

The many things to do on Lago di Como

Rain or shine and at any time of year, there is plenty to do on or around the Lake. Here is only a small selction of the most popular excursions along with where to get a boat, electric bike or scooter.

Boat Hire:

This we think is the best trip of all – up there with the Bernina! We rent from our friend Mino – very helpful and accommodating and he shows you step by step what to do, but it's very easy as these are not fast or complex boats so you can go out alone without a driver. You will be given a map of the lake pin-pointing all the fabulous and famous villas which are a real sight to see! You can also have a swim – it's refreshing if the temperature is right!

Prices start from around 150€ for the first two hours and this provides enough time to explore the central lake area. You will need to show ID and have a mobile phone.

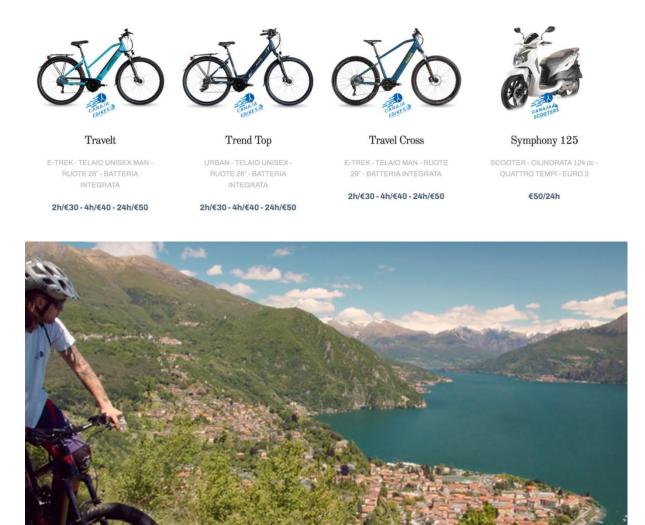
Mino +39 329 214 2280 (Hiring a boat at Comacina Island)



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Electric Bike and Scooter Hire:

Our friend Jackamo at Canaja in Menaggio (<u>www.canajaebikes.it</u>) can provide you with Electric Bikes and 125cc Scooters from as little as 30€ per day. Having tried it ourselves it's the perfect way to explore the local area.



The all important, Villas:

La Casa Della Seta sits between Villa Carlotta and Balbianello, probably the two most well known. There are many more around the lake and best seen by boat.

In the summer months, and especially if you want a guided tour you need to book in advance at www.villacarlotta.it and https://fondoambiente.it/villa-del-balbianello-eng

Both are within walking distance with plenty of bars and restuarants on the way to make a leisurely day of it.



Villa Balbianello with scenes from Star Wars episode 2 and James Bond – Casino Royale filmed here



Villa Carlotta

Over three hundred years of history surrounded by stunning and world reowned botanical gardens including monumental trees, english roses, citrus tunnels, and the romantic garden with the world famous collection of azaleas.

The Bernina Express

Part the of World Heritage site of the Rhaetian Railway the Bernina express runs from Chur in Switzerland to Tirano about 1.5 hours drive from La Casa della Seta. You can drive and park at Tirano station or take the train from Varenna. From Tirano you can get the 4 hour round trip to St Moritz taking in breath-taking scenary, passing Lago Bianco and the highest point on the line of Ospizio Bernina at 2253 metres. Again, best to book in advance at www.thetrainline.com or www.berninarailway.com.





Mountain and Lake Walks

As you can imagine, being in the foothills of the Alps we have numerous, amazing walks available from our front door!

The Greenway, San Martino Church, Capelli Degli Alpini, Mont Crocione, the list goes on and if you are a keen walker we have at least a week's worth of walks for you taking in mountain and lakeside.



A trip to Milan

Catch the early morning fast boat to Como then the train to Milan to visit the famous Duomo, maybe see Leonardo da Vinci's – Cenacolo (The Last Supper) or marvel (and maybe shop) at the Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II. You will need to pre-book your tickets for the last supper at www.cenacolovinciano.org.



Galleria Vittorio Emanuele



Milano Duomo

Bellagio, Varenna and Menaggio:

The most famous village on the lake and well worth a visit is the famous Bellagio, being a must - see with its cobbled streets - this what you see on nearly every Italy postcard! Fabulous jewellery, art, craft, glass, and silk shops, delicious gelatos and restaurants and stunning scenery. Its just a short ferry ride across from Tremezzo – it's a spectacular trip out.



Bellagio



Menaggio - the next most famous and beautiful village with its stunning lakeside pronanade and 'piazza'. Another great place for lunch whilst there is at 'La Trattoria Costantin'.



Varenna – On the eastern side of the lake, a lovely spot for lunch in one of the lakeside restaurants before exploring the village and villa monastero

Local Bars and Restuarants (don't worry, we will provide you a map)

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Bar Roma – Great for a 'aperitivo' or a lazy afternoon by the Lakeside

La Locanda - Perfect for the best fresh pizzas and pasta (you must try the Carbonara!)



Cantina Folie – For those of you who love wine, meat and cheese and the combination of all three!



The Grand Hotel Tremezzo – your stay would not be complete unless you visit one of the top hotels in Europe. A must for a special occasion is drink and canapes at T Bar or T Beach.



Grand Hotel Tremezzo

Lots more information and leaflets are available on your arrival and if you have any specific requests please let us know and we will do our very best to help.

We wish you a fabulous holiday and a spectacular trip here!

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