

## WELCOME TO THE

# MNA<sup>®</sup> Travel Program 2024

MNA has successfully hosted tours to Europe and beyond since 2001. In 2024 we are excited to expand our travel offerings by partnering with Collette Travel for our fall tour. We continue to offer our MNA members and their friends & family a superior value in European travel. Our tours are as inclusive as possible. We have found that including the meals and daily sightseeing into the tour package eliminates the concerns people have when traveling in a foreign country. One of the key benefits of group travel is that an experienced agency plans and prepares for all the travel logistics so you can enjoy the convenience and safety of traveling with a group. Air travel for all tours is arranged on scheduled-air with the major airlines servicing Europe. The MNA tours include a comprehensive sightseeing program illustrated in the individual itinerary, which include major tourist attractions and most entrance fees. Each group has a full time English speaking tour guide. All transfers and sightseeing tours include a private motor coach. The meals are included on the trip and are indicated on the individual itineraries by breakfast (B), lunch (L) and dinner (D). We continue to have a high level of response to our trips and they sell-out quite early. Please be aware that space is limited per tour and will be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Single passengers are encouraged to book as soon as possible, as we have limited spaces per tour for single travelers. The MNA tours are marketed to MNA members and past travelers, but the tours are open to all individuals. You do not need to be an MNA member or a nurse to join one of our tours. If you are interested in traveling with the group on this Durgan Travel tour, please complete the reservation form. A deposit in the form of a check or credit card, made payable to Durgan Travel, will reserve your space on the tour.

In September 2024 we have partnered with Collette Travel to offer a tour to Switzerland, Bavaria and Austria (with an optional post tour extension to Vienna) September 4 – 13, 2024 - \$4799 pp/double occupancy.

This amazing tour begins with a 4-night stay in the Capital City of Bern, Switzerland. In addition to touring the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bern we will visit the small mountain village outside of Interlaken and Lucerne, the "Swiss Paradise on the Lake." On our way to Innsbruck, we will explore Liechtenstein, the smallest German-speaking country in the world and the only country to lie entirely within the Alps. While in Innsbruck we will travel through the picturesque Austrian countryside to Salzburg and tour Mirabell Gardens (seen in *The Sound of Music*) and Getreidegasse (birthplace of Mozart), as well as many other highlights of

this beautiful city. While in Austria, we will experience the rich musical tradition of mountainous Austria during a Tyrolean folklore show hosted by a well-known local musical family. On our last full day of touring we will visit the Linderhof Palace and the Ettal Abbey, a Benedictine monastery founded in 1330 before enjoying a farewell dinner at a traditional Tyrolean restaurant. Discover the beauty of the Alps with this fun-filled tour. For the full brochure and registration information, go to: https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1222283



I look forward to having you travel with us. If you have any further questions, please email me at <u>cmallia@mnarn.org</u>.

Carol Mallia, MSN, RN



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# LAKE COMO & SWITZERLAND













### May 15 – 23, 2024 with Durgan Travel

**Day 1 - May 15, Boston / Milan:** Depart Boston's Logan International Airport aboard our overnight flight to Milian (via intermediate city) with meal and beverage service, as well as headsets available on the flight.

Day 2 - May 16, Milan / Lake Como: "Benvenuti in Italia" Arrival at Malpensa Airport in Milan where we will be met by our Tour Escort who will assist with our transfer. Board our private motorcoach for a scenic drive to Lake Como where we will check in at our 4-star hotel, Hotel Bazzoni, www.hotelbazzonitremezzo.com. The remainder of the day is at leisure to familiarize ourselves with our surroundings. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. (D)

Day 3 – May 17, LAKE COMO~BELLAGIO: After breakfast at our hotel. Our day begins with a guided morning tour of the beautiful town of Como, which has kept much of its ancient Roman street plan, beginning in the lovely Piazza Cavour which is surrounded by quaint cafés, colorful houses, and stately hotels. In the afternoon, we will travel by boat on a cruise from the town of Como, up the lake past gorgeous villas, to the picturesque town of Bellagio, where we can wander through the peaceful, narrow lanes and covered walkways lined with pastel-colored houses typical of the area. Return by boat and motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 4 – May 18, BERGAMO:** After breakfast at our hotel, today's excursion will take us to Bergamo, which against the backdrop of the Bergamese Alps, is one of the most beautifully situated cities in Lombardy. Bergamo's Old Town is perched on a hill above, enclosed by ancient Venetian walls, while the modern city center sprawls across the plains below. Our walking tour begins in the Piazza Vecchia – the heart of the Old Town – and we will have the opportunity to view many of its most significant civic and religious monuments, including the Palazzo del Comune, Palazzo della Ragione, the magnificent Cathedral, St. Maria Maggiore, the Colleoni Chapel, with its frescoed dome by Tiepolo, and the beautiful Baptistery. Late-afternoon return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 5 – May 19, LAKE MAGGIORE & THE BORROMEAN ISLANDS: After breakfast at our hotel, we will discover the wonderful Lake Maggiore and the Borromean Islands. First on our agenda, we will drive to Stresa where we will board the boat for our cruise to Isola Bella for a tour of the sumptuous Borromeo Palace, and its magnificent and massive Italianstyle gardens. Next, we will cruise to tiny Isola dei Pescatori, once a fisherman's island and Hemingway's favorite of the Borromean Islands. We will spend the afternoon exploring the island with its narrow alleyways and romantic churches. Return to Stresa by boat, then transfer by motorcoach to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 6 – May 20, ST. MORITZ, SWITZERLAND:** After breakfast at our hotel, we will head north, through Chiavenna in the beautiful Bregaglia Valley, to Castasegna where we will cross the Swiss border. Then, we will navigate the thirteen winding hairpin turns of the road through the Maloja Pass. After passing by crystal-blue Lake Sils, we will drive through Silvaplana (which is 6000 feet above sea level) to the world-renowned mountain resort of St. Moritz. Our short walking tour will include this chic town's most historic and famous landmarks, including the Protestant Church (circa 1786), the idyllic Old Cemetery, and the Schiefer Turm (the Leaning Tower – all that remains of the old Romanesque Church of St. Maurice), leaving time for some shopping in this elegant town. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 7 – May 21, MILAN:** After breakfast at our hotel we head south to stylish Milan, a city with some of the world's most stunning art and architecture. We will have a brief panoramic tour of the downtown sightseeing tour. We will visit the flamboyant 14th century Gothic Duomo ("defended" by the marble statues of 2,224 saints and nearly 100 gargoyles) plus the amazing experience of ROOFTOPS (by lift), then we continue the walking tour to Castello Sforzesco. In the afternoon we will enjoy the shopping in via Monte Napoleone before returning to our hotel on Lake Como for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

Day 8 – May 22, LUGANO SWITZERLAND: After breakfast at our hotel, we will again cross the Swiss border for our fullday tour to Lugano, Switzerland. Lugano is nestled in a bay on the northern side of Lake Lugano, surrounded by the nearby Swiss Alps. The town center, with its Mediterranean-style squares and arcades, and numerous parks, invites us to laze around and enjoy the atmosphere. By the lakeside promenade are the famous Belvedere Gardens, which boasts not only magnificent camellias and magnolias, but also countless sub-tropical plants and modern works of art. We return to Lake Como for dinner and overnight at our hotel. (B, D)

Day 9 – May 23, MILAN -BOSTON: After breakfast and hotel check-out, we will transfer to Malpensa Airport in Milan to board our return flight to Boston (via intermediate city) with meal and beverage service, as well as stereo headsets, available while in flight. (B)

All dinners include a ¼ liter of wine and a ½ liter of mineral water per person. Price is discounted for payment via check and discounted as the group size increases as follows:

PASSENGERS	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-plus	Prices listed are based on twin occupancy. Single
CHECK	\$3599	\$3449	\$3349	\$3279	supplement is an additional \$699. Insurance is \$369 per
CREDIT CARD	\$3699	\$3549	\$3439	\$3379	person for double occupancy and \$409 for single occupancy.

**Dates:** May 15–23, 2024 with Carol Mallia as the Group Leader. Prices listed above include air, departure taxes & fuel surcharges of \$717 (which are all subject to change until final billing). A deposit of \$600 will hold your space. Final Payments are due 75 days prior to departure, March 1, 2024. See cancellation policy on the registration page.

# REGISTRATION

#### Fill and mail to: Carol Mallia • MNA • 340 Turnpike St. • Canton, MA 02021. Questions? cmallia@mnarn.org

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**Cancelation Policy:** \_\_\_\_\_\_ (initials) I/we understand that the balance is due 75 days prior to tour departure and that full refunds, minus a \$25.00 service fee and the cost of insurance, will be returned to passengers if cancellation is given up to 90 days prior to tour departure date. Between 89 - 76 days prior to departure, the full deposit is non-refundable. Between 75 - 60 days prior to departure, 25% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 59 - 45 days prior to departure, 50% of the total tour price is forfeited. Between 44 - 36 days prior to departure, 75% of the total tour price is forfeited. Within 35 days of departure – no refund.

### TRAVEL INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

□ Single Supplement □ Double room □ Triple room, same rate as double room

□ Smoking □ Non-smoking

□ YES, I would like to include the premium for Trip Mate Travel Protection at \$\_\_\_\_\_ premium per person twin and/or \$\_\_\_\_\_ for single (see above for premium rate and inclusions). The insurance premium is paid out of your initial deposit and will not be refunded if trip is cancelled.

DNO, I do not wish to include the premium for Trip Mate Travel Protection Insurance. I realize that I am NOT covered by Travel Protection Insurance.

Please find enclosed a deposit of \$600 per person for \_\_\_\_\_ person(s) due as soon as possible, as space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Make your check payable to DURGAN TRAVEL SERVICE.

Have you traveled with MNA in the past? DNO VES - When/Where?\_

Applicant 1 information	Applicant 2 - Roommate information Name:		
Name: 🗖 Mr. 🗖 Mrs. 🗖 Miss			
Name:			
first middle last (as it appears on passport)	first middle last (as it appears on passport)		
Passport #:	Passport #:		
Place of Issue: Exp Date:	Place of Issue: Exp Date:		
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Phone (home): (business):	Phone (home): (business):		
Mobile:	Mobile:		
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