

LAKE COMO FOOD TOURS

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INTRO

HOW WE WORK

Experience Italy Tours offers unique experiences throughout the Lake Como area and beyond!

Our tours carefully mix culture, scenic landscapes and high quality local product food tastings, all of which experienced whilst walking in our wonderful lakefront villages, biking along panoramic routes, hiking in our mountain territory, participating in a cooking class or enjoying a cruise to view the mountains from the lake.

Our core business is offering day tours and packages targeting individuals and small groups of max. 15 people.

Our mission is to offer a complete service to the client, who will not have to worry about anything else except reaching our meeting point (transfers also available).

Our strength consists in the fact that, being small and flexible, we can guarantee our small group tours departures with a minimum participation of 2 adults, meaning that if a couple makes a reservation and we do not receive any other requests, the tour will not be cancelled, thus offering a guarantee to individual travelers.

Our prices to the public are gross and commissionable by 10-15% depending on volumes.

All our tours are also available on a private basis, therefore not open to anybody else, quotations available upon request.

Some private quotations have been inserted in this catalogue. In the specific case of private tours, our quotations are net, not commissionable as they can be easily marked-up.

In addition to this, we offer tailor-made solutions: any day tour or package can be customized based on your clients' preference: a personalized service based on our knowledge of the territory as locals. Please ask for our suggestions.

This catalogue showcases our main tours and new packages, please refer to our website to view the full range of tours we provide.

Please note that all prices quoted are valid for 2021 but may vary, please refer our website for updated prices.

All tours are in English and may be organized privately in other languages. Quotations available upon request.

SMALL GROUP TOURS

max 15 participants

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PUBLIC PRICES

are gross
10-15% discount
to travel agents and TOs

PRIVATE TOURS

All public tours are
available privately

PRIVATE TOURS PRICES

To be found in this
catalogue
They are net

TAILOR MADE TOURS

Ask us to design a tailor
made tour!
Quotations upon request



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GRAND TOUR OF LAKE COMO

An amazing full day tour including a long private cruise on board an open-top Venetian watertaxi: explore the western branch of Lake Como and admire the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas, once the homes of aristocrats, now the playgrounds for the jet set.



Take a private cruise in an open top Venetian taxi. Relax while cruising the Western branch of the lake, admiring the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas. Disembark at Villa del Balbianello for a guided visit, a real gem not to be missed. As an alternative, you may visit Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo, with its stunning gardens. The choice shall need to be made at least one day in advance. Villa Carlotta will always be the choice on Mon and Wed.

After visiting the villa and its gardens, cruise onwards to Bellagio, called the "Pearl of the Lake." Here you shall stop for lunch at a restaurant of your choice (we shall be glad to suggest a restaurant and make reservations).

After lunch, visit the town of Bellagio and the gardens of Villa Melzi, adorned with classical statues and rare, exotic plants. In May, the azaleas are justly celebrated.

After some time in Bellagio and perhaps some shopping, your private water taxi will pick you up at 1700 to bring you back to departure location.

A friendly and professional English speaking tour guide shall accompany you the whole day, giving you all the information you need and, why not, useful suggestions.

DEPARTS

Any day

THE TOUR IS ONLY OPERATED PRIVATELY

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m.

DURATION

7-7.5 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Hotel pick up by watertaxi

PRICE

Pricing from Bellagio/Tremezzo/ Menaggio/Varenna and surroundings:

up to 2 guests Euro 1300

up to 4 guests Euro 1400

up to 6 guests Euro 1500

Pricing from Cernobbio/Como/Moltrasio/Torno and surroundings:

up to 2 guests Euro 1700

up to 4 guests Euro 1800

up to 6 guests Euro 1900

WHAT'S INCLUDED

Entrance tickets to the villas

Water taxi at disposal from 10.00 to 13.00 and from 17.00 to end of tour
Professional English speaking tour guide

Lunch not included. We shall suggest a restaurant and make reservations

CENTRAL LAKE

BOAT FOOD & VILLAS

This full day tour will allow you to discover the "pearls" of the mid lake area and view and visit some of the most famous waterfront villas, all accompanied with the tasting of delicious local products.



The tour starts with a trip to a fascinating original mill on the hills above Varenna where you will be offered a tasting of the world famous locally produced olive oil, typical Valsassina cheese, cold cuts and wine followed by a guided walking tour of Varenna with its Celtic origins and steep alleys.

Lunch will be served in a lakefront restaurant where you will sample typical freshwater fish starters and delicious pasta (a non-fish menu will also be available).

An unforgettable private motorboat cruise will give you the chance to relax in the afternoon admiring the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas, once the homes of aristocrats, now the playgrounds for the jet set.

You will disembark at Villa del Balbianello for a guided visit, a real gem not to be missed, stunning shooting location for a number of famous films such as "Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones" and "Casino Royale".

Afterwards, our motorboat will bring you to Bellagio, where you shall be guided through the wonderful Villa Melzi gardens, followed by a stroll along the lakeside.

The tour will end at approximately 5:30 pm in this world-renowned village, where you are highly recommended to stop for a romantic happy hour or dinner. Our tour guide will suggest the best restaurants in the area.

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DEPARTS

Tue, Thu, Sat, Sun

DEPARTURE TIME

10.30 a.m.

DURATION

7.5 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Ferry terminal
Piazza Martiri

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 255
Youth (4-12) Euro 115
Child (0-3) Euro 25

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests €1 100
Up to 4 guests €1 520
Up to 6 guests €1 680

ADDITIONAL NOTES

All tours take place rain or shine. In case of bad weather conditions, it is possible that the tour undergoes some slight changes and that the transfer to Villa Balbianello is carried out using public transport and not with the private boat taxi due to safety reasons.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

In case of accommodation in Como or Moltrasio, take the 9:00 am hydrofoil from Como and disembark in Bellano at 10:04. Inform us and we will pick you up for free.

The trail to the mill where we do the morning tasting entails a descent with some steep steps which must also be ascended on the return trip. Please make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes for walking.

VILLA CARLOTTA & PRIVATE BOAT TOUR

This half day tour will allow you to be guided to discover the amazing Villa Carlotta and its botanical gardens and then take a private cruise on an open-top Venetian watertaxi to explore the central part of the lake.



During this half day small group tour, you will take a guided tour to Villa Carlotta and its amazing art collection including beautiful sculptures by Canova, followed by a walk in the colorful and astounding botanical gardens of the villa.

You will then take a 1 hour cruise on a private open-top Venetian watertaxi, which will give you the chance to relax admiring the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas. Accompanied by an English speaking guide, we will tour the coast from Tremezzo down to Lenno, admire Villa del Balbianello from the water and circumnavigate Island Comacina. Then we will slowly cruise along the opposite coast to reach the botanical gardens of Villa Melzi and finally Bellagio.

Those who wish to, will get off at this renowned village to spend the afternoon, while the rest of the group will be lead back to Tremezzo.



DEPARTS

Mon, Wed, Fri

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m.

DURATION

3 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Villa Carlotta, Tremezzo
Meeting point at the benches across the road from the ticket office. Look for a pearson holding a Lake Como Food Tours sign!

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

MAX NUMBER

11 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 125
Youth (4-12) Euro 55
Child (0-3) free

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests €430
Up to 4 guests €620
Up to 6 guests €690

BEST OF LAKE COMO

FULL DAY TOUR

During this full day tour from Como you will be lead to discover Lake Como by a licensed English speaking tour guide. Villa Carlotta, Bellagio and amazing cruises on board an open-top Venetian watertaxi included!



During this full day small group tour for max 11 participants, you will meet your tour guide in Como and take a minivan transfer to Tremezzo.

Here you will take a guided tour to Villa Carlotta and its amazing art collection including beautiful sculptures by Canova, followed by a walk in the colorful and astounding botanical gardens of the villa.

You will then take a 1 hour cruise on a private open-top Venetian watertaxi, touring the coast from Tremezzo down to Lenno, to admire Villa del Balbianello from the water and circumnavigate Island Comacina. Then we will slowly cruise along the opposite coast to reach the botanical gardens of Villa Melzi and finally Bellagio.

Here your guide will give you a discovery tour of the old town and will give you some free time for lunch, not before suggesting the best restaurants and cafes in the area.

Mid afternoon you will board our open-top watertaxi to take an amazing cruise down the western branch of the lake to reach Como. The cruise will give you the chance to relax admiring the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas, once the homes of aristocrats, now the playgrounds for the jet set. Your guide shall be there to enhance the experience with the description of the villas and of the villages you shall encounter.

DEPARTS

Mon, Wed, Fri

DEPARTURE TIME

08.45 a.m.

DURATION

8 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Como
outside Hotel Metropole
Suisse
Piazza Cavour, 19

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

MAX NUMBER

11 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 295
Youth (4-12) Euro 150
Child (0-3) free

PRIVATE VERSION

Up to 2 guests € 1180
(each additional guest €50)

Up to 4 guests € 1280
Up to 6 guests € 1380

Our 2 ½ hour Como Food Tour provides a unique food tasting experience. More than a simple “walk and eat” tour, our professional English-speaking guides will give you the local insider view of the history, culture and architecture, which makes up this fascinating city.



Enjoy a cultural and gastronomic journey strolling along the alleyways of the historical city center in our pleasant sub-tropical climate. Admire the principal monuments such as the great Gothic-Renaissance Duomo, the “Broletto” - town hall Palace and the church of San Fedele - a fine example of Romanesque style, all whilst pausing at the most popular food shops to enjoy the dishes and flavors most appreciated by locals.

Meet your friendly guide outside Hotel Metropole Suisse and begin wandering through historic neighborhoods to take in the vibrant cultural atmosphere while sampling tasty focaccia, followed by a choice of local cheeses. If you are a cheese lover you are in the right place: with the mountains in proximity, dairy delights can be found here. Sample high quality extra virgin olive oils harvested from the most current crops around Lake Como and Southern Italy. Taste delicious fruit based barrel aged balsamic from Modena and visit one of the most famous “enoteca” to sample a delicious local wine together with an exquisite tasting of the finest local sliced meats such as bresaola, prosciutto, salame and mortadella. Our expert guide will explain the various wines produced in the area. Learn all about the cooking process from your expert guide as you savor a tasting of typical fresh lake fish in one of the most popular restaurants in Como.

This is the best time to sit, relax and get to know your travelling companions while enjoying a delicious pasta dish accompanied with a glass of local wine finishing with our famous Italian espresso.

DEPARTS

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

DURATION

2 ½ hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Como
Hotel Metropole Suisse
Piazza Cavour, 19

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 95
Youth (4-12) Euro 45
Child (0-3) Free

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 300
Up to 4 guests € 480
Up to 6 guests € 660

ADDITIONAL NOTES

All tours take place rain or shine. If rain is forecast, bring an umbrella, as you will be outside for much of the tour.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

Please bring a bottle of water; alternatively you can purchase one near the meeting point.

While the area is quite flat please make sure to wear comfortable shoes for walking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

LECCO

FOOD TOUR

During this unique 2½ hour walking tour we will explore Lecco's historic center allowing you to indulge in several eating spots.



Our expert guides will show you the nooks and crannies of the town, rich with history and tradition, hidden away from common guidebooks and at the same time whetting your appetite with more mouthwatering delicious salty finger food.

Whilst discovering Alessandro Manzoni and Lecco's architect Giuseppe Bovara, you will sample the finest prosciutto, mortadella and bresaola, all followed by varieties of tasty focaccia. If you are a cheese lover you are in the right place, with the mountains in proximity, dairy delights such as Taleggio and Casera can be had and for the most daring maybe a taste *of the smelliest cheeses from the surrounding alpine pastures.

And finally depending on availability, you will taste the typical local polpetta called Mondeghilo and, given the proximity of the lake, some typical local fresh lake fish finger food.

Lunch and dinner will be served in a typical restaurant renowned for highlighting the ancient lake and land flavors in its dishes. This is the best time to relax and get to know your travelling companions while enjoying a delicious pasta dish accompanied with a glass of local Valtellina valley red wine finishing with our famous Italian espresso.

DEPARTS

Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m. or 5:00 p.m.

DURATION

2 ½ hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Lecco
Tourist Information Office
P.zza XX Settembre, 23

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 85
Youth (4-12) Euro 35
Child (0-3) Free

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 220
Up to 4 guests € 360
Up to 6 guests € 420

ADDITIONAL NOTES

All tours take place rain or shine. If rain is forecast, bring an umbrella, as you will be outside for much of the tour.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

Please bring a bottle of water; alternatively you can purchase one near the meeting point.

While the area is quite flat please make sure to wear comfortable shoes for walking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

BELLAGIO

WALKING TOUR

A 2 1/2 hour guided walk through the old town and its enchanting surroundings plus lunch at a Michelin listed lakefront restaurant a few steps away from the magnificent gardens of Villa Melzi.



During this unique 2½ hour walking tour we will explore Bellagio's historic center and its marvelous and characteristic surroundings. Our first stop is Punta Spartivento, allowing us to admire the superb views of the lake's three branches against a towering alpine background. We will then walk through the picturesque and colorful steep stone alleys of the hamlet bringing us to the characteristic fishing village of Pescallo. Moving on over the hills to Auggio, the upper part of the peninsula crossing lush gardens and olive groves we pass by noble villas and Romanesque churches descending a grassy path to the port of Loppia, home to rare examples of 19th century Larian Gondolas.

The tour continues with another highlight, the romantic gardens of Villa Melzi where our tour guide will introduce you to the history of the gardens and of the villa before taking you to our last stop, a gourmet Michelin listed lakefront restaurant where you will be served a delicious lunch, that includes a typical Italian appetizer, a home made pasta dish and a glass of fresh local wine. You will fall in love with this enchanting location: small elegantly set tables gathered under a wonderful pergola overlooking the lake and the small fishing port of Loppia.

After lunch you shall be free to explore the gardens of Villa Melzi, using the tickets provided by our guide, and relax while taking in the colors and atmosphere of this enchanting place.

DEPARTS

Wed, Fri, Sun

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m.

DURATION

2 ½ hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Bellagio
Boat Terminal
Piazza Giuseppe Mazzini

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 95
Youth (4-12) Euro 45
Child (0-3) Free (lunch not included)

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 260
Up to 4 guests € 380
Up to 6 guests € 570

ADDITIONAL NOTES

All tours take place rain or shine. If rain is forecast, bring an umbrella, as you will be outside for much of the tour.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

Not wheelchair accessible.

Please take note that during this tour we will ascend and descend the hilly townlands around Bellagio so make sure you are physically adapt and have comfortable walking shoes.

Please bring a bottle of water; alternatively you can purchase one near the meeting point.

BIKE & EAT TOUR

A 3 hour e-bike tour through the old town and its enchanting surroundings plus typical tastings at a characteristic location with superb views and complimentary tickets to enter the magnificent gardens of Villa Melzi.



During our 3 hour e-bike tour we will explore Bellagio's historic center and its marvelous and characteristic surroundings. Our first stop is Limonta a small hamlet on the Eastern branch of Lake Como, which hides in its proximity a small and graceful church, hanging on the cliffs, a unique place to take memorable pictures. Next we cycle on to Punta Spartivento, the extremity of the peninsula of Bellagio which represents the heart of the lake, dividing the Como branch from that of Lecco allowing us to admire the superb views of the lake's three branches against a towering alpine background.

Pedaling through the alleys of the hamlet flanking the magnificent gardens of Villa Serbelloni we will reach the fishing village of Pescallo another hidden gem not to be missed. Moving on over the hills to Aureggio, the upper part of the peninsula, crossing lush gardens and olive groves we pass by noble villas and Romanesque churches descending to the port of Loppia, home to rare examples of 19th century Larian Gondolas.

The tour continues to our last stop, a family owned hotel and restaurant over Bellagio, where you will be served typical tastings with a glass of fresh local wine. The magnificent gardens of Villa Melzi are only a few steps away and you will be free to explore them using the complimentary tickets provided by our guide.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

9.30 a.m.

DURATION

3 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Bellagio
Car Ferry Ticket Office
Lungo Lario Manzoni 8

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 135
(min age: 13 –
accompanied)

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 390
Up to 4 guests € 680
Up to 6 guests € 810

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather. If rain is forecast the bike tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

Please take note that during this bike tour we will ascend and descend the hilly townlands around Bellagio so make sure you are physically adapt and have comfortable clothes and shoes for cycling.

Itinerary: Distance: 20km – Difficulty: easy Duration: 4 hours including stop for tasting.

CRUISE & DINNER

An enchanting cruise in an open-top Venetian watertaxi along the lakeside of Como to a charming lakefront restaurant with spectacular views where you will be served a delicious dinner.



You will meet your taxiboat captain in Como at 06.30 pm. During the cruise you will admire the wonderful city lakeside, the mountains, and the splendid villas that dot the coast, once the homes of aristocrats, now the playgrounds for the jet set.

The watertaxi will leave you in Moltrasio directly on the dock in front of the restaurant, where you can relax with a three course dinner, including appetizers or one first course, one second course and dessert.

You will be able to choose between a fish menu and a meat menu (*vegetarian options are also available*).

The price will include water and a glass of wine. Any further drinks or anything not expressly included in the menu is required to be paid directly to the restaurant.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

6.30 p.m.

DURATION

3 ½ hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Como
Floating Pier
Tempio Voltiano, Viale
Marconi 1

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 200

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 600

Up to 4 guests € 950

Up to 6 guests € 1200

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather . If rain is forecast the boat tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

This is not a private cruise but shared with other people (*Maximum number: 10*). If you want a private cruise please ask for a quotation.

The tour ends at the restaurant in Moltrasio, about 25 minutes drive from Como. The Restaurant will be glad to arrange a taxi on request for the return journey to your hotel (The approximately cost for a taxi transfer Moltrasio/Como is Euro 35)

VARENNA

CRUISE & DINNER

An enchanting 1 hour cruise with a motorboat in the central part of Lake Como, to disembark at a gourmet lakefront restaurant in Varenna where you will be served a delicious dinner.



You will meet your taxiboat captain in Varenna at 5.50 pm. During the cruise you will admire the spectacular mountains and the stunning villas, from Villa Carlotta, to Villa Melzi in Bellagio to Villa del Balbianello. Information will be provided in English.

At the end of the cruise the motorboat will leave you in Varenna at the dock leading directly to the gourmet restaurant, where you will relax with a welcome drink and then be served a full dinner, including an appetizer, one first course, one second course and dessert.

You will be able to choose between a fish menu and a meat menu. Of course vegetarian options are available. The price will include water and one glass of wine. Any further drink or anything not included in the menu will need to be paid as an extra to the restaurant.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

6 p.m.

DURATION

3 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Floating Pier
Contrada del Porto 1

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 130

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 400

Up to 4 guests € 560

Up to 6 guests € 780

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather . If rain is forecast the boat tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

The tour starts promptly, please advise clients to be at the meeting point at the requested time.

CRUISE & DINNER

An enchanting 45 minute cruise along the lakeside of Lecco to a charming typical farmhouse restaurant with spectacular views where you will discover the tastes and flavors that locals appreciate.



You will meet your taxiboat captain in Lecco at 6.30 pm. During the cruise you will admire the city from the lake and views of the towering mountains such as the Resegone, symbol of our region.

Accompanied by the rhythm of the waves, you will see the wonderful city lakeside and take in the golden statue of St. Nicolò, patron saint of Lecco and travellers, symbolically positioned in the lake waters.

You will enjoy views of the lakeside town of Malgrate and navigating along the mouth of the Adda river we shall pass by the characteristic fishing hamlet of Pescarenico with its splendid colored buildings and framed by a background of towering peaks, a manzonian image hard to beat.

The motorboat will leave you in Garlate at the Abegg Silk Museum dock where you will have the option to reach the restaurant either by walking (10 minutes) or by taking a complimentary taxi. A typical full dinner will be served, including two appetizers, one first course, one second course and dessert. The price will include water, coffee and one glass of wine. Any further drinks or anything not expressly included in the menu is required to be paid directly to the restaurant.

After dinner a taxi will drive you back to Lecco.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

6.30 p.m.

DURATION

4 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Lecco
Floating Pier
Lungolaro Isonzo

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 230

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather . If rain is forecast the boat tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

A 4 hour cooking course taking place in a charming fishing hamlet on Lake Como. An unforgettable opportunity to learn how to make Italian speciality dishes and enjoy the meal you cooked.



Our cooking course takes place in the lovely fishing hamlet of Mandello del Lario, a characteristic village on the lakeside at family run restaurant, where our chef will teach you how to make homemade pasta, using seasonal, local fresh ingredients.

You will be made to feel at home preparing and then enjoying a home cooked meal and local wine, all accompanied by great company.

The menu changes according to the season. This cooking course will enable you to discover local cooking traditions and tips, ideas and methods which you can take back to try out in your home country and share with your friends and family.

We'll provide all food and drink, all that is required is that you bring enthusiasm and willingness to learn, to meet new people and try to speak some Italian along the way.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

10 a.m.

DURATION

4 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Mandello del Lario
(Meeting point will be provided after reservation)

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 95

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 360

Up to 4 guests € 520

Up to 6 guests € 600

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

At the end of the class, we will be more than happy to call a taxi for you or point you in the right direction.

COOK WITH US

IN A LUXURY VILLA!

A unique experience in the setting of a luxurious villa overlooking the lake. A 4 hour cooking class with a professional Chef, to learn how to make Italian specialty dishes and enjoy the meal you cooked.



Our cooking class takes place in the luxurious atmosphere of Villa Costanza, a mansion dated back to the early 20th century and located in Blevio, a corner of paradise on the shores of the lake, just a couple kilometres from the city center of Como.

Villa Costanza is a green oasis that perfectly integrates the mansion to the surrounding nature. The dominating position, with an amazing view on Lake Como and on Villa d'Este, will take your breath away.

In this splendid location, our Chef will teach you how to make homemade pasta, using seasonal, local fresh ingredients. You will be made to feel at home preparing and then enjoying a home cooked meal and local wine, all accompanied by great company.

The menu changes according to the season. This cooking course will enable you to discover local cooking traditions and tips, ideas and methods which you can take back to try out in your home country and share with your friends and family.

We'll provide all food and drink, all that is required is that you bring enthusiasm and willingness to learn, to meet new people and try to speak some Italian along the way.

And while the Chef gives the dishes a final touch, why don't you sip a glass of wine in the setting of the Villa's panoramic terrace?

DEPARTS

Any day upon request

DEPARTURE TIME

10.00 a.m.

DURATION

4 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Blevio
Villa Costanza
Via E. Caronti, 86

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Small group version not available

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Min 4 participants
Price: € 240 per person

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.

We ask that you bring your eagerness to learn and meet new people.

At the end of the class, we will be more than happy to call a taxi for you or point you in the right direction.

Please remember that bookings are made on first come, first served basis.

WINE & BERNINA TOUR

The Bernina express experience is really a must-do in the region. So we thought: why not coupling it with an amazing wine tasting in Valtellina, an extraordinary wine lovers destination and departure area of the Express?



Our first stop will be at a small historic Valtellina winery located in the ancient home of the noble Quadrio, in Chiuro for an unforgettable 3 wine tasting experience. The winemaker Paolo carries on the family tradition with his sons Luca and Matteo respecting as much as possible the long aging time of Nebbiolo. This is the only winery at the moment that uses the precious antioxidant active ingredients of grapes to produce anti-aging creams, based on red wine.

Lunch will be served in a Michelin listed restaurant renowned for highlighting the ancient land flavors in its dishes. This is the best time to relax and get to know your travelling companions while enjoying the world famous typical dish of "pizzoccheri" (pasta made with buckwheat flour, topped with Casera cheese and melt with butter, potatoes and cabbage) and the "sciatt", delicious cheese-filled buckwheat fritters.

After lunch your driver will leave you at the Tirano train station to hop on the Bernina Express train for an amazing 2 hours trip up the mountains to admire the glacier and reach Saint Moritz. The driver will pick you up upon arrival to take you to the old town for some free time for shopping (maybe chocolate?) and then he will drive you back to Lake Como.

DEPARTS

Wednesday

DEPARTURE TIME

9 a.m.

DURATION

10 ½ hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Ferry Terminal
Piazza Martiri

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 430

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 950
Up to 4 guests € 1200
Up to 6 guests € 1500

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The tour takes place rain, hail or shine.

VALTELLINA

WINE TASTING TOUR

A full day tour to discover the tastes and flavours of Valtellina: visit to an old grocery store dated 1883, wine tasting experience at two historic wineries plus lunch at a Michelin listed restaurant.



Our first stop will be at a famous and old "Bottega" (grocery store) of the valley dated 1883 for a taste of the two typical cheeses of the region, the well-rounded forms of aged Bitto and Casera hidden in back rooms surrounded by an astonishing succession of vaults, columns and beehive cells.

The trip continues along the valley to a small historic Valtellina winery located in the ancient home of the noble Quadrio, in Chiuro for an unforgettable 3 wine tasting experience accompanied by cheese and cold meat specialties like the famous bresaola di Valtellina, air-dried salted beef. This is the only winery at the moment that uses the precious antioxidant active ingredients of grapes to produce anti-aging creams, based on red wine.

Lunch will be served in a Michelin listed restaurant renowned for highlighting the ancient land flavors in its dishes.

The tour continues after lunch to your last stop - a visit to the most historic and largest winery of Valtellina born more than a century ago: Casa Vinicola Nino Negri. You will be guided through a labyrinth of cellars under Palazzo Quadrio, the company's headquarters, where you will be so amazed by the number of barrels and underground rooms while experiencing the tasting of 4 different wines so interesting that you won't notice that you have come out in another part of the village.

DEPARTS

Wednesday

DEPARTURE TIME

9.00 a.m.
(8.15 am from Como)

DURATION

10 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Ferry Terminal
Piazza Martiri

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

from Varenna:
Adult Euro 310
Group discount 4 people
Euro 260 pp

from Como:
Adult Euro 430
Group discount 4 people
Euro 340 pp

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 800
Up to 4 guests € 1200
Up to 6 guests € 1350

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The tour takes place rain, hail or shine.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The tour is not recommended for pregnant women and children due to alcohol consumption.

Comfortable shoes and clothes are advisable. Please bring a light jacket/jumper with you as temperature in the cellars could be cold.

In case one of the wineries is not available, it will be replaced with other local ones.

CHEESE & HAM

LOVERS TOUR

A full day tour to enjoy exclusive visits to 2 award-winning cheese and ham producers of the area including a delicious lunch at a beautiful setting with mountain view.



You will start your journey in Varenna, from where you will be driven down the Lecco branch to the east, a stunning and magical territory with unspoilt landscapes, a distant cry from mass tourism, dwarfed by the majestic and severe surrounding mountains.

Our first stop will be at Marco d'Oggiono production site, a family-owned business, founded in 1945 in Oggiono (Lecco) and continues today with passion and wisdom to produce cured hams making a mild and good prosciutto crudo. Here you will be welcomed with a delicious tasting of their top quality sliced meats followed by an exclusive visit to their "prosciutto rooms".

A nice half-hour drive will bring you up the mountains to discover the Valsassina Valley on the Eastern side of the lake. Carozzi is a boutique dairy and cheese producer. It has been operating in the historic butter factory site in Pasturo since 1960 and has developed an internationally award-winning range of hand-made dairy and goat milk cheeses that have become Italian classics. Here you will visit their local production site, learning about all the processes of conservation and "salatura" of one of the most renowned cheese of the Valley: Taleggio. A delicious tasting of their top quality cheeses, including gorgonzola, latteria, primo sale and goat milk products will be served at a beautiful setting with mountain view, complete with a risotto or pasta dish and a glass of local wine.

DEPARTS

Friday

DEPARTURE TIME

9.30 a.m.

DURATION

7 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Ferry Terminal
Piazza Martiri

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 185
Child (4-12) Euro 120
Infant (0-3) Euro 40
Group discount: from 4 people – Euro 160 pp

PRIVATE VERSION

PRICE

Up to 2 guests €740
Up to 4 guests €1000
Up to 6 guests €1110

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The tour takes place rain, hail or shine.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

The tour is not recommended for pregnant women and children due to alcohol consumption.

TORNO-MONTEPIATTO

HIKE FROM COMO

This 4 hour guided trekking will allow you to discover part of the "Strada Regia" a panoramic mountainside path winding through chestnut woods and characteristic villages the ancient way of connection between Como and Bellagio (32 km).



A professional guide will meet you in Como from the lakeside road in the town center. The tour starts with an unforgettable 30 minutes cruise of the lake by public boat to reach the beautiful village of Torno, where we will start our trekking through the charming village to reach the beginning of our trail that will lead us to the nice hamlet of Piazzaga with crozzo and chapel. We will cross valleys and villages admiring the fascinating Massi Avelli along the way, erratic rocks which have represented an interesting archeological mystery in the past, which has not been solved yet.

The experience continues until reaching another enchanting hamlet: Monte Piatto. Here we will stop to re-fuel enjoying the view over the lake from the church Santa Elisabetta and taking photos of the curious "Pietra Pendula", a huge boulder suspended on the apex of a limestone rock. An ideal location to savor some delicious local tastings: salame, cheeses, vegetables, accompanied with bread to finish with something sweet.

We will soon start our descent to Torno along a well defined mule track. This will end our tour leaving you free to relax or enjoy lunch in one of the characteristic restaurants facing the lake. Boats leave regularly from the beautiful harbor-square, piazza Casartelli. A pleasant cruise will take you back to Como or to the other villages where you chose your accommodation.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

8.30 a.m.

DURATION

6 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Como
Hotel Metropole Suisse
Piazza Cavour, 19

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 130
Youth (8-12) Euro 60

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 300
Up to 4 guests € 520
Up to 6 guests € 780

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather. If rain is forecast the tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please make sure to wear comfortable clothes and hiking shoes or sport shoes for hiking.

Activity Level: Moderate. We are on maintained trails, but there are some significant elevation gain and loss on this hike. (Duration of the tour: 6 hours, including cruise and tasting time. Effective duration of the hike: 4 hours).

Participant should be active and healthy.

VIANDANTE PATH

HIKE FROM VARENNA

This 4 hour guided trekking will allow you to discover the “Sentiero del Viandante” (Wanderer Path), a panoramic mountainside mule path winding through chestnut woods and olive trees.



This path was the ancient way of connection between Lecco and Valtellina: starting from Abbadia and passing through the territories of Varenna and Dervio, the path reaches Colico, following the eastern shore of Lake Como at middle mountain level.

Mountain walking allows us to get to know both nature and ourselves. It allows us to take a timeout from the grey cement cities and enter into harmony with our surroundings, listening to the sounds and silence of nature, our thoughts and to share these sensations with our travel companions.

The Sentiero del Viandante is ideally divided into 3 or 4 stages: what we suggest is the Bellano - Varenna part, which is one of the most scenic ones. During this experience you will have the time to relax and savour some delicious local tastings: salame, cheeses, vegetables, accompanied with bread to finish with something sweet.

A professional guide will meet you in Varenna. You shall take the train to Bellano, from where you shall start your 3-hour hiking back to the starting point in Varenna.

DEPARTS

Daily

DEPARTURE TIME

09.00 a.m.

DURATION

4 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Varenna
Ferry Terminal
Piazza Martiri

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 120
Youth (8-12) Euro 60

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 300
Up to 4 guests € 480
Up to 6 guests € 720

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather. If rain is forecast the tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please make sure to wear comfortable clothes and hiking shoes or sport shoes for hiking.

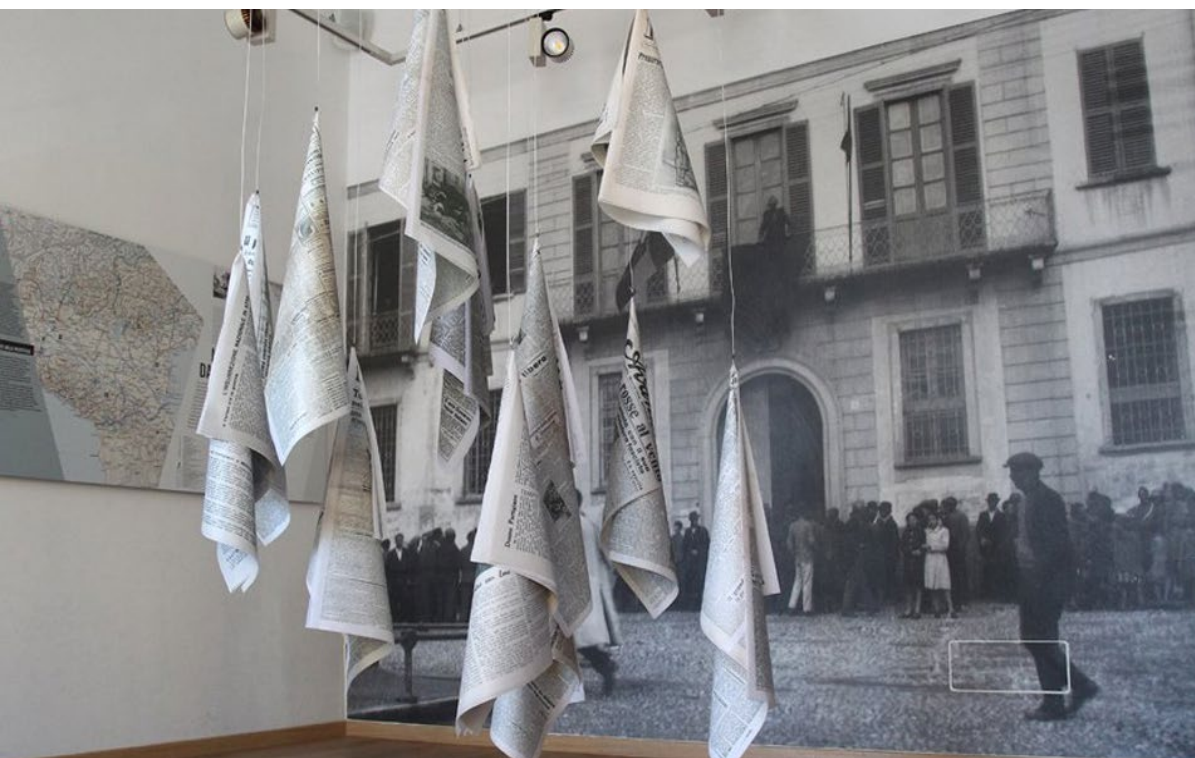
Activity Level: Moderate. We are on maintained trails, but there are a few significant elevation gain and loss on this hike. (Effective duration of the hike: 3 hours).

Participant should be active and healthy.

HISTORY & WINE

TOUR

Did you know that Mussolini was killed a few steps from Tremezzo and the most touristic locations of Lake Como?



Lake Como was the theatre of the end of Mussolini and of the highest Fascist hierarchs: the town of Dongo, located on the north-western shore of the lake, is the place where Benito Mussolini and the fascist ministers were captured on 27th April 1945. They were all taken to the Town Hall to formalize the arrest and decide about their future: the hierarchs were shot in the lakefront square the following morning. Mussolini was shot in the small town of Giulino di Mezzegra, near Tremezzo, but the story of his killing is still shrouded in mystery.

During this tour, you will meet your tour guide in Dongo to hear about the town's history and to visit the **Museum** dedicated to local partisans and to the facts which took place here in the last days of the war: far from being boring, the museum is a virtual and interactive journey into the depths of one of the most controversial pages of Italian history.

Thereafter, you will drive north for a brief stop in Gravedona to admire the amazing lakefront church Santa Maria del Tiglio and finally you'll arrive to a local panoramic winery where the owner will be glad to lead you to a cellar visit and a thorough tasting of their wine production, coupled with local olive oil, cheeses and cold cuts.

DEPARTS

Any day apart from Mondays and Thursdays

DEPARTURE TIME

9.00 a.m. from Varenna or surroundings; 9.30 a.m. departure from Tremezzo or surroundings

DURATION

5-6 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Hotel pick up

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 750
Up to 4 guests € 852
Up to 6 guests € 948

ADDITIONAL NOTES

The tour takes place rain, hail or shine.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Transfer by private driver included departing from Lenno or northern location along the shore and from Varenna and northern locations along the shore. Other departure locations to be quoted as an extra.

BIKE & WINE

TOUR

4 hour guided cycle and wine-tasting tour through Montevicchia's wine growing area with exclusive visit to a boutique winery accompanied with delicious, genuine typical food samplings in a charming farmhouse.



Enjoy the quiet bicycle trails and vineyards of scenic Montevicchia, often described as the prettiest village in Brianza, on this biking and wine tasting tour.

Pedal along hidden country roads and simple trails with your professional guide stopping at one of the area's boutique winery to taste unique Italian wines, including Montevicchia's famous "Brigante".

Meet Claudia the local wine producer and visit her wine cellar. She will tell you the story of her family and how it all begun along with a relaxed and informative explanation and tasting of Montevicchia wines accompanied with delightful cheeses and cold cuts.

Stroll around the family-owned vineyards to learn all the curiosities and anecdotes about the harvesting season before heading back to Lecco.

DEPARTS

Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat

DEPARTURE TIME

09.30 a.m.

DURATION

4 hours

DEPARTURE LOCATION

Lecco
Hotel NH Pontevicchio
Via Azzone Visconti, 84

MIN NUMBER

2 adults

PRICE

Adult Euro 150

PRIVATE VERSION PRICE

Up to 2 guests € 360
Up to 4 guests € 600
Up to 6 guests € 900

ADDITIONAL NOTES

Please check the weather. If rain is forecast the tour will be cancelled.

Cancellation policy 7 days.

Please advise any specific dietary requirements at time of booking.

Itinerary: Distance: 21 km – Difficulty: easy
Duration: 4 hours including stop for tasting.

While the area is quite flat please make sure to wear comfortable clothes and shoes for cycling.

The meeting and the end point are reasonably close and well connected to public transport.