Bucknell University Alumni Association

VILLAGE LIFE®

AROUND THE

ITALIAN LAKES

MAY 24 TO JUNE 1, 2014
Dear Bucknellian:

Ciao!

High on the list of the most captivating destinations in the world is northern Italy’s fabled Lake District. Its unique setting of glacial waters, Alpine peaks, sub-tropical climate, ancient towns painted in terra cotta and ochre, and distinctly bella figura Italian style combined with a rich history, has inspired poets, composers, musicians, artists and philosophers for centuries.

We are delighted to offer this seven-night Village Life® Around the Italian Lakes soggiorno, a one-of-a-kind itinerary and a wonderful way to experience the true essence of life in, and the incomparable beauty and charm of, the fascinating region of Lombardy featuring the inherently Italian Lago di Como. Our expert-guided excursions explore the artistic and architectural treasures commissioned by Roman patricians, medieval lords and Renaissance princes at a relaxed pace, while enriching lectures and the exclusive Village Forum® featuring local residents, bring you personal perspectives on Lombardy’s cultural heritage and modern life. You will have opportunities to taste northern Italy’s acclaimed cuisine and learn to speak basic Italian, making your visits to Como’s lively market all the more enjoyable.

Accommodations for this comprehensive program are in the charming Hotel Regina Olga, overlooking stunning Lake Como, and located in the heart of the ancient town of Cernobbio, just north of Milan.

Village Life® Around the Italian Lakes is a popular travel program that has sold out every year. It is an excellent value and a great opportunity to truly experience consummate Italian hospitality and daily life in one of Italy’s most unique settings with the convenience of unpacking only once. I encourage you to book now while Early Booking Savings and space are still available.

Arrivederci!

’ray Bucknell,

Katie Malague ’94
President
Bucknell University Alumni Association
Visit picturesque Bellagio, a splendid combination of fin-de-siècle architecture and stunning panoramic views of Lake Como and the majestic Alps. Inset above: Statue at Villa del Balbianello.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENTS are specially arranged and only available on this custom-designed itinerary:

♦ **Hear it from the Experts!** Guest speakers and experienced, English-speaking local guides will accompany you throughout the program and discuss historical, cultural and contemporary Italy.

♦ **Engage** local Lombardi (residents of Lombardy) during the VILLAGE FORUM® where they share their candid perspectives on daily life in the Lake District.

♦ **Meet** a Como scholar who will present a lecture on his luogo natio (hometown).

♦ **Savor** northern Italian cuisine while dining in a typical Cernobbio ristorante.

♦ **Sample** northern Italy’s famous Prosecco sparkling wine.

♦ **Learn** key phrases in la lingua italiana (the Italian language) to make your interactions with local residents all the more enjoyable.

♦ **Enjoy time on your own**—explore the colorful three-times-weekly market in Como, ride a funicular up the mountain to the village of Brunate and observe the rhythms of daily village life from a sidewalk café, just like the Lombardi do.
This delightful town, located at the foot of Mount Bisbino, is the perfect village “home” for our soggiorno. Stroll along Cernobbio’s bustling waterfront. Wander down the village’s narrow medieval streets and amble through its romantic piazzas, lined with handsome buildings painted in the soft buttery hue seen throughout the Lake District.

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: A local scholar presents an exclusive private lecture about Como from Roman times to the present. CULTURAL ENRICHMENT: During the exclusive VILLAGE FORUM®, residents of the Lake District will discuss daily life in this extraordinarily beautiful and historic region.

Como
Founded by the Romans in 196 B.C., Como’s cobblestoned passages wind past medieval towers and walls, Renaissance palaces and churches, Neoclassical 19th-century villas and small family-owned
shops leading to the Piazza Cavour and the tranquil lakeside promenade. The Cattedrale di Como, considered to be the most beautiful cathedral in Lombardy, took nearly 400 years to complete and reflects a seamless blend of Gothic and Renaissance styles.

**Lake Como**
Composer Franz Liszt romanticized, “When you write the story of two happy lovers, place them on the shores of Lake Como.” Cruise by private boat across the sparkling waters of Italy’s deepest—and perhaps most spectacular—lake. Its allure is enhanced by quaint coastal villages like Bellagio and Varenna, and grand Renaissance villas built on the snow-capped mountainsides surrounding Lake Como.

**Varenna**
Splendidly located on the shores of Lake Como, Varenna’s narrow, pine-shaded streets lead through the village’s beautifully preserved medieval center. It is famous as the source for the quarried black marble used to decorate the floors of Milan’s famous Duomo as well as the villas and cathedrals throughout Lombardy.

**Bellagio**
Perched on a promontory punctuated by cypress trees, Bellagio is one of the Lake District’s most famous towns and has been a popular European holiday destination since Roman times. In the 18th and 19th centuries, Milanese nobility flocked here to build elaborate villas and cultivate sub-tropical gardens.

**Villa del Balbianello**
Just across the lake from Bellagio is the exquisite Villa del Balbianello and its magnificent terraced gardens. Built in 1787 by Cardinal Angelo Maria Durini, it was renovated in the early 20th century by an American veteran of World War I and more recently purchased by Italy’s first explorer to summit Mt. Everest, Guido Monzino, who bequeathed it to the Italian National Trust. Today, it remains an authentic Italian villa masterpiece and repository of 18th-century French and English furniture and Monzino’s collection of Chinese, pre-Columbian and African art.

**Lake Maggiore**
Italy’s second-largest lake forms a natural boundary between the regions of Lombardy and Piedmont and is a close rival to Lake Como as the most remarkable in the Lake District. Lake Maggiore’s mild climate allows for the gardens to grow rare and exotic plants in the beautiful landscape beneath the high Alps. The deep, clear waters were a draw and inspiration for Flaubert, Wagner and Goethe.

**Borromean Islands**
Cruise among Lake Maggiore’s enticing islands graced with elegant villas and striking natural beauty. Isola Bella, Isola di San Giovanni, Isola Madre and Isola dei Pescatori are collectively known as the Borromean Islands,

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**Visit Milan’s towering Duomo on the Pre-Program option, home to some of Italy’s finest religious art.**
named after the powerful and influential Borromeo family. Visit the exquisitely preserved Isola Bella where Count Carlo Borromeo III commissioned architect Angelo Crivelli in 1632 to design and build a magnificent Baroque retreat dedicated to his wife, Isabella. Walk through Isola Bella’s breathtaking gardens, where white peacocks stroll among the seasonal blaze of roses, gardenias, camellias, azaleas and rhododendrons. Tour the palazzo, filled with priceless masterpieces by such artists as Tiepolo and the sculptor Canova, and see the magnificent grotto, decorated with shells, pebbles and pink marble creating spectacular mosaics of marine life.

Stresa
An 18th- and 19th-century “grand tour” of Europe was considered incomplete without a visit to Stresa to experience its spectacular mountain views, tropical gardens and the resplendent glistening waters of Lake Maggiore. A young Ernest Hemingway, recuperating in Stresa during World War I, was inspired to make it the setting for Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley’s reunion in *A Farewell to Arms*.

Lugano, Switzerland
Nestled between the Alpine peaks of San Salvatore and Monte Brè, this historic lakeside town is the cultural center of Ticino, the only region in Switzerland where Italian is the official language. This optional, full-day excursion includes a funicular ride to the top of Monte Brè to visit the humble church of Santa Maria degli Angioli to see Bernardino Luini’s amazing 16th-century fresco of the *Passion of Christ*. Enjoy a specially arranged visit to the private, 16th-century Villa Pizzo and its stunning gardens located on the shores of Lake Como.

**Hotel Regina Olga**

Overlooking Lake Como in the charming village of Cernobbio, HOTEL REGINA OLGA combines traditional Italian ambiance with modern facilities, exceptional service and comfortable accommodations. It is a short water taxi ride from Como and within easy walking distance to boutiques and trattorias. Its classic 19th-century Italian style takes you back to the golden age of travel when the hotel first opened. By special arrangement, your air-conditioned room will feature a lovely view of legendary Lake Como; it has a private bathroom, and is equipped with direct dial telephone, satellite television, minibar, hair dryer and ample closet space. The elegant Cenobio dining room serves northern Italian cuisine, and the lounge, coffee lounge and cocktail terrace bar provide ideal settings for conversation and refreshments. For your enjoyment, the hotel also offers beautifully landscaped gardens to stroll through, bicycles and an outdoor swimming pool.

**Milan Pre-Program Option**

Milan, recognized as the capital of world fashion and design, has an ancient cultural heritage and legacy that blends the ornately preserved palaces, churches, and museums with vibrant contemporary life, an abundance of haute cuisine, art and operatic traditions. Visit the world-famous Teatro alla Scala opera house and Milan’s exquisite Duomo. Accommodations for two nights are in the deluxe SHERATON DIANA MAJESTIC.

*The Pre-Program Option and the Lugano optional excursion are at additional cost. Details will be provided with your reservation confirmation.*
Included Features

In Cernobbio
- Seven nights in the charming Hotel Regina Olga featuring accommodations overlooking Lake Como.
- Full buffet breakfast each morning.
- Four dinners featuring traditional northern Italian specialties with house wine.
- Welcome Reception featuring regional Italian wine.

Local Expert-Guided Excursions
- Walking tour of Old Como.
- Private boat cruise across Lake Como to visit the ancient villages of Varenna, Bellagio and Villa del Balbianello.
- Walk through the perfectly preserved medieval quarters of Varenna.
- Visit to romantic Bellagio, the most famous village on Lake Como.
- Specially arranged tour of the Italian National Trust’s magnificent Villa del Balbianello.
- Spectacular, full-day scenic tour of Lake Maggiore, featuring a private boat cruise to the Borromean Islands and a visit to the splendid Isola Bella.

Exclusive Cultural Enrichments
- An exclusive, private lecture about Como history and culture presented by a local scholar and Como native.
- Italian language introduction to basic phrases and customs.
- Specially arranged Village Forum® with local Lombardy residents who will discuss contemporary cultural and social topics.

Enhanced Travel Services
- Transfers and luggage handling abroad for participants whose arrival(s)/departure(s) coincide with the scheduled group transfer(s).
- All excursions and visits, as outlined above, with experienced local guides.
- Gratuities to local guides and drivers on included excursions and transfers.
- Optional Lugano excursion at additional cost.
- Hospitality desk in the hotel.
- The services of a Gohagan & Company Program Director throughout the program.
- Travel document wallet, name badge and pre-departure information.
- Automatic $250,000 flight insurance policy for each participant ticketed on flights by Gohagan & Company.
The beautiful town of Stresa on Lake Maggiore has beckoned European aristocracy for centuries.
Nestled on the shores of Lake Como and surrounded by majestic Alpine peaks, the legendary Villa del Balbianello has one of the most beautiful and dramatic settings in all of Italy.

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- Singles are available upon request for an additional $800.
- Taxes are an additional $295 and are subject to change.

AROUND THE ITALIAN LAKES RESERVATION FORM

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Program reservations require a deposit of $600 per person and $200 per person Milan Pre-Program Option. By reserving and depositing on this program, I/we accept and agree to the Terms and Conditions.

- Enclosed is my/our check(s) for $_______ as deposit. Make checks payable to Thomas P. Gohagan & Company.
- I/We authorize you to charge my/our deposit of $_______ to:
  - Visa
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Please make my/our reservation(s):

- Double occupancy (two twin beds).
- Double occupancy (one double bed).
- Single accommodations.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

Please make my/our reservation(s):
Milan Pre-Program Option
- Double at $940 per person.
- Single at $1240 per person.
- I am reserving as a single but prefer to share accommodations and will allow you to select my roommate (shares cannot be guaranteed).

- I/We want you to book my/our air from ________ (fill in departure city) to and from Milan, Italy, at an additional cost to be advised.†
  - Economy Class
  - Business Class
  - First Class

†Note: Airfare is subject to change and availability and is nonrefundable.

- I/We will make my/our own air arrangements.

All FINAL PAYMENTS are required to be made by check or wire transfer by February 18, 2014.
RESPONSIBILITY: AND ARBITRATION CLAUSE.

CONTRACT: TERMS & CONDITIONS define the beauty and charm of Lake Maggiore.

Picturesque lakes, Alpine views and grand villas

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LUGGAGE: Luggage allowance policies are set by the airlines and may change without prior notice. Please contact your airline(s) for the most current luggage allowance policy.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY: All programs require physical independence and mobility. Any physical or mental condition that may require special medical attention or physical assistance (for example, the need for a wheelchair) must be reported in writing when you make your reservation. Trainers must be able to work or disembark motorcoaches alone or with minimal assistance from your traveling companion and climb stairs without assistance. Travelers requiring assistance must travel with a companion who will be responsible for handling equipment.

DISCOUNTS & CONDITIONS - RESERVATIONS: Discounts apply only to those reservations received in the offices of Gohagan in writing, accompanied by the required deposit, by November 6, 2013. In the event a “discounted” reservation must be cancelled, no “replacement” reservation can be substituted at the discounted rate. A “replacement” reservation is a new reservation and can be substituted only at the full-fare tariff. Cancellation penalties may apply.

CANCELLATIONS: Cancellations for all or any part of the trip including Pre/Post Program(s)/reservation(s) will not be effective until received in writing in the offices of Gohagan. Should you have to cancel, the following terms will apply: reservation cancellation(s) are subject to a $200 ($50 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person administrative fee from the time of booking through 120 days prior to departure; from 95 through 119 days prior to departure, $600 ($200 Pre/Post Program(s)) per person; from 45 through 94 days prior to departure, 50% of the published full regular tariffs; from 22 through 44 days prior to departure, 75% of the published full regular tariffs; cancellations 21 days or less prior to departure, a no-show, or early return from the trip will result in forfeiture of 100% of the published full regular tariffs; in addition, any applicable airline cancellation fees, optional excursion cancellation fees and administrative fees may apply.

TRIP INSURANCE: Because our cancellation policies are strictly enforced, we strongly recommend that you purchase trip cancellation insurance. In the event that you must cancel your participation in a travel program, trip cancellation insurance may be the only source of reimbursement. Trip cancellation insurance is available through Thomas P. Gohagan & Company and others for comprehensive coverage of such expenses in conjunction with cancellation due to illness or accident, and damaged or lost luggage. We will send you an application upon receipt of your reservation.

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The arbitrator and not any federal, state, or local court or agency shall have exclusive authority to resolve any dispute relating to the interpretation, applicability, enforceability, conscionability, or formation of this contract, including but not limited to any claim that all or any part of this contract is void or voidable.

ACCEPTANCE OF CONTRACT: By forwarding of deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any mental, physical or other condition of disability that would create a hazard for him/herself or other participants and accepts the terms and conditions of this contract.

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