

*Trip***2**

Dolomites & Lake Garda

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EXPERIENCES YOU WILL TREASURE AT LENGTH



# *Suggestions* for an unforgettable *journey*



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Extraordinary hotels, whose credo is painstaking attention to details, excellence throughout, and whose experience is one you will treasure at length. Light varying a thousand times in a day, sensational dawns and sunsets, ever-changing hues, the lull of the waves by the shore, a star-studded sky, savouring an outstanding meal: you will simply ask for more.

*Welcome to our world*



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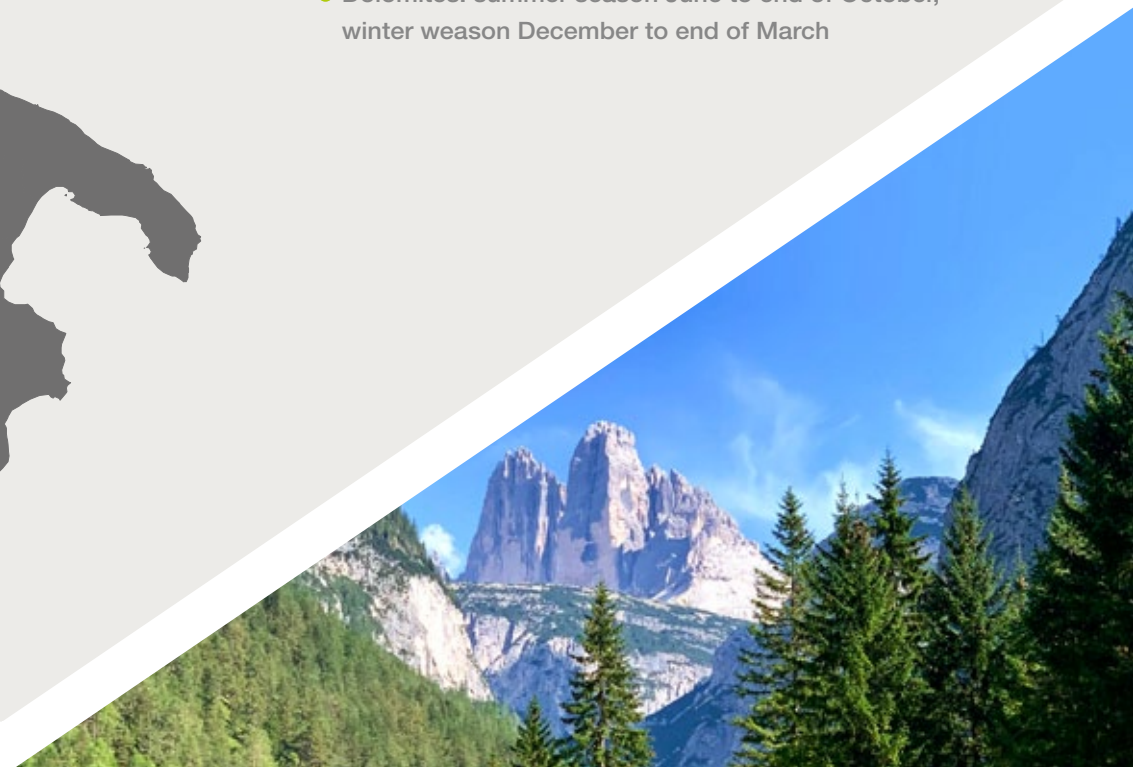
**8 days** Dolomites & Lake Garda

- day 1, day 2 / **Dolomites / Alta Badia**  
2 nights at **Ciasa Salares**
- day 3, day 4 / **Dolomites / Val Gardena**  
2 nights at **Gardena Grödnerhof R&C**
- day 5, day 6, day 7, day 8 / **Lake Garda**  
and daily excursion to **Lake Iseo/Franciocorta & Verona**  
4 nights at **Grand Hotel Fasano**

## Season

- Lake Garda & Dolomites: mid June to end of October
- Lake Garda season: from April to beginning of November
- Dolomites: summer season June to end of October, winter season December to end of March

To make the experience even richer, every itinerary can be designed by Italian DMCs to the last detail. Every visit, every lunch and dinner, every overnight stay and every transfer is carefully selected to be part of a story, your story.



# P R O S E C C O   H I L L S

(on the way to the Dolomites stop in Valdobbiadene)



The quintessential aperitivo choice for most Italians and around the world, **Prosecco** is a sublime drink that lives as an expression of the territory it stems from. The Prosecco hills, part of the UNESCO World Heritage Site, are nestled between the Prealps and the Piave river, only 1 hour from Venice. Touring the area is, however, not only a feast for Bacchus lovers as you will also find several exquisite landmarks: the pretty square in Serravalle by Vittorio Veneto, the 17th century Camaldolese hermitage in Rua di San Pietro di Feletto, an old mill, as the one in Refrontolo, known as the Molinetto della Croda, and luxurious villas; Villa Brandolini d'Adda in Solighetto, close to Pieve di Soligo, is home to the Prosecco Consortium. In Conegliano you will also find the **Cerletti Wine School**: the oldest one in Italy, it was established in 1876 and some of the most renowned wine experts learnt the tools of the trade here. Let's join in the fun and raise a glass! A visit and wine tasting at Bisol Wine estate is a must.



# DOLOMITES



Gardena Grödnerhof / Val Gardena / Ortisei

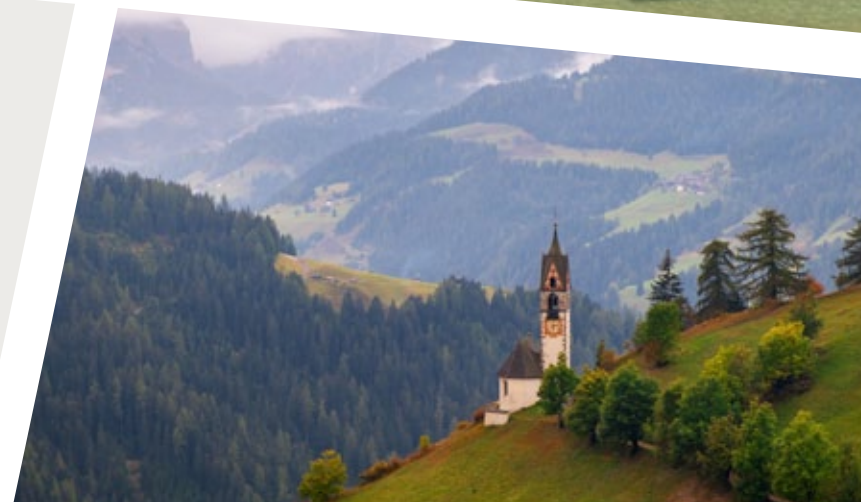


To sleep, perchance to dream. Shakespeare may spring to mind when the Dolomites come into sight in all their magnificence – be it the first or the hundredth time this happens. Dolomites are natural World Heritage Site since 2009.



## day 1 / day 2

Bëgnodüs! Welcome to Val Badia. Touted as some of the most evocative places in the Dolomites, **Val Badia** and the adjoining high planes of Fanes will lure you and enchant you with their appeal; a sunny, 16-km long valley, it is part of the **Parco Naturale di Fanes-Sennes-Braies**. This is a most charming park, mostly covered by mountain pastures and meadows, characterised by a unique variety of plant life. Visit the **Conturines Cave** or the **Armentara**. Nature puts on its best show here, with the Conturines, Lavarella and Lagazuoi as a backdrop to breathtaking sceneries. Do you enjoy walking? Choose the Larch and Meditation trail or one of the superb routes in the Fanes Park. Meadows and experience the explosion of colours, water and life found in the park. You will stop in amazement countless times, wondering how nature can put on such a memorable display. **San Cassiano**, charming and cosmopolitan, has succeeded in combining tourism and mountain life. Classy hotels and Michelin starred restaurants sit alongside farms and traditional shops, in a balanced harmony of vistas, so typical of the Dolomites.



## HOTEL CIASA SALARES



*A taste for  
all seasons*



Ciasa Salares, offering 46 rooms and suites, is one of the most celebrated South Tyrol institutions. It prides itself in paying meticulous attention to details, preserving ancient local traditions, conveying respect for mountain culture and admiration for the magnificent surrounding Dolomites. Run by the Wieser Family ever since its establishment in 1964, the hotel offers an astonishing four restaurants, all proposing diverse, luxurious sensorial journeys.

**Hotel Ciasa Salares / 2 nights**

# D O L O M I T E S / V A L G A R D E N A



## day 3 / day 4

**Val Gardena** epitomises all the charm and appeal the Dolomites are known the world over for: majestic scenery, vibrant colours, bluebird skies, dazzling, impressive peaks – **Sassolungo**, **Sassopiatto** and **Sella** to name a few – offering activities for everyone, all year round, from skiing to hiking, walking, cycling, climbing and via ferrata routes. Val Gardena proudly claims an identity of its own, due to the isolation given by the Sella Group and Sassolungo mountain chains. You will find age-old traditions here, allowing it to flourish amid many pre-mass-tourism traditions. One of these is woodcarving. You will see pretty, bustling villages, where the Ladin heritage is strongly felt and heard in the local dialect, along with vernacular architecture. **Ortisei** is the main village in the area and is surrounded by the **Rasciesa**, Seceda and **Mont Sëuc** mountains.





GARDENA GRÖDNERHOF

*Love* at first sight



Gardena Grödnerhof is set in the village of **Ortisei**. Surrounded by a beautiful garden and the exceptional Dolomites scenery, expect a journey of the soul and the mind. Revel in the spacious 54 rooms, featuring hardwood floors, pine connotations and a lounge area. Restore harmony and joie de vivre in the **Michelin-starred restaurant – Anna Stuben** – and the hotel restaurant, plus a chic Lounge & Bar. Not to mention the outstanding wine cellar, where candlelit dinners can be arranged. The enchanting Dolomites on your doorstep.

**Gardena Grödnerhof / 2 nights**

## Not to be missed

### Alta Badia

- Visit Cortina d'Ampezzo • Sas dla Crusc, the symbol of Val Badia Dolomites • Audi FIS Ski World Cup / Gran Risa
- Spëisa ladina: Ladin cookery course • Hike and Fly - for the bravest • Dinner on a mountain hut • Gourmet Ski Safari
- World War circuit - summer or winter • Sella Ronda Ski circuit

### Val Gardena

- Wood carving class • Snow shoes by night • Judith Sottriffer, the toy maker of Val Gardena / Ortisei
- The biggest nativity scene in the world / Santa Cristina • Church of San Giacomo (Saint James)
- Visit Museum Gherdëina • Wine tasting at Abbazia di Novacella

## Buon appetito!

### Alta Badia

- Moritzino Mountain hut • L'Osti • L'Murin: brewery in summer and Apres Ski in winter
- Cocun Cellar at Ciasa Salares • Chocolate and Cheese Room at Ciasa Salares

### Val Gardena

- Anna Stuben ☼ • Baita Sofie • Rifugio Troier • Fienile Monte
- Rifugio Comici • Villa Frainela

## Food ectstatic

- Canederli with cheese and Canederli with speck • Kaspressknödel Panicia
- Casunziei/mezzelune • Spätzle • Zwetschgenknodel • Gulasch • Tirtlen
- Speck • Tiroler Gröstl apple strudel • Fartaies • Kaiserschmarrn
- Zelten • Puccia bread • Grappa tasting

## Wine

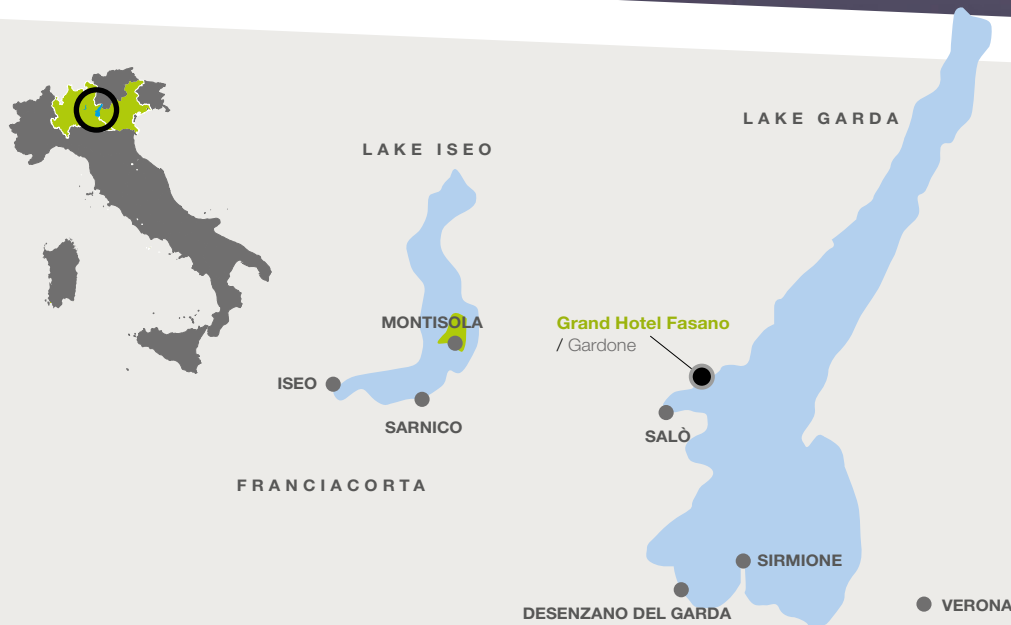
- Lagrein • Gewurztraminter • Riesling • Mueller Thurgau
- Schiava Gentile • Pinot Bianco • Pinot Grigio • Pinot Nero
- Sylvaner • Blauburgunder



# LAKE GARDA



SALÒ



## day 5 / day 6

Where is the attraction? Why has such a vast gamut of visitors, from divas to dictators, poets and politicians, been drawn to captivating Lake Garda? The answer is manifold. It may lie in the gentle, relaxing countryside, reminiscent of Tuscany; in the enchanting breezes which makes sailing or windsurfing a joy, not to mention the regattas; in the vineyards producing fine, award-winning wines; in the exquisite food you will find all along the shore that will leave you speechless – more than thirty species of fish are to be found in the lake, to list but a few. The delicate and fruity, extra virgin Garda olive oil bears the DOP label; this is the northernmost region in Europe where olive oil is produced. And then flowers, glorious flowers. A Mediterranean climate means you will enjoy exceptional blooms.



GROTTE DI CATULLO



» History, too, plays a part in Lake Garda's rich and varied heritage, tracing connections all the way to ancient Rome. **Villa Romana**, close to Desenzano del Garda in the south, is a significant archaeological find. Dating from the 4th century AD, it used to be a large and luxurious home that preserves fine mosaics. Perhaps even more striking are the **Grotte di Catullo**. Located on the scenic shores of **Sirmione**, the villa dates back to the 1st century BC and the beginning of the 1st century AD; touted as Catullus's villa, the actual owner is unknown. The **Rocca Scaligera**, a fairy tale castle with boxy turreted towers and almost entirely surrounded by water, was built by the Veronese Scaligeri family in the 13th century. Of the many towns on the luxuriant *Riviera Bresciana*, **Saló** is worth a visit. Splendidly sited in a picturesque bay, it used to be the Venetian Empire's main garrison town.



ISOLA DEL GARDA

# LAKE ISEO & FRANCIACORTA



## day 7 / daily excursion

Lago d'Iseo (also known as Sebino) is one of the least known Italian lakes and, perhaps because of this, it is absolutely alluring. Just over 60 miles from Bergamo and Brescia, it is a treasure trove of history, tradition, excellent food, refined bubbles and magnificent sights. Start with venturing out on **Monte Isola**. Europe's biggest lake island, towering at the south end of Lake Iseo is, quite possibly, its most fascinating attraction.

This fishermen's village will steal your heart away: time seems to have stood still here, the hustle and bustle of bigger cities a long distance away. From **Sarnico** to **Iseo**, **Sulzano** to **Sale Marasino**, an attractive coastal road connects the towns, offering majestic views of the glittering water where nothing seems to disturb, besides birds happily tweeting or the odd church bell ringing.



## day 8 / daily excursion

One of the richest collections of Roman remains in northern Italy is to be found in Verona, including **Porta Borsari** – the gate – **Arco dei Gavi**, the Roman Theatre and the **Arena** which is the legendary open-air opera house. Step into this marvel to fully grasp its majesty as this cannot be guessed from the outside.

The most famous balcony in history, **Juliet's house** has captured the imagination of lovers the world over. Head to the Giardino Giusti, mentioned by Mozart and Goethe, to find some romance. Verona is best experienced walking through its pretty alleyways, admiring the many palazzi, splendid churches, and the attractive piazzas: Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza dei Signori or Piazza Brà. Mantegna in San Zeno and Pisanello in Sant'Anastasia.





## Not to be missed

### Lake Garda

- Punta San Vigilio • Il Vittoriale degli Italiani / Gardone Riviera • Saint Mary Magdalene's Cathedral / Desenzano del Garda
- Rabbit Island / Manerba del Garda • Limonia del Castel • The lake from the lake - boat trip
- Annual Honey Festival in October • Virgin Olive oil tasting • Wine tasting at Conti Thun

### Lake Iseo & Franciacorta

- Visit Val Camonica, world's greatest collections of prehistoric petroglyphs • San Defendente sanctuary
- Franciacorta wine Festival

### Verona

- The Juliet's balcony • Be amazed by an amazing opera at the Arena di Verona

## Buon appetito!

### Lake Garda

- Villa Feltrinelli ☼☼ / Gargnano • La Lepre / Desenzano del Garda
- La Casa degli Spiriti / Costermano sul Garda
- Lido 84 ☼, Ristorante il Fagiano ☼, La Darsena / Gardone Riviera
- Comincioli Olive Oil tasting / Puegnago

### Lake Iseo & Franciacorta

- Trattoria La Madia / Brione • Due Colombe ☼ / Borgonato di Corte Franca
- Dispensa pani e vini Franciacorta / Torbiato • Barboglio De Gaioncelli / Corte Franca
- Trattoria Glisenti / Vello

### Verona

- Casa Perbellini ☼☼ • Trattoria I Masenini • Locanda 4 Cuochi
- Osteria La Fontanina • Ristorante Ponte Pietra

## Food ectstatic

- Coregone lavarello • Grilled sardine • Risotto con la tinca
- Strangolapreti • Tortellini sul Mincio • La carbonèra

## Wine

- Bardolino • Chiaretto • Amarone • Recioto • Valpolicella
- Custoza • Lugana • Garda Classico Gropello





The Grand Hotel Fasano with 80 rooms and suites was founded in 1888 as a hunting lodge of the Austrian royal family. In its fabulous setting on picturesque Lago di Garda, the luxurious hotel jewel is the perfect starting point to explore the picturesque landscape of northern Italy's Lake District. Set within a 12,000 square metre park featuring palm and banana trees, this oasis of relaxation radiates an exotic flair. The rooms and suites of the five-star hotel impress with tasteful grandeur. The interior cream hues give rise to an elegant lightness that encourages well-being.

**Grand Hotel Fasano / 4 nights**



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