

**Lake Garda Tour**  
**St. Mary's C.B.S. Portlaoise**  
**Thursday 17th April 2025 - Sunday 20th April 2025**

**Group Leader:** Paul Cahillane

**Group Breakdown:** 78 Passengers ( 71 students & 7 adults)



**Day 1 – Thursday 17th April 2025**

**03:00** Leave Downey's Auto Stop Portlaoise.

**04:30** Assemble in Dublin (**DUB**) – **Terminal 2** and proceed to the Aer Lingus check-in desks to check in for your flight to Linate , where you will be issued your boarding passes. Check-in in advance is not possible.

**Airline:** Aer Lingus  
**Booking Reference(s):** 2RM38W, 2RM3GW  
**Destination:** Linate  
**Flight Number:** EL432  
**Baggage Allowance:** 1 small cabin bag – max 25x33x20cm  
1 checked in bag – max 10kg (40x55x20)

**07:00** Depart from Dublin to **Linate** (LIN) on **flight**, EL432.

**10:40** Arrive Linate (LIN) **Terminal 1**.

Milan - The group will enjoy a self-guided tour of the **San Siro Stadium**. Every visitor in San Siro gets the chance to visit the usually inaccessible places of the stadium such as the changing rooms, the mixed zone, the stands and walking through the tunnel of Champions to get into the legendary pitch of "La Scala del Calcio".

Combined with free time in Milan.

Travel to Lake Garda - Check in to **Hotel Sporting San Zeno** for your **3-night** stay.

Via Perare, 7, 37010 San Zeno di Montagna VR

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<https://www.sanzenosporting.it/eng-sporting-hotel/>

## Day 2 – Friday 18th April 2025

Venice - Take a private water taxi from the **Tronchetto** to the centre of Venice. The Vaporetto will take approx. 45 minutes to get to St. Mark's Square.

Meet your guide and enjoy your scheduled **1 hour walking tour of Venice**.

The guided tour will include an historical and artistic outline of St. Mark's Square, St. Mark's Basilica (exterior), the Doge's Palace (exterior) and the bridge of Sighs. Combined with free time.

**A €100 per headset charge is payable by the group for all lost headsets.**

Evening

Lasize - Evening - travel to town of Lasize on the banks on Lake Garda

## Day 3 – Saturday 19th April 2025

Gardaland - Today the group will enjoy the exhilarating, thrilling and exciting **Gardaland**. With 6 roller coasters and a total of 32 rides you will be spoilt for choice! There are also many shows in Gardaland, one of its most popular being the wonderful dolphin show. Shops and restaurants are also to be found, all immersed in a fantastic green area surrounded by gardens and flowerbeds.

Evening

Sirmione - A reservation has been confirmed for your group to take a scenic boat trip on the lake with Bertoldi Boats. This tour takes approximately 25 minutes and takes in such sights as the new spa, the house of Maria Callas, the opera singer, the Grotte of Catullo, the biggest Roman building in the north of Italy which is 2000 years old, the hot springs for the spa that are on the lake and then come back through the channel of the Scaligeri castle which is 700 years old.

## Day 4 – Sunday 20th April 2025

Morning

Free time in Bardolino.

Afternoon

Verona - Visit the **Verona Arena**. Originally built in 30 AD, it is world famous for holding large scale opera shows and is one of the best preserved ancient structures of its kind. Visit the famous Romeo & Juliet balcony.

Combined with free time to explore.

**17:30** Meet your coach and transfer to Malpensa airport.

**19:45** Assemble in Malpensa airport (**MPX**) – **Terminal 2** and proceed to the Aer Lingus check-in desks to check in for your flight to Dublin, where you will be issued your boarding passes. Check-in in advance is not possible.

**Airline:** Aer Lingus  
**Booking Reference(s):** 2RM38W, 2RM3GW  
**Destination:** Dublin  
**Flight Number:** EL437  
**Baggage Allowance:** 1 small cabin bag – max 25x33x20cm  
1 checked in bag – max 10kg (40x55x20)

**22:15** Depart from Malpensa to **Dublin** (DUB) on **flight**, EL437 .

**23:50** Arrive **Dublin** (DUB) **Terminal 2**.

**01:30** Arrive at **Downey's Auto stop** in Portlaoise.

**In advance of the trip students will need to bring €40 to school to cover the following:**

- Return bus journey to Dublin Airport
- Hotel Tourism Tax in Lake Garda per night
- Tourism Tax in Venice per day
- Also €10 cash will be needed **on arrival at the accommodation as a deposit**. This is hotel policy and will be returned once rooms have been checked at the end of our stay.

**Remember to pack the following where needed:**

- Charger
- Power Bank
- Adapter
- Suncream
- Lip Balm
- Swim Shorts
- Comfortable Shoes
- Insect Repellent
- Anti Histamine
- Toiletries (don't bring these in your carry-on bag)
- Medications (please let your link teacher know if you have some with you)
- Snacks for plane/bus journeys
- 10 kg checked bag
- Small backpack (schoolbag) for the plane