



# Lake Garda, Italy 2019



## 4\* Grand Hotel Gardone

**Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September – 5<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

We are delighted to return to the picturesque Lake Garda, the largest lake in Italy. Lake Garda is based in northern Italy, about half-way between Brescia and Verona, and between Venice and Milan. The 4\* Grand Hotel Gardone boasts one of the most exclusive destinations on the Gardone Riviera, set immediately on the lakeside with wonderful views.

As always, there will be two interesting excursions; the first a private boat tour of Lake Garda and Sirmione in which the main historical landmark the *Grotte di Catullo*, the most striking example of a Roman private edifice, can be found. Secondly visiting the beautiful, historical city of Verona named a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Bridge Programme: Jack Stocken will be hosting an informative and entertaining Bridge programme which will include Andrew Robson's Lessons (four mornings), Supervised Play (two afternoons) and Gentle Duplicate after dinner each night, 9pm - 11pm (or Supervised Play for those who would prefer a more relaxed game, numbers permitting). As usual, the standard is friendly Intermediate; the Bridge is not suitable for club players that are used to a more serious, competitive 24 board duplicate.

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**Grand Hotel Gardone:** The Grand Hotel Gardone is located directly on the shores of Lake Garda and boasts one of the most exclusive destinations in the Gardone Riviera. There is also a lovely garden and promenade along the lake.

Built as the first hotel on Lake Garda in 1884, and having undergone recent renovations, the hotel is the epitome of elegance and style whilst offering modern comforts and services. WIFI is available in all the public rooms.

Amongst the many celebrities that have stayed at the Grand Hotel Gardone are: King George of Saxony, d'Annunzio, Churchill, Nabokov, Maugham and Sabin.

**Leisure facilities:** There is a lovely heated outdoor pool overlooking Lake Garda. In addition, there is also a whirlpool, sauna and Turkish bath. Grand Hotel Gardone has a Wellness Centre and offers beauty and massage treatments. It is advised to pre-book all treatments to avoid disappointment.



**Golf:** For golfers, there are two excellent options. The first being the Arzaga Golf Club, near Padenghe, situated in a green oasis up on the hills of Lake Garda. Arzaga 1 course was designed by Jack Nicklaus. The second option being Bogliaco Golf Resort which is located behind the western hills of Lake Garda. The course is covered with oleander, cypresses, olive trees & has an enviable position overlooking the lake.



**Weather:** The average temperature in September is 78°F / 25°C and the lake is warm enough to swim in!

**Website:** Further details of the hotel may be found on [www.grandhotelgardone.it](http://www.grandhotelgardone.it)

- Bedrooms:** All rooms are elegantly furnished and are en-suite. They are equipped with safe, minibar, sat TV, telephone and air-conditioning.
- Standard Double:** As above. These rooms are located on the lower floors of the hotel and have marble bathrooms with bath and shower overhead. Available as double or twin beds.
- Single with Lake View:** As above. These rooms are located in the central part of the hotel and enjoy a balcony with breathtaking lake view. Each single room has a single bed and an en-suite bathroom with either bath or shower.
- Classic Double with Lake View:** As above. Furnished in classic style, these comfortable rooms have balconies and Lake View. Available as double or twin beds.
- Superior Double with Lake View:** As above. These beautiful rooms have been refurbished rooms, have a balcony and offer breath-taking views of the lake. Each superior room has a spacious marble bathroom. Available as double or twin beds.
- Junior Suite:** The Junior Suites have been refurbished to a high standard and offer a wide room, with a large bedroom, a comfortable sitting area, marble bathroom and balcony with wonderful view of the lake. Available as double or twin beds.



Example of a Superior Room

**Cuisine:** The restaurant has a large veranda overlooking the lake and its unforgettable sunsets. It offers dishes of fine cuisine, attentive to the excellence of the local products and based on authentic and regional dishes. There is a large wine list to compliment the excellent food.



**Winnie's Piano Bar:** Relax after dinner, and listen to live music, in the refined and comfortable surroundings of Winnie's Bar situated in the garden by the lake. The Piano Bar was named as Sir Winston Churchill spent many evenings here post war, smoking his cigar and sipping Pol Roger, his favourite champagne.

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# EXCURSIONS



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## Monday 30<sup>th</sup> September - Lake Tour, Isola del Garda & Sirmione Excursion

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Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays has arranged a private boat and professional guide to visit the delights of Lake Garda and the surrounding areas. Firstly visiting Isola del Garda - a natural park, inhabited during Roman times and currently owned by the Carvazza family. There will be a guided tour of the island (approximately 2 hours). Depart by private boat to Sirmione, passing through Rocca di Manerba and in front of the renowned Catullo Grottos. Lunch will be taken at a good restaurant situated on the lakeside. Following lunch there will be a guided tour of Sirmione, thought to be the most beautiful village on Lake Garda. Sirmione stands on a picturesque peninsula and has been settled since the Stone Age. Sirmione houses Rocca Scaligera castle, Roman ruins as well as thermal baths. Return by private boat to the Grand Hotel Gardone. Excursion time: 9.30am - 5pm approximately.



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## Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Verona Excursion

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Andrew Robson Bridge Holidays has arranged a private coach and professional guide to take us to the beautiful and historic city of Verona, a named World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

Verona was founded in the 1st century B.C and sits at the foot of Monte Lessini on the River Adige. The city has preserved a remarkable number of monuments from antiquity, the medieval and Renaissance periods, and represents an outstanding example of a military stronghold.

There will be the opportunity to visit the Roman Amphitheatre found in the city's largest piazza, the Piazza Bra. The amphitheatre is the third largest in Italy, after Rome's Coliseum. Not far from there the Ponte Pietra bridge can be found - another Roman landmark that has survived to this day. Further points of interest are the House of Juliet, Lamberti Tower, Duomo di Verona (the Cathedral Complex) and the Statue of Madonna.

Lunch will be taken in a typical Italian restaurant in one of the Piazza's. There will be free time to explore the city and perhaps even manage a spot of shopping! Excursion time: 9.00am - 5.30pm approximately.

**Prices to be confirmed in June 2019. Lunch, guide, private boat, coach transfer and most entrance fees will be included. Excursions subject to change and minimum numbers apply.**

## Transport, Prices and Booking Conditions

**Booking & Deposit:** Please note that bookings will not be confirmed or accepted without a booking form and non-refundable deposit cheque for £250. Please book early so that we can try to accommodate any requests you may have. Booking forms can be completed online on our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

**Transport:** Scheduled flights with British Airways from Heathrow - Milan Linate. Please note that availability may be limited and flight seats will be booked on a first come first served basis. Flights and transfers not included in package price.

**Package includes:**

- Bridge tuition to include 4 x lessons with Andrew's set hands, 6 x Gentle Duplicates and 3 x Supervised play sessions (Chicago scoring)
- Half board accommodation as detailed below
- Exclusive use of the Bridge room for the week
- Welcome drink in the hotel before dinner on the first evening
- The use of facilities within the hotel

**Accommodation:** Price includes half-board accommodation as on page 3. Please note: rooms do vary in size and style. ARB Holidays will do its utmost to ensure that requests are granted, but will treat all requests on a strictly first come first served basis. However rooming allocations are ultimately made at the hotel's discretion.

<b><u>Package Price:</u></b> (NO TRAVEL)	Standard Double Room:	2 sharing	£1395 per person
		1 person	£1695
	Single Room with Lake View:	1 person	£1795
	Classic Double Room with Lake View:	2 sharing	£1495 per person
		1 person	£1895
	Superior Double Room with Lake View:	2 sharing	£1595 per person
		1 person	£1995
	Junior Suite:	2 sharing	£1795 per person

**Flights and Transfers:** **Group flights are not available until mid-October 2018 when we will advise of cost and times.** ARB Holidays will book a number of British Airways flights from Heathrow to Milan Linate to include coach transfers to the hotel. Nb Please note package prices above do not include flights or transfers and group flights are subject to availability.

**Extra nights:** You are welcome to stay extra nights and make your own travel plans. Please book and pay for extra nights directly with the hotel and note that ARBH take no responsibility for extra nights, including cancellations or no shows.

**Insurance:**

It is the responsibility of individuals to ensure they have adequate travel insurance for this trip, to include any activities in which they may be participating. On booking, a signature will be required to guarantee that you have, or will have, made the arrangements to insure your party as necessary.

**Money:**

- Should the £ fall by more than 5% against the Euro before mid-June 2019, a surcharge, appropriate to the fall, will be charged to all clients on the package price and excursions.
- The deposit is non-refundable.
- The full balance is due by mid-June 2019.

**Cancellation:**

The deposit is non-refundable and once the balance has been paid, no refunds will be given, although you should be able to claim on your travel insurance.

**Air Travel Organisers' Licensing (ATOL):**

Your flights are covered by ATOL licence 4013, Switzerland Travel Centre. ATOL exists to protect the public from losing money or being stranded abroad because of the failure of air travel firms. It gives comprehensive financial protection to 28 million people in the UK who buy flights every year.

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## LAKE GARDA 2019 BOOKING FORM

Please fill in this form and **preferably pay the £250 deposit via online banking** (email Jack for details) or post a cheque made payable to “ARB Holidays” to Jack Stocken at 53 East Witton, North Yorkshire, DL8 4SL. One booking form per person please (except couples). You can book online – please visit our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

1. I would like to book \_\_\_\_\_ persons on the trip, detailed as below:

**Names** (please enter Title, Christian name and Surname as on passport)

**Room type (see page 3)**

**Standard** (twin or double)

**Single Room with Lake View**

**Classic with Lake View** (twin or double)

**Superior with Lake View** (twin or double)

**Junior Suite** (twin or double)

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2. **Insurance:** Please sign below, on behalf of your party, to state that you guarantee to have taken out adequate insurance for your holiday and have agreed to the Terms and Conditions as on the home page of our website [www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk](http://www.andrewrobsonbridgeholidays.co.uk)

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3. **Own travel and dietary needs etc:** Please note any other requirements here, e.g. independent flights (not with the group BA flight from Heathrow) and/or transfers, vegetarian meals, allergies etc

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4. Please fully complete the section below in BLOCK CAPITALS:

Address .....

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Telephone/Mobile: .....

Email .....

5. **Next of Kin:** Please provide the following details (IN BLOCK CAPITALS PLEASE)

Name: ..... Main Contact Number: .....

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