Italian Lakes End with a couple of days lakeside. Take your pick between the belle-époque charms of Lago Maggiore or scenic Lago di Como.

Lucca This charming walled city boasts the striking Cattedrale di San Martino and a lively passeggiata. 30 mins to Pisa

Cinque Terre Italy’s coastal scenery is a sight to behold on the Cinque Terre, a glorious stretch of coastline. 4 hrs to Milan

Pisa A must on anyone’s Tuscan itinerary where the Leaning Tower is attraction numero uno. 1½ hrs to Cinque Terre

Florence Brunelleschi’s Duomo cupola, Botticelli’s Birth of Venus and Michelangelo’s David – just some of Florence’s treasures. 1½ hrs to Lucca

Siena Like a huge open-air museum, Siena wows visitors with its architecture. 1¼ hrs to Florence

Rome Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel artworks, St Peter’s Basilica, Piazza Navona, the Pantheon and the Colosseum – it all awaits in Rome. 4 hrs to Siena

Milan Home to the outlandishly Gothic Duomo, legendary La Scala and da Vinci’s The Last Supper. 30 mins to 1 hr to Como