

CRUISES ON LAKE BRACCIANO ~ROME~

One day tour



THE LORDS OF THE LAKE

We retrace the most known parts of the Lake's history and then delve even further into the secrets and wonders that hide in its most grand and imposing monument, the invincible Castello-Odescalchi, fortress and keep of the feudal lords. The surrounding walls, the great tower and the lords' residences speak the stories through their stones of a territory that was the theatre of the Saracen incursion, the dominion of the powerful Prefetti di Vico clan and of the Orsini and Odescalchi families that followed. Eminent guests, strategic weddings, political intrigue, excommunications and betrayals, all have had a place within these walls since their tumultuous beginnings. And so to have passed calmer seasons in which guests have enjoyed the sport fishing, the relaxation and the splendid scenery offered by the hosts of their day, the Lords of the castle, and which we offer today to those who wish to take part.

The day will include a bit of free time to enjoy a pleasant walk along the central streets followed by a lunch of locally produced ingredients. In the afternoon, a guided excursion by boat: we will visit the cities of Bracciano, Anguillara and Trevignano, peering into the ancient life of the towns and their peoples who lived along the shore, revealing places and stories engulfed by the waters through the passing of the centuries.

The day's itinerary

- 10,30** Arrival and meeting with the guide
- 11,00** Tour of Castello the Orsini-Odescalchi and lunch in a restaurant
- 15,00** Boarding for a guided tour on the Motonave Sabazia II
- 16,30** Return and end of the tour



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EN ROUTE TO INDIA

From London to Alexandria and onwards all the way to the Orient, stopping along the way at Lake Bracciano – such were the eventful years between 1937 and 1940 when the Lake, already an Italian military seaplane base, was chosen by the Imperial Airways as a stage point along the early flights to these far-flung destinations. Stately aircrafts touched down on the lake nearby what is still today called il Molo degli Inglesi (The English Pier), the current dock of the Sabazia II. An air of times past – of refined gentry and diplomats, wealthy travelers and a world preparing for war – is evoked along the route of the museum, unwinding through the four hangers of the Historical Museum of Military Aeronautics of Vigna di Valle. The buildings house planes and aircrafts from the early days of flight up to modern times. After a lunch of traditional flavors from the area the day will conclude with a guided tour of the lake aboard the Sabazia II. The excursion will offer visitors an opportunity, cruising along the surface of the lake, to enjoy the same sights as the many aviators experienced arriving and departing from this beautiful lake.



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11,00 Visit of the Historical Museum of Military Aeronautics of "Vigna di Valle"

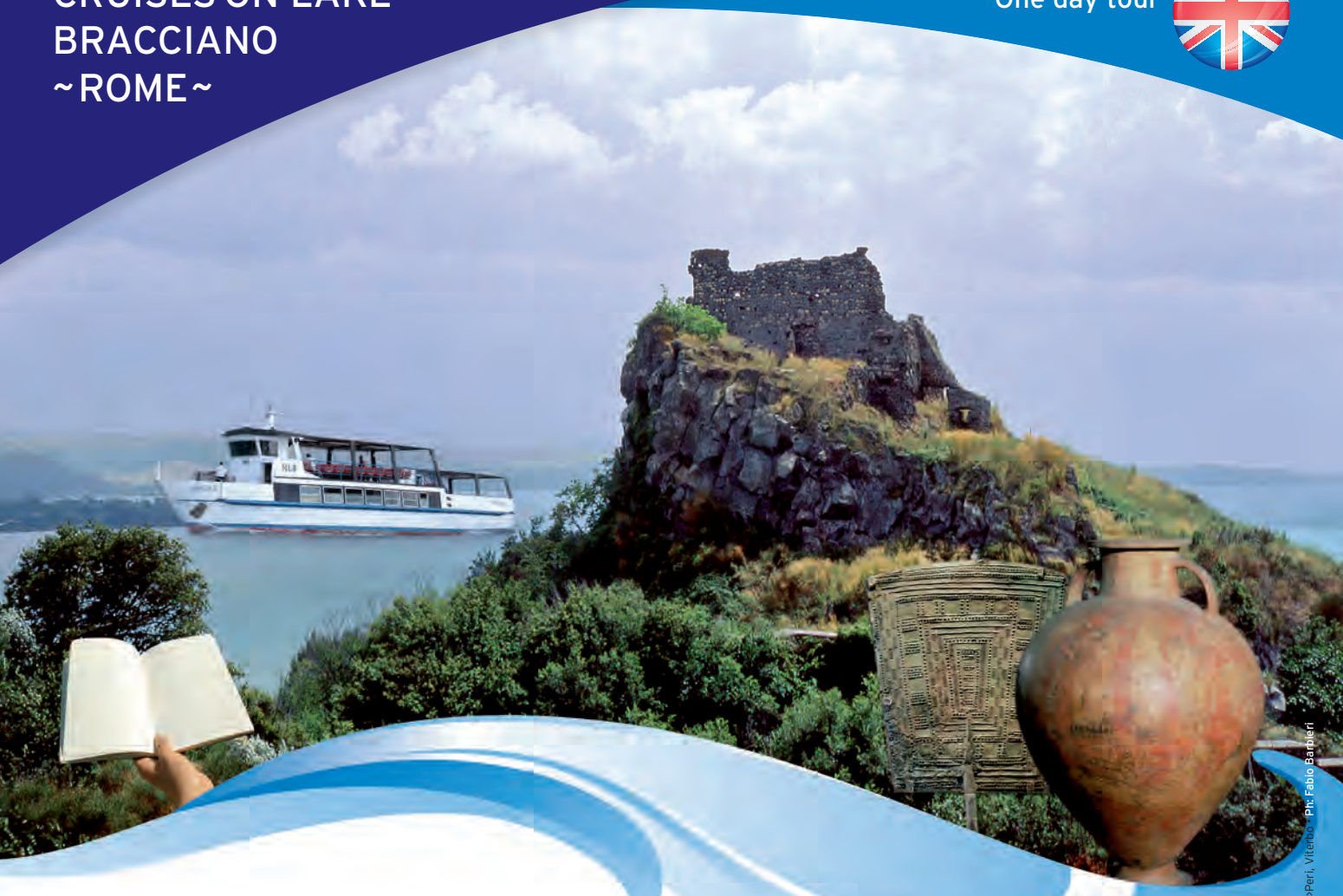
13,00 Lunch in a restaurant

15,00 Embarking on the guided ferry tour

16,30 Back and end of the tour

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ETRUSCAN WARRIOR

There was, once upon a time, a pre-Roman civilization known as the Etruscans. That time has long-since past yet it is not lost to us today. The stories of this ancient region are told through the artifacts left to us, indelible testaments of a glorious age preserved through the centuries: The origins and history of the distinctive village of Trevignano are discovered through these precious objects, conserved in the Etruscan Civic Museum. Perhaps the most remarkable among the invaluable artifacts housed there are found in the exhibits of the intact tomb of a soldier from the 8th century BC, still adorned with his cache of weapons and the remains of two chariots. The life of the medieval fiefdom of Trevignano, then *Trebonianum*, still echoes through the ruins of the Rocca degli Orsini as well – the ancient stronghold erected on the precipice overlooking the beautiful landscape of the lake Bracciano. To appreciate the fruits of this land and its local flavours, we will take a part in a traditional lunch at a family owned establishment. The day will end with a ferry Boat tour to discover the ancient town of *Sabate*, hidden in the middle of the Lake, 160 metres under its water.



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- 10,30** Arrival and meeting the guide at Trevignano Romano
- 11,00** Visit of the Etruscan Historical Museum
- 12,00** Walk around the old town centre
- 13,00** Traditional lunch
- 16,00** Ferry Boat Tour
- 17,30** Return and end of the tour



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BIKE RIDE THROUGH THE SECRETS OF THE TWO LAKES

The day begins with a guided excursion on bicycle that is, without a doubt, the best suited means to thoroughly enjoy the well kept lands of the Parco Naturale di Bracciano and Martignano at a leisurely pace. The route begins from the ancient millstone of Anguillara, positioned at the mouth of the Arrone river. Across a small stone bridge one finds a spring, a place where shepherds would gather and rest their flocks returning from the pasture. Along the way, the path comes to the first evidence of the aqueduct Paolo V, the ancient aqueduct constructed by Emperor Trajan, and then climbs upwards towards a stunning panorama of the area to behold and admire: from the soft blue waters of Lake Bracciano and Lake di Martignano, to the brilliant colors emblazoned across the untainted landscape cradled between them. At this point we head downwards towards a small chalet where we find food and hospitality of local flavor. After a lunch of traditionally leisurely style - it's helmets on and back down the hill! Back in Anguillara, where we will leave the bikes, the tour will continue by ferry boat to learn the history of Lake Bracciano.

The Day's Itinerary

- 10,30** Arrival and meeting with the guide at Anguillara Sabazia and departure with bikes
- 12,30** Lunch of traditionally leisurely style
- 14,00** Departure to Anguillara Sabazia
- 15,30** Boarding for a guided tour on the Motonave Sabazia II
- 17,00** Return and end of the tour



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THE ANCIENT TRADITIONS OF THE LAKE

Anguillara, perched handsomely over Lake Bracciano, has maintained all the charm and intriguing air of a medieval centre. It is an air that surrounds you walking through the narrow streets that lead to the "Fontana delle Anguille"; among the magnificent frescos from the school of Raffaello at the Palazzo Baronale Orsini; and inside an ancient grotto dug-out in tufo rock and its here, that centuries of old-lifestyle of the rural population finds its voice to tell us the story of people who dedicated their lives to the capricious land and exhibits the symbols of their civilization.

The tour winds through objects and stories of the pastoral, agrarian and piscine world from the early 10th century – a world distant in time, yet one redolent of our common history.

A lunch of Old World flavour and a relaxing cruise on the Sabazia II complete our immersion into the life and stories that the Lake reveals.



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11,00 Walk through the town centre and learn about the ancient traditions of the lake

13,00 Lunch in a restaurant

15,30 Guided tour on ferry tour

17,00 Return and end of the tour

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THE TREASURE MAP

Our ship, the Sabazia II, turns into a galleon that takes the young travelers on an adventure of unexpected discoveries. Through activities and didactic projects, participants will be guided along the creation of a biomap: A survey of the current landscape, both natural and anthropological, will serve to illustrate the fundamental features of the surrounding territory. From this foundation we will elaborate upon the forces which have imposed themselves upon the region and its development throughout history; from the origins of its formation, the blowing winds and the topology of the waters; to the influences of the local flora and fauna, and the presence of man. Thus, through navigations and pauses, the explorers will be able to create a personal "treasure map". But what is this treasure? The treasure is the lake itself with its natural and human legacy that is largely still intact today and always a wonder to discover. The area of the lakebed will become the background upon which to imagine the fantastic history of the area played out – dramatic scenes of volcanic erosion and water in motion, the development of life in and around the lake, the appearance of man and his relation with nature. In just one day on the lake, science, history and imagination come together through direct experience and practical understanding to encourage a greater, more attentive awareness of the world that surrounds us.

The Day's Itinerary

- 10,00** Arrival and meeting the guide at Bracciano ex Idroscalo degli Inglesi
- 10,30** Ferry Boat Tour
- 13,00** Lunch
- 14,00** Learn about the environmental of the Lake
- 16,00** Back and end of the tour



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UNDERWATERLIFE

We will take a look at the lake of Bracciano from its most interesting side, even if it is not the most visible at first glance... we will look for hidden life under the water's surface. Enjoy the lake for its submerged, but never forgotten marvels, waiting to be rediscovered.

Thanks to the technical support of the Diving Centre Hydra, it is possible to take a journey in a world of history and nature: through modern technologies we will uncover the ancient life of the lake and imagine being archaeologists for one day, working on an archaeological underwater site.

This way, we will be able to understand the wonders that have been concealed underwater for centuries. We offer a guided tour of the lake aboard the Sabazia II, offering visitors an opportunity to make a journey not only through space and time, but also in the underwater world, usually invisible and therefore ever so fascinating.



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The Day's Itinerary

- 9,30** Arrival and meeting with the guide
- 10,00** Boarding for a guided tour on the Motonave Sabazia II. Illustration of the Neolithic Village
- 13,00** Lunch in a restaurant
- 15,00** Boarding for a guided tour from Trevignano to Bracciano. Illustration of the submerged areas of Vicarello. Illustration of the submerged areas of Vigna Grande
- 16,30** Return and end of the tour



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