

# Road Trip Itinerary A: South Tyrol & Verona

Scooby Travel Planning

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## ITINERARY OPTION A: Lake Como, Innsbruck, South Tyrol & Verona

### Milan → Mondsee → Bolzano → Verona → Milan

**Dates:** June 24-30, 2026 (7 days)

**Theme:** Alpine Lakes, Mountain Passes, Wine Country & Romance

**Pace:** Relaxed with time to enjoy scenery and meals

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## PART 1: INBOUND - Milan to Mondsee

### DAY 1: TUESDAY JUNE 24 - Milan to Chiavenna

**Theme:** Lake Como Beauty & Alpine Approach

**Driving:** ~140 km, 2.5 hours (with stops)

#### Morning: Depart Milan (9:00 AM)

- Pick up rental car in Milan
- Quick coffee near rental location
- Head north on A9 toward Lake Como

#### Late Morning: Lake Como Exploration (10:30 AM - 2:00 PM)

**Varenna (10:30 AM - 12:30 PM) - Walk of Lovers (Passeggiata degli Innamorati):** 30-minute scenic lakeside stroll - **Villa**

**Monastero:** Beautiful gardens extending to the lake (€10 entry, allow 45 min) - **Varenna Old Town:** Narrow cobblestone streets, colorful houses - **Photo stops:** Classic Lake Como views with Alps backdrop

#### Lunch in Varenna (12:30 PM - 2:00 PM) - Restaurant

**Recommendation:** Il Cavatappi - Lakeside terrace, fresh lake fish (lavarello) - Try: Risotto with perch, local wine - Price: €25-35 per person - Reserve outdoor table

#### Afternoon: Scenic Drive to Chiavenna (2:00 PM - 5:00 PM)

**Route:** Varenna → Bellagio (ferry or drive around) → Menaggio → Colico → Chiavenna

**Bellagio (Optional - 1 hour) - The Pearl of Lake Como** - Walk the stepped streets (Salita Serbelloni) - Gelato at Gelateria del Borgo - Skip if running behind - Chiavenna is the priority

**Menaggio to Colico (Scenic Lakeside Drive)** - Follow SP72 along Lake Como's northern shore - Stop at **Piona Abbey** (12th century, free entry, 20 min) - Views of Grigne mountains across the lake

**Evening: Arrive Chiavenna (5:00 PM)**

**Chiavenna - Your Italian Alpine Base** - Historic town at the foot of Val Bregaglia - Medieval center with porticoed streets - Gateway to Maloja Pass

**Late Afternoon Exploration:** - **Historic Center:** Piazza Salis, Collegiata di San Lorenzo - **Bregaglia Valley Viewpoint:** Walk to overlook the valley entrance - **Relaxing stroll:** Via Prénugola (main street with shops)

**Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation:** Osteria del Porto - Local Valtellina cuisine - Try: Pizzoccheri (buckwheat pasta), Bresaola - Good wine list from nearby Valtellina valley - Price: €30-40 per person - Outdoor seating available

**Alternative:** Locanda della Torre Antica (historic building, cozy atmosphere)

**Evening:** Walk along the Mera River or enjoy a digestif at a café in Piazza

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## **DAY 2: WEDNESDAY JUNE 25 - Chiavenna to Innsbruck**

**Theme:** Spectacular Alpine Passes  
**Driving:** ~280 km, 4-5 hours (with stops)

**Morning: Depart Chiavenna (9:00 AM)**

- Breakfast at hotel or **Caffè delle Alpi** (good coffee, pastries)
- Fill up with fuel (last Italian gas = cheaper)
- Buy Swiss vignette if entering Switzerland briefly

**Late Morning: The Maloja Pass (10:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

**Chiavenna → Maloja Pass (45 min) - Val Bregaglia Scenic Drive:** Narrow valley with granite peaks - **Soglio:** (Optional detour - 20 min) Gorgeous mountain village with stone houses - **Castasegna:** Border village, last stop in Switzerland if taking shortcut

**Maloja Pass Summit (1,815m) - Stop at:** Maloja Palace area for photos - **Views:** Engadine Valley opening up - **Lake Sils (Silsersee):** Briefly visible from the pass - **Time:** 20-30 minutes for photos, coffee at pass hotel

**Coffee at Maloja:** Hotel Maloja Kulm (terrace with panoramic views)

### **Midday: Through Engadine to Reschen Pass (12:00 PM - 2:00 PM)**

**Route:** Maloja → St. Moritz area → Ofen Pass OR Reschen Pass → Nauders

**Option 1: Ofen Pass (Fuorn Pass)** - More scenic, through Swiss National Park - Higher elevation (2,149m) - Wilder landscape

**Option 2: Reschen Pass (Recommended) - Reschensee with submerged church tower** (iconic photo spot) - Easier driving - Passo di Resia (1,504m) - **Stop for 30 min:** Walk to the bell tower in the lake

**Lunch at Reschen Pass Area (1:00 PM) - Restaurant:** Reschener Stube or Seegasthof (near the submerged church) - South Tyrolean specialties - Try: Schlutzkrapfen (spinach ravioli), Speckknödel - Views of the lake and bell tower - Price: €20-30 per person

### **Afternoon: Into Austria - Landeck to Innsbruck (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM)**

**Route:** Nauders → Landeck → Innsbruck - Descend into Tyrol via Inn Valley - **Arlberg Pass** alternative if you want more mountain driving - Or take the faster A12 Autobahn through the valley

**Optional Stop - Wattens (30 min detour): - Swarovski Crystal Worlds** (Kristallwelten) - Giant's garden with crystal installations - Entry: €19, allow 1 hour if interested

### **Evening: Arrive Innsbruck (5:30-6:00 PM)**

**Innsbruck - Capital of the Alps** - Surrounded by 2,000m+ peaks - Imperial history meets mountain culture

**Evening Exploration (6:30 PM): - Old Town Stroll:** Herzog-Friedrich-Straße - **Golden Roof (Goldenes Dachl):** Iconic landmark, 2,657 fire-gilded copper tiles - **Imperial Palace (Hofburg):** Exterior view, baroque architecture - **Maria-Theresien-Straße:** Main pedestrian street, mountain backdrop

**Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation:** Stiftskeller - Historic cellar restaurant - Traditional Tyrolean: Gröstl (pan-fried potatoes with meat), Kasspatzen - Good beer selection - Price: €25-35 per person

**Alternative:** Ottoburg (medieval tower, elegant atmosphere, slightly pricier)

**Evening Activity: - Nordkette by Night:** Take funicular up for city lights view (runs until 11 PM) - Or stroll along the Inn River

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## **DAY 3: THURSDAY JUNE 26 - Innsbruck to Mondsee**

**Theme:** Morning in Innsbruck, Easy Drive to Wedding

**Driving:** ~180 km, 2.5 hours

### **Morning: Explore Innsbruck (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)**

### **Relaxed Morning with Time to Enjoy:**

**Option 1: Nordkette Mountain Experience (Recommended)** - **Hungerburgbahn Funicular** from city center - Seegrube (1,905m) - panoramic terrace - **Time:** 2-3 hours round trip - **Cost:** ~€40 return - **Views:** Inn Valley, Karwendel mountains

**Option 2: Old Town Deep Dive - Hofkirche (Court Church):** 28 bronze statues (including Maximilian I's cenotaph) - **Cathedral of St. James:** Baroque masterpiece - **Market Hall (Markthalle):** Local produce, coffee - **Time:** 2 hours

**Option 3: Ambras Castle (Schloss Ambras)** - Renaissance castle with art collections - Spanish Hall is spectacular - 20 min drive from center - **Time:** 2-3 hours

**Brunch/Lunch (12:00 PM) - Café Recommendation:** Café Mundingplatz or Cafe Kröll - Tyrolean breakfast items - Good coffee - Outdoor seating - Price: €15-20 per person

### **Afternoon: Drive to Mondsee (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM)**

**Route:** Innsbruck → Wörgl → St. Johann in Tirol → Lofer → Salzburg → Mondsee

**Scenic Option:** Via Kufstein (fortress town, 30 min from Innsbruck) - **Kufstein Fortress:** Largest fortress in Tyrol, organ concerts - Walk around old town (1 hour max)

**Drive Through:** - **Wilder Kaiser mountains** (dramatic limestone peaks) - **Loferer Alm:** Alpine plateau views - **Salzburg outskirts:** Brief glimpse of fortress

**Arrive Mondsee by 4:00 PM** (2 hours before wedding - perfect!)

### **Evening: Pre-Wedding in Mondsee**

- Check into accommodation
  - **Relaxing stroll:** Mondsee lakeside promenade
  - **Visit:** Mondsee Abbey (Basilika) - Sound of Music wedding church
  - **Drink:** Coffee/cake at lakeside café
  - **Photos:** Drachenwand (dragon wall) cliffs across the lake
  - **Dinner:** Light meal at hotel or nearby restaurant
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## **PART 2: WEDDING WEEKEND - Mondsee**

### **FRIDAY JUNE 27 & SATURDAY JUNE 28**

- Wedding events as scheduled
  - Enjoy the celebration!
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## **PART 3: OUTBOUND - Mondsee to Milan (Option A)**

## DAY 5: SUNDAY JUNE 29 - Mondsee to Bolzano

**Theme:** Salzburg Stop & South Tyrol Entry

**Driving:** ~280 km, 4 hours (with stops)

### Late Morning: Depart Mondsee (11:00 AM)

- Sleep in after wedding
- Brunch at hotel
- Leisurely checkout

### Midday: Salzburg Stop (12:00 PM - 3:00 PM)

#### Quick Salzburg Highlights (3 hours):

**Mirabell Gardens (30 min)** - Free entry - Sound of Music “Do-Re-Mi” steps - Baroque gardens, fountain

**Getreidegasse (1 hour)** - Mozart’s Birthplace (yellow house) - Historic shopping street - Famous wrought-iron signs - **Lunch here:** Café Tomaselli (historic coffee house, Mozart’s favorite)

**Hohensalzburg Fortress (Optional - 1.5 hours)** - Take funicular up - Views over Salzburg - Skip if short on time

**Lunch in Salzburg (1:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation:** Café Tomaselli - Historic café since 1703 - Coffee, cake, light lunch - Traditional atmosphere - Price: €15-25 per person

**Alternative:** Augustiner Bräustübl (beer hall, massive beer garden)

### Afternoon: Drive to Bolzano (3:00 PM - 6:00 PM)

**Route:** Salzburg → Bischofshofen → Pass Gschütt → Golling → Werfen → Radstadt → Altenmarkt → Flachau → Ennstal → Liezen → Admont → Hieflau → Leoben → Bruck an der Mur → Graz → Klagenfurt → Villach → Tarvisio → Udine → Tolmezzo → Ampezzo → **BUT THIS IS TOO LONG**

**Better Route:** Salzburg → Hallein → Werfen → Pfarrwerfen → Golling → Kuchl → Hallein → Anif → Salzburg → A10 → **Actually, simpler:**

**Actual Best Route:** Salzburg → Bischofshofen → Zell am See → Mittersill → Felbertauern Tunnel → Lienz → Bruneck → Brixen → Bolzano

**OR easier:** Salzburg → A10 Autobahn → Villach → Udine → A23 → Bolzano

**Via A10 (Easier, Faster):** - Salzburg → Tauern Autobahn (A10) - Villach - Udine (Italy) - Tarvisio - Autobahn A23 - Bolzano

**Scenic Stops Along the Way:** - **Werfen:** Hohenwerfen Fortress (visible from highway) - **Golling:** Waterfall just off highway (15 min detour) - **Villach:** Coffee break, last town before Italy

### Evening: Arrive Bolzano (6:00-7:00 PM)

**Bolzano (Bozen) - Where Austria Meets Italy** - Bilingual German-Italian culture - German efficiency + Italian charm - Gateway to Dolomites

**Evening Exploration:** - **Piazza Walther:** Central square, cathedral views - **Lauben (Portici):** Arcaded shopping streets - **Fruit Market:** Local produce, speck, cheese - **Victory Monument:** Views over town

**Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation:** Hopfen & Co. - Craft beer + South Tyrolean food - Modern atmosphere - Try: Knödel variations, local beers - Price: €25-35 per person

**Alternative:** Wirtshaus Atheiner (traditional, more rustic)

**Evening:** Walk along Talvera River or enjoy the mountain air

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## **DAY 6: MONDAY JUNE 30 - Bolzano to Verona**

**Theme:** South Tyrol Morning & Romantic Verona

**Driving:** ~150 km, 2 hours (with long stops)

### **Morning: Bolzano Exploration (9:00 AM - 1:00 PM)**

#### **Relaxed Morning:**

**Ötzi the Iceman (Optional - 1.5 hours) - South Tyrol Museum of Archaeology** - 5,300-year-old mummy from glacier - Incredibly well-preserved - Entry: €10 - **Unique:** Worth seeing if interested in archaeology

**OR Just Wander:** - **Old Town:** Medieval streets, market square - **Cathedral:** Gothic-Romanesque mix - **Café Culture:** Sit at Piazza Walther - **Shopping:** Local woodwork, wool products, wine

**Brunch/Lunch (12:00 PM) - Café Recommendation:** Caffè Macchiato or Cafe Buratti - Coffee, pastries, light lunch - People watching - Price: €15-20 per person

**Alternative:** Market stalls for street food

### **Afternoon: Drive to Verona (1:30 PM - 4:00 PM)**

**Route:** Bolzano → A22 Autobahn → Trento → Rovereto → Verona

**Optional Stop - Trento (45 min):** - **Cathedral Square:** Renaissance architecture - **Buonconsiglio Castle:** Historic fortress - **Moser Tower:** Views over the city - Just off the highway

### **Arrive Verona (4:00 PM)**

### **Late Afternoon/Evening: Verona Romance (4:30 PM - Evening)**

#### **Verona - City of Romeo & Juliet**

**Piazza delle Erbe (5:00 PM)** - Roman forum turned market square - Whimsical fountain (Madonna Verona) - Cafés with outdoor seating - **Aperitivo time:** Order Aperol Spritz, get snacks

**Juliet's House (Casa di Giulietta)** - Famous balcony (actually added in 1936!) - Bronze statue of Juliet (rub breast for luck) - Love letters on walls - **Time:** 30 minutes - **Entry:** Courtyard free, house €6

**Arena di Verona (6:30 PM)** - Third-largest Roman amphitheater (after Rome, Capua) - Incredibly well-preserved - **Best view:** From Piazza Bra - **Evening:** If opera is playing, consider tickets - **Entry:** €10 to enter, €20-200 for opera

**Dinner (8:00 PM) - Restaurant Recommendation:** Trattoria al Pompiere - Traditional Veronese cuisine - Try: Amarone risotto, horse meat (local specialty) - Excellent wine list (Valpolicella, Amarone) - Price: €35-50 per person - Reserve ahead

**Alternative:** Osteria al Duca (near Arena, casual, good value)

**Evening Stroll:** - **Ponte Pietra:** Roman bridge over Adige River - **Castelvecchio:** Medieval castle (exterior) - **River views:** Sunset colors on the water

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## DAY 7: TUESDAY JULY 1 - Verona to Milan

**Theme:** Morning in Verona, Easy Return

**Driving:** ~160 km, 2 hours

**Morning: More Verona or Lake Garda (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

**Option 1: More Verona (Relaxed)** - Sleep in - **Brunch:** Café Carducci or similar - **Slow stroll:** Missed corners of old town - **Shopping:** Corso Porta Borsari (elegant street) - Depart around 11:00 AM

**Option 2: Lake Garda Detour (1.5 hours extra)** - Drive to **Sirmione** (40 min from Verona) - Peninsula town on Lake Garda - **Scaliger Castle:** Picturesque fortress - **Grotte di Catullo:** Roman ruins - **Thermal springs:** Famous spa town - **Lunch:** Lakeside restaurant - Depart around 12:30 PM

**Option 3: Valpolicella Wine Country - Wine tasting:** Amarone country (30 min from Verona) - **Villa della Torre:** Renaissance villa, winery - **Lunch:** Winery restaurant with views - Depart around 1:00 PM

**Afternoon: Return to Milan (1:00 PM - 3:00 PM)**

**Drive:** Verona → A4 Autobahn → Milan - Straightforward highway drive - **Stop:** Brescia or Bergamo (if time permits)

**Arrive Milan (3:00 PM)** - Return rental car - Trip complete!

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## RESTAURANT SUMMARY (Option A)

Location	Restaurant	Cuisine	Price	Must-Try
Varenna	Il Cavatappi	Lake fish	€25-35	Risotto with perch

<b>Chiavenna</b>	Osteria del Porto	Valtellina	€30-40	Pizzoccheri
<b>Maloja Pass</b>	Reschener Stube	South Tyrolean	€20-30	Schlutzkrapfen
<b>Innsbruck</b>	Stiftskeller	Tyrolean	€25-35	Gröstl
<b>Salzburg</b>	Café Tomaselli	Café	€15-25	Coffee & cake
<b>Bolzano</b>	Hopfen & Co.	Modern South Tyrolean	€25-35	Craft beer & knödel
<b>Verona</b>	Trattoria al Pompiere	Veronese	€35-50	Amarone risotto

## DRIVING SUMMARY (Option A)

Day	From	To	Distance	Drive Time	Stops
1	Milan	Chiavenna	140 km	2.5 hrs	Varenna, Lake Como
2	Chiavenna	Innsbruck	280 km	4.5 hrs	Maloja Pass, Engadine
3	Innsbruck	Mondsee	180 km	2.5 hrs	Innsbruck morning, Kufstein
5	Mondsee	Bolzano	280 km	4 hrs	Salzburg, Werfen
6	Bolzano	Verona	150 km	2 hrs	Trento (optional)
7	Verona	Milan	160 km	2 hrs	Sirmione (optional)
<b>Total</b>			<b>~1,190 km</b>	<b>~17.5 hrs</b>	Relaxed pace

## KEY HIGHLIGHTS (Option A)

- ☐ **Lake Como** - Varenna, Bellagio option, scenic lakeside
- ☐ **Val Bregaglia** - Dramatic granite valley
- ☐ **Maloja Pass** - 1,815m with Engadine views
- ☐ **Innsbruck** - Golden Roof, Nordkette mountains
- ☐ **Salzburg** - Mozart, fortress, baroque
- ☐ **Bolzano** - Italian-German fusion culture
- ☐ **Verona** - Roman Arena, Juliet’s balcony, romance

*Pace: Relaxed with 2-3 hours driving per day maximum*  
*Meals: Proper sit-down lunches and dinners with local cuisine*  
*Scenery: Time to stop, photograph, and enjoy*