

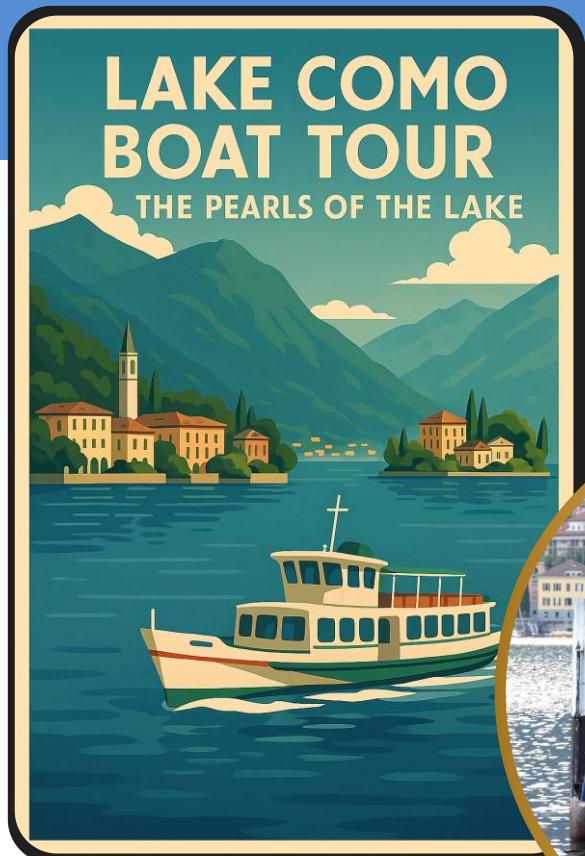


# LAKE COMO BOAT TOUR

## THE PEARLS OF THE LAKE

The classic cruise between  
Como, Varenna, Bellagio and Lecco.

Experience Lake Como from its blue heart, the water tells  
timeless stories of beauty.



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## INTRODUCTION

Sailing on Lake Como is a unique way to discover its beauty from a different perspective: water reflecting the mountains, historic villas mirrored on the shore, and picturesque villages suspended between sky and lake.

This classic boat tour takes you through the lake's most beloved gems, with stops for strolls, memorable photos, and moments of pure relaxation.



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## RECOMMENDED ITINERARY

(Ideal route one day— with travel by boat)



### 1. Como – The Gateway

The starting point of the cruise. Travelers arrived here from Milan, drawn by the Cathedral, the medieval walls, and the first glimpses of the lake.

#### Highlights:

- Como Cathedral
- Villa Olmo (frequented by poet Ugo Foscolo)
- Lake promenade and Teatro Sociale



### 2. Como – Main Pier

Start your journey with a “Navigazione Lago di Como” daily ticket, which allows you to freely hop on and off boats and ferries.

**>Tip:** choose the slower boats instead of hydrofoils to fully enjoy the scenery.

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## 3. LENNO & VILLA DEL BALBIANELLO – LITERARY CHARM AND ADVENTURE

The lake's most iconic villas, surrounded by lush gardens and breathtaking views.

### Highlights:

- Villa del Balbianello
- Panoramic gardens
- Boat trip across the “Zoca de l’Oli” bay

Flag icon Mentioned by Lord Byron and featured in famous films (\*Star Wars\*, \*James Bond\*).



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## 4. Tremezzo – Art and Romantic Gardens

One of the most beloved stops for Europe's aristocratic tourism.

### Highlights:

- Villa Carlotta: masterpieces by Canova, Hayez, and a botanical garden
- Panoramic view of Bellagio
- Lakeside promenade

An open-air artist's sketchbook.



## 5. Bellagio – The Pearl of the Lake



The promontory where the waters split into two branches was considered “the most beautiful spot in Italy” by Stendhal.

### Highlights:

- Villa Melzi d'Eril and gardens
- Historic village and staircases
- Punta Spartivento offers a stunning panoramic view, a must for unforgettable shots

### Tip:

- treat yourself to a coffee or homemade gelato break.

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## 6. Varenna – Romance and Tradition

Walk along the Lovers' Promenade, with enchanting views among pastel-colored houses and a peaceful lakeside path.

### Highlights:

- Stop in Piazza San Giorgio for an artisanal gelato.
- Visit Villa Monastero and its botanical garden.



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## 8. Lecco – The Branch of \*The Betrothed\*

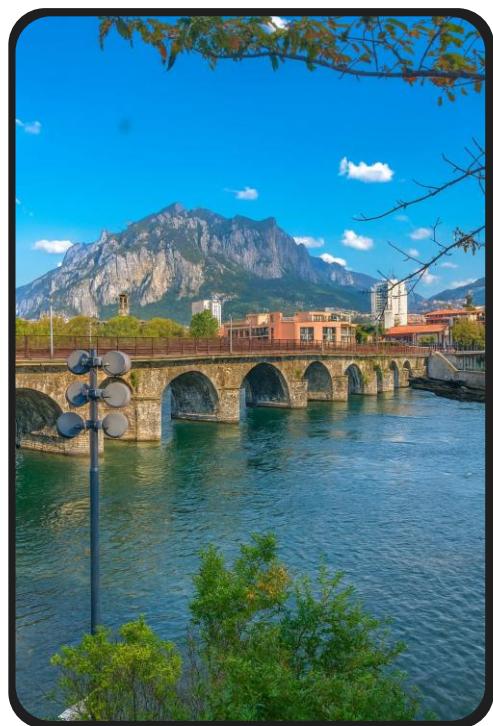
End your journey in an authentic town rich in history and culture, less touristy but full of charm.

### Highlights:

- Villa Manzoni (home of the author, now a museum)
- Azzone Visconti Bridge
- Lakeside promenade
- Trails through Pescarenico, the Innominato's fortress, and Mount Resegone

### Tips:

- Enjoy an aperitivo on the lakeside — try La Corte di Lucia.



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## LOCAL TIPS FOR LAKE COMO BOAT TOUR

- Choose **slow travel** on traditional ferries instead of hydrofoils for better views and a more relaxed journey.
- Avoid **peak hours** in main towns like Bellagio, Varenna, and Como, especially on summer weekends. Early morning or late afternoon are best to enjoy places without crowds.
- Bring a camera, sunscreen, hat, and water.
- Wear comfortable shoes for walking through villages and visiting villas.
- **Book in advance** private or shared boat tours with a local skipper to discover hidden spots such as:
  - Isola Comacina
  - Orrido di Nesso
  - Wild beaches accessible only by boat, ideal for a swim, picnic on board, or lunch in a lakeside restaurant.
- **Book a sunset cruise** to avoid tourist traffic and enjoy a magical, peaceful atmosphere
- For coffee or an aperitivo with a view, ask for “off-the-radar” spots like Bar Vapore in Varenna or Caffè Monti in Bellagio, frequented more by locals than tourists.

### Final Notes:

- [Download your exclusive Lake Como map here](#)
- [Discover Lake Como's Annual Events](#)



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