

San Giulio ~ Lake Orta Guide

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Day 1 -

4:30 PM – Short Introductory Walk: Center of Orta and Lungolago

- Stroll along the lakeside promenade (Lungolago).
- Optional: quick climb to the top of the Sacro Monte hill nearby for views (short, gentle climb).

5:30 PM – Visit Isola di San Giulio (optional micro-cruise or walk)

- If you'd like, take a short boat transfer to San Giulio Island for a 30–40 minute stroll around the island and a peek at the ancient basilica. Boats run from the town dock; check the local timetable.

7:00 PM – Dinner at a Lakeside or Historic Setting

- Recommendation: Ristorante Venus (for lake views) or Restaurant La Piazzetta Orta (Orta town center) for traditional Piedmontese and lake-inspired dishes.

9:00 PM – Evening Gelato or Nightcap

- Treat yourselves with gelato along the lakefront or a relaxing glass of wine at a Piazza-area cafe.

Practical tips:

- October evenings can be cool; bring a light jacket or sweater.
- Wear comfortable walking shoes for cobblestone streets
- Your hotel -San Rocco has fabulous facilities you can take advantage of. i encourage you to discover what is available to you as a guest.

Day 2

7:30 AM – Breakfast at Hotel San Rocco

8:30 AM – Enjoy a Bike Ride: Orta San Giulio & Surroundings (2–3 hours)

- Route idea: Orta town center → along the lakefront → up toward the hills above Sacro Monte or the hillside paths toward Pella or Pettenasco.

- Distance: ~15–25 km depending on pace.

- What to expect: gentle rolling hills, scenic lake views, small villages, and shaded lanes.

-Bike rentals and group bike tours

11:00 AM – Snack Break & Light Rest

- Stop at a local cafe for espresso and a pastry or light focaccia.

11:30 AM – Visit Sacro Monte di Orta (optional, half-day)

- A serene UNESCO-listed site with a series of chapels along a hillside path. It's a shaded, peaceful walk with panoramic views of Lake Orta.

1:30 PM – Lunch at a Local Trattoria

- Try: Pane & Vino or L'Ustaria Ca' dal Rat (lake-view options) for regional specialties.

3:00 PM – Free Time / Optional Activities

- Optional: Boat ride to San Giulio Island for a second short visit and a chance to shop for local crafts.

- Or a relaxing stroll through Orta San Giulio town center or a quiet park by the lake.

5:00 PM – Return to Hotel & Freshen Up

6:30 PM – Sunset Walk & Photo Stop

- Take a gentle walk along the quieter lanes of Orta, capturing the sunset over the lake. Sunset time this evening: 6:51 PM

7:45 PM – Dinner in Orta San Giulio

- Restaurant suggestions:

- La Motta (historic, refined Italian with local dishes)

- Ai Due Santi (popular, seasonal menus)

- Menu highlights: seafood with regional edges, fresh pasta, local cheeses.

9:30 PM – Optional Evening Stroll or Nightcap

- If you're up for it, a relaxed walk around the lakefront or a nightcap at a cozy bar.

About Me



Hello!
I'm Pamela



I have been organizing and leading tours throughout Italy since 2011.

Fond experiences of time with my Italian grand-parents (grandfather born in Sicily) lead me to seek out and share authentic adventures in Italy.

- ❖ 23 years of experience in traveling to and from Italy. Currently living in Florence Italy.
- ❖ Passionate to work with local, family-owned, small businesses for authentic Italian experiences.

I can't wait to see what we can create together in the future. *Pamela Bomkamp*

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