



VILLAS AND GARDENS IN THE CENTRE OF LAKE COMO

VILLA CARLOTTA

Via Regina, 2 – Loc. Tremezzo, **Tremezzina** (CO)
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Villa Carlotta is a place of rare beauty, where masterpieces of nature and art live together in perfect harmony in over 70.000 square metres of gardens and museum. The beautiful villa was built at the end of XVII century in a natural basin between lake and mountains. The architect created for the Clericis an important but sober building, with an Italian garden decorated with sculptures, stairs and fountains. In 1801 Gian Battista Sommariva, famous politician, businessman and patron of arts, bought the villa. Thanks to him, the villa attained the summit of its splendour and became one of the most important halting-places of the Grand Tour with its collection of art (masterpieces of Canova, Thorvaldsen and Hayez) and its fascinating romantic garden. In the second half of the century Princess Marianne of Nassau bought the villa and gave it as a present to her daughter Carlotta in occasion of her wedding. Her husband was passionate about botany and made a lot of improvements and new additions to the park that became more famous for its botanical richness and the rhododendrons and azaleas spring flowering.



Opening hours:

From 24th March to 5th November:
Every day 10am-7pm
Ticket office closes at 6pm – Museum closes at 6.30pm

Online booking is recommended: www.villacarlotta.it

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Adults: € 15.00
Seniors (over 65): € 13.00
Children 6-18 years old: € 6.00
Children (0-5): free entrance
Family (2 adults + 2 minors): € 30.00

- Dogs are allowed only in the garden, on leash and with “dog toilet bag”

VILLA BALBIANELLO

Via Guido Monzino, 1 – Loc. Lenno, **Tremezzina** (CO)
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Built in 1787, incorporating an ancient monastery, it is one of the most beautiful and romantic villas on Lake Como. Thanks to its great charm it is now used as a backdrop in several film productions (e.g. Star Wars and James Bond). On the top floor there is a unique museum which houses special collections of art. A landscaped boulevard leads from the churchyard of the small Church, up to the top of the promontory. Plane trees and statues soften the scenic climb, which runs between steep lawns, bordered by hedges of boxwood and laurel.

Opening hours:

Every day: 10am-6pm - Closed Mondays and Wednesdays
Exceptional closure: 14th September
Last entry in the gardens: 5pm
Last entry in the villa: 4pm

The guided tour of the interiors of the Villa takes 45 minutes and is in Italian or English

Online booking is recommended: www.fai.midaticket.it

Prices:

Gardens:
Adults: € 12.00
Children 6-18 years old: € 9.00
Children 0-5 years old: free entrance

Gardens and guided tour of the Villa:
Adults: € 23.00
Children 6-18 years old: € 15.00
Children 0-5 years old: free entrance

- Dogs are allowed only on leash and with “dog toilet bag”

Access to the Villa:

The villa is reachable by a water taxi that leaves from Lido di Lenno (one way ticket € 6.00, return ticket € 8.00), or by foot (1 km /25 min).

GARDENS OF VILLA MELZI

Lungo Lario Manzoni - **Bellagio** (CO)

Info: +39 031 950318 - info@giardinidivillamelzi.it - www.giardinidivillamelzi.it



On the lakeshore in Bellagio, this villa was built for Duke Francesco Melzi d'Eril and today is still a private property. The project was given to the architect Giocondo Albertolli and the works were carried out between 1808 and 1810. The spectacular garden is open to the public for visiting. It was achieved by adapting the ground with terraces and rises, adding tropical and exotic essences, valuable sculptures among which stands the famous group with Dante and Beatrice, a Moorish temple and a Japanese pond. Even the "orangerie" is today transformed into a small museum and you can also visit the family chapel.

Opening hours:

Gardens, museum and chapel:

From 25th March to the end of October: 10am-7pm
Last entry: 6.30pm

Villa:

Closed to the public

Closed in case of extremely adverse weather conditions

Prices:

Adults: € 8.00 (one-day pass)
Children up to 12 years old: free entrance
Groups (min. 15 people): € 6,50
Season Ticket: € 50.00
Payment: Ticket office of Bellagio and Loppia

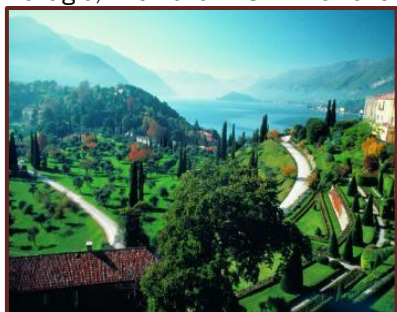
- Dogs are allowed only on leash and with "dog toilet bag"
- Bicycles and push scooter are not allowed

VILLA SERBELLONI

Piazza della Chiesa, 14 - **Bellagio** (CO)

Info: +39 031 951555 - villa@promobellagio.it - www.bellagiolakecomo.com

The villa was built in the 15th century for Marchesino Stanga. It was modified in the 16th century by the Sfondrati family and passed in the late 18th century into the hands of the Serbelloni Dukes, who left the building intact, but extended the magnificent grounds. These stretch over the high part of the promontory of Bellagio, with over 18 km of avenues and paths that allow the visitor to admire the large quantity of plants, including rare and exotic plants, which grow on the terraces sloping down towards the lake. Splendid views of the Como and Lecco branches of the Lake from the XVIII century garden as well as views of the lake's northern branch and the Pre-Alps from the remains of the fortification on the top of the promontory.



Only the big park is accessible to the public and occupies a great part of the headland with pathways that last for almost 18 kilometres. It is possible to see cypress and olive trees mainly, hedges that outline the terraces and the geometrically landscaped flowerbeds. The views overlook the two arms of the lake, with views of extraordinary beauty.

Guided tour:

Serbelloni's garden can only be visited on guided tours for a maximum of 30 people. Tours last about 1 ½ hours leaving from the Promobellagio Office, situated in the medieval tower in St. Giacomo square in the upper part of the town.

Until 5th November: Every day at 11am and 3.30pm
No tours on Monday (except 1st May and 14th August)
Guided tour cancelled in case of bad weather.
The park is closed from 4th to 8th June and from 19th to 22nd June

Compulsory online booking: www.bellagiolakecomo.com

Prices:

Adults: € 10.00
Children 7-13 years old: € 5.00
Children 0-6 years old: free entrance
Groups (min. 20 people): € 8.00

- Only small dogs are allowed

VILLA VIGONI

Via Giulio Vigoni, 1 - **Loveno di Menaggio** (CO)

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Villa Mylius Vigoni is now the headquarters of a bilateral association, which was founded by the German Federal Republic and the Italian Republic to foster the relationship between Italy and Germany in the fields of scientific research, higher education and culture. In a magnificent vintage frame, the Hall of the statues, the Hall of grisailles, the Little Library, the Music Room and the Room of the fireplace are prestigious and refined. In summer the Villa opens new meeting spaces: terraces - where you can enjoy a magnificent view of the lake - and the park where you can walk among sculptures and ancient trees.

Guided tour:

From April to October (closed in August):
Every Thursday afternoon: 2.30pm
Duration: 80 minutes
Language: Italian and/or German and/or English (language of the visit will be decided according to the needs of the majority of visitors).
Meeting point: Reception of the Villa

Reservation compulsory: mail or calling

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Gardens:

Adults: € 10.00
Seniors (over 65): € 6.00
Children up to 14 years old: free entrance

Gardens and Villa:

Adults: € 12.00
Seniors (over 65): € 6.00
Children up to 14 years old: free entrance

CASTELLO DI VEZIO

Via al castello - **Perledo** (LC)

Info: +39 333 4485975 – info@castellodivezio.it - www.castellodivezio.it



The Castle of Vezio is a Roman fortification dating back to the fifth century, among the most beautiful ones in the area of Lake Como. The old manor house, fenced and developed around a main tower with square merlons, stands in Val d'Esino on a bluff overlooking the village of Varenna, on the eastern side of the lake. Legend has it that the main tower has also hosted the renowned Theodolinda, Queen of the Lombards. Today the Castle of Vezio is a well-known tourist attraction and a lot of visitors come here, for three main reasons in particular: first of all, from the top of the highest tower you can enjoy a magnificent and unparalleled 360° view of the lake, which is particularly impressive on a clear day. Secondly, the castle houses a beautiful garden with olive trees, plants and flowers in lovely colours, especially during

spring season. Last but not least, the castle hosts a health care and training centre for birds of prey, which is open to the public and allows you to see up close the spectacular flights of barn owls, owls, buzzards, falcons and other specimens, as well as to know all the secrets of the ancient art of falconry.

Opening hours:

Open every day until 31st October:
April: 10am-6pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-7pm
May: 10am-6pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-7pm
June: 10am-7pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-8pm
July: 10am-7pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-8pm
August: 10am-7pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-8pm
September: 10am-6pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-7pm
October: 10am-5pm /Saturdays and Sundays: 10am-6pm

Last entry: 30 minutes before closing time
Closed in case of bad weather

Tickets can be purchased on site or via online presale:
www.liveticket.it/castellodivezio

Prices:

Adults: € 5.00
Children 7-17 years old: € 3.00
Children up to 6 years old: free entrance
Seniors (over 65): € 3.00
Groups (min. 12 people): € 3.00

- Dogs are not allowed

VILLA CIPRESSI

Via IV Novembre, 22 - Varenna (LC)

Info: +39 0341 830113 – info@hotelvillacipressi.it – www.rcollectionhotels.it



Hotel Villa Cipressi is a complex of buildings and gardens, rich in history, built mainly between 1400 and 1800. Villa Cipressi put at the disposal of its guests the possibility to visit, through a botanic pathway, its century-old gardens with tiered terraces till the lake, containing plants of rare beauty and of worldwide botanical importance.

Opening hours of the garden:

Until 31st October open every day:
 April and May: 9am-7.30pm
 June/July/August: 9am-8pm
 September: 9am-7.30pm
 October: 10am-6pm
 Closing days: 6th and 7th June, 11th and 12th July, 21st and 22nd July, 11th and 12th August, 14th and 15th August, from 18th to 21st August, 31st August, 1st September, 30th September and 1st October, 13th and 14th October, 20th and 21st October

Ticket office closes 45 minutes before closing time

Prices:

Adults: € 10.00
 Students (15-25 years old): € 5.00
 Seniors (over 65): € 7.00
 Groups (min. 20 people): € 7.00
 Children up to 14 years old: free entrance
 Possibility of cumulative ticket with Villa Monastero

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VILLA MONASTERO

Via Giovanni Polvani, 4 - Varenna (LC)

Info: +39 0341 295450 - villa.monastero@provincia.lecco.it – www.villamonastero.eu

Villa Monastero, a property of the Province of Lecco, is one of the most interesting attractions of our territory thanks to its strategic location, its history, its landscape. The House Museum, the historical and noble residence, is at its core: in the year 2004 Villa Monastero was given the title of "Casa Museo" by the Lombardy Region and since then its fourteen rooms can be visited following a charming itinerary. The Villa is surrounded by a spectacular and fascinating botanical Garden which extends for two kilometres from Varenna to Fiumelatte; it is visited yearly by about 40.000 people and offers recreation and learning opportunities thanks to the presence of many botanical species, both indigenous and exotic.



Opening hours:

Garden: open every day until 31st October
 April and May: 9.30am-7.30pm
 June/July and August: 9.30am-8pm
 September: 9.30am-7.30pm
 October: 10am-6pm

House Museum:

April and May: closed
 June/July and August: every day: 9.30am-8pm
 September: from Tuesday to Sunday: 9.30am-7.30pm
 October: from Tuesday to Sunday: 10am-6pm

Closing days: 21st, 22nd and 23th September.

Ticket office closes 45 minutes before closing time

Tickets can be purchased online: www.vivaticket.com

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Garden:

Adults: € 10.00
 Students 15-25 years old: € 5.00
 Seniors (over 65): € 7.00
 Groups (min. 10 people): € 7.00
 Children up to 14 years old: free entrance

Garden and House Museum:

Adults: € 13.00
 Students 15-25 years old: € 7.00
 Seniors (over 65): € 9.00
 Groups (min. 10 people): € 9.00
 Children up to 14 years old: free entrance
 Possibility of cumulative ticket with Villa Cipressi botanical garden

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