



ITALIAN LAKES

ROAD TRIPS

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HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

Reviews

In the Destinations section:

All reviews are ordered in our authors' preference, starting with their most preferred option. Additionally:

Sights are arranged in the geographic order that we suggest you visit them and, within this order, by author preference.

Eating and Sleeping reviews are ordered by price range (budget, midrange, top end) and, within these ranges, by author preference.

Map Legend

Routes

- Trip Route
- Trip Detour
- Linked Trip
- Walk Route
- Tollway
- Freeway
- Primary
- Secondary
- Tertiary
- Lane
- Unsealed Road
- Plaza/Mall
- Steps
- Tunnel
- Pedestrian
- Overpass
- Walk Track/Path

Boundaries

- International
- State/Province
- Cliff

Hydrography

- River/Creek
- Intermittent River
- Swamp/Mangrove
- Canal
- Water
- Dry/Salt/Intermittent Lake
- Glacier

Highway Markers

- A6 Autostrada
- SS231 State Highway
- SR203 Regional Highway
- SP3 Provincial Highway
- E74 Other Road

Trips

- 1 Trip Numbers
- 9 Trip Stop
- Walking tour
- Trip Detour

Population

- Capital (National)
- Capital (State/Province)
- City/Large Town
- Town/Village

Areas

- Beach
- Cemetery (Christian)
- Cemetery (Other)
- Park
- Forest
- Reservation
- Urban Area
- Sportsground

Transport

- Airport
- Cable Car/Funicular
- Metro station
- Parking
- Train/Railway
- Tram

Note: Not all symbols displayed above appear on the maps in this book

Symbols In This Book

- Top Tips
- Link Your Trips
- Tips from Locals
- Trip Detour
- History & Culture
- Family
- Food & Drink
- Outdoors
- Essential Photo
- Walking Tour
- Eating
- Sleeping

- Sights
- Beaches
- Activities
- Courses
- Tours
- Festivals & Events
- Sleeping
- Eating
- Drinking
- Entertainment
- Shopping
- Information & Transport

These symbols and abbreviations give vital information for each listing:

- Telephone number
- Opening hours
- Parking
- Nonsmoking
- Air-conditioning
- Internet access
- Wi-fi access
- Swimming pool
- Vegetarian selection
- English-language menu
- Family-friendly
- Pet-friendly
- Bus
- Ferry
- Tram
- Train
- apt apartments
- d double rooms
- dm dorm beds
- q quad rooms
- r rooms
- s single rooms
- ste suites
- tr triple rooms
- tw twin rooms

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Road Trips

1 The Graceful Italian Lakes **5-7 Days**

The destination of choice for Goethe, Hemingway and George Clooney. (p17)

2 A Weekend at Lake Garda **4 Days**

The ultimate lakeside tour through vineyards, orchards and olive groves. (p29)

3 Northern Cities **7-10 Days**

Visit grand-slam cultural sites amid the rice paddies of the Po Valley. (p37)

4 Roof of Italy **6 Days**

Dare to drive Europe's highest Alpine pass for the spa on the other side. (p45)





Destinations

Milan (p54)

Home to the nation's stock exchange, one of Europe's biggest trade-fair grounds and an international fashion hub, Milan is also Italy's economic powerhouse.

Around Milan (p66)

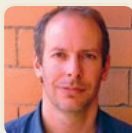
Beyond Milan pretty countryside unfolds, while to the north a burst of Mediterranean colour and a balmy microclimate await around the lakes.

Venice & Padua (p90)

A fabled lagoon city awash with art, music and spice-route cuisine, and a medieval city-state home to Italy's second-oldest university.

Trento & the North (p104)

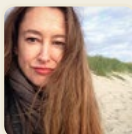
The provinces of Trentino and Alto Adige offer up a number of stunning wilderness areas, where adventure and comfort can be found in equal measure.



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