IABMAS 2012

6th International Conference on Bridge Maintenance, Safety and Management
Stresa, Lake Maggiore, Italy, July 8-12, 2012

Post-Conference Tour CENTOVALLI EXPRESS AND LOCARNO

Friday, July 13th, 2012

1. Tour Description

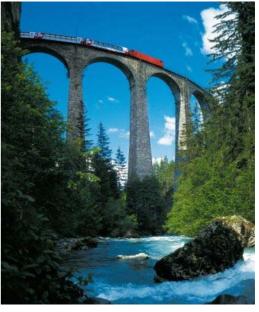
The Centovalli railway connects the Vigezzo Valley to the lake Maggiore. Departure from Stresa to Domodossola where it is possible to take the panoramic train "the Vigezzina" to go as far as Locarno, a nice town located on the northern shore of lake Maggiore, in Switzerland.

The train journey takes approximately two hours. It is a narrow-gauge mountain railway line, 55 km long, that was opened in 1923. The train passes through lovely villages and woodlands in the mountains of the Vigezzo Valley in Italy and Centovalli on the Swiss side and it crosses **over 80 bridges and viaducts**.

The scenery is as extraordinary as the train route is amazing, with 83 bridges and 34 tunnels. Centovalli, a valley offering unspoiled nature, rocky mountains, spectacular waterfalls all framed by wonderful rich vegetation, is enchanting. During the journey we will take you through vineyards, chestnut woods and clearings, all colored in the changing shades of the seasons, and through small villages lost in time.

The way back to Stresa is by ferry boat from Locarno. Arrival at about 18.00.





2. Tentative Tour Scheduling

09.00 am Transfer from Stresa to Domodossola (by Train or by Bus)

10.30 am Tour on "Vigezzina" panoramic train

12.30 pm Arrival time at Locarno - Lunch

04.00 pm Transfer from Locarno to Stresa (by Ferry Boat)





3. Booking and Payment

The tour is managed by Palazzo dei Congressi di Stresa.

<u>The ticket cost is 90 Euros per person</u> (including transfer from Stresa to Domodossola, train ticket from Domodossola to Locarno, ferry boat from Locarno to Stresa, dedicated guide).

The tour is intended for a <u>minimum of 15 participants</u>. In case this minimum number is not reached, registered participants will be refunded.

To join the tour please fill in the **registration form** and send it to:

Palazzo dei Congressi

Ms. Nicoletta Bisi

Piazzale Europa, 3 - 28838 Stresa (VB), Italy Phone: +39-0323-30389 - Fax: +39-0323-33281

E-mail: segreteria@stresacongressi.it

<u>Deadline for booking is July 2nd, 2012</u>. After this date tickets will be subject to availability.

Should you have any inquiry about this tour please contact Ms. Nicoletta Bisi at: segreteria@stresacongressi.it