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## TOURIST INFORMATION

- Info point Duomo/Broletto**  
via Maestri Cornacini / piazza Duomo  
+39 031 264215  
Mon - Fri: 10am - 5.30pm  
Sat - Sun: 10am - 6pm  
English
- Info point Stazione San Giovanni**  
piazza San Gottardo, railway station  
Mon - Sun: 9am - 5pm  
English, français, deutsch, español, русский
- PARKINGS**  
Parking garage  
Autosilo Centro lago, via Sant'Elia - via Ricchi  
Autosilo Comunale, via Auguadi 1 con noleggio bici  
Autosilo Jasco, piazza Volta 41A  
Autosilo Quarto Ponte, via Innocenzo  
Autosilo Università, via Castelnouvo  
Autosilo Val Mulini, via dei Mulini  
Autosilo Valduce, via Lecco
- Camping**  
Camping International, via Cecilio  
+39 031 521 436 - +39 335 220508  
campingint@icmail.com  
www.camping-internazionale.it
- TRANSPORTATION**  
Trains  
Railway station Como San Giovanni  
luggage drop-off 24/7  
Connections with Milano Centrale, Milano  
Porta Garibaldi, Lecco and Switzerland  
S11 Line Como-Milano/Expo2015  
Railway station Como Nord Lago  
Line Como-Milano Cadorna  
Line Como-Saronno-Malpensa  
www.muoversi.regione.lombardia.it  
www.trenitalia.com  
www.trenord.it
- Cable car Como-Brunate ATM**  
piazza de Gasperi  
it takes 7 minutes  
+39 031 303 608  
www.funicolarecomo.it



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## LAKE COMO BY BOAT

Making use of the regular service offered by Navigazione Lago di Como steamboat company, you can sail around the first branch of the lake starting from Como, with stop offs, if you wish, at Cernobbio, Moltrasio, Torno and Blevio.

The boat trip is a romantic and tranquil experience that gives visitors the opportunity to admire villages and landscapes from another perspective and view villas barely visible from road level.

Worthy of particular note at Cernobbio are Villa Erba, an architectural gem built at the end of the nineteenth century and today important as an exhibition centre, Villa d'Este, long ago the residence of Cardinal Tolomeo Gallo, now an elegant luxury hotel of world renown, and Villa Pizzo with its beautiful gardens.

At Moltrasio, on the other hand, Villa Fontanelle, years ago the residence of the Versace family and Villa Passalacqua, a neoclassical building with a beautiful Italian style garden. The village of Torno, with its picturesque harbour can also be seen from the water as can the sequence of elegant villas at Blevio, among them Villa Troubetzkoy, in Russian style. It is possible to travel around the whole Lake Como by boat.



- MUNICIPAL MUSEUMS**  
Tuesday to Sunday  
9.30am-6pm  
Museo Archeologico (archeological)  
Museo Storico (historical)  
piazza Medaglie d'Oro 1  
+39 031 252550  
Pinacoteca Civica (art gallery)  
via Diaz 84  
+39 031 269869  
Tempio Voltiano (Volta temple)  
viale Marconi  
+39 031 574705  
Villa Olmo  
via Cantoni 1  
+39 031 576169
- BIBLIOTECA (LIBRARY)**  
piazzetta Venosto Lucati 1  
+39 031 252 850
- MUSEUMS**  
Museo didattico della Seta (silk)  
via Castelnouvo 9  
+39 031 303180  
till October 31 (Expo hours)  
Tuesday to Friday 10am-6pm  
Saturday 10am-1pm  
Mu.R.A.C. - Museo rifugi antiarei  
via Italia Libera 11  
+39 031 243289  
Monday to Friday 10am-5pm  
Saturday and Sunday 10am-12.30pm  
guided tours by reservation only

## CASTEL BARADELLO

Starting from Piazza San Rocco or from Piazzale Camerlata, you can walk to the foot of Castel Baradello, rebuilt in the twelfth century by Frederick I, better known as Barbarossa. He had it built on the remains of an ancient sixth century fort. Under the rule of Azzone Visconti, the 19.5 metre high tower was raised by a further 8 metres in the fourteenth century. The castle has become the symbol of the city itself over the intervening centuries.

If you continue on to Respaù you will find there a splendid vantage point followed by the area of the archaeological excavations of Pianvalle. This area was that of the settlement of Comum Oppidum, an important centre inhabited by the Celts of the Golasecca culture of the Iron Age.

The settlement came to light during a series of digs which began in 1976, with many of the archaeological finds now exhibited in the Pre-Protohistoric Archaeological Museum section.

The walk can proceed on to the hill of Sant'Eutichio where there is a large iron cross and wonderful views of the city and the whole first branch of the lake.



- Museo del cavallo giocattolo  
via Tornese 10 - Grandate (CO)  
+39 031 382 038  
Tuesday to Saturday 3pm-7pm  
Closed in August
- BY RESERVATION ONLY**  
F.A.R. - Museo Studio del Tessuto  
Villa Sucota  
via per Cernobbio 19  
+39 031 3384976  
Museo don Luigi Guanella  
via Tommaso Grossi 18  
+39 031 296894 - +39 333 3598816  
Porta di Como romana  
largo Miglio  
+39 031 252550
- Museo delle scienze Casartelli  
via Cavallotti 7  
+39 031 267365  
Museo di Scienze e Museo di Fisica  
del Liceo Alessandro Volta  
via Cesare Cantù 57  
+39 031 261498 - +39 031 2759100  
Tempio sacro degli sport nautici  
via per Brunate 39  
+39 031 3100008
- DUOMO (CATHEDRAL)**  
tourists  
weekdays 10.30am-5pm  
weekends and holidays 1pm-4.30pm

## SPINA VERDE

Spina Verde Regional Park stretches along the hillcrests northwest of Como. It is an area with many interesting features, including the natural landscape itself, archaeological and historical sites, as well as many places of worship that include the Basilica of San Carpofo, the church of San Rocco in Cavallasca and the cross of Sant'Eutichio. These are all indicative of how this has become a hub of religious culture.

Spina Verde is criss-crossed by many trails. Thirteen of these were set up by the Park authority and provide many different kinds of routes. These may be natural, scenic, sporting, historical or religious, while some also take in the archaeological ruins of the proto-historic Como and the medieval Castel Baradello. There is also military history to explore at the First World War trenches that have recently been opened up to the public.

We recommend one of the easiest, trail number 4, the 45-minute Monte Caprino route that starts from the Basilica of Sant'Abbondio and number 2, which is a 3-hour walk from Monte Olimpino cemetery.

More information [www.spinaverde.it](http://www.spinaverde.it)



- LIFE ELECTRIC**  
"Life Electric is inspired by the idea of the electrical voltage between two poles of a battery, the great gift that Volta gave to humanity. Pivotal to the form of the installation has been my constant search to represent energy architecturally. The work brings together light, wind and water. The installation takes both a physical and an ideal perspective on the twenty-first century". Daniel Libeskind  
Life Electric is a monument that honours the memory of Alessandro Volta. It stands in the middle of the first branch of Lake Como, located on a stretch of breakwater in front of Piazza Cavour. The work is that of architect Daniel Libeskind and has clean lines that sit well with its environs. Over 16 metres in height, it has two sinusoidal shapes that are counterpoised one to the other and relate to each other in a play of curves and movement. The work combines energetic and scientific elements with natural aspects. It creates an idealised third pole between the Brunate Faro Voltiano (lighthouse) and Tempio Voltiano (Volta Temple), both of which monuments are not surprisingly dedicated to Volta himself.

## BRUNATE

The funicular railway station, opened in 1894, is in piazza De Gasperi. In just a few minutes it takes you up to Brunate, known as the "balcony" of the Alps on account of its strategic location and breath-taking views from several different aspects.

The hill is home to splendid Art Nouveau villas built from the end of the nineteenth into the early years of the twentieth century by the new wealthy middle classes seeking to make names for themselves. Floral motifs and eclectic elements typify the taste of the owners in an era marked by luxury.

You can get to San Maurizio, on foot or by shuttle service, where the Volta Lighthouse is located. It was built in 1927 by engineer Gabriele Giussani as part of celebrations on the centenary of the death of Alessandro Volta. The 143-step spiral staircase within winds up to the top terrace. There are two paths back to Como, one runs alongside the cable car and the other passes by the Hermitage of San Donato, founded by the Benedictines in the fifteenth century.



## CERNOBBIO

Cernobbio is a renowned tourist resort on the shores of the lake at the foot of Monte Bisbino. Along its banks there are some villas of rare beauty, including Villa d'Este and Villa Erba, which is now an exhibition centre, Villa Bernasconi and Villa Pizzo.

It is reachable by boat or by taking a pleasant walk of around forty minutes: from the grounds of Villa Olmo, along the Kilometre of Knowledge, a green and cultural corridor of great natural beauty set in a unique landscape. The kilometre links the old parklands of the exceptionally beautiful historic mansions that overlook the lake, namely Villa Olmo, Villa del Grumello, and Villa Sucota. After the Kilometre of Knowledge the walk or cycle ride continues along the first limb of the eastern slopes of the lake.

From Cernobbio you can proceed to the Sanctuary of the Blessed Virgin on the summit of Monte Bisbino, taking a scenic route that offers breath-taking views of the lake.



