

L'INSIDER JOURNEYS



The Curated Lake Como & Milan 7 day Journey

TAILORED FOR GROUPS OF 5-10 DISCERNING LADIES

Immerse yourself in Milan and Lake Como's exquisite craftsmanship, style, and vibrant culture-fostering genuine friendships and unforgettable moments along the way.

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Afternoon: Arrival and check-in at your hotel.

Evening: Settle in with a welcome **aperitif** at the hotel, followed by **dinner at a chic restaurant** in the piazza just a short walk away - an elegant gathering for new acquaintances to **mingle, share, and unwind**.



Morning & Afternoon: Embark on the quintessential Lake Como experience with a **private boat tour**. Enjoy **lunch at a beloved local restaurant**, savouring exquisite cuisine with the lake within reach. You will also have time to explore the beautiful and world-renowned town of **Bellagio**.

Evening: Discover a **hidden gem for dinner**, known for its boho-chic ambiance and creative, seasonal Italian dishes.





Morning: Begin your day with a visit to the **Casabianca Museum**, a stunning 1930s lakefront villa in Como, beautifully renovated and filled with remarkable artwork to explore. Afterwards, enjoy coffee at **COVA**, the iconic **pastry and coffee bar** located inside the villa - currently Como's new **hotspot** and an absolute must-visit.



Midday: Savour a relaxed lunch featuring Lake Como's **finest pizza** in the heart of Como's historic centre.



Afternoon: Explore some of **Como's most exclusive designer boutiques**, with me accompanying you for a personalised shopping and wandering experience through the historic centre - seamless, elevated, and unforgettable.



Evening: Enjoy a dinner overlooking stunning **panoramic lake views**, wrapping up a day of style and elegance.





Morning: Experience Lake Como's fabled **silk heritage** at **Mantero Maison**, where exquisite textiles have adorned luxury fashion houses for generations. Enjoy a private **scarf styling masterclass** and shop timeless silk pieces reflecting centuries of Italian artistry.

Beauty experience: Step inside the historic family headquarters, where silk has been woven for generations - and now, where it transforms into skincare. You will discover their **closely guarded secret: Sericina Integra**, a rejuvenating silk protein that bridges the worlds of textile artistry and beauty innovation.

Midday: Enjoy a chic, casual **lunch** by the lake.

Afternoon: Time to rest and enjoy all that Villa D'Este has to offer.

Evening: immerse yourself in an exclusive **cooking masterclass** at the renowned Trattoria del Glicine, where you'll learn the **secrets of authentic Italian dishes** from their passionate culinary artisans.



Morning: Gain an exclusive behind-the-scenes insight into craftsmanship with a private visit to '**Amato Daniele,**' a heritage bag-maker renowned for creating bespoke pieces for royalty and celebrities. During the visit, you will have the opportunity to **order personalised bags** and shoes, experiencing their unparalleled artisanal skill firsthand.

Midday: Lunch at a stylish and contemporary restaurant by the Ferragamo Group in Milan, embodying sophisticated design and modern culinary craftsmanship.

Afternoon: Private visit to **Buccellati,** the legendary Milanese maison famed for its noble goldsmithing, offering exquisite **jewellery** and silverware with delicate engravings - where guests can purchase or commission bespoke pieces.

Evening: Dinner at a charming **Tuscan trattoria,** frequented by Milanese painters, stylists, industrialists, actors, and intellectuals, offers an authentic taste of Tuscany in a warm, timeless atmosphere.



Morning: Visit **Cabana**, a unique artisan boutique for ceramics and textiles, followed by a tour of the founder's inspiring childhood home where it all began.

Midday: Lunch with the locals at a fashionable refuge from high-end shopping, where the spirit of a Venetian wine bar meets Milanese sophistication.

Afternoon: An Italian footwear immersion with a private appointment at Roger Vivier's exclusive salon, offering tailored shopping and bespoke footwear orders.

Evening: Enter the world of a Milanese local, at a traditional Italian restaurant for excellent food and a lively atmosphere.



Morning: Enter the refined world of Giorgio Armani with a guided tour of the iconic **Armani Silos**, gaining exclusive insight into the creative universe of one of Italy's greatest fashion icons.

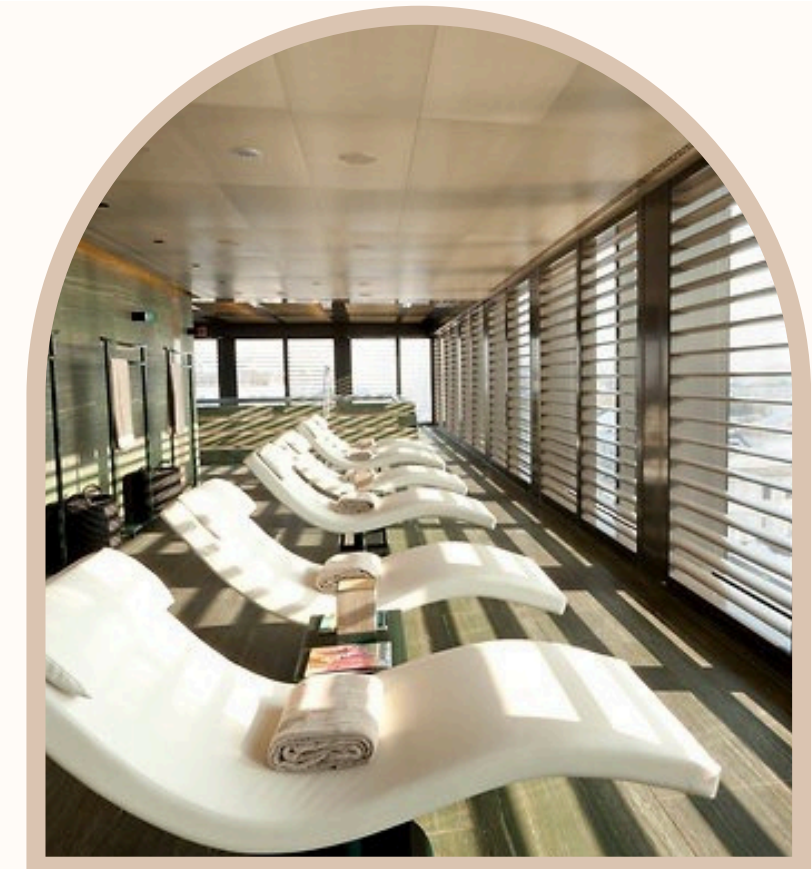
Midday: Savor a light, stylish lunch at the **Armani Silos Café**, nestled within this contemporary haven of design.

Afternoon: Explore one of Milan's most exquisite flagship boutiques on Via Manzoni, immersing yourself in Armani's timeless elegance and heritage, then wander the Quadrilatero della Moda - the golden rectangle of Italian fashion.

Late Afternoon: Unwind poolside in the exclusive **Armani spa**, with views across Milan. The relaxation continues with a bespoke **Armani/SPA beauty session**: first a restorative facial, then a make-up application tailored to you, leaving you perfectly prepared for an evening of elegance.

Early Evening: Immerse yourself in the quintessential **Milanese aperitivo** at Terrazza Aperol. Savor the signature **Spritz** against a stunning backdrop of the Duomo's magnificent facade.

Evening: Experience an **unforgettable final dinner** at the new Milan hotspot, **Langosteria**, the latest addition to the group's exceptional venues. Celebrated for its exquisite seafood and curated tasting menu, this sophisticated setting offers a memorable ending to your Milanese journey, creating lasting memories of style and culinary excellence.



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Morning: Aqua Di Parma - Experience a full immersion at the renowned, noble perfume house, the epitomy of Italian heritage. Explore their iconic fragrances and the legendary “golden fruit,” and have the opportunity to become a ‘nose’ and ‘true perfumer’ for the day by **creating your own signature scent** to take home as a lasting memory of your Italian adventure.

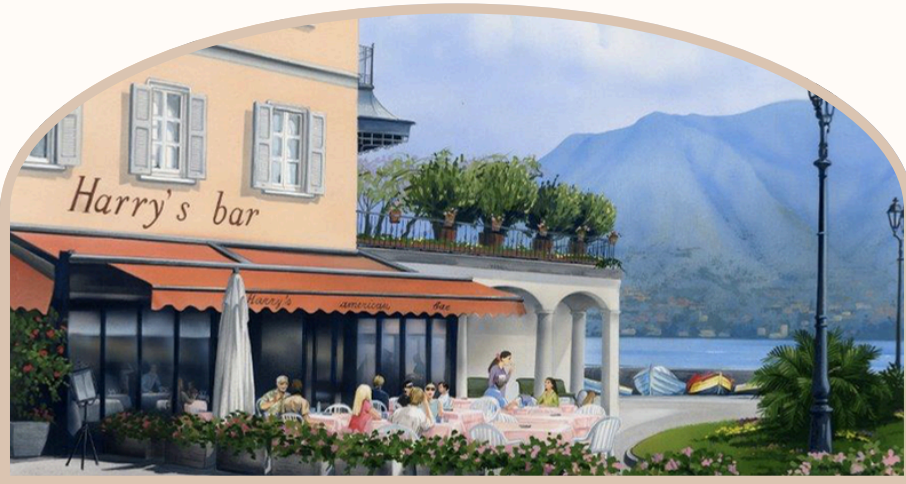
Mid-Morning: Bypass the queues for a privileged, guided exploration of the **Milan Duomo**. Delve into the spiritual grandeur of its vast interior, adorned with stained glass and statuary, before climbing to the legendary rooftop terraces - a marble landscape offering unparalleled panoramic views of Milan.

Midday: Back at the hotel enjoy a **farewell afternoon tea** ‘A la francaise’ with a little glass of **champagne**, before saying our heartfelt goodbyes after our unforgettable journey together.

Arrivederci!



RESTAURANTS IN COMO



HARRY'S BAR

An iconic and refined institution in Cernobbio, established in 1973, now part of the Villa d'Este group. Elegant, retro atmosphere and traditional Italian cuisine. A favorite among locals and visitors alike.



FIGLI DEI FIORI

A boho-chic restaurant with a relaxed atmosphere, featuring creative seasonal dishes and a florist. Decorated in an industrial style with lush greenery, it offers Italian flavors, including dishes with edible flowers.



LA TIRLANDANA

A beloved, intimate family-run restaurant in Sala Comacina, on Lake Como. Chef Patricia's creative cuisine uses fresh, locally sourced ingredients & produce from the garden.



PIZZERIA IN TEATRO

Como's premier pizzeria, located in the heart of the city, next to the historic Teatro Sociale with views of the cathedral. A welcoming, family-friendly environment where authentic Italian pizza is served in a lively, convivial setting-perfect for casual and relaxed dining.



UNA FINESTRA SUL LAGO

A hidden gem, offering stunning panoramic views and an elegant atmosphere. With a focus on high-quality ingredients, glamour, and warm hospitality. A favored destination for lovers of fine food and breathtaking scenery, including many celebrity visitors.



ONDA

A vibrant, casual dining venue on Cernobbio's lakeshore. With open-air spaces, scenic views and modern Italian cuisine. A perfect spot for both relaxed lunches and lively social gatherings, emphasizing community and good taste.



TRATTORIA DEL GLICINE

An extraordinary cooking masterclass. This immersive experience guides you through Italy's most iconic dishes and traditional techniques, offering a true journey through authentic flavors and culinary passion.

RESTAURANTS IN MILAN



PORTRAIT

Inside a historic 16th-century seminary, Portrait Milano serves contemporary Italian dishes inspired by family Sunday lunches, in an elegantly modern setting that combines sophistication with comfort.



TRATTORIA DI PISA

A beloved Tuscan trattoria favored by Milanese celebrities, offering authentic regional flavors in a warm, timeless atmosphere - perfect for savoring genuine Tuscan cuisine in style.



BACARO MONTENAPOLEONE

A lively Milanese venue where Venetian wine bar vibes meet Milanese sophistication - ideal for a relaxing lunch with curated cicchetti and fine wines away from high-end shopping.



TERRAZZA APEROL

At Terrazza Aperol, the brilliance of the signature Aperol Spritz is matched only by its unparalleled location, offering guests an immersive and direct view of Milan's cathedral from its bustling terrace.



DAL BOLOGNESE

An esteemed Milanese restaurant renowned for homemade pasta like tagliatelle al ragù. Its historic interiors and tranquil courtyard offer a cozy, refined setting near the Duomo for authentic Italian dining.



ARMANI SILOS CAFE

Located within the Armani Silos, this exclusive café is a contemporary haven of design.



LANGOSTERIA MONTENAPOLEONE

Situated in Palazzo Fendi, Langosteria's latest venture elevates Milanese seafood cuisine with seasonal, high-quality dishes blending Italian tradition with international flair, in a vibrant, luxurious setting.



PALAZZO PARIGI CAFFÈ

An opulent jewel box where Pierre Yves Rochon's theatrical design—featuring stuccoed ceilings, art-adorned wood-paneled walls, and a luminous winter garden—evokes a timeless, warm grandeur.

ACCOMMODATIONS | VILLA D'ESTE, LAKE COMO

Your Timeless Haven: Villa d'Este

Where centuries of legacy meet unparalleled luxury on the shores of Lake Como.

Your journey is centered at the iconic Villa d'Este - a legendary 16th-century estate that has defined the art of hospitality for generations. A world of quiet prestige and a fitting showcase for Chanel's exclusive Cruise 2026 runway, it is a sanctuary where heritage is felt in every detail and returning is a cherished tradition.

You will reside amidst ten hectares of stately gardens, grand architecture, and tranquil lakeside vistas. Here, an atmosphere of unhurried elegance prevails, and the most discerning guests find a private and permanent address on the lake.

Within this extraordinary haven, you will discover the perfect foundation for this exclusive experience—a world of effortless beauty that endures.



ACCOMMODATIONS | PALAZZO PARIGI, MILAN

Your Milan Address: Palazzo Parigi Hotel & Grand Spa

An opulent masterpiece in the very heart of the fashion capital.

Following the timeless serenity of Lake Como, the journey continues at Palazzo Parigi - Milan's definitive luxury hotel. Conceived and passionately overseen by the renowned architect and owner, Paola Giambelli, this is a private palace where grandeur meets contemporary elegance.

Just moments from the illustrious fashion district, the hotel is a sanctuary of dazzling marble, soaring spaces, and exquisite light. It is a seamless fusion of meticulous design and passionate Italian hospitality - a true masterpiece of style and good taste.

Here, you will retreat from the energy of the city to an atmosphere of absolute refinement, perfectly positioned for your exclusive access to Milan's most coveted ateliers and private shopping experiences.



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WHAT AWAITS YOU

Italian elegance daily

Discover & enjoy Lake Como and Milan - an exclusive opportunity to explore these iconic destinations with an insider, uncovering their hidden gems and authentic charm.

New friendships & connections

An intimate group fostering inspiring networking and meaningful bonds among like-minded women.

Luxury stays

Magnificent hotels and dinners at curated, exclusive restaurants.

Dream shopping

Behind-the-scenes, bespoke shopping with Italian artisans: silk, fine jewellery, leather goods, footwear, and interior pieces.

Private fashion & beauty moments

Personal shopping session, Armani Beauty experience, fashion and an exclusive perfume masterclass with Acqua di Parma.

Cultural & fashion highlights

Visits to the Duomo and Armani Silos, immersing you in Italian history, art, and design.

Iconic Lake Como experience -

A private boat tour and lakeside lunch, offering the ultimate insider's view of this enchanting landscape.

INVESTMENT IN YOURSELF, 7 DAYS

INCLUSIONS

- Luxurious accommodation as per itinerary
- Full-day personal hosting by Cara Martin, ensuring a seamless experience across all activities, transfers, and dining
- All meals as specified, accompanied by a curated selection of wine
- Transfers to all activities and excursions
- Private Lake Como boat trip in a luxurious Venetian Water Taxi (4 hours, including lunch)
- Cooking class at Trattoria del Glicine
- Perfume masterclass: The Art of Cologne at Acqua di Parma, Bespoke Perfume
- Personal Shopping Experience: one-on-one styling.
- Armani Spa: Facial & Make-up session after an hour relaxing in the spa
- Private tour of the Milan Duomo

EXCLUSIONS

- Airfares
- Arrival to Lake Como and departure from Milan transfers
- Visa and travel documentation
- Travel insurance
- Additional meals and beverages outside the itinerary
- Personal purchases / shopping

2026 Dates & Investment, per person

JOURNEY DATES	SINGLE OCCUPANCY	DOUBLE OCCUPANCY	BOOKING DEADLINE
September 14 - 21	21,500 eu.	15,500 eu.	August 3
October 5 - October 12	20,000 eu.	14,500 eu.	August 24

Single Occupancy (1 guests per room)

Double Occupancy (2 guests per room)

YOUR INVITATION AWAITS

Your journey to connection, discovery, and effortless luxury begins with a simple conversation.

Whether you're curious about the details, have specific questions, or feel ready to reserve your place among a circle of inspiring women, I am here for you.

Let's Connect:

For all inquiries and to begin crafting your perfect experience, please reach out directly to me at:
linsiderjourneys@gmail.com or **Whats app: +39 335 82 50 222**

Prefer to chat face-to-face?

I would love to meet you virtually, hear your story, and answer all your questions personally. Simply email me to schedule a video call.

I am personally dedicated to ensuring your journey is everything you dream of, and more.

With warm anticipation,

Cara

Your Insider & Host

LAKE COMO

MEET CARA MARTIN

Journey Creator and Your Personal Host

I am Cara Martin, a personal style curator and luxury fashion consultant with a lifetime of international experience dedicated to timeless elegance.

Originally from Australia, my journey began in Monte Carlo, Monaco, working with South Sea Australian Pearls. For the past twenty years, I have been based on Lake Como, where I built my career in fashion. I specialized in footwear and leather goods, shaping collections for renowned houses such as Prada, Thom Browne, Cesare Paciotti, and Hugo Boss, collaborating directly with Europe's finest artisans. This long immersion in craftsmanship and material defines my approach today.

From my home on the lake, I guide a select roster of private clients toward deeply considered investments in style. I specialize in wearable sophistication - curating complete looks, from the perfect shoe to the finished ensemble, ensuring every choice reflects enduring elegance.

"True luxury marries impeccable craftsmanship with effortless wearability - from the perfect shoe to the complete ensemble."

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MEET KEVIN GARWOOD

Luxury Travel Architect & Experience Designer

I'm Kevin Garwood, owner of Classic Traveller.

We specialise in designing bespoke, high-end travel experiences that inspire and delight, guided by the belief that true luxury is found not only in the destination, but in the journey itself.

With deep expertise and a passion for exceptional service, we curate personalised itineraries tailored to your individual tastes and preferences. Every journey is seamless, immersive, and unforgettable.

As a proud Virtuoso-affiliated travel design house, Classic Traveller holds preferred partnerships with the world's most prestigious hotels and resorts, elite cruise lines, and premier tour and on-site operators, offering our clients exclusive access and elevated experiences worldwide.

“True luxury is found in the seamless harmony of journey and destination - where every detail is a deliberate part of your story.”

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HOW TO BOOK

TO SECURE YOUR PLACE OR FOR A PRIVATE CONSULTATION, CONNECT WITH KEVIN GARWOOD:

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BOOKING DETAILS

- 50% deposit at booking (**non-refundable**) to confirm your reservation
- Final balance due 30 days prior to departure
- Deposits are refundable only if minimum participation is not reached; deadline for guarantee is 30 days prior to departure
- To reserve your place on this curated journey or for further details and flight arrangements, kindly contact Kevin Garwood at kevin@classictraveller.com.au.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- Deposits are strictly NON-REFUNDABLE
- Final confirmation depends on reaching the minimum number of participants
- Refunds available if minimum numbers are not met
- Refundable fares and travel insurance are strongly recommended for air bookings
- The itinerary is a guide and is subject to change at our discretion due to unforeseen circumstances, operational necessities, or events beyond our control. Any changes will be communicated promptly, and we will make every reasonable effort to provide a comparable alternative.
- Accommodation: While we make every effort to secure the hotels listed in the itinerary, we reserve the right to substitute accommodations with a hotel of an equivalent or superior standard and luxury level, should circumstances necessitate. Any such change will be communicated to guests in a timely manner.
- Photos and videos may be used for promotional purposes by L'INSIDER Lago di Como; L'INSIDER JOURNEYS & CLASSIC TRAVELLER

TESTIMONIALS



Lori from America

"Cara provided exactly what I was looking for - a quick eye, honest advice, and a guide who truly understood my style. Every moment was relaxed and easygoing, yet incredibly efficient. She has a true gift for knowing what will make you look and feel your best, and her thoughtful curation made the entire experience feel seamless and special."



Elza from Venezuela

"Having experienced many shopping days, I can say that this is the gold standard. The combination of deep knowledge and a fun, best-friend energy is unmatched. Whether seeking a statement designer piece or a hidden interior treasure, every purchase has been perfect. She takes the pressure out of luxury shopping and turns it into pure joy."



Lina from Columbia

"L'Insider Journeys turns Milan into your own personal treasure map. It's like shopping with your best friend, but one who is deeply knowledgeable and effortlessly connects you with extraordinary artisans. From finding designer pieces to commissioning my own bespoke bag and exquisite jewels, complete with a private museum tour, every detail was perfect. I always leave with exactly what I wanted, and so much more."



Fiona from Australia

"Cara turned Como into a living storybook. Her impeccable attention to detail and wonderful personality made the day unique and unforgettable. Finding local silks felt like an unfolding tale, not a purchase. I left with timeless pieces, a new skill from her silk styling masterclass, and a true appreciation for craft - a perfect day of beauty and discovery."



Susan from Australia

"My initial focus was shoes, but the expertise I found covered so much more. From the concept of bespoke to discovering the perfect ready-to-wear designer pieces, the insight was incredible. Cara made the entire process fun, enlightening, and completely stress-free. I am absolutely thrilled with my finds."