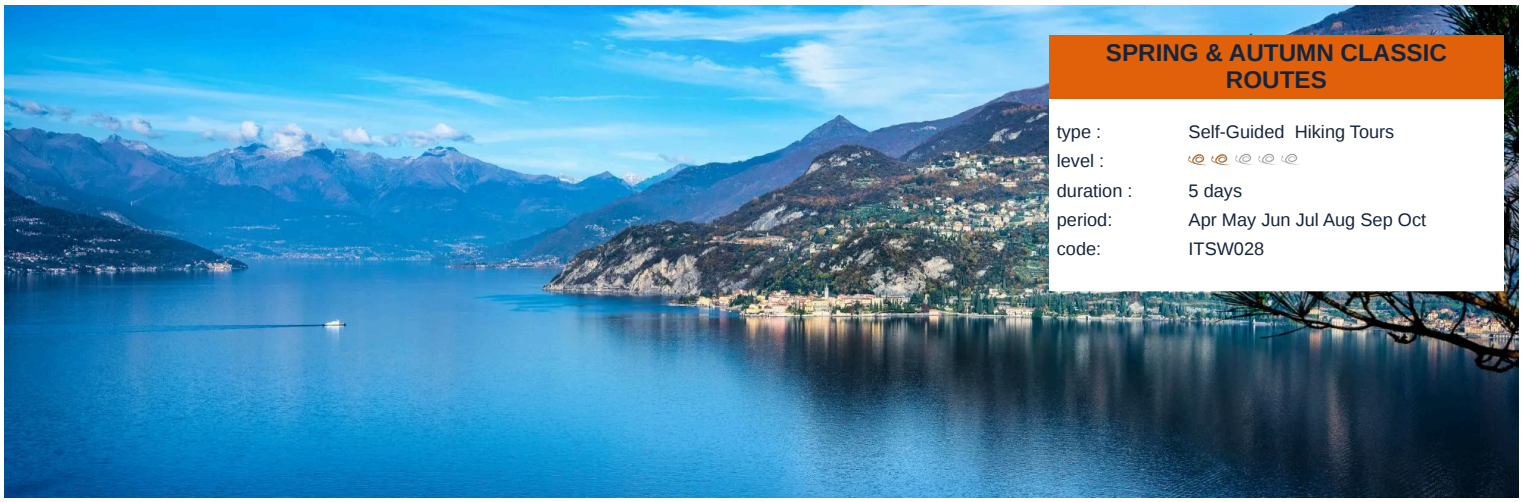
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Lake Como Mountain Walks - Italy

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5 days, PRICE FROM *€ 686*



Glistening and glamorous, **Lake Como** is often imagined through its imposing villas, lush gardens suspended above the water and a timeless atmosphere of elegance. Yet the beloved **Lario** also reveals a **wilder, more adventurous soul** to those who choose to explore it on foot. Through quiet **woods and forests**, along ancient mule tracks and up to panoramic peaks, this is where the true magic of **hiking Lake Como** unfolds.

This journey offers the best of both worlds: you'll stay in **Menaggio**, the perfect base for discovering every facet of the lake. Choose from a variety of walks — from airy **mountain paths** to gentle **lakeside trails** — each revealing a new perspective on this extraordinary landscape. A place made of water, stone and sky, whose peaks and shores have endless stories to tell to those who walk them slowly.

Route

Day 1 Arrive in Menaggio

On arrival at the lakeside town of **Menaggio** on the shores of Lake Como, make your way to the hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the town and take in the views of the rugged mountains across the lake. During the following days, take time to explore the small towns, viewpoints, forests on either side of **Lake Como**, the beautiful gardens of **Villa Carlotta** in **Tremezzo** and **Villa Melzi** in **Bellagio**. Dinner on your own in one of the many restaurants in town.

Day 2 Walk from Varenna to Dervio, 12,4 km

Start the trip with an easy lake side warming-up walk. After breakfast take the boat that crosses the lake to **Varenna**. Following the East side of the lake take the **"Sentiero del Viandante"** (the Wayfarer's path) and experience a rich and ancient cultural landscape with traditional architecture and outstanding views of Lake Como and its surrounding mountains. Just above Varenna, make a short detour to visit the castle in Vezio. It's worth it! Return to Menaggio by boat.

Distance: 12,4 km

Elevation gain: +620/-600 m

Day 3 Walk from Cavargna to Porlezza and bus to Menaggio, 16,5 km

A morning private transfer takes you to the hill top village of **Cavargna** from where a spectacular climb takes you to the **Church of Saint Lucio**, right on the border between Italy and Switzerland. A superbly panoramic footpath leads you through woods and meadows 1550m down to **Porlezza**, situated at the northeast end of the **Lake Lugano**, and very close to the border. This rural farmland and forest walk with imposing views is one of the area's highlights. Return to Menaggio by public bus.

narrow alleyways winding through the stone walls.

Distance: 16,5 km

Elevation gain: +528/-1319 m

Day 4 **Selection of walks on Lake Como**

Walk on the Monti Lariani (Lario being the ancient name of Lake Como) with a variety of suggested walks of differing lengths and difficulty. Dinner is on your own.

Walk A: From Menaggio through the Val Sanagra Nature Reserve, 14 km
A loop walk starting in Menaggio takes you to the **Val Sanagra**, an unknown area rich in historical and cultural traces. From Menaggio you reach **Loveno**, a noble village with many Villas, then on to Pianuro a vast pastures still used now by livestock. Then the trail follows the Sanagra stream, a typical alpine water course, with several ancient mills and iron foundries that through time has formed impressive gorges. The walk passes through **Barna**, a lovely hamlets where time seems to have stopped.

WALK B: From Breglia to Monte Grona and Monte Bregagnino, 13 km
The walk starts in **Breglia**, a small village above Menaggio reachable by bus. From the top of **Monte Grona** (1.736 m) you have one of the best views of the Pre Alps; from here you can see the three lakes (Como, Lugano and Piano), and the peaks of Monte Bregagno, Legnone, Pizzo di Gino, Grigne. On clear days you can see the Alps from Monviso to Bernina. The route passes from **Rifugio Menaggio**, one of the most famous mountain huts in the area, situated on a natural terrace from where you have an exceptional view on the southside of Lake Como. There are three different ways to get to the top of the Monte Grona from the Rifugio Menaggio, including an alpine ascent using the “via ferrata”.

WALK C: From Menaggio to Rezzonico on the Antica Strada Regina, 9 km
Morning walk on the **Antica Strada Regina** that leads along the west coast of Lake Como, was built by the Romans. It was an important road connection between Como and the alpine passes. The old trail was used till the end of the 18th century when the current lake road was built. This stretch starts at Menaggio and runs along cobblestoned paths to the characteristic village of Rezzonico. From the top of the hill there are great views of the lake and the surrounding mountains.

Day 5 **Arrivederci Menaggio!**

The trip and our services end after breakfast and you bid farewell to the beautiful lake as you depart for the airport with public transport unless you have pre-booked a private transfer with us.

Accommodation

4 nights in double rooms in 3/4* hotel with breakfast



Hotel Bellavista - Menaggio
Hotel Bellavista is centrally located in Menaggio and has a very beautiful view of Lake of Como. Rooms are comfortable and clean and some of these have a view on lake. Furniture is a little bit old, there is free Wifi, private parking, restaurant and in summer season the swimming pool is free. Staff is gentle and courteous. Breakfast is served in veranda in front of lake.

Practical info

From any airport, take the local bus or train to Milano Centrale. Therafter, to reach Menaggio you need to take a local train from Milano Centrale to Como San Giovanni. For further information please visit www.trenitalia.it.

If you are landing at Bergamo Orio al Serio (BGY), then you need to take the Airport Bus to the train station in Bergamo. From there, you have to reach Milano centrale or Monza by train, to catch the connection to Como San Giovanni.

Check times on http://www.asfautolinee.it/

As an alternative, you can take a local train from Milano Centrale to Varenna and then take a boat to Menaggio.

On departure from Porlezza, you always have to change either in Menaggio ro in Lugano to reach Milano or Bergamo aiports.

Thanks to our special APP, you will be able to follow the track of the whole trip on your mobile phone, with no need for internet. GPS tracks are available on request.

Included

What is included

- 4 Nights in double room in *** hotel with breakfast
- transfer Menaggio-Cavargna
- maps and detailed description of the itinerary in digital form, app
- Medical and luggage travel insurance
- 24h phone assistance

What is not included

- Transfers to the starting location and from the arriving location of the tour
- lunches and dinners, if not otherwise stated
- visits and entrance fees - tips
- personal expense
- possible sojourn taxes
- everything that is not mentioned in the "What is included" section.

Optional Services

These services can be added to the ones included in the base price of the tour:

- Single room supplement
- cancellation insurance
- Transfers to reach the starting location or to leave the arriving location of the tour, which will be quoted on request.
- travel documentation in printed form (maps and detailed description of the itinerary), shipped to the first hotel