Water tourism routes and vessels in Italy

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Inland touristic navigation data

Daily passenger ships
- Registered as commercial boats and they are both scheduled or not.
- Big congestion is created by daily passenger ships traffic, especially on the lakes in the north of the country and in the Venetian Lagoon; average data (2014):
  - Northern and central lakes:
    - Passengers: 10 mil
    - Fleet:
      - 500 small ships (from 20 to 150 pax each)
      - 100 ships (from 150 to 1200 pax each)
  - Venetian lagoon:
    - Passengers: 18 mil
    - Fleet:
      - 800 small ships (from 10 to 150 pax each)
      - 200 ships (from 150 to 1200 pax each)
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**Pleasure boats**

- This kind of boats is used by private owners for pleasure, except in cases of charters with a skipper, which can carry up to 12 pax. The total numbers are (approx data):
  - 50,000 over 10 m. length (they must be registered)
  - 300,000 up to 10 m. length (they are not obliged to be registered)
- The 10% of these boats sail in inland waterways and another 10% are sailing boats
- Regarding the building material, the 85-90% are in fiberglass and the remaining are in wood or aluminum
Daily passenger ship features

- Lakes of North Italy: hull with deep V hull, most in fiberglass, the biggest in steel, few in aluminum
- Lagoons plus lakes of Center - South Italy: flat hull’s bottom, low draft
- Rivers: low water and air draft, flat hull’s bottom, made by steel
- Generally low-tech traditional ships
Touristic waterways

Lakes of North Italy
Large water touristic movement: big scheduled ferry, small daily trip ships (10-15 m., carrying 30-120 pax.)
Touristic waterways

Venetian Lagoon
A big fleet of steel scheduled ferry coexists with various kind of ships: fiberglass taxiboats for 15-20 pax, two decks daily passenger vessels for 100 - 250 pax (fiberglass or wood)
Touristic waterways

River Po

- Few touristic navigation, no one cruiser vessel, few houseboats, a lot but unused floating docks for passenger ships
Touristic waterways

Delta Po

- Quite a few number of ships with small draft, made by various material, carrying 20 - 300 pax
Touristic waterways

Others Northern Italian rivers

- The rivers Adda, Mincio, Brenta, Sile offer significant possibilities for river tourism
- In particular, the Mincio, which in the beautiful renaissance city of Mantua form the so-called lakes and the Brenta with its beautiful Palladian villas
Mantua
River Brenta
Touristic waterways

Lakes and rivers of Center Italy

- Rivers: just a few activities on river Tevere (crossing Rome), really a few on river Arno
Trasimeno lake

- the largest of the central Italian lakes, charming and bright, with three islands, one habited, is served by a small fleet of scheduled ships (7 steel units from 90 to 450 passengers)
Bolsena and Bracciano lakes

- beautiful volcanic lakes with a small but significant passenger transport activities
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Lakes and rivers of South and Italian islands

- irrelevant the inland navigation, except a few cases (Lesina lake on Gargano promontory, Flumendosa lake in Sardinia Island)
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Other waterways of touristic importance

- Marano lagoon:
  - an area of outstanding natural beauty which is home to a unique fauna and flora and of great natural value
  - fair number of boats that make excursions of 3-4 hours
The Canals (Navigli) and the Marina (Darsena) of Milan:

- in the circle of Leonardo's canals that surround and cross the Lombard metropolis, after years of neglect, resumed a lively tourism activities on water
- also favored by the recent renovation of the marina, the "port" of Milan, 3-4 aluminum catamarans of 60 pax capacity