

Lake Como (Bellagio)

Pescallo Harbour Gardens of Villa Monastero Bellagio-Lake Como

7 or 10 day workshop on Lake Como staying in & around Bellagio which is the central point where the 3 arms of the Lake split in the direction of Switzerland, Como & Lecco.

We will stay in & around the location of Bellagio & travel every day to our Painting locations sometime with our minibus & the Ferry across the lake. (ferry pass included)

Fly into Milan Malpensa where you will be picked up with our Minibus & a 1.5hr journey to reach Bellagio.

LAKE COMO ITINERARY

Day 1 - Pick up at Milan (Malpensa) airport at about 4 pm (Please let me know if your flight is a later arrival). **Where to meet at the Milan airport?** We will meet at the International Arrivals doors where everyone is exiting. Look for either Raffaele holding a TUSCANY IN THE FRAME sign. If you arrive earlier, you might join others for a coffee and/or snack at the closest cafe where you can sit down and wait. Milan Malpensa has Terminal 1 & 2. Let me know which one you arrive at. Dinner will be at the Hotel Metropole or local Restaurant of Bellagio.

Travel in the minibus to our home base Bellagio, where you will have time to relax and freshen up. Approximately at 7:30 pm meet for an informal welcome drink to meet the tutor and the rest of the group, talk about the workshop and what you wish to achieve in the week ahead

Meet the Tutor & group, talk over dinner about our expectations of the week ahead. Caleb Stone is our Tutor for that week. Many of you already know him. Those that wish to ask any questions before the week commences please feel free. Caleb is a very approachable person

Day 2 - Gentle introduction to Bellagio & all its beautiful Gardens & lakeside Towns. We will walk along the Lake Promenade of Bellagio where we may start with a demo by Caleb, then some Loose sketching, then early lunch to spend the rest of the afternoon in the Gardens of Villa Melzi and gardens.

Day 3 - Varenna Harbour & Villa Monastero : we may take 2 trips to these locations. We will take a short ferry trip to Varenna, painting around the harbour in the morning. After lunch, the gardens of Villa Monastero, built in the 13th century by Cistercian monks. Breath-taking views of the gardens with endless variety of plants stretching along the lake shores will truly inspire you. Return to the hotel for relaxation and evening meals. This will be a 2 day visit (not Necessarily in sequence) to these locations as they are so beautiful & we may need another day to complete your masterpieces

Day 4 - Pescallo: A small fishing village with a quiet, picturesque harbor. This is an opportunity to capture beautiful reflections of fishing boats with an imposing mountainous background. Lunch at a local trattoria. Continue in the afternoon, finish early and return to the hotel for relaxation and evening meal.

Day 5 – Morning free for you to discover the fascinating back streets, cafes and shops of Bellagio. OR painting from the rooftop of our Hotel. In the afternoon we will

Day 6 - A short Trip up into the Hills of Bellagio painting from the grounds of the Hotel “Il Perlo Panorama”. Here we have fantastic views of the mound of Bellagio where the 3 lakes separate. Lunch will be prepared by the Hotel . This is an all day location.

Early finish to meet with tutor for appraisal of your work, and feedback of your workshop experience with Tuscany in the Frame

Day 8 - Transfer Milan (Malpensa) Departure by minibus (from Bellagio) Time to be Determined

For Our 10 day workshops we have a number of other locations around this beautiful Lake. This itinerary will be sent to you at the time of booking a 10 day workshop