

LAKE GARDA TOUR 2026



*Immerse Yourself
in Culture, Nature,
and Tradition*

ITINERARY TOUR OCTOBER 2026

Saturday, October 10

- Arrival in Verona
- Welcome to Bardolino



Upon arrival at **Verona Airport**, a private transfer will be waiting to comfortably take you to your hotel located in Bardolino, on the shores of Lake Garda.

Bardolino is a charming lakeside town on the eastern shore of Lake Garda, famous for its vineyards, colorful harbor, and relaxed Mediterranean atmosphere. Its historic center, narrow streets, and scenic promenade make it one of the most delightful destinations on the lake.

In the afternoon, there will be an **orientation meeting** in the hotel's conference room where you will receive all the useful information about the trip. During this meeting, you will also receive some welcome gifts offered by ICP, Fondazione Italia's partner on this tour.

Afterwards, enjoy a **welcome dinner** to begin this wonderful experience together. *(Lunch at leisure, dinner included)*



Sunday, October 11

- Sirmione
- Isola del Garda

After breakfast, from Bardolino, we will take a minivan to **Sirmione** a charming, popular resort town located on a narrow peninsula stretching into the southern shores of Lake Garda. Known as the "pearl of the lake," it features a 13th-century Scaliger Castle, Roman ruins (Grotte di Catullo), thermal spas, and scenic, narrow stone streets. After visiting Sirmione we will continue to Salò where we board a private boat and, together with a local guide, head to **Isola del Garda**. After approximately 10 minutes of navigation, we will arrive on the island.



The visit (lasting about 2 to 2 hours and 15 minutes) includes a guided tour of the gardens, a visit to a few rooms inside the villa (most of which is still inhabited), a welcome drink, a tasting of DOP olive oil, and a visit to the natural park. We will return to Bardolino by private boat.

(Lunch and dinner at leisure)



Monday, October 12

- Italian Language class
- Villa Arvedi
- Pantheon di Santa Maria in Stelle



After breakfast, the morning will be dedicated to the **first Italian language and culture lesson**, held in the conference room of your hotel.

In the early afternoon, we will depart by private minivan to visit **Villa Arvedi**, one of the most majestic villas in the Veneto region, dating back to the 15th century. The estate still produces grapes and olive oil today and was featured as a filming location for the movie *Letters to Juliet*. During our visit, we will explore the villa's interiors, its Italian-style gardens, and the private chapel. We will also visit the estate's olive mill.



Afterward, we will visit the **hypogeum of Santa Maria in Stelle (Pantheon)**. Originally built as a Roman aqueduct, it has undergone many transformations over the centuries: from a nymphaeum dedicated to the worship of water, to a baptismal font, and later becoming a destination for medieval pilgrims. *(Lunch and dinner at leisure)*



Tuesday, October 13

- Verona: Art, History, and Tradition

After breakfast, you will depart by private minibus for **Verona**.



A **local guide** will meet you for a walking tour of the city, including visits to its most iconic landmarks such as:

The **Arena di Verona**, one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheaters in the world

The famous **Juliet's House**



After **lunch in a typical restaurant in Verona** where you will taste traditional local dishes, you will enjoy free time to roam around Verona.
(Lunch included, dinner at leisure)



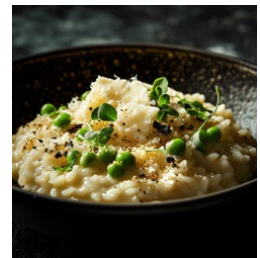
Wednesday, October 14

- Riseria Ferron



After breakfast, we will depart by minivan to visit one of the oldest and most renowned rice mills in the Veneto region: **Riseria Ferron**. Here, we will discover how rice is grown, harvested, and processed.

The setting is truly enchanting, with reflective waterways and a historic mill dating back to **1650** that is still in operation. After the guided tour, we will enjoy lunch featuring a tasting of three different **risottos**.



After lunch, we will return to Bardolino, where you will have the rest of the afternoon and the evening at leisure. (*Lunch included, dinner at leisure*)



Thursday, October 15



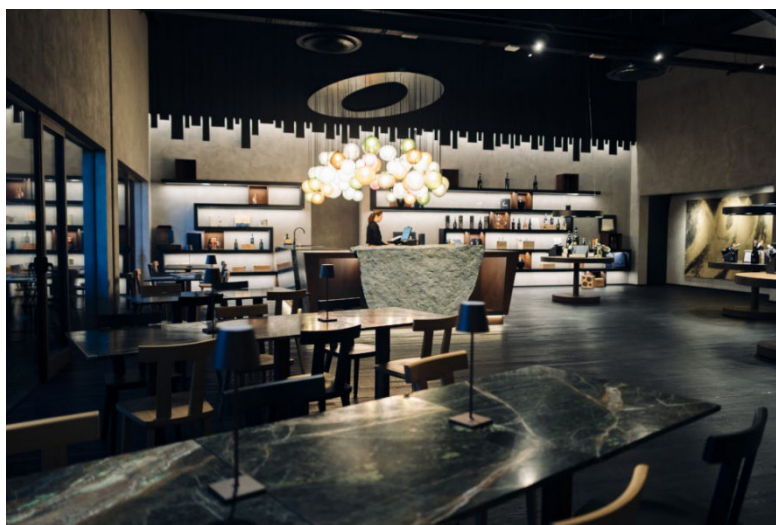
- Italian Language class
- Wine tasting in Cantina Ottella
- Dinner

After breakfast, the morning will be dedicated to the **second and last Italian language and culture lesson**, held in the conference room of your hotel.

After lunch, we will depart by private minivan for the beautiful **Ottella winery** where you will participate in a **wine lecture** conducted by Cynthia Chaplin, an American sommelier living in Italy, who is also the Italian Wine Ambassador for Vinitaly.



You will taste 6–8 local wines, accompanied by a presentation with slides and a tour of the winery. The wine tasting will be accompanied by a selection of cured meats and cheeses. (*Lunch at leisure, apericena* included*)



apericena is a typical and unique Italian experience where appetizers are combined with dinner.*

Friday, October 16

- Borghetto sul Mincio
- Italian Cooking Class

After breakfast, we will depart by minivan to **Borghetto sul Mincio**.



In the morning, you will take a **cooking class** where you will learn how to prepare the traditional '*Nodi d'Amore*' pasta. After the class, we will enjoy lunch together.



In the afternoon, a local guide will take us on a tour of the village, considered one of the most picturesque in Italy.
(Lunch included, dinner at leisure)



Saturday, October 17

- Traditional 'Malga'
- Farewell dinner



After breakfast, you will travel by minibus into the more **natural and scenic inland area** of the region.

You will visit a **traditional mountain "malga"**, where you can admire a **spectacular panoramic view of Lake Garda from above**, see grazing animals, and learn about the local alpine traditions.



A **typical lunch featuring local products** will be served in this authentic and charming setting.

Return to Bardolino in the afternoon.

(Lunch & Dinner included)

Sunday, October 18

- Airport

After breakfast, a **private transfer** will take you to **Verona Airport** for your departure.

Program Fee

The participation fee for the trip has been calculated based on a group of 10 participants.

Price includes

- Transportation: Private airport transfer from Verona Airport to the hotel and return transfer from the hotel to Verona Airport.
Private van for the excursion to: Villa Arvedi & Pantheon di Santa Maria in Stelle, Verona, Riseria Ferron, Cantina Ottella, Borghetto sul Mincio, Malga Pralongo and Sirmione & Lazise in case of bad weather.
- Accommodation: hotel accommodation for 8 nights in double or double single use rooms, 8 breakfasts included.
- Cultural Activities: Welcome orientation with gadgets, Welcome Dinner, walking tour of Isola del Garda, Lazise & Sirmione with a professional guide, walking tour of Verona with a professional guide and visit to Arena and Juliet's house. Walking tour with guide of Borghetto sul Mincio. Visit to Villa Arvedi, Pantheon of Santa Maria in Stelle, Cantina Ottella with Wine tasting and Wine lecture. Visit to Riseria Ferron, Cooking class, traditional Malga, Farewell lunch.
- Italian Lessons: 4 hours of lessons with a certified professional native Italian teacher, divided into two sessions.

Price does not include

- Airfares
- Money spent for personal interests
- Snacks/Drinks between meals
- Meals marked 'at leisure'
- Personal expenses like phone calls, visa costs, laundry or tips
- Travel insurance (not obligatory, but recommended)
- Drinks not listed in the itinerary (an extra bottle of wine, for example)
- The cost of additional activities or museums visits.
- City tax

We look forward to welcoming you.