

## Discover the Joy of Writing

We invite writers of all levels of experience and of all genres to enjoy a magical week of creative expression with us. There are no criteria for acceptance other than a desire to discover. The days will include a mix of writing, sharing, short excursions, and discussions about craft. The writing sessions will inspire you to tap into your creative spirit, awaken your powers of observation and find your voice. You can choose to participate in any or all of the writing programs. The resort is an ideal setting to ignite your muse or to just relax and retreat.

## Be Enchanted

Often called the Lake of Dreams, magical Lago Maggiore is the perfect backdrop for a date with your muse. Lush and colorful exotic plants garland its shoreline, snowcapped alpine peaks majestically rise from the azure water, ancient castle ruins whisper secrets from rocky islets that appear just offshore. This is a land of fantasy and mystery—truly a place to fire the imagination.



## Welcome to Hotel Cannero

Converted from an old monastery in the mid-1800s, Hotel Cannero is situated on the northwestern shore of Lake Maggiore. Recently expanded and renovated, the hotel retains all the grace and charm of its original architectural structures. Spacious rooms, luxurious lounges and outdoor courtyards overlook stunning lake vistas. The hotel proprietors have been serving their guests for generations; they will treat you like family.



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## The Presenters



**Deb McKew**, founder of *Words in Play*<sup>™</sup>, lives by the tenet that writing is fun. A journalist, editor and teacher, she has led many workshops for writers of all ages, delighting in the creativity that she coaxes from her students no matter what their skill level. If you would like more information, visit [www.wordsinplay.net](http://www.wordsinplay.net).



**Dianalee Velie** shares her gift of language with an open heart. Her critically acclaimed poetry has been published in literary journals throughout the U.S. and Canada. The author of four books of poetry, a collection of short stories and a full-length play, she inspires others with her passion and commitment to her art. Visit her at [www.dianaleevelie.com](http://www.dianaleevelie.com).



**Kelly Epperson**, former IRS agent, now an agent of joy, teaches people of all ages and stages how to live a life of sustainable happiness and to find joy in every day. Kelly will present her unique brand of wit and wisdom in her *Live the Joy – Journey of You*<sup>™</sup> programs as well as a special workshop on the Lost Art of Love Letters. For more information visit [www.kellyepperson.com](http://www.kellyepperson.com).

All materials will be provided. For more details about the writing workshops call 603-724-3609 or visit [www.wordsinplay.net](http://www.wordsinplay.net).

# Meet Your Muse on Lago Maggiore

*Poetry, Prose and Joy:*  
A Week of  
Creative Expression  
in Northern Italy

May 4-12, 2011



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## Planned Itinerary:

**Wednesday, May 4** – Fly to Milan.

**Thursday, May 5** – Arrive in Milan; travel by luxury coach to Hotel Cannero on Lake Maggiore. We will meet for a welcome dinner.

**Friday, May 6** – Creative workshops begin. Excursion to Isola Bella; Edith Wharton wrote of the gardens on this beautiful island that they should be thought of as poetry, not horticulture.

**Saturday, May 7** – We explore the village of Orta San Giulio, situated on Lago Orta. As the French novelist Balzac wrote, this “grey pearl in a green jewel-box” has bewitched many a poet and philosopher.

*Evening Program:* special presentation by local artists who have translated Dianalee Velie’s poems into Italian and set them to music. Not to be missed!

**Sunday, May 8** – Today we travel to the outdoor market in Cannobio. It will be a wondrous sensory experience full of vivid details to capture and share.

**Monday, May 9** – Our private boat takes us to Ascona, Switzerland, an old fishing village known for its promenade, considered the most beautiful section of Lake Maggiore for a stroll.



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**Tuesday, May 10** – We ferry across Lake Maggiore for a truly spectacular luncheon dining experience. It will be worth writing home about.

**Wednesday, May 11** – Our last full day in Italy will be a day to reflect and share. Farewell dinner.

**Thursday, May 12** – Today we say ‘ciao’ to Maggiore and transfer to the Milan airport.

*Please Note: We reserve the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason, with or without notice.*

## Included Features

- Daily creative writing workshops – poetry and prose
- Daily excursions – motorcoach, ferry transfers, and entrance fees included
- Private motorcoach transfer from Milan Airport to Cannero & return
- 7 nights in superior rooms at Hotel Cannero (all with balcony & lake views)
- Breakfast daily at the hotel
- Welcome and farewell dinners at the hotel; one luncheon
- Creative and musical evening presentations



## Price for Land Package Only

Based on a minimum of 15 participants:

\$2,985 per person – double occupancy

**Early Bird Discount** – Save \$200 if you register by December 31, 2010.

*Single room supplement available upon request.*

Please Note: Space is Limited

**Airfare not included:** call Compass Travel for pricing and flight information.

## Reservations

All reservations will be made through:

Compass Travel Inc.

PO Box 1675

New London, NH

603-526-9600

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## Registration

Please make check payable to and send to **Compass Travel Inc.**, PO Box 1675, New London, NH 03257

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$500/per person) as a deposit to hold \_\_\_\_\_ place(s). I understand that final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

*Please print name(s) as it/they appear on your passport(s).*

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Mr./Mrs./Ms.

Address

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Zip

Telephone

Email

Each participant must sign below: I/We have read the General Information section and agree to its terms.

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

*See online registration form at [www.wordsinplay.net](http://www.wordsinplay.net)*

## General Information

**Payment Schedule:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to reserve your space on the tour. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure.

**Cancellations & Refunds:** All cancellations of confirmed reservations are subject to a \$200 per person administrative fee. Cancellations received 60-90 days prior to departure will be assessed a penalty equal to 50% of the total program cost per person. Cancellations received within 60 days of departure are subject to 100% cancellation penalties. No refunds will be made for any part of this program in which you choose not to participate.

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