

STRESA AND THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS



Duration: 4 days 3 nights

Min number of people: 2

Adult price: 1440

The price refers to: person

Program:

Day 1 - September 25, 2025, Welcome to Stresa

Arrive independently in the **lakeside** town of **Stresa** and settle into your 4-star hotel.

Devote the rest of the day to **relaxing, strolling along the lakefront** or exploring the charming old town at your own pace.

Dinner is free this evening-a great opportunity to discover one of Stresa's cozy little restaurants. Overnight at the hotel.

Day 2 - September 26, 2025, Stresa & the Borromean Islands

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide at 9:45 am in the lobby. You will board a **private speedboat** from the nearby pier—reserved exclusively for our guests—for a **full day dedicated to discovering the beautiful Borromean Islands**, one of the most popular Stresa day trips.

The first stop is **Isola Madre**, with its magnificent English gardens and the historic palace of the Borromeo family, rich in charm and history. Continue to picturesque **Fishermen's Island**, where a guided walk through the narrow streets of the charming, still inhabited village, rich in authentic traditions, awaits you. You will enjoy a delicious lunch at a typical lakeside restaurant. In the afternoon, visit the famous **Isola Bella** with its spectacular Baroque-style Borromeo Palace and beautiful terraced Italian gardens overlooking the lake. At the end of the tours, return to the hotel and end the guided part of the day. In the evening, **dinner at a traditional restaurant** within walking distance of the hotel. Overnight stay in Stresa.

Day 3 - September 27, 2025, Orta & the Island of San Giulio

After breakfast at the hotel, meet your local guide at 9:45 a.m. and **depart by private minivan for a scenic drive** (about 40 minutes) to **Lake Orta**, one of Italy's hidden jewels, as part of one of the Stresa guided tours.

The day begins with a **visit to the Sacro Monte di Orta**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site located on a scenic hilltop. Stroll along the paths surrounded by greenery and discover beautifully preserved chapels dedicated to the life of St. Francis of Assisi, adorned with realistic statues and vivid frescoes. From here **you can take in breathtaking views of the lake and the mysterious Island of San Giulio**. Continue by minivan to the medieval heart of **Orta San Giulio**, listed among "The Most Beautiful Villages in Italy." Explore its charming cobblestone alleys, small stone squares and **admire** the historic **Palazzo della Comunità** from the outside.

Lunch will be served **in a traditional restaurant**, with typical regional dishes. In the afternoon, **board a private speedboat** for a short crossing **to San Giulio Island**. Visit the striking Basilica of Saints Gervasius and Protasius (subject to any ongoing celebrations) and be enveloped in its atmosphere of art, mystery and legend. Finish with a meditative walk along the enchanting "Via del Silenzio," which encircles the entire island. Return by boat to Orta and continue by minivan back to Stresa. Free evening and overnight stay at the hotel.

Day 4 - September 28, 2025, Departure from Stresa

After a leisurely breakfast at the hotel, enjoy a **relaxing morning in Stresa**. Depending on your departure time, take advantage of a final walk along the lakefront or explore the lovely old town once again with the help of a Stresa travel guide. Check-out from the hotel and end of services.

Il tour include:

Full-day English-speaking guide service for September 26 and 27 Private boat from Stresa to Isola Madre, Isola Bella and Pescatori and back to Stresa for the day 26/09 and municipal landing fee at the three islands Private boat from Orta to the island of San Giulio and return for the day 27/09 Private and reserved minivan from Stresa to Orta and back for the day 27/09 Admission to the palace and gardens of Isola Madre and Isola Bella on 26/09 Lunches in typical restaurants on 26/09 and 27/09 with 3-course menu, including mineral water (wine, drinks and coffee not included) Dinner on 26/09 in typical restaurant in Stresa with lake fish menu, mineral water included (wine, drinks and coffee not included)

Nel tour non è compreso:

Tourist tax of €2.50 per night per person, to be paid directly on site Transfers to Stresa Meals and drinks not included in the program Personal extras



Borromean islands tour: A Hidden Jewel on Lake Maggiore

Discover the timeless beauty of the **Borromean Islands**, nestled in a wide gulf on the western shore of **Lake Maggiore**, just opposite the elegant town of Stresa. These islands, once owned by the noble **Borromeo family**, are a journey through centuries of **art, history and nature**, and can be easily explored with a Borromean Islands boat trip.

Stroll through the sumptuous palaces and terraced gardens of **Isola Bella** and **Isola Madre**, where Renaissance architecture blends with unique botanical wonders. Then continue to the simple and authentic charm of **Isola dei Pescatori**, a traditional fishing village that has preserved its soul over the centuries—an experience made unforgettable by Stresa island tours.

Whether you are a lover of **historic villas**, a fan of **tranquil landscapes**, or simply curious to explore one of Italy's most iconic destinations, the Borromean Islands offer an unforgettable experience, especially when discovered with Stresa guided tours.

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