



IGCA CONGRESS 2023

ITALY

24th – 30th September

Pre-Tour in Sicily: 21st – 24th September

NOTICE: THE PROGRAM MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGES

PROGRAM

Pre-tour in Sicily

Thursday, September 21

5.00 pm Meeting point at Catania Airport

Transfer to Parco Radice Pura (Giarre) and visit

Dinner at Parco Radice Pura

Transfer to Boutique Resort Donna Carmela (Carruba) and Ramo d'Aria Etna Country Hotels (Giarre)

Friday, September 22

Hotel breakfast

8.30 am Transfer to the Etna Park, visit to the volcano with a drive up to 1800 meters with expert guides in English, short walk to the summit of the volcano (comfortable shoes and suitable clothing are recommended)

Transfer to Cantina Pietradolce, located on the volcano, lunch and tasting of local wines

To follow, visit to an oil mill with tasting of local oils

Afterwards, visit to a ceramics factory in Giarre

Transfer to the hotel and dinner at Donna Carmela restaurant

Saturday, September 23

Hotel breakfast

8.00 am Departure for visit Vivai Piante Faro (Giarre)

Transfer to Terme Vigliatore and visit to Vivaio Sicilia Verde

Lunch on site

Transfer to a second nursery and visit

Transfer to Taormina and visit of the old town and the ancient theatre with English guides

Dinner at restaurant La Botte (Taormina) with typical dishes

Return to the hotel



Sunday, September 24

Hotel Breakfast

Transfer to the airport of Catania

Lunch at the airport

Flight Catania - Milan Malpensa (included)

Milan Malpensa to Grand Hotel Dino (Baveno): bus transfers (included)

PRE-TOUR IN SICILY PARTICIPATION FEES

SINGLE ROOM 1.850 EURO p.p.

DOUBLE ROOM 1.700 EURO p.p.

Note:

One way flight Catania – Milan Malpensa

+ bus transfer from Milan Malpensa Airport to Grand Hotel Dino in Baveno (Lake Maggiore)

ARE INCLUDED



PROGRAM

IGCA2023 Congress

Sunday, September 24

During the day, the participants arrive independently at the Grand Hotel Dino (Baveno, Lake Maggiore)
Optional: shuttles from Milan Malpensa Airport - Grand Hotel Dino (Baveno): departures 11 am - 1pm - 3pm - 5 pm. Booking required, cost 70 euro round trip.
3.00 pm Next Generation Youth Forum (surprise program)
8.00 pm Departure from Grand Hotel Dino (Baveno) and transfer for dinner at Restaurant La Rampolina (Campino)
Return to the hotel

Monday, September 25 (Theme: Vine)

7.25 am Business Session
8.00 am Hotel departure
9.30 am Visit to Garden Center Steflor (Paderno Dugnano)
12.00 pm Visit to Centro Verde Caravaggio (Caravaggio)
3.00 pm Departure time
4.00 pm Visit to Garden Center Viridea (Castenedolo)
5.30 pm Departure
6.15 pm Visit to Giardineria (Travagliato) and aperitif
7.40 pm Departure
8.30 pm Dinner at the winery La Montina Franciacorta (Monticelli Brusati BS)
10.30 pm Return to hotel

Tuesday, September 26 (Theme: Pizza and PHOTO DAY)

8.30 am Business session
9.30 am Departure
11.00 am Visit to Peraga Garden Center (Mercenasco)
1.00 pm Turin: Green Pea + Eataly visit with lunch
5.30 pm Exclusive visit to La Venaria Reale (Turin)
8.00 pm Visit Garden Center Donetti (Romagnano Sesia) and pizza dinner
From 10 pm onwards return to the hotel

Wednesday, September 27 (Theme: Fish)

8.00 am Departure from the hotel and visit to Azienda Gessi (Serravalle Sesia)
11.00 am Visit to Garden Center Agricola Home & Garden (Varese)
12.00 Lunch at Agriturismo Fattoria Pasquè (Bernate)
1.30 pm Departure



2.45 pm Boarding for Borromean Islands
3.00 pm Guided visit to Isola Madre and Isola Bella
8.00 pm Dinner at Ristorante Il Verbano (Isola dei Pescatori, Lake Maggiore)

Thursday, September 28

8.00 am Departure from the hotel
9.00 am Visit to Garden Center Cip Garden (Como) and Garden Center Bedetti (Cantù)
11.30 am Departure
12.00 pm Visit to Minoprio Foundation (Vertemate con Minoprio) and lunch
3.00 pm Minoprio Foundation - IGCA Information Meeting (plenary)
Following, visit to Orticolario Horticultural Event at Villa Erba (Cernobbio)
8.00 pm Dinner in Villa Erba (Cernobbio)

Friday, September 29

8.00 am Departure from the hotel
9.00 am Visit to some Garden Centers around Milan TBD
10.00 am Departure
11.00 am Visit to Garden Center Flover (Desio) and lunch
1.30 pm Departure and return to the hotel
OR optional programme:
2.00 pm Arrival in Milan: optional guided tour (San Siro, Castello Sforzesco, Bastioni, new Isola District, Giardino Verticale...)
4.00 pm Transfer to hotel
9.00 pm Gala dinner

CONGRESS PARTICIPATION FEES

SINGLE ROOM 2.800 EURO p.p.
DOUBLE ROOM 2.650 EURO p.p.
LAKE VIEW OPTION + 200 EURO p.p.
Transfer from Milan Malpensa Airport to hotel and return 70 EURO p.p. (booking is mandatory)

**EARLY BIRDS SPECIAL
(for bookings by 28 February 2023)**

SINGLE ROOM 2.550 EURO p.p.
DOUBLE ROOM 2.400 EURO p.p.
LAKE VIEW OPTION + 200 EURO p.p.
Transfer from Milan Malpensa Airport to hotel and return 70 EURO p.p. (booking is mandatory)



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