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TAILOR MADE RAIL

Lake Garda via the Swiss Alps

From £1,099 per person // 8 days



Italy's largest lake is waiting to be explored. Travel south via the stunning Simplon Route high in the Alps and spend 5 nights at beautiful Sirmione on the lake shore, before returning via the Brenner Pass and Munich.

The Essentials

- Travel to Lausanne on Lake Geneva for an overnight stop
- Take the train via the Simplon route through the Alps into Italy
- Five nights at Sirmione on Lake Garda
- Four full days to explore Italy's largest lake
- Return via spectacular Brenner Pass into the Austrian Tyrol with a stop in Munich

What's included

- Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations
- 7 nights' hotel accommodation with breakfast
- Comprehensive hotel directions
- Clearly-presented wallets for your rail tickets and hotel vouchers
- All credit card surcharges and delivery of your travel documents

Tailor make your holiday

- Decide when you would like to travel
- Adapt the route to suit your plans
- Upgrade hotels and rail journeys
- Add extra nights, destinations and/or tours

- Suggested Itinerary -



Day 1 - London To Lausanne

Depart London St Pancras mid-morning today and take a Eurostar across to Paris. Your onward TGV train to Lausanne departs from the Gare de Lyon and there's a direct fast metro service (RER) between the Gare du Nord and here. Alternatively, we can add private car transfers for you. Sit back and relax on board the high-speed French TGV as it zooms south to Dijon, then proceeds into Switzerland where it takes a more leisurely pace through the Jura Mountains. On arrival into Lausanne, check in at the Agora Swiss Night Hotel (or similar) for an overnight stay.



Day 2 - Lake Garda Via The Simplon Route

This morning, board a train that takes you via Brig and Milan to Lake Garda. First, you will pass Lake Geneva (pictured) and the majestic French and Swiss Alps on your right hand side, then through the Upper Rhône Valley in south-west Switzerland. After the Simplon Tunnel, you emerge into northern Italy and twist your way through the valley towards Lake Maggiore, which you'll soon be able to see on your left-hand side. After changing in Milan, the train moves more quickly across the northern Italian plains into the town of Peschiera del Garda midway through the afternoon. Here, take a taxi to the Olivi Hotel (or similar) in the heart of the medieval town of Sirmione.



Days 3, 4, 5 & 6 - Lake Garda

With five nights and four full days to explore this majestic lake, you will doubtless want to use the regular ferry service from Sirmione, which departs a short walk away from your hotel. The pretty towns of Malcesine, Riva del Garda and Gardone Riviera are all easily accessible from here, as is the funicular up to Monte Baldo, for spectacular views across the entire region. Sirmione's medieval centre is one of the most charming in Italy and its 13th-century Scaliger Castle and fortifications are ever-popular tourist attractions. As you have the advantage of being based in the resort itself, you can make an early start to beat the crowds. TMR RECOMMENDS: COMBINE WITH VENICE Our completely flexible travel arrangements mean that you could head to Venice (or indeed anywhere else in Italy) after your time at Lake Garda. Venice is just an hour and a half from Lake Garda, on a direct line from Peschiera del Garda. The station at Desenzano del Garda/Sirmione also has a direct connection to Venice, Verona, Milan and Turin. Contact one of the team for details and prices.



Day 7 - Lake Garda To Munich Via The Brenner Pass

Take a taxi back to Peschiera del Garda and jump on a regional train for the short trip into Verona. Here, you connect with an Austrian EuroCity service which runs north over the spectacular Brenner Pass, through the Tyrol region and into Munich in time for dinner. Check in at the Courtyard Munich City Centre for the night. ALTERNATIVE ROUTE: After heading over the Brenner Pass, change at Innsbruck and take a train west over the equally stunning Arlberg Pass, arriving into Zurich for an overnight stay, before returning to London the following day.



Day 8 - Munich To London

Depart Munich on a German ICE train, north to Frankfurt, where you change for an onward journey to Brussels. Here, you board the Eurostar, which will take you back through northern France, under the tunnel and back into the UK.

Pricing

From £1,099 per person

Low season (November-March) **from £1,099pp**

High season (April-October) **from £1,299pp**

Prices are based on two people sharing a twin or double room. Single supplements will apply for sole occupancy. The price includes Standard Class rail travel with seat reservations as necessary and the best available fares on the trains. If you travel during a peak period, particularly at short notice, then supplements may apply.