Cycling holiday on Lake Maggiore

6 DAYS / 5 NIGHTS, APPROX. 145 KM BOOKING CODE: OE-CHL5 DAILY ROUTE LENGTH •••••

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Your tour

Doesn't Ticino already sound like a holiday, like southern sun and joie de vivre? Then pack your bags and head for Lake Maggiore. Losone near Ascona is the starting point for your bike tours. Also get to know nearby Locarno, the warmest city in Switzerland. Above the town lies the Sanctuary Madonna del Sasso, one of the cultural highlights of the region and offering a wonderful view over Lake Maggiore, the Long Lake. Bellinzona and Luino are other beautiful towns that you will get to know during your cycling holiday on Lake Maggiore. But the tours will also take you deep into the Maggia Valley and the Centovalli.

Itinerary

Day 1	Individual arrival in Losone near Ascona
Day 2	Cycle tour to Bellinzona, approx. 55 km
Day 3	Excursion to the Brissago Islands, bike tour to the Centovalli, approx. 20 km + boat trip
Day 4	Excursion to the Maggia Valley, approx. 30 km
Day 5	Excursion to Lugano, approx. 25 km + train rides
Day 6	Individual departure

Travel time

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Arrival Sunday 07.04. – 23.06.2024 and 18.08. – 13.10.2024 The season is dictated by the arrival date.

Services

- → 5 nights with breakfast in the 4* Hotel Albergo Losone
- → Train ride Locarno Melide, Lugano Locarno, each incl. bike
- → Admission to the wellness area incl. hammam
- → Entrance to the castles of Bellinzona
- → Ferry trip to the Brissago Islands excl. bike
- → Cycle route description with maps (1 x per room)
- → Service-Hotline (7 days, 08.00 a.m. 08.00 p.m.)
- → Ticino Ticket (numerous discounts and inclusive services)

Not included services

→ Citys or visitors tax, if payable

Basic price per person

Double room	989,-
Price Surcharge Singleroom	439,-

Additional night prices per person

Losone DBL / BB	195,-
Losone SGL / BB	295

Additional services per person

E-bike / Pedelec*	249,-
Rental bike (27-speed)*	135,-

^{*}including rental bike insurance

Exemplary hotel list

Losone	Albergo Losone	https://www.albergolosone.ch/
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Child reduction on basic price

0 - 5 Years	100%
6 - 11 Years	50%
12 - 14 Years	25%
15 - 17 Years	10%

Reduction for children is valid for accommodation in room with two full-paying guests.

Languages Travel documents

→ German, English, French

Additional note

- → All bookings are on request.
- → Twin / double rooms / separate beds are only occasionally available. We treat requests as non-binding customer requests, if above mentioned room types are a booking condition, it must be mentioned as a condition at the time of booking.

Equipment of our rental bikes

- → Comfortable saddle
- → Bike lock
- → Air pump (per room)
- → Hub dynamo
- → Breakdown kit (1 x per booking)
- → Waterproof pannier

Journey to Losone

- → Nearest airports: Milan, Zurich, Basel
- → Train station: Losone

Parking in Losone

→ Free parking available at the start hotel. No reservation possible through Radweg-Reisen.

Travel documents

- → 1 set (per booked room) consists of: hotel list and voucher, travel information with details on daily stages, short travel guides and route descriptions, maps, luggage tags
- → Dispatched up to four weeks before arrival. For short-term bookings, delivery to the start hotel, hotel list and arrival information will be sent by email

Stages description

Day 1: Individual arrival in Losone near Ascona

Ascona lies on the northern shore of Lake Maggiore and borders Locarno. It nestles at the mouth of the Maggia into Lake Maggiore and is an ideal starting point for various cycle tours. The mild climate allows palm and lemon trees to flourish, so that the town welcomes you with a Mediterranean ambience. The Cimetta and Caddada mountains offer great views and are easy to climb by funicular railway, gondola or chairlift.

Day 2: Cycle tour to Bellinzona, approx. 55 km

Cycle eastwards along the shores of Lake Maggiore to the Magadino plain. The former marshland is now used to grow rice. The route continues through forests and fields against an impressive mountain backdrop. Your destination is Bellinzona, the capital of the canton of Ticino. People settled here as long as 4000 years ago. The medieval town wall and several castles are World Heritage Sites. The route back leads through typical Ticino villages.

Day 3: Excursion to the Brissago Islands, bike tour to the Centovalli, approx. 20 km + boat trip

Leave your bike behind today and sail to the Brissago Islands. Thanks to the many hours of sunshine, over 1700 fascinating plant species thrive here in an extensive botanical garden. Back on the mainland, get on your bike and ride into the breathtaking Centovalli, the valley of 100 valleys. The Melezza torrent meanders between the many peaks to the great Maggia.

Day 4: Excursion to the Maggia Valley, approx. 30 km

Today you follow the River Maggia northwards. For more than 50 kilometres, the Maggia makes its way through the Alps to its mouth in Lake Maggiore. In the incomparable river valley, you can always take a break in one of the typical grotti. These rustic restaurants, typical of the region, will enchant you with local delicacies served in the open air. Your destination for the day is the small town of Maggia.

Day 5: Excursion to Lugano, approx. 25 km + train rides

Firstly, you cycle the short stretch to Locarno. From there, the railway takes you comfortably through the Alps to Melide, on Lake Lugano. Lake Lugano is in no way inferior to Lake Maggiore: Tall palm trees grow on the shore, typically Mediterranean-coloured villages gather around

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stone church towers and the Italian dolce vita is also cultivated here. You cycle the short distance to Lugano in a relaxed manner before taking the train back to Locarno and cycling from there to Losone.

Day 6: Individual departure

After breakfast you start your individual return journey home or extend your stay.

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