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Lake Garda – **AER LINGUS GROUP**



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Day 1 Saturday, 18 May 2019

02:50 Meet at CNI and depart for Dublin airport T2.

04:30 Meet your GTI representative at Dublin airport during your check in.

Check in for your Aer Lingus flight from Dublin Terminal 2 to Milan Linate

Carrier: Aer Lingus
Booking Reference: 27YERF/ 25FSMF
Destination: Milan Linate

Flight Number: **EI432**

Proceed to the Aer Lingus electronic check-in machines. Follow the on-screen directions to print your boarding card.

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Please make sure you keep your boarding card in a safe place with your passport for presentation at the boarding gate and also at security check.

07:00 Depart EI432, Dublin Terminal 2

10:40 Arrive EI432, Milan

11:00 Meet your coach driver from Andreolli Coaching and depart for Desenzano

11:15 Depart by coach and transfer to Desenzano

12:45 Arrival in Desenzano for lunch at own expense and independent sight seeing

Desenzano del Garda is a small town situated on the lake and has some pleasant winding historic streets between the town's castle on its hill, and the lakeshore below. A busy road runs along the edge of the lake, and on the inland side is a small peaceful harbour, where little boats are moored and swans glide about in front of several comfortable cafe-bars. A larger marina is situated along the shore, protected by an imposing harbour wall. Desenzano has a shopping mall which includes a designer clothing discount outlet. Once you have explored the waterfront and shopping streets, head up narrow Via Castello to the town's small fortress, the **Castello**. Various events are held here, including summer concerts. Parts are sometimes open to the public; you can often wander into the courtyard and look around. Desenzano's **Roman villa** is another historical sight worth visiting: the ruins, mosaics and a small museum can all be admired. Desenzano also has an **archaeological** museum (limited afternoon

opening hours) with prehistoric and Bronze Age exhibits from the town and surrounding area. Both the villa and the archaeological museum are closed on Mondays.

14:30 Group make their way to the ferry departure point.
Visit to **Lake Garda Cruise.**

Navigazione Lago Di Garda
Piazza Matteotti
Desenzano 25015
Italy
Tel: +39 (0)30 9149511

Please arrive at the ferry departure point 15 minutes before departure time for ticket collection,

Routing: Desenzano to Garda
Depart: 14:55
Arrive: 16:02

Lake Garda, the largest Italian fresh-water lake, shows itself in its wonderful surrounding of natural luminosity and colours. Its shores, studded with villages and small towns, add the charm of a built up landscape to the beauty of its rich natural environment. With its Romanesque parish churches, its Baroque-style churches and its sanctuaries, with its monasteries and hermitages, Lake Garda shows all the different aspects of its personality, even as an incomparable spiritual place.

16:15 Meet your coach driver and transfer to Malcesine

17:15 Visit to **Sightseeing of Malcesine**

Malcesine is a small fascinating Medieval village situated on the eastern coast of Lake Garda. It has 3,500 inhabitants and includes the villages of Cassone & Navene. The etymology of the name comes from malus silex, the stone on which both the village and the castle were built. Malcesine was first a Roman village, and it was then fortified at the time of the barbaric invasions.

With the dominion of the Franks, King Pipino who had gone to Malcesine to visit the two hermits Benigno and Carlo, stopped awhile at the castle. The town became free city-state during the XII century but already in 1277 it belonged to Alberto della Scala and to the rule of Verona. The Scaligeri, Lords of Verona, rebuild the castle as it looks today.

They also founded the Capitanato del Lago, and then the Gardesana dell'Acqua which lasted until 1802, a union of semi-independent towns under the rule of Venice.

It belonged to the Repubblica Italica, to Austria & in 1866 it finally became under the Reign of Italy. One of the most famous visitors of Malcesine was Wolfgang Goethe, who briefly stayed in the town in 1786. Another important guest was the painter Gustav Klimt from Vienna.

Visit to **Malcesine - Monte Baldo Cable Car**

Azienda Trasporti Funicolari

Malcesine - Monte Baldo

Italy

Tel: +39 045 7400206 Malcesine

Warm clothes required

The new cableway, which is unique in the world with its rotating cabins, travels the distance from Malcesine to Monte Baldo in only ten minutes, offering panoramic views and fascinating excursions. Baldo Mountain is one of the most beautiful natural environments of the Alps, a splendid terrace overlooking Garda Lake with a view of the Venetian and Lombard Prealps, the Po Vtoy and the Dolomites. It is a true paradise for excursionists, mountain climbers and travellers all year round.

18:30 Depart by coach from an agreed point with the driver in Monte Baldo and transfer to your accommodation.

19:30 Check into your accommodation:

Three nights' accommodation on a half board basis.

Altomincio Family Park
Localita Torrente Valle, 10
37067 Salionze di Valeggio sul Mincio
Verona
Tel: 0039 045 237 3540

20:00 Dinner at your hotel

Overnight accommodation

Day 2 Sunday, 19 May 2019

08:00 Breakfast at your hotel

09:00 Depart by coach from your hotel to Venice

11:30 Take the **Vaporetto** Cruise from the Tronchetto to St Marks's Square.

On arrival into the car park in Tronchetto meet San Salvador representative Giulio and present your voucher. He will accompany the group to the Vaporetto.

Mobile number Giulio: +39 336 809 529

Venice's vaporetti (water buses) are the public transportation of Venice. Vaporetti (singular vaporetto) take visitors along the main canals, to the islands & around the lagoon.

This service has been booked with San Salvador.

13:00 Meet your guides, at **St Mark's Square in front of the Exit of the Doges Palace (Porta della Carta)** for your **walking guided tour of Venice**

Guides:

Mobile No:

The tour takes in St Mark's Square, St Mark's Basilica from the outside, Doge's Palace, Prisons and the Bridge of Sighs.

This service has been booked locally by GTI with Cooperative Guide Turistiche

15:00 Lunch at own expense

Independent Sightseeing in Venice

Situated in a lagoon in north-eastern Italy, and criss-crossed by more than 200 canals and 400 bridges, Venice serves as capital of Veneto —one of Italy's wealthiest regions. The historic center of Venice, spreading out from the beautiful Basilica di San Marco, is built on a group of islets separated from the Adriatic Sea by a barrier of islands and peninsulas.

Comprised of 118 masses of land in a lagoon, Venice (Venezia) is connected to the mainland city of Mestre by a thin causeway. The city is divided into six ancient administrative districts or sestieri: Cannaregio, Castello, San Marco, Dorsoduro, San Polo, and Santa Croce, with the Canal Grande snaking throughout. You can walk to most places in Venice (Venezia) itself, and take a ride on a vaporetto (waterbus) to any of the islands. The vaporetto network runs regular service around the city and out to most of the islands.

The gondola has been a part of Venice (Venezia) since the 11th century. With its slim hull and flat underside, gondolas are perfectly adapted to negotiating narrow, shallow canals. In the old days, there were no stone wharves and only a few wooden landing stages, so Venetian boats were

built with flat bottoms to be dragged up onto the land with relative ease. Conditioned by their surrounding elements, the Venetian people row in a standing position, looking forward as one does when walking.

Gondolas were once displays of multi-coloured brilliance. Legend has it that their lavish reds and purples turned to black when the Plague struck. To stop further contamination from spreading throughout the disease-infested canal waters, the wooden boats were supposedly coated with tar and pitch. Some say that a more likely story, however, is that in 1562 it was decreed that all gondolas should be black to stop people from making an ostentatious show of their wealth.

16:30 Take the vaporetto from St Mark's square back to the tronchetto.

17:30 Depart by coach from the tronchetto back to your hotel.

19:30 Dinner at your accommodation

Overnight accommodation

Day 3 Monday, 20 May 2019

08:00 Breakfast at your hotel

09:00 Depart by coach from your hotel and transfer to Gardaland

10:00 Visit to **Gardaland**

Castlenuovo del Garda
Verona 37014
Italy
Tel: +39 45 6449777

Gardaland is a special combination of adventure, dream and strong emotions in a wonderful fantasy world. Discover the fascination of a submerged continent, challenge the fury of the rapids in the heart of the jungle, face the dangers of the ferocious sea or experience the emotion of flight aboard a supersonic jet...everything is possible in Gardaland.

17:30 Depart by coach from an agreed point with the driver and transfer back to your hotel

Dinner at your hotel

Overnight accommodation

Day 4 Tuesday, 21 May 2019

- 08:00 Breakfast at your accommodation
Checkout of your accommodation
- 09:00 Depart by coach and transfer to Verona
- 10:00 Meet your guides (**Bus Terminal in Via Campo Marzo**), for your **Guided tour of Verona**
- Guide (1) :**
Mobile No: 0039
- Guide (2):**
Mobile No: 00 39
- Verona is not as famous as the well known Italian towns like Venice, Florence, Rome, but is one of the most fascinating and romantic town in Italy, full of history, art and tradition
- Verona, with its abundance of historical monuments and remains of so many different ages
- From Roman age until the bloody battles for the independence of Italy fought on its territory, Verona has always been in the centre of Italia history
- 13:00 Lunch at own expense
- 15:00 Meet your coach driver and transfer to Il Centro
- 17:30 Shopping at **Il Centro shopping centre**
- Il Centro Shopping Centre
Via Giuseppe Eugenio Luraghi, 11,
20020 Arese MI,
Italy
- Tel: 0039 02 9387 6137
This large shopping centre includes H&M, primark, Mango, Zara, Superdry, Bershka. Food outlets include KFC and Mc Donald's.
- 19:00 Meet your coach driver at a locally agreed point and transfer to the airport
- 19:30** Check in for your Aer Lingus flight from Milan, Malpensa to Dublin-Terminal 2
- Carrier:** Aer Lingus
Booking Reference:
Destination: Dublin, Terminal 2

Flight Number: EI437

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21:55 Depart EI437, Milan, Malpensa
23:35 Arrive EI437, Dublin-Terminal 2
00:30 Arrive CNI (approx.)

GTI Travel wishes you a happy and successful holiday

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GTI Travel are the Group Leader's best friend - we take away the administration & stress of organising a group trip abroad!

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