

An enchanting journey through the splendor of Lake Como, one of Italy's most prized jewels. During this tour, we'll have the privilege of discovering three of the region's most prestigious villas, as well as the charming villages of Bellagio and Varenna.

Between visits to the villas, we'll have the pleasure of strolling through the villages of Bellagio and Varenna, two picturesque destinations that evoke the authentic charm of Italy. You'll discover their fascinating history, picturesque alleyways and breathtaking lake views.

A trip to Lake Como is a complete experience, combining art, culture, nature and gastronomy.

PROGRAMME

Day 1: Arrival at Lake Como

Welcome at your hotel on the shores of Lake Como.

ACCOMMODATION : hotel

Day 2: Chapelle San Martino - Villa Carlotta

Departure by boat for Villa Carlotta.

Our day begins with a pleasant hike to the sanctuary of the Madonna delle Grazie de San Martino, perched gracefully and offering a beautiful view of the three arms of the lake, opposite the beautiful Bellagio. Here you can enjoy a picnic lunch.

Afterwards, we'll head to Villa Carlotta for a tour of the lush gardens and precious art collections housed in the villa.

Return by boat to Lenno.

HIKING TIME: 4h00

ASCENSION: + 350 m

DESCENT: - 350 m

BOAT TIME: 30'

ACCOMMODATION : hotel

Day 3: Bellano - Varenna

Crossing by boat to Bellano.

Start hiking along the Sentiero del Viandante to Varenna. This hike takes us through lush green slopes, offering enchanting panoramas of Lake Como along the way, before leading us to Varenna, a charming romantic village of colorful houses.

From Varenna, we return by boat to Lenno.

HIKING TIME: 4h

ASCENSION: + 300 m

DESCENT: - 300 m

BOAT TIME : 1h45

ACCOMMODATION: hotel

Day 4 : Bellagio - Villa Melzi

Crossing by boat to the charming village of Bellagio, a pearl that stretches gracefully between the three arms of the lake. Depart for a balcony hike overlooking the lake and the foothills of Mount San Primo on a loop circuit with exceptional views of the lake and the Bellagio peninsula.

We finish in style with a visit to Bellagio and the gardens of the famous Villa Melzi, an elegant historic residence of neoclassical architecture on the shores of the lake.

Return to Lenno by boat.

HIKING TIME: 3h30

ASCENSION: + 300 m

DESCENT: - 300 m

BOAT TIME: 2h30

ACCOMMODATION: hotel

Day 5: Villa Balbianello

Breakfast at your accommodation, then off to visit the gardens of Villa del Balbianello. This villa is nestled on the peninsula of the Gulf of Venus, in an exceptional setting on the shores of Lake Como. Free visit of the villa's gardens.

End of your stay.

Opening of villas and gardens (subject to change):

Villa Balbianello - Lenno: early January to mid-December - except Mondays/Wednesdays/Public Holidays

Villa Carlotta - Tremezzo: mid-March to early November

Villa Melzi (gardens) - Bellagio: late March to late October

Villa Monastero (gardens) and Castello Vezio - Varenna: March to late October

FICHE PRATIQUE

ACCUEIL

In Lenno or Tremezzo, rooms are available in the afternoon.

How to get there:

To get to Lenno:

- by car:

Paris / Besançon / Basel / Como / Lenno (900 km). Avoid the Gotthard tunnel in summer.

Lyon / Chambéry / Turin / Milan / Como / Lenno (490 km)

Marseille / Genoa / Milan / Como / Lenno (590 km)

Please note: exit the freeway at Como Nord, not Como Sud, to avoid driving through the entire city. Follow signs for Menaggio.

- by plane: Linate airport (10km from Milan) or Malpensa, bus or cab to Stazione Centrale station, then a 30-minute train ride to Como. In season, there are also 3 direct buses a day to Como from Malpensa airport. From Como, take the boat to Lenno (30-1h30 crossing).

- by train: stop at Como station. Boat to Lenno (between 30 minutes and 1h30 crossing).

DISPERSION

End of stay on day 5 in Lenno in the afternoon.

NIVEAU

1 to 4 hours maximum walking per day. Low gradient. No specific training required.

HEBERGEMENT

Accommodation in standard rooms

Standard version

Bed and breakfast in Lenno

A small, family-run hotel where life is good. Just 150 meters from the lake, the hotel has 7 rooms, a garden and a restaurant/trattoria serving typical regional dishes. Everything here invites you to discover and savor the gentle Italian way of life that emanates from this area. Small beach on the lake nearby, at the end of the promenade. Public parking lot next to the hotel (non-reservable).

If not available, you can stay in a hotel or B&B in Lenno or Cadenabbia.

Superior version

Hotel* in Tremezzo**

The hotel has 39 soundproofed rooms, all with balcony or small garden, equipped with the best comforts: air conditioning, free Wi-Fi, TV, safe, minibar, private bathroom with hairdryer. It also has an outdoor swimming pool and private parking for cars and buses.

TRANSFERTS INTERNES

Transfers included:

D2 Boat trip from Lenno to Villa Carlotta
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D3 Boat trip from Lenno to Bellano
J3 Boat trip from Varenna to Lenno

J4 Boat trip from Lenno to Bellagio
J4 Boat trip from Bellagio to Lenno

PORTAGE DES BAGAGES

Your own luggage transport.

GROUPE

Departures from 2 people.

ENCADREMENT

No guide on this trip.

Before your departure, we'll give you a road book specially designed for this tour, with precise indications that will enable you to explore and hike in complete freedom.

To fully enjoy and appreciate your hiking trip, you must be able to ensure your autonomy in the field with our road book.

MATERIEL FOURNI

EQUIPEMENT INDIVIDUEL A PREVOIR

Luggage

You must pack all your belongings in 2 bags: 1 backpack and 1 large soft travel bag.

1 - The backpack:

A hiking backpack with a capacity of around 35 liters, it will be useful for carrying your personal belongings during the day.

2 - The large, flexible travel bag:

This should hold the rest of your belongings. You'll find it every evening. Star stay.

Clothing

- 1 sun hat or cap

- 1 scarf

- 1 hat and/or headband

- T-shirts (1 for 2 or 3 days' walking). Avoid cotton, which takes a long time to dry; prefer short-sleeved T-shirts (breathable material) in Capilene (Patagonia), Dryflo (Lowe Alpine), Light Effect (Odlo) etc...

- 1 undershirt (remarks as above) or long-sleeved shirt

- 1 fleece jacket

- 1 pair of shorts

- 1 pair of trekking pants

- 1 pair of comfortable evening pants

- 1 light, simple Gore-tex jacket

- 1 rain cape (optional)
- 1 bathing suit
- Underwear
- Walking socks (1 pair for 2 to 3 days' walking). Avoid tennis socks (cotton), which take a long time to dry and can cause blisters; prefer Coolmax socks, for example.
- 1 pair of hiking boots with good ankle support (Vibram-type soles)
- 1 pair of sandals or casual shoes for evening wear.

The clothing list must be adapted to the season chosen.

Equipment

- 1 pair of high-quality sunglasses
- 1 pair of telescopic poles (optional): make ascents and descents easier, and very useful on rough or slippery terrain
- 1 water bottle (1 liter minimum)
- 1 compass
- 1 pocket knife (to be packed in checked luggage)
- Toiletries: preferably biodegradable products
- 1 bath towel
- Earplugs (optional)
- Sunscreen + lip balm.

Personal pharmacy

- Your usual medication
- Pain medication: paracetamol preferred
- Elastic adhesive tape (Elastoplast type, 6 cm wide)
- Set of adhesive bandages + disinfectant pads
- Double skin (available in sports stores, pharmacies, drugstores, etc.)
- Mosquito repellent (optional).

LE PRIX COMPREND

- Travel documents,
- Accommodation in a room of 2, night and breakfast,
- Programmed boat trips,
- Visit to the gardens and interior of Villa Carlotta and the gardens of Villa Barbianello.

LE PRIX NE COMPREND PAS

- **Insurance,**
- **tourist taxes,**
- **Transportation to and from the meeting point,**
- **Entrance to the gardens of Villa Monastero and Melzi,**
- **Entrance to Villa Balbianello.**
- **Drinks, lunches and dinners,**
- **Luggage transportation,**
- **Tips and personal expenses,**
- **Single room option on request**
- **Car rental, if required.**

