

Social Program for Accompanying Guests

Friday March 12 (all day):

Visit to Sirmione, thermal spa treatment, and shopping at the Franciacorta Outlet Village.

Not far from Bergamo, the Garda Lake, situated at the foot of the Alps, offers the visitor a splendid natural scenery, with its colours, vineyards, lemon and olive groves. Sirmione is a well renowned small town located on the tip of a long peninsula protruding from the southern shore of the lake, with an attractive historical heart and fascinating narrow winding lanes which lead to the castle and Roman ruins. As well as delightful shops and boutiques, Sirmione also houses the "Terme di Sirmione", the most renowned spas of the Lake Garda region and among the foremost in Europe, facilities that combine thermal baths with sulphurous water with sophisticated wellness programs where guests can relax, even should the weather be unforgiving, in thermal pools, hydromassages, effervescent beds, and aromochromatic showers. After visiting Sirmione, spending about three hours at the luxurious Aquaria Thermal Wellness Center, where thermal pools look directly over the lake, extending both indoor and outdoors with water temperature permanently maintained between 34 and 36 degrees, and lunch at the same site, participants will head to the Franciacorta Outlet Village. Along the route between Bergamo and lake Garda, the Outlet Village is a new retail development recreating the ambience of a small Italian village, where 160 stores offer the best fashion brands, including sportswear, accessories, home furnishings and cosmetics at prices discounted from 30% to 70% all year.



Sirmione

<http://www.sirmione.com>



Sirmione Thermal Spa

<http://www.termedisirmione.com>



Outlet Franciacorta

<http://www.franciacortaoutlet.it>

Saturday March 13 (morning)
Visit to Bergamo's Città Alta (Old City)

This tour, guided by a distinguished professor of art, will take participants across Bergamo's fascinating Città Alta, the walled hilltop medieval city, first built at the time of the Roman Empire, then dominated by the Longobards and Franks, and in the fifteenth century by the Venetians, with a long period of social, political and cultural wealth and fine examples of Renaissance architecture. Walking along narrow, cobblestoned alleys, we will easily reach Piazza Vecchia, the Palazzo della Ragione, the churches of Santa Maria Maggiore and San Michele al Pozzo Bianco, and the Colleoni chapel, as well as the Agliardi and Moroni palaces and finally the Accademia Carrara, one of the most important galleries in Italy mostly known for its masterpieces from the 15th to the 19th centuries. The visit will be finally topped by a relaxing brunch at the famous Marianna Restaurant.



Bergamo Old Town
<http://www.turismo.bergamo.it>

Social programme for Attendees and Guests

Friday March 12, 8.30 p.m.

Ristorante Colleoni Dell'Angelo, Piazza Vecchia, Città Alta.

Social Dinner

Located in one of the most beautiful Italian squares, in Bergamo's Città Alta, this is considered the most prestigious restaurant in Bergamo, housed in a XIth century building, once the headquarters of the Podestà (Mayor) at the time of the Venetian domain over the city.

Live music will be played throughout the evening.