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Optional Tours for Accompanying Persons, Family Members & Friends of Symposium Delegates

TOUR 2 VARENNA AND THE MAGNIFICENT VILLAS OF LAKE COMO Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Lake Como, the third largest lake in Italy, attracts visitors from all around the world thanks to the beauty of its environment, so poetically described by Alessandro Manzoni in his masterpiece "I Promessi Sposi" ("The Betrothed"). A unique perspective able to join the picturesque and colorful villages, the magnificent ancient villas and their flowering gardens located on the shores, is assured moving by boat. The fascination of Lake Como mainly arises from the small characteristic villages and the ancient magnificent residences situated along the shores, each one having its own peculiarities. This tour offers the opportunity of discovering some of the most famous villas of Lake Como.



TOUR DESCRIPTION



VARENNA AND VILLA MONASTERO Varenna is a picturesque and traditional village, located on the eastern shore of Lake Como, Italy. An essential stop for anyone wishing to visit one of the most typical and peaceful towns of the lake. This small village, where you can still breathe in the traditions of yesteryear (above all, fishing), is home to elegant villas with botanical gardens, and beautiful walks between history and nature. Villa Monastero is an amazing complex that includes a wide botanical garden, which is arranged in terraces and collects many rare plant species. The mild climate, favored by the lake, allows numerous botanic species from all over the world to grow. This is the reason why, in almost every season of the year, the Villa Monastero gardens give you the chance to enjoy a variety of colors and scents.



VILLA MELZI D'ERIL AND BELLAGIO Villa Melzi d'Eril is a typical English style garden with Egyptian sculptures and Roman statues among exotic trees. The complex includes the villa and the vast botanical garden that surrounds it. The villa was built in neoclassical style and houses valuable decorations by Antonio Canova, Andrea Appiani, Giovan Battista Comolli and Giuseppe Bossi. The gardens of Villa Melzi d'Eril are preserved with great care by the family Gallarati Scotti, the current owners. A long avenue of plane trees begins at the boat dock, and gardens of azaleas and gigantic rhododendrons surround the villa, enclosing small spaces such as the hidden cave or the artificial pond in Japanese style. Villa Melzi's gardens also have many exotic and rare plants that alternate with centuries-old trees, large hedges of camellias, and many other plant species. This gives you the opportunity to take a walk through one of the most enchanting places around Lake Como.



VILLA CARLOTTA | TREMEZZO Villa Carlotta is a place of rare beauty, where masterpieces of nature and art live together in perfect harmony in over 70.000 square meters of gardens and museum. The beautiful villa was built at the end of XVII century. The important but sober building and Italian garden is decorated with sculptures, stairs and fountains. At the beginning of the 1800s the property attained the summit of its splendor. The gardens of Villa Carlotta chiefly owe their reputation to the rhododendrons' and azaleas' spring flowering, consisting of over 150 different sorts. But the gardens are worth to visit in every period of the year: old varieties of camellias, century old cedars and sequoias, huge plane trees and tropical plants, the Rock garden and the Ferns valley, the Rhododendrons wood and the Bamboos garden, the agricultural tools museum and the wonderful views on the lake built in the ages the celebrity of this place. It is still today considered "a place of heaven".



TENTATIVE TOUR SCHEDULING

7:15 am	Departure from Milan by bus and arrival at Varenna
9:00 am	Meet up with the guide and visit of Varenna
9:30 am	Visit of Villa Monastero in Varenna
11:10 am	Take the Ferry Boat (Traghetto) to Bellagio
11:30 am	Visit of Villa Melzi d'Eril in Bellagio
1:00 pm	Free time for lunch in Bellagio
2:00 pm	Take the Public Boat (Battello) to Villa Carlotta
2:20 pm	Visit of Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo
4:00 pm	Departure from Villa Carlotta by bus
6:00 pm	Arrival at Milan

BOOKING & PAYMENT

The cost of the Tour is 200,00 Euros per person. It includes the cost of bus transfer to Lake Como and return, private guide in English, Navigazione Boat tickets, and entrance tickets to the Villas. Lunch is not included.

The deadline for booking the Optional Tours is **June 25th, 2023**. Beyond this deadline, bookings will be subject to availability.

Symposium Delegates are requested to access the online Symposium Management System to register their Accompanying Persons, Family Members, and Friends for the Optional Tours. In this way, Symposium Delegates will provide the name of the Person(s) who will be joining and add the Optional Tours to existing registrations.

Payment for the Tour registration can be made using a credit card through the secure gateway via the online Symposium Management System or by bank transfer to the following bank details:

Account name: LAAN S.a.s.

Bank name: Banca di Credito Cooperativo Agrobresciano

Bank Address: Via Salgari, 7, 25125 Brescia (Italy)

IBAN: IT60T0857511200000000706732

SWIFT code: ICRAITRRFZO

Please note that in case a minimum number of participants is not reached, the tours may be cancelled and registered participants will be refunded.

Should you have any inquiry about this Tour, please contact the Organizing Secretariat via email at secretariat@ialcce2023.org