



VILLAS AND GARDENS IN THE CENTRE OF LAKE COMO

VILLA CARLOTTA

Via Regina 2b, 22019 **Tremezzo** (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-place 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 23th March to 30th September: 9am-7.30pm
Ticket office closes at 6.30pm

From 1st to 28th October: 9.30am – 6.30pm
Ticket office closes at 5pm

From 29th October to 4th November: 10am-5pm
Ticket office closes at 4pm

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Adults: € 10.00
Seniors (over 65): € 8.00
Students (up to 26 y.): € 5.00 (with student card)
Children (0-5): free entrance
Family (2 adults + minors): € 20.00

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

VILLA BALBIANELLO

Via Comoedia 5, 22016 **Lenno** (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:

From 17th March until mid-November: 10am–6pm
Open every day, except Mondays and Wednesdays (unless bank holidays)

Entry to the garden is still possible up to 5.15pm
Last entry in the Villa 4.30pm according to availability

Prices:

Garden:
Adults: € 10.00
Children 4-14 years old: € 5.00
Children 0-4 years old: free entrance

Garden and Villa with guided tour:
Adults: € 20.00
Children 4-14 years old: € 10.00
Children 0-4 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 (return ticket € 7.00), or by foot (1 km /25 min).

VILLA MELZI

Lungolaro Manzoni, 22021 **Bellagio** (CO)

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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:

Garden: Open every day from 24th March until 31st October:
9.30am-6.30pm

Villa: closed to the public

Prices:

Adults: € 6.50

2-Day pass: € 8.00

Season Ticket: € 50.00

Children up to 12 years old: free entrance

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

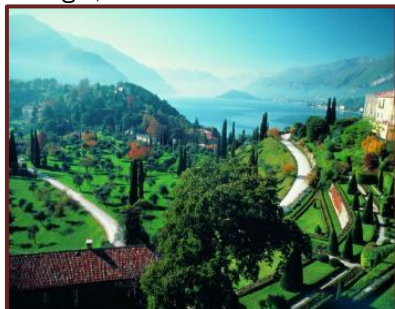
Payment: Ticket office of Bellagio and Loppia (cash only)

VILLA SERBELLONI

Piazza della Chiesa 14, 22021 **Bellagio** (CO)

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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.

Opening hours:

Open every day until 5th November except Mondays and in case of bad weather.

Guided tour:

Serbelloni's garden can only be visited on guided tours for a minimum of 6 people and a maximum of 30. Tours last about 1h30 leaving at **11am** and **3.30pm** from the Promobellagio Office, situated in the medieval tower in St. Giacomo square in the upper part of the town.

From 28th October the afternoon tour will start at **2.30pm**. No chance to visit the inside of the Villa.

Prices:

Adults: € 9.00

Children 7-13 years old: € 5.00

Children 0-7 years old: free entrance

Groups (min 20 people): € 7.00 per person. The reservation is compulsory.

- Only small dogs are allowed

VILLA VIGONI

Via Giulio Vigoni 1, 22017 **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. Only the big park is accessible to the public, the stable is used just for seminars and working sessions.

Guided tour of the garden:

Every Thursday at 14.30 (circa 1 hour).
 Meeting point: Reception
 The reservation is compulsory: +39 0344 361232

Villa Vigoni is closed in August

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Adults: € 10.00
 Reduced prices for children, groups and seniors (over 65)

- Dogs are allowed but they are kept at the reception

CASTELLO DI VEZIO

Via per Perledo, 23829 **Perledo** (LC)
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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 1st November
 April: 10am-6pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-7pm
 May: 10am-6pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-7pm
 June: 10am-7pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-8pm
 July: 10am-7pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-8pm
 August: 10am-7pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-8pm
 September: 10am-6pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-7pm
 October: 10am-5pm / Saturday and Sunday: 10am-6pm

Last entry: 20 minutes before closing time

Closed in case of bad weather

Prices:

Adults: € 4.00
 Children 7-12 years old: € 2.00
 Children up to 6 years old: free entrance
 Seniors (over 65), students (with student card) and groups (min 12 people): € 3.00
 Annual pass: € 12.00

- Dogs are not allowed

VILLA CIPRESSI

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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:

From 23rd April to 31st October open every day:
8am- 6.30pm

Prices:

Adults: € 5.00
 Kids 12-18 years old: € 3.00
 0-11 years old: free entrance
 Seniors (over 65): € 3.00
 Students (up to 24 years old): € 3.00
 Groups (min 10 people): € 3.00
 The reservation is recommended for groups.

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VILLA MONASTERO

Via Giovanni Polvani 4, 23829 Varenna (LC)
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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: until 1st November, open every day
 April: 10am-6pm
 May/June/July/August: 9.30am-7pm
 September: 9.30am-6pm
 October and 1st November: 10am-6pm

Museum:

April: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays:
10.am-6pm
 May: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays:
9.30am-7pm
 June/July: From Tuesdays to Sundays and Bank Holidays:
9.30am-7pm
 August: every day: 9.30am-7pm
 September: From Tuesdays to Sundays and Bank Holidays:
9.30am-6pm
 October and 1st November: Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays: 10am-6pm

Ticket office closes 30 minutes before closing

Prices (reduced fees with ID card):

Garden:

Adults: € 5.00
 Kids 12-18 years old: € 3.00
 Students 18-24 years old: € 3.00
 Seniors (over 65): € 3.00
 Groups (min 10 people): € 3.00
 Children 0-11 years old: free entrance

Garden and Museum:

Adults: € 8.00
 Kids 12-18 years old: € 5.00
 Students 18-24 years old: € 5.00
 Seniors (over 65): € 5.00
 Groups (min 10 people): € 5.00
 Children 0-11 years old: free entrance

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