

COMO LAKE



A world-unique world

In the shadow of the snow-covered Rhaetian Alps and hemmed in on both sides by steep, verdant hillsides, Lake Como is the most spectacular and most visited of the three major lakes in Northern Italy.

Shaped like an upside-down Y, measuring around 160Km of wavy coast, it's littered with villages, magnificent villas and flourishing gardens.

The combination of forested mountains and blue water is simply bewitching.

SIGHTSEEING

THE CENTRAL LAKE AREA

OSSUCCIO

The district of Ossuccio is located in the central part of the western bank of lake Como, and it's so pretty, so rich of history and so gifted by nature that it is difficult to describe it.

The village is situated in the territory of the Tremezzina and confines along the lake belt with the towns of Sala Comacina and Lenno and in the mount zone with Colonno, Ponna and Porlezza.

In the area close to the lake you find the antique housing clusters of Ospedaletto, Spurano e Isola, of preromanic origins, all located between the Regina road and the lake; from here the land gently rises in the first portion, where the latest urban expansions and the majority of the community services are concentrated, and then increases towards the mid coast where there are the historical housing clusters of Ossuccio, Mulino and Carate. This side of the lake is distinguished by interesting morphological formations, such as the



Isola Comacina, the only island of lake Como, and the wooded Dosso of Lavedo, a promontory better known as Villa Balbianello's head, propriety of the FAI (Fondo Ambiente Italiano, an Italian National Trust).

In Ossuccio the attentive visitor will be able to find buildings of great interest both historical and cultural, among which the San Giovanni church on the Isola Comacia, the oratory of Santa Maria Maddalena in Ospedaletto, the churches of Sant'Agata and Sant'Eufemia and the Holy Mount of Ossuccio

(www.acisolacomacina.it). Also of great importance the rational Villa Leoni built by the architect Paolo Lingeri between 1941 and 1944.

Not to forget the very mild climate due to the happy exposure that allows a flourishing growing of olive trees, of antique origins, reason why Ossuccio has been called in the course of time "Zoca de l'Oli".

OSSUCCIO - Isola Comacina



Once the site of a Roman fort and medieval settlement, Lake Como's only island forms its own little bay with the mainland. When the Lombards invaded northern Italy, the island held out as a Byzantine redoubt, becoming, with the name of Pieve d'Isola, a very powerful district allied with Milan and in perpetual conflict with the town of

Como. The medieval settlement was razed by Como in 1169 as punishment for its loyalty to Milan. Today, as silent witness to this terrible event, lie the scant ruins of the Romanesque Chiesa di Sant'Eufemia; famous is the San Giovanni's firework display that recalls the terrible devastation which the island was subjected to. Since 1947 the Locanda dell'Isola has been serving the same abundant set menu on the south side of the island, within a dinner characterised by the "exorcism by fire" ceremony to ward off the excommunication of the island declared by the Bishop of Como back in the 12th century.

www.isola-comacina.it

TREMEZZO - Villa Carlotta

Villa Carlotta is the most famous villa on Lake Como, in particular for its 70,000 sqm centuries-old park. Its botanic gardens, transformed by Sommariva during the first years of the 19th century in an English romantic park, are filled with colour in spring from the orange trees knitted into pergolas and from some of Europe's finest rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias. The villa, strung with paintings, sculptures (some by Antonio Canova) and tapestries, takes its name from the Prussian princess, who was given the place as a wedding present in 1847, from her mother. Upstairs, rooms with period furniture provide an insight into the life of the princess.

www.villacarlotta.it

LENNO - Villa Balbianello

Villa Balbianello, located on a wooded peninsula projecting into Lake Como just south of Lenno (Lavedo's hump), is one of the most striking villas in the world. The villa was built by Cardinal Angelo Durini in 1787 on the site of a Franciscan monastery. In 1974 it was bought by the explorer Guido Monzino (leader of the first Italian expedition to climb Mount

Everest), who filled it with rich collections, including artifacts acquired on his expeditions. From 1988, year of Monzino's death, the Villa has become a propriety of the FAI (Fondo Ambiente

Italiano, an Italian National Trust). Visitors are only allowed to walk the 1Km path from the Lenno landing stage to the estate on Tuesday and at weekends. On other days, you have to take a taxi boat from Lenno. If you want to see the villa, you must join a guided tour.

MENAGGIO

Only 10 km north Ossuccio there is Menaggio. The centre of the town, with its lake view piazza, the street that leads to the church and the lake side, offers the tourists a pleasant moment of relax and shopping. The lido beach and minigolf are also very enjoyable.



BELLAGIO

Worldwide known as the “pearl of Lake Como”, Bellagio is suspended on the promontory where the lake’s western and eastern arms split and head south.

It’s impossible not to be smitten by Bellagio’s waterfront of bobbing boats, its maze of steep stone staircases, red-roofed and green-shuttered buildings, dark cypress groves and rhododendron-filled gardens.

Wander out of the old town centre to Punta Spartivento and gaze north up the third arm towards the Alps.

Garden lovers can also stroll the magnificent grounds of the neoclassical Villa Melzi, built in 1808 for one of Napoleon’s associates, and coloured by flowering azaleas and rhododendrons in spring. The gardens, adorned with statues scattered about, were the first Englishstyle park on Lake Como. Many illustrious guests have stayed at the villa, including Franz Listz and Stendhal, and important political meetings have been held here.

Walks around the town lead off to various hamlets, such as Pescallo, a small one-time fishing port about 1Km from the centre.

Several Romanesque churches can also be seen, above all the Basilica di San Giacomo in central Bellagio, built in the 12th century by master builders from Como and the church of San Giovanni, 2 Km south from the centre, built in the 14th century on a previous temple devoted to Battista.

VARENNA



A beguiling village bursting with florid plantlife, exotic flowery perfumes and birdsongs, is a short ferry ride away from its rival in postcard beauty Bellagio. Its pastel-coloured houses defy the standard laws of physics, and its worth taking the steep steps that rise from the lake. From the ferry landing, a 15- 20 minute stroll follows the shore south and cuts up to Piazza San Giovanni and the town's main attractions, Villa Cipressi and Villa Monastero, a former convent turned into vast

residence by the Mornico family from the 17th to the 19th centuries. In both cases, a stroll through the magnificent gardens, which reach the lake, is a balm to the senses: magnolias (including one specimen in front of the Villa said to be up to 400 years old), camellias and yucca trees are among the villas floral wonders. Tucked inside the tiny Romanesque Chiesa di San Giovanni Battista, you will find 14th century frescoes, somewhat damaged but nevertheless full of colour. The Sp65 mountain road winds away 3Km eastwards from the north exit of Varenna into the hills to the hamlet of Vezio, dominated by the ruins of the 13th century Castello di Vezio. From this one-time fortified watch tower you can gaze down upon Varenna and over the lake (about 30 minute walk from Olivedo (north end part of Varenna) to Vezio).

www.castellodivezio.it

GRAVEDONA

Behind a gently curved bay on the lake, Gravedona spreads out. The late 12th century Chiesa di Santa Maria del Tiglio, with white and green marble horizontal stripes, is square-based and has apses protruding on three sides; the structure has an usual bell tower, octagonal at the top, that rises from the centre of the facade.

ABBAZIA DI PIONA

The Piona Abbey, of romaneseque origins then led by the Cluny, is located on the Lecco bank of the lake at the top of a small peninsula called the Olgiasca. There

are visible inside the 13th century frescoes, although the reference point of all the complex is the cloister, with its irregular shape, a rich example of transition from the romanesque to the gothic style. From here you can enjoy a incomparable view of the lake westernwards and of the snowy mountain peaks northwards.

www.abbaziadipiona.it

COMO AND SURROUNDINGS

COMO

Como, which was established by the ancient Romans with the name of *Novum Comum*, is surrounded on three sides by medieval walls. The old "Città Murata" is today a dense grid of narrow pedestrian streets full of shops and little bars and restaurants. The city is a compendium of the beautiful things that the lake has to offer. There are magnificent churches (the *Duomo Cathedral*, but also *Sant'Abbondio* and *San Fedele* churches), historical villas and gardens (*Villa Olmo* and *Villa Geno*) and fabulous panoramic spots such as Brunate which can be reached with an antique cable railway. The city is also a location of important buildings of the Italian Rationalism, such as the *Novum Comum*, the *Casa del Fascio*, the *Monumento ai Caduti* and the *Giuliani-Frigerio's house* of the architect G. Terragni.

Duomo



Although largely Gothic, elements of Romanesque, Renaissance and Baroque styles can also be seen in Como's fancy, marble-clad Duomo. The Cathedral was built between the 14th and 18th centuries, and is crowned by a high octagonal dome. Next door, the polychromatic Broletto, a medieval town hall, is unusual for its position so close up to the church. Majestic and beautiful is the abbey of the Cathedral entirely of the Renaissance period.

Basilica di Sant'Abbondio

About 500m south of the city walls is the remarkable 11th century Romanesque Basilica di Sant'Abbondio. The peculiar structure with five naves and two bell towers is characterized by the notable mid 14th century polychrome frescoes placed in the apse. Very interesting are the delicate external decoration with geometrical themes.

Basilica di San Fedele

The circular layout of the originally 6th century Basilica di San Fedele with three naves and three apses, has been compared to a clover leaf. Its 16th century rose window and

precious 16th and 17th century frescoes add to its charm. Its most remarkable feature is the apse of the church located on the rear via Vittorio Emanuele, the outer part of which has an archway loggia in the higher part and a portal embellished by early Lombard-Romanesque sculptures.

A craft and antiques market fills the piazza in the front of the basilica during the week-ends.

Villa Olmo



Situated in a scenic and spectacular position in front of lake Como, the imposing and monumental Villa Olmo, characterized by a neoclassical style, is one of Como's reference points. Commissioned by the marquis Innocenzo Odescalchi to the Swiss architect Simone Cantoni in 1797, it was designed to be a summer retreat for the nobles. The villa was named after a remarkable elm planted in the middle of the ornate gardens, no longer alive today.

If there's an art exhibition inside, you will get the chance to admire the grand ballroom, in the middle of the long building. Otherwise, this mini-Versailles may well be locked up, but that won't stop you from having a jog around the gardens, in Italian style facing the lake and in English style at the rear.

Almost as nice as the gardens is the lakeside stroll from the Villa to the town centre, characterized by a series of mansions and villas (and their gardens) along the way, including Villa Saporiti (late 18th century) and the adjacent Villa Gallia (17th century) both now part of the provincial government.

A summertime bonus is the Lido di Villa Olmo, an open-air swimming pool and the lakeside bar, completed with sand and umbrellas.

Silk Museum

This museum unravels the town's silk history, with early dyeing and printing equipment on display. A wander around takes you through the entire process of producing silk.

www.museosetacomo.com

BRUNATE

Como is flanked to the east and west by steep and thickly wooded hills. A ride up to the quiet residential village of Brunate, which seems to float above Lake Como – it sits at 720m above sea level – is repaid by exhilarating views. The Funicolare (cable car) Como-Brunate will take you up in just seven minutes: from Brunate's funicular stop, climb the 143 steps to the top of the lighthouse, built in 1927 to mark the centenary of Alessandro Volta's death.

CERNOBBIO



The shoreline of Cernobbio, a graceful town 5Km north of Como (served by frequent boats and buses from Como), comprises a compact quarter of old houses just off the lakeside piazza and is laced with a series of fine villas fronting the water. Here is located one of the most well-known hotels in the world, the Grand Hotel Villa d'Este.

Following the signs out of centre of Cernobbio, you can take a scenic drive that winds 17Km up through the residential villages behind Cernobbio to Monte Bisbino, a fabulous lookout spot overlooking both the lake Como and the lake Lugano basin.

MOLTRASIO E LAGLIO

The lower lakeside road (Via Regina Vecchia) skirts the lakeshore out of Cernobbio and reaches a series of 19th-century villas (all private property) up to Moltrasio. Winston Churchill stayed in one (Villa le Rose) just after WWII and another is owned by the Versace fashion dynasty. A few kilometers north, the villa-lined hamlet of Laglio is the home to the star George Clooney (Villa Oleandra).

WALKS AND HIKES

Lake Como with its mountain sides offers many proposals of hiking and trekking, from the easy ones for families to the most challenging ones for the fans of the mountain. Walking through the paths allows to discover ancient roads, old walkways and meanwhile to admire unique landscapes for the beauty of the territory and the views.

Greenway

The Greenway is a nice walkway going through the villages of Colonno, Sala Comacina, Ossuccio, Lenno, Mezzegra, Tremezzo and Griante. Some sections of the walk go up the hill while other sections are along the lake.

This enchanting walk allows you to discover the different souls of our territory and the peculiarities of the area: from the lake views to the colourful old villages, from rural sights to beautiful gardens.

www.greenwaydellago.it

Sacro Monte di Ossuccio e San Benedetto in Val Perlana

High above the hamlets that make up the village of Ossuccio, a series of 14 chapels dedicated to the Mysteries of the Rosary lead to the Sacro Monte di Ossuccio. The 20 minute climb along the cobblestone lane is worth more than anything else for the matchless views. At the top, you reach the Santuario della Madonna del Soccorso. Keen walkers could proceed uphill (about two hours for the moderately fit) to reach the splendid Romanesque Chiesa di San Benedetto in Val Perlana, in the centre of a picture-postcard setting.

www.sacrimonti.net

San Martino

Climbing the stairs behind the lakeshore of Cadenabbia, you can easily find the beginning of the walk to the small San Martino church. The walk is easy and you'll find on your way flocks of sheep, cows and even donkeys. Once you reach the lovely church, the view is simply astonishing.

Rifugio Menaggio

It is possible to take a minor road out of Menaggio for Plesio and then follow a walking trail for about two hours to the Rifugio Menaggio. At 1383m of altitude, the views over the lake are an adequate reward for the climb.

www.rifugiomenaggio.eu

From Parco Val Sanagra to the Natural Reserve Lago di Piano

This walk starts at Menaggio, leads through its historical centre and the lovely hamlet of Lovenno and continues through the Val Sanagra Park to the splendid village of Cardano. From here an easy driveway leads along the Val Menaggio and reaches the foot and cycle path which follows the traces of the ex-railway line Menaggio – Porlezza, through the

Natural Reserve of Lake Piano. The stretch between La Santa and Castel S. Pietro is suitable for children.

On the Antica Strada Regina from Menaggio to Rezzonico

The Antica Strada Regina, built by the Romans, was an important road connection along the west side of the lake, between Como and the alpine passes. At some points it follows the same route as the current lake side road but it runs mostly parallel to it. This road starts at Nobiallo (part of the comune of Menaggio) and leads along the slopes of “Sasso Rancio” to Rezzonico with splendid views of the lake.

GUIDED TOURS & ITINERARIES

RESIDENCE COMACINA is pleased to introduce you to some of the *special guided tours* on Lake Como, in which you will be accompanied by **certified tour guides**. For further information, please ask to the concierge of RESIDENCE COMACINA.

1_ OSSUCCIO: THE COMACINA ISLAND & ARCHAEOLOGICAL ANTIQUARIUM MUSEUM. 1 h 30

Inside the ancient hospitalis de Stabio, a complex of buildings that during the Middle Ages offered recovery to pilgrims and travelers which passed through the famous connection way called Via Regina, it is possible to visit first, the Antiquarium of the Comacina Island, dedicated to “Luigi Mario Belloni and Mariuccia Zecchinelli”, the museum where are located the archaeological finds and the artifacts which derive from different sites of the island and the territory of Ossuccio. Then you transfer by private taxi-boat and cross of the Zoca de l’Oli, which is the stretch of lake that separates the island from the mainland of Ossuccio. On the Comacina Island, unique on Lake Como, it starts a guided tour concerning the archeological and natural area.

2_ OSSUCCIO: THE ROMANESQUE STYLE IN OSSUCCIO: ST. MARY MAGDALENE CHURCH WITH ITS FAMOUS BELL TOWER AND ST. JAMES CHURCH. 1 h 30

S. Mary Magdalene is known for its architectural elements in typical Romanesque Como style, for the portions of frescoes of ancient period and for the curious bell tower in pseudo-Gothic style that is recognized as an important element - symbol of Lake Como. Crossing a stretch of the main ancient communication way, called Via Regina, it is possible to reach the St. James church, characteristic for its location on the lake (the two arches that support the building are in the lake) and for the bell tower. The church dates from the 10th to the 12th century, like the portions of the frescoes inside the structure, which probably belong to a cycle of biblical scenes. It’s still well visible the fresco of S. Christopher.



3_ OSSUCCIO: THE HOLY MOUNT (UNESCO HERITAGE) 2 h

*It was built from the 16th to the 18th century and in 2003, it was included in **UNESCO's World Heritage**.*

During the visit you follow the devotion path of the Holy Mount, divided into fourteen chapels which represent some examples of the Baroque architecture, built in the 17th century that

containe stuccos, frescoes and 230 big polychrome terracotta statues, works of some artists of the Intelvi Valley.

The path then leads to the Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin of Salvation built in honor of the statue of the Virgin whom was attributed some miraculous abilities. (please note the several miracle votive offerings).

4_ THE CENTRAL LAKE AREA – PRIVATE BOAT TOUR 1 h: Starting from Ossuccio the guided boat tour passes through the Comacina Island, Lenno, Villa Balbianello, Tremezzo, Villa Carlotta & arrives in Bellagio, the so-called Pearl of Lake Como.

It is possible to realize other different itineraries. Please ask to the concierge of RESIDENCE COMACINA!

RESTAURANTS AND BARS
Ossuccio, Sala Comacina & Lenno

LOCANDA DELL'ISOLA

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Isola Comacina; +39 0344 55 083; www.comacina.it

Since 1947 the owner Benvenuto has made an elaborate “exorcism by fire” ceremony at the end of every meal with a flambéed liqueur coffee to ward off the curse supposedly laid on the island in the 1169 by the Bishop of Como.

A dinner here is all about ritual and tradition. Guests are sacred on the island, and the fixed price set menu, characterised by a round of nine vegetables, cold meats, trout, chicken, cheese and dessert, is so long-established that has never been changed since the restaurant opening.

OSTERIA DEL GIUANIN

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OSSUCCIO Via Santuario 8 – Tel. +39 0344 55241 www.osteriadelgiuanin.it

Osteria del Giuanin, situated in one of the most fascinating places of Lake Como, is a restaurant with a panoramic terrace, serving the best traditional cuisine with an excellent choice of local food and specialities. The restaurant is open all year round, during the warm season you can sit in the terrace and in winter in the warm little dining room in front the fireplace.

TRATTORIA SAN GIACOMO

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OSSUCCIO – Via Statale 11 – Tel. +39 034455382

The family-run restaurant, very close to the church of San Giacomo, proposes excellent lake fish plates. The restaurant is opened from February to November with tables inside and others on the external terrace.

TRATTORIA SAN GIOVANNI

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OSSUCCIO – Via Statale 15 – Tel. +39 034455782

The family-run restaurant offers excellent plates from the traditional regional cuisine of Lombardy and fish lake dishes. The restaurant is open all year round.

CAFFETTERIA “MALAGUFI”

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OSSUCCIO – Via Somalvico – Tel +39 3337114148

The bar restaurant is located at the shore of Ossuccio, in front of Comacina Island. The charming setting makes it an appreciable break for a sandwich, pizza or a cold dish.

LA TIRLINDANA

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SALA COMACINA - Piazza Matteott, 5 – Tel. +39 0344 56 637

www.ristorantelatirlindana.com

This restaurant has a handful of tables spread on the magic little square that directly faces the lake and the Isola Comacina. The location induces poetry and charm, and the restaurant is a place to enjoy the ever changing colours of the landscape during the day, and a unique, enchanting atmosphere enhanced by the village lights reflected in the lake in the evening.

LA COMACINA

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SALA COMACINA - Via Statale 14 – Tel. +39 034455035 www.ristorantelacomacina.it

Overlooking the lake, the Grigna's peak and the Legnone mount, the restaurant "La Comacina" offers one of the most evocative places of the lake Como. It can accommodate until 70 people inside and 30 places on the terrace.

Chef Gianni proposes typical fish lake plates supplied by the eternal Livio, one of the last remaining fishermen, binding together innovation and small creations. If the fish lake is the so-called main course, very nice are the "Ugly but good ones", gnocchi with porcini or finferli mushrooms, the game meat, the sliced beef and the cakes. The variations of the menu follow rigorously the seasons, therefore as an example, in summer you can taste fresh (raw) mushrooms salad and deep-fried lake fish, in autumn game and snails.

TAVERNA BLEAU

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SALA COMACINA - Via Puricelli, 4 – Tel. +39 0344 55 107 www.tavernableau.it

Known all over the Lake Como area for its wonderful "risotto con pesce persico" (risotto with butter and Parmesan cheese and a melt-in-the-mouth filet of lake perch), this restaurant offers mainly local dishes served in a shady gravel-and-grass garden just above the lake.

PRO LOCO SALA COMACINA

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SALA COMACINA – Via dei Pini – Tel. +39 034457088

The bar pizzeria is situated on the river of Sala Comacina, in front of the island.

Ideal for an aperitif or a supper it offers events with the plates from the traditional regional cuisine of Lombardy.

LIDO DI LENNO

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LENNO - Via Comoedia,1 – Tel. + 39 0344 57 093 www.lidodilenno.com

The warm evenings on the lake take on a hedonistic hue at this summertime beach scene. Located virtually next to the path and boat pier for Villa Balbianello, this is the ideal place for a pre or post-dinner cocktail. It is also possible to stop at the adjacent restaurant to dine under the white gazebo in a very contemporary and trendy setting. During the summer, week-end nights are warmed with music and crowds from all over the area.

TRATTORIA SANTO STEFANO

€€ LENNO – Piazza 11 febbraio 3 – Tel. + 39 0344 55434 www.santostefano.too.it

Trattoria Santo Stefano, one of the restaurants in the Como area recommended by the Slow Food guides, offers the freshest lake specialties at reasonable prices. From the appetizer to the main course you can taste chub pâté, twaite shad (the traditional grilled agone shad of the lake served with vinegar), ravioli filled with lake fish, chub fishballs, and grilled lake fish. Tasty dishes are also available for meat-lovers. Excellent wines may be served with meals.

TRATTORIA DEL GRIFO

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LENNO – Via Mattia del riccio 19 fraz. Campo – Tel. + 39 034455161

The restaurant is perhaps one of the most traditional and historical inns of lake Como, still attended from the locals. It has always proposed a typically traditional cuisine of the lake.

PIZZERIA RISTORANTE IL CRIS

€ LENNO – Via Armando Diaz 13 – Tel. + 39 034455131

Restaurant and pizzeria with an inner room with fireplace, also ideal for the winter evenings. Good seafood and mountain food. Excellent pizza.

PIZZERIA RISTORANTE RANCH

€ LENNO – Via Statale 63 – Tel. + 39 034455494

Recommended for the real neapolitan pizza, it also offers seafood dishes. Fast in the service and with adequate prices, in summer its possible to eat in the external porch.

SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

AIR SPORTS

Paragliding & Hang Gliding

Those who want to try the thrill of dominating the skies using only the power of the wind, are in the right place. Thanks to the particular wind currents around the lake, gliding is popular in the area.

BREVRT CLUB PARAPENDIO ALTOLARIO – SORICO www.brevart.it

PAPELOTE FEEL THE SKY – GERA LARIO www.papelote.it

VOLO LIBERO CLUB VALLE INTELVI – CASTIGLIONE D'INTELVI www.vololibero-valleintelvi.it

Seaplane

A stunning way to see Lake Como area is by seaplane. It is possible to chose among three different itineraries to enjoy the scenery under this unique-of-a-kind perspective.

- Lake Como: 30 minutes flight from Como to Bellagio and the central part of the lake to admire worldwide celebrated villas and a continuously changing scenery.

- The Lakes Como & Lugano: 45 minutes flight from Como to Bellagio, Menaggio, then over to Lake Lugano and back to Como. Nice villages, castles, churches and historical houses.

- The three Lakes - Como, Lugano & Maggiore: 60 minutes flight through the wonderful shores of the lakes, with views of the highest peaks of the Alps.

www.aeroclubcomo.com

WATER SPORTS

Swimmingpools

LIDO DI CADENABBIA – CADENABBIA Via Regina 8,

Tel. +39 034440413 – www.lidodicadenabbia.com – info@lidodicadenabbia.it

LIDO DI MENAGGIO – MENAGGIO Via Roma 11,

Tel. + 39 034430645 - www.lidomenaggio.it – info@lidomenaggio.it

LIDO DI VILLA OLMO – COMO Via per Cernobbio 2,

Tel. +39 031570871 - www.lidovillaolmo.it

Canoeing and kayaking

HIRING A BOAT – OSSUCCIO Via al Lago

tel +39 3292142280 - www.hiringaboat.com - hdueonda@libero.it

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VIVERE LA VELA sailing school and sailing trips with skipper

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Mob. +39 3496190487 - www.viverelavela.com - viverelavela@viverelavela.com

CIRCOLO VELA CERNOBBIO sailing school – CERNOBBIO via Regina 2

c/o Ex Galoppatoio Villa Erba

Tel. +39 031342230 - www.circolovelacernobbio.it – info@circolovelacernobbio.it

CIRCOLO VELA 360 - PIANELLO Via Regina 20,

Mob. +39 3889224972 - www.vela360.it - info@vela360.it

WINDSURFCENTER – sailing school and windsurf courses and rentals

DOMASO c/o camping Paradiso

Mob. +39 3807000010 – www.wsc-domaso.com - info@wsc-domaso.com

CIRCOLO VELA CANOTTIERI - sailing school and rental

DOMASO Via Regina 36

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SPORTING CLUB DOMASO – DOMASO via Case Sparse 250

Tel. +39 034483461 - www.sportingdomaso.com - info@sportingdomaso.com

Waterskiing

JOLLY RACING CLUB – LEZZENO Via Sossana 2

Tel. +39 031914645 – www.jrcwakeboard.com - info@jrcwakeboard.com

Diving

COMO SUB – COMO Viale Geno 14

Mob. +39 3939113388 - www.comosub.it

Kitesurfing

TABO SURF CENTER - GERA LARIO

Tel. +39 0344 94062 - www.tabosurf.com

BOMBOKLAT – SORICO Loc. Boschetto

Mob. +39 3394268938 - www.bomboklat.it

OTHER SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Tennis

OSSUCCIO near the park - 200 mt. from RESIDENCE COMACINA

Beach volley

TREMEZZO, Parco Meyer - 4 km from RESIDENCE COMACINA

SALA COMACINA, Lido di Sala Comacina - 750 mt from RESIDENCE COMACINA

Football

SALA COMACINA, Lido di Sala Comacina - 750 mt from RESIDENCE COMACINA

Climbing and Via Ferratas

In the mountains around the lake there are many "via ferratas" and climbing faces.

A well known via ferrata is the one to the top of Monte Grona 1736 m. From the top of Monte Grona (1736 m) one can admire one of the best views of the Prealps; apart from the three lakes (Como, Lugano and Piano) you can also see the peaks of Monte Bregagno, Legnone, Pizzo di Gino, Grigna and if the day is clear enough, many peaks of the Alps from Monviso to Bernina. The road leading to the point of departure of the Via Ferrata starts from Rifugio Menaggio. It is for trained Alpinists with adequate equipment, time needed: 2.30 hrs.

www.cai.it

www.guidealpine.lombardia.it

Horse riding

CENTRO IPPICO RONDANINO – RAMPONIO VERNA Loc. Rondanino

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CASA DELLA RISERVA Excursions - CARLAZZO Via Statale 117

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PORLEZZA Via Galbiga 10 - Tel. +39 3386584012

SHOPPING & SPARE TIME

In Como there is a large pedestrian area for shopping. The most famous and frequented street is Via Vittorio Emanuele II and the parallel Via Bernardino Luini. Here you can find some of the most exclusive clothes and accessories shops in Italy where you can purchase garments bearing the famous "Made in Italy" labels.

There are of course also the silk boutiques. The quality silk of Como is famous and here it is offered at the most attractive prices.

MILANO CITY SHOPPING TOUR

70 km from Ossuccio – 1 h 30 min.

FOX TOWN FACTORY STORES - in MENDRISIO (Swiss)

33 km from Ossuccio – 50 min.

MARKETS

LENNO in the main square – Tuesday from 8am to 2pm

MENAGGIO – 2° e 4° Friday of the month from 8am to 1pm

CINEMAS & THEATRE

UCI CINEMAS COMO – MONTANO LUCINO Via Leopardi 1a - www.ucicinemas.it

ASTRA CINEMA COMO – COMO Via Giulio Cesare 3

TEATRO SOCIALE COMO – COMO Via Bellini 3 - www.teatro.sociale.como.it

CASINO'

CASINO' MUNICIPALE DI CAMPIONE – CAMPIONE D'ITALIA Piazzale Milano 2

Tel. 0041.91.640.1111- www.casinocampione.it

TAKE THE SUN & HAVE A BATH!

OSSUCCIO – near the ANTIQUARIUM MUSEUM TOURIST OFFICE – free beach, 250mt. from Residence Comacina

SALA COMACINA – Lido di Sala Comacina – free beach, 750mt. from Residence Comacina

TREMEZZO – Parco Mayer – free beach, 4km from Residence Comacina

LENNO – Lido di Lenno –ticket required for the entrance, 1.6 km from Residence Comacina
www.lidodilenno.com

CADENABBIA – Lido di Cadenabbia – ticket required for the entrance, 6 km from Residence Comacina **www.lidodicadenabbia.com**

MENAGGIO – Lido di Menaggio – ticket required the entrance, 10km from Residence Comacina **www.lidomenaggio.it**

GOLF CLUBS

A true paradise for golf lovers: Lake Como is surrounded by seven of the Italian finest 18-hole golf courses

Menaggio and Cadenabbia Golf Club, that celebrated its centenary in 2007, is the 2nd oldest Golf Club in Italy representing British tradition at its best. The golf course is typically Alpine with its 18 holes running up and down according to its natural terrain. The greens are very wavy and the length of the Course is 5445 meters.

GRANDOLA E UNITI Via Golf 12 - 10 km from R (15 min driving) - **www.menaggio.it**



Circolo Golf Villa d'Este lies beyond the wonderful lake of Montorfano, at about 20 minutes from Como. The course is situated at a height of 365 meters in what may well be described as a Scottish landscape. The 18 holes untie their way between chestnut groves, birch and pine woods. It is considered one of the most

varied and difficult of the European "par 69" courses with a length of 5727 meters, making it one of the most famous golf clubs in Europe.

MONTORFANO Via Cantù 13 – 30 km from RESIDENCE COMACINA (40 min driving)
www.golfvilladeste.com



Lanzo Golf Club was opened in 1962 The golf course is typically Alpine with a length of 5094 meters and a total of 9 holes (Par 68). The atmosphere on the course is very peaceful and relaxed.

LANZO INTELVI Loc. Piano delle Noci – 24 km from Ossuccio (30 min driving) **www.golflanzo.it**

GETTING AROUND

CAR & MOTOCYCLE

The main roads around the lake and through the local valleys are:

The State Roads:

SS340 - leading along the western shore of the lake and connects Como with Sorico and it leads from Menaggio through the valley to Lake Lugano and the Swiss border.

SS36 - leading along the Eastern part of the lake and connects Lecco with Monza and Lecco with Sondrio.

The Provincial Roads

SP583, lake side road connecting Como with Bellagio;

SP72, lake side road connecting Lecco with Colico;

SP35, runs from Como through the Brianza area;

SP342, runs from Lecco to the East part of the Brianza area;

SP639, connects Como with Bergamo;

SP583, lake side road from Lecco to Bellagio;

SP62, road leading through the Valsassina.

Como Road Police +39 031317721

Lecco Road Police +39 0341537311.

CAR TRANSFER & LIMOUSINE SERVICE

We may provide a wide range of luxury rental a car services with driver, personalized and studied with the maximum attention in order to satisfy all needs of the customers.

Services:

- Transfers for individual guests or groups from and to: airports, railways stations, hotels, restaurants;
- Representation services for local companies;
- Services for special events like wedding-parties;
- City-tours supported by professional hostess upon request;
- Travel for medium or long distances like excursions, local guided visits.

For further information or assistance, ask to the concierge of RESIDENCE COMACINA!

TRAINS

Como is connected to an efficient railway network that allows you to reach the principal destinations such as Milano, Bergamo, Monza and Lugano.

Trenitalia (Ferrovie dello Stato) connects Como to Switzerland and to Milano.

On the east side of the lake there is the train line Lecco – Colico run by the Trenord train company. This rail line also runs to Tirano in Valtellina where you can take the scenic Bernina Express to St Moritz. From Lecco it is possible to reach Bergamo.

Trenord also connects Como (Como Lago station) with Milan Cadorna, this station is situated right in the centre of Milan.

Moving around in Lombardy: www.muoversi.regione.lombardia.it

Trenitalia: www.trenitalia.com

Trenord: www.trenord.it

TOURIST TRAIN “TROMBETTA EXPRESS”

The Trombetta Express train is a good way to get around if you don't feel up to walking in the hot weather.

The train runs between Menaggio and Ossuccio stopping at various points along the way including; Menaggio Lido, Villa Carlotta and Lenno square.

Mob. +39 3388889848

BIKES & MOUNTAIN BIKES (renting)

BICI SPORT 2000 – LENNO Via Rima 4

Tel. +39 034456565 – www.bicisport2000.com

Mountain-bike rentals, maps and suggestions, guided tours.

BUS

The whole area around lake Como has a network of buses that allows you to reach all the towns.

C10 – connects COMO to MENAGGIO (bus stop at 150 mt from RESIDENCE COMACINA)

www.asfautolinee.it

FERRIES AND BOATS

The shores of Lake Como are still today a succession of small towns with ancient stone bell towers and sumptuous villas. In order to have a good vision of the beauties of the “Riviera” we highly recommend using the public boats. We recommend the day tickets that allow you to use boats as well as the ferries and visit more than one town with the same ticket. You may travel on the hydrofoils with this type of ticket but this implies paying a supplement.

The central lake ticket for example includes Menaggio, Varenna, Bellagio, Cadenabbia, Tremezzo and Lenno. You can buy tickets at the Navigazioni Lago di Como ticket offices at the local boat landings. Thanks to the car ferry service between Cadenabbia and Bellagio, Bellagio and Varenna, Varenna and Menaggio, Menaggio and Bellagio it is possible to transport your car in order to reach the opposite side of the lake.

www.navigazione.laghi.it

PRIVATE TAXI BOAT

The Taxi Boat service offers you the chance to have a boat and driver at your disposal to admire the beauty of the lake. You can choose your favorite itinerary and the length of the cruise on the lake.

For a personalized and more intimate experience, booking a private boat is unquestionably the best option.

For further information please ask to the concierge of RESIDENCE COMACINA!

BOAT RENTAL

There is also the possibility to rent your own small motorboat for a day to make up your favourite itinerary, stopping whenever you want to take a picture or for a swim. This option is available even without nautical driving licence.

HIRING A BOAT – OSSUCCIO Via al Lago

Mob. +39 3292142280 - www.hiringaboat.com - hdueonda@libero.it

Rowing boat or motor boats without licence for 7 persons.

BOAT SERVICE – LENNO Via Comoedia 1

Tel. +39 3334103854 - www.taxiboat.net - info@taxiboat.net

Taxi boat, motor boat rental

CENTRO NAUTICO LARIO TURATI – ARGEGNO Via Spluga 42

Tel. +39 031821268 – turati@lariomondo.it

Motor boat rental

MENAGGIO BOAT SERVICE – MENAGGIO

Tel. +39 3396154453 - www.menaggioboat.com - info@menaggioboat.com

Taxi boat, motor boat rental

NAUTIC PLANET – MENAGGIO Lungolago Castelli

Tel. +39 3358098237

Motor boat rental

AC BOAT - MENAGGIO Lungolago Castelli

Tel. +39 3459010694 - www.acboatrentals.com - acboat@hotmail.it

Motor boat rental

CABLEWAYS

Funicular Como-Brunate: The Funicular going up to the village of Brunate is very appreciated amongst the excursions on the way out of the city of Como,. This charming little train made its first run in 1894 and still today connects the main town with extremely striking panoramic viewpoints every 30 minutes. Brunate, located at about 700 metres

above sea level, is a little town that has always been very popular among the Como and Milanese nobility who built many Liberty style villas there.

Cablecar Argegno – Pigra: this cable car, one of the steepest ones in Europe, was opened in 1971. In only 5 minutes it brings you from 200 m to 850 m offering you a spectacular view of the lake. Bus line C10 stops right in front of the cable car station at Argegno. From Pigra you can do the wonderful hike down to Colonno (2 hrs.).

Cablecar station at Argegno Tel. +39 031821344

Cablecar station at Pigra Tel. +39 031810844

WELLNESS & SPA

SIMONA HAIRDRESSER – OSSUCCIO Via Statale
Mob. +39 3479801378

ITALIAN STYLE BY RAMONA HAIRDRESSER - OSSUCCIO Via Statale 119
Tel. +39 034456684

CENTRO ESTETICO BODY LINE, BEAUTY CENTRE – LENNO Via Rima 2b
Tel. + 39 034454012

STEFI ESTETICA, BEAUTY CENTRE – MEZZEGRA Via Statale 39a
Tel.+ 39 034442060

SPA & WELLNESS inside the Grand Hotel Tremezzo – TREMEZZO Via Regina 8
Tel. +39 034442491

**Do you need a baby sitter? Ask to our concierge! We will be glad to help you!
For further informations, please ask to RESIDENCE COMACINA!**