with your travel clinic or doctor prior to departure. The above is not an exhaustive list. Further information regarding vaccinations and travel health advice can be found by following the NHS and NaTHNaC links at Explore Travel Health and from your local healthcare provider. Visa and vaccination requirements are subject to change and should be confirmed by you before travelling.

Walking and Trekking information

DAILY DISTANCES		
Day 2	12km	6hrs
Day 3	7km	4hrs
Day 4	9.5km	4hrs
Day 5		
Day 6	12km	6hrs
Day 7	10km	5hrs

Walking grade

Easy to moderate

Trek details

We walk on 5 days with an average of 4 to 5 hours each day. Most of the walking is on well-maintained footpaths between the villages around Lake Como.

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Additional Information



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Reviews



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