



**LAND PROGRAM**

**May 30-June 6, 2011**

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# SWISS ALPS & THE ITALIAN LAKES

*An Exclusive Educational and Travel Experience*



Literary luminaries in the 19th century heralded the idyllic treasures of Switzerland and Italy in praise-filled travelogues. Since then, not much has changed in this pristine part of Europe. At an elevation of 6,089 ft., the village of St. Moritz is billed as the *Top of the World*.

Wooden chalets, weathered to a soft shade of gray and bedecked with red geranium boxes, are a charming complement to lush valleys and snow-capped peaks. On the southern side of the mountains, golden sunshine glints across the turquoise waters of Lake Como and its hillside town of Como. Come experience the timeless magic of Alpine vistas and glacial lakes!



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Indulge in the cosmopolitan ambience of the **jet-set resort town of St. Moritz**, nestled in an Upper Engadine valley beneath Piz Nair.
- Visit the village of **Zuoz** and admire traditional Swiss mountain culture.
- Board the historic **Bernina Express** and travel a scenic Alpine rail route to **Tirano**. This amazing journey has been distinguished as a UNESCO World Heritage site.
- Embark on a **cruise on Lake Como**.
- Visit **Milan** and see Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, *The Last Supper*.
- Cruise to the picturesque **Borromean Islands** in **Lake Maggiore** from the tiny village of **Stresa**.

## INCLUDED FEATURES

### Accommodations

- **Three nights** in **St. Moritz, Switzerland**, at the deluxe **Hotel Schweizerhof**.
- **Four nights** in **Como, Italy**, at the deluxe **Hotel Barchetta Excelsior**.

### Activities and Events

- **Informative educational programs**, presented by **local experts**, will enhance your insight into the region.
- **All excursions** as outlined in your program itinerary.
- Attend a **Welcome Reception and Dinner**.
- Gather for a **Farewell Reception and Graduation Ceremony** followed by a **Farewell Dinner**.

### Extensive Meal Program

- Enjoy seven breakfasts, three lunches and four dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.
- Sample **authentic regional specialties** during select meals at featured **local restaurants**.
- Take advantage of **leisure time** to try the **local cuisine** independently.

## MANY INCLUDED EXTRAS

- Consultation services of a dedicated **Passenger Service Representative** prior to departure.
- Services of a friendly, professional **Campus Director** and expert **English-speaking local guides** throughout your stay.
- Detailed travel and destination information to assist in planning.
- **Tipping** of excursion guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel wallet.



## DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

### DAY 1 ~ IN TRANSIT

Depart your gateway city for **Zurich** aboard scheduled jet service.\*

### DAY 2 ~ ST. MORITZ

Upon arrival, transfer\* to **St. Moritz** and the *Hotel Schweizerhof*. Tonight, join fellow travelers for a *Welcome Reception and Dinner* at the hotel.

### DAY 3 ~ ZUOZ/ST. MORITZ

**Excursion: Zuoz.** Travel to Zuoz, a picturesque Upper Engadine village. A walking tour showcases its beautiful cobblestone main square, adorned with brightly colored flowers and bubbling fountains, as well as winding streets lined with brightly painted buildings, many built in the 13th century.

**Independent Exploration:** The rest of the day in St. Moritz is at your leisure. Use your gondola pass to ascend by tram to the mountain top for spectacular views!

**Educational Focus: *An Introduction to Switzerland.***

### DAY 4 ~ TIRANO

**Excursion: *Bernina Express.***

This two-hour scenic journey traces one of Europe's most impressively engineered rail routes. Listed as a UNESCO World Heritage site, it is a truly memorable experience.

**Educational Focus: *Meet the People.***

### DAY 5 ~ BELLAGIO/COMO

Depart St. Moritz for **Como**. Travel by motor coach alongside Lake Como to Menaggio, situated on the western shore.

**Excursion: *Lake Como Cruise.*** Embark on a scenic cruise on Italy's deepest lake from Menaggio to Bellagio and Como.

**Local Flavor:** Sample regional specialties during lunch in Bellagio. Upon arrival in Como, check in at the *Hotel Barchetta Excelsior*.

**Educational Focus: *Development of the Lake District.***

### DAY 6 ~ COMO

**Excursion: *Como.*** A walking tour of the walled Old Town features the Baradello Tower, Tempio Voltiano shrine and the impressive Duomo in the Piazza Cavour with its Gothic façade and Renaissance dome.

**Independent Exploration:** Pursue your own interests this afternoon.

**Educational Focus: *Golden Age of the Renaissance.***

### DAY 7 ~ MILAN

**Excursion: *Milan.*** In Italy's most fashionable city, visit Santa Maria Delle Grazie and its rectory to see da Vinci's magnificent *The Last Supper*. Tour the museum at La Scala, Italy's premier opera house, and the 14th-century Duomo, a Gothic masterpiece ornamented by 2,244 marble saints and nearly 100 gargoyles.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant in Milan.

**Independent Exploration:** Set out to discover your own corner of Milan.

### DAY 8 ~ BORROMEAN ISLANDS

**Excursion: *Borromean Islands.*** Journey to Stresa for a short walking tour before embarking on a cruise on Lake Maggiore. The first stop is Isola Madre and its 16th-century villa. Then, sail to the rustic fishing village on Isola dei Pescatori. Conclude on Isola Bella to explore its baroque palace and gardens.

**Local Flavor:** Lunch is served at a restaurant on the islands. Tonight, attend a *Farewell Reception, Graduation Ceremony* and a *Farewell Dinner*.

### DAY 9 ~ IN TRANSIT

After breakfast, transfer to the airport for the return to your gateway city.\*

*NOTE: Itinerary sequence and/or scheduled events may change. Many excursions in this program involve an element of walking.*

\* Provided for Air Program participants.

## ACCOMMODATIONS



### HOTEL SCHWEIZERHOF St. Moritz

Built in 1896, the legendary hotel is ideally situated in the center of posh St. Moritz. Amid the ambience of a traditional family-run inn, it offers two quaint restaurants serving Alpine specialties, a rooftop wellness center with a sauna and massage treatments, and picture-perfect lake and mountain views. Spacious guest rooms are rendered in contemporary décor and fitted with crisp white linens.



### HOTEL BARCHETTA EXCELSIOR Como

Set in the heart of the city on the Piazza Cavour, the grand *Hotel Barchetta Excelsior* overlooks peaceful Lake Como and is just minutes from the domed Renaissance Cathedral. Its two restaurants serve fine Mediterranean and regional cuisine. Recently renovated guest rooms, tastefully appointed in elegant fabrics and artwork, offer a full array of modern amenities.

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- I/we reserve the Land Program and request the Air Program to Zürich, Switzerland, with return from Milan, Italy, to depart from:

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