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**WELCOME** to the province of Lecco, a territory rich in nature, history and culture, thus offering a unique experience to every visitor.

**LAKE COMO**, with its crystalline waters and picturesque shores, is the province's beating heart. You can admire enchanting villages with colourful alleyways and historic residences, stroll along ancient paths traced by wayfarers, enjoy the sunset from the city lakeside, taste the cuisine of the lake and the typical food and wine products.

The **MOUNTAINS** are the great centrepieces of the territory and they offer many opportunities for **OUTDOOR LOVERS**. Hikes, climbs and trekking routes suitable for all will allow you to immerse yourself in nature and enjoy extraordinary panoramas. And when the rocky ridges of the mountains give way to the gentle Brianza hills of Lecco, the panorama is enriched with vineyards, paths and woods in which to

lose yourself and relax, in order to discover new landscapes, aromas and typical flavours.

The province of Lecco is also a place steeped in **HISTORY AND CULTURE**. The bond between Lecco and Alessandro Manzoni is deep and meaningful and you can experience it through the places that inspired many of the settings in his masterpiece, *I promessi sposi*, published in English as *The Betrothed*. The history of Lecco from the Middle Ages to the industrial age can be appreciated by visiting the museums dotted around the territory, where you can admire scientific, geological and astronomical discoveries and find out about the traditions of ancient arts and crafts.

The territory of Lecco welcomes you with its natural marvels, historical splendours and his authentic traditions: a land of nature, history, culture and wonder.

*Enjoy your visit!*

There is no better way to experience the historic centre of Lecco than on foot: strolling along the streets near the lake, you will discover some of its architectural gems, such as the **BELL TOWER**, known to the people of Lecco as the “Matitone” or the “Big Pencil” to indicate its characteristic elongated and pointed shape. Completed in 1904 and built on a fifteenth-century keep, the bell tower tells the city’s story, grafted along the perimeter of the old city walls and, with a height of 96 metres, classified as one of Italy’s tallest bell towers.

Next to the Bell Tower, you can enter the neoclassical **BASILICA DI SAN NICOLÒ**, dedicated to the city’s patron saint and seafarers. From the staircase in front of the Basilica, a wonderful view opens up of the squares and the lakeside;

from there, you can go down to **PIAZZA CERMENATI** and walk towards **PIAZZA XX SETTEMBRE**.

The visit to the historic centre continues to **PIAZZA GARIBALDI**, where you can admire the **TEATRO DELLA SOCIETÀ**, home to prestigious theatrical performances, and reaches **PIAZZA MANZONI** with the statue dedicated to the writer Alessandro Manzoni, on the pedestal of which three symbolic events from the novel are depicted.

Heading towards the south along the shores of the lake, you will reach the **PONTE AZZONE VISCONTI**, known as the “Old Bridge”, which conventionally marks the end of the Lecco branch of the lake and the start of the **RIVER ADDA**.

*Art and culture*

# THE TREASURES OF LECCO: THE STORY OF A CULTURAL IDENTITY FROM THE CITY TO THE PROVINCE



Beyond the historic centre, the city of Lecco is made up of numerous **RIONI** or districts: Acquate, Belleo, Bonacina, Castello, Chiuso, Germanedo, Laorca, Maggianico, Malavedo, Olate, Pescarenico, Rancio, San Giovanni and Santo Stefano.

Places outside the historic centre can be visited following the **MANZONI ITINERARY**, a historical-literary route that will lead you, amidst churches and ancient palaces, from the museum-house of **VILLA MANZONI** to **PESCARENICO**, “the fishermen’s district”, which reveals its ancient, undiminished charm among cobbled alleys and glimpses of the river Adda. Here, you will be catapulted into the atmosphere of the novel *I promessi sposi*, published in English with the title *The Betrothed*: indeed, this is one of the most emblematic places described by Alessandro Manzoni in his famous work.



The province of Lecco, from Brianza to Alto Lario, is studded with more than fifty museums that preserve and relate the history and cultural identity of the territory. If you love modern and contemporary art, do not miss the permanent collection of the **PALAZZO DELLE PAURE** in the centre of Lecco, with works by national and international artists and a section on graphics and photography.



For mountain lovers, an excellent way of delving into the history of mountaineering is to visit the **MUSEO ALPINISTICO LECCHESE** (Lecco Mountaineering Museum), with memorabilia and documents owned by the Italian Mountaineering Club (CAI, Club Alpinistico Italiano) in Lecco. The Palazzo delle Paure is the stage for temporary exhibitions, as is the medieval **TORRE VISCONTEA** in the same square.



These two museums, together with the museum-house **VILLA MANZONI** and **PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO**, which houses the Museum of Natural History, the Archaeological Museum, the History Museum and the city's Planetarium, are part of SiMUL, the Sistema Museale Urbano Lecchese (Lecco Urban Museum System), an institution that preserves, studies and enhances the territory's cultural heritage.



The **MOTO GUZZI MUSEUM** in Mandello del Lario is of great importance and evidence of the territory's deep-rooted industrial vocation, an emblem of the history of Italian motorcycles and an unmissable visit for enthusiasts. There are two silk museums: the **ABEGG SILK MUSEUM** in Garlate, located in an eighteenth-century spinning mill on the shore of the lake, immersed in a garden of mulberry trees, and the **MONTI CIVIC SILK MUSEUM** in Abbadia Lariana, which is located in a majestic mill that dates from the start of the nineteenth century.

## Cultural experiences

The territory of Lecco is a jewel box of artistic, cultural and historic treasures, all waiting to be discovered!

Guided visits await you to discover the most interesting historic buildings and the cultural and artistic heritage of the city of Lecco; nature-cultural hikes along the river Adda and amid the archaeological remains of the Monte Barro Nature Parks; tours through the places that Alessandro Manzoni described in his famous novel, *The Betrothed*; tours dedicated to the most illustrious characters and the traditional and artistic history of the territory, from the Middle Ages to our own times... and much more!



Scan the QRCode and discover all the cultural experiences to be enjoyed in the territory of Lecco!

Spring and summer are the perfect seasons for fully enjoying the lake! Lake Como is the ideal place to practise **WATER SPORTS**: kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing and kitesurfing... excitement is guaranteed and there is something for everyone, novices and experts!

But the lake isn't just about fun and adrenaline. There are many historic villages and architectural jewels that embellish the shores of "*that branch of the lake of Como, which extends towards the south...*", the Lecco branch of Lario, as the lake is also known.

With its paved alleys, its famous historic residences overlooking the lake - **VILLA MONASTERO** and **VILLA CIPRESSI** - and the evocative **VEZIO CASTLE**, **VARENNA** is a splendid village visited every year for its beauty by millions of tourists.

*The lake*

**WELL-BEING, RELAX AND CULTURE:  
ENJOYING THE LAKE WITH SPORTS,  
BEACHES AND PICTURESQUE VILLAGES**

Certainly not to be missed is **CORENNO PLINIO**, a medieval village high above the lake, known as the "village of the thousand steps" which, with its winding streets, steps and stone houses will take you on a journey back in time. **BELLANO**, "the town of artists", is also well worth a visit as the birthplace of famous writers and painters, or **MANDELLO DEL LARIO**, a village filled with buildings and monuments of great value and the home of Moto Guzzi, one of the most prestigious Italian motorbike factories.

In **COLICO**, you can visit the **PIONA ABBEY**, a 12th century monastic complex, a rare gem of Lombard Romanesque architecture. Opposite Lecco, **MALGRATE** awaits with its renovated lakeside and a unique view of the provincial capital. Continuing towards the north, **OLIVETO LARIO** is reached, whose most ancient villages, Limonta and Onno, are the perfect starting point for numerous panoramic hikes.







There are many **LIDOS** and **BEACHES** where you can relax on hot summer days: sandy and pebble beaches that are perfect for spending a day of relaxation and fun as a family or with friends!

You can enjoy a stroll along the **LAKESIDE** in the centre of Lecco, from the Monument to the Fallen to Piazza Stoppani, in the early



morning or at dusk, the two times of the day that are perfect for enjoying the best light and the reflections on the water. Beyond the cycle route from the centre towards the north, the **ORSA MAGGIORE BEACH** awaits you, easily reached on foot or by bicycle. A lido with services such as bars, restaurants and pedal boat and canoe rentals, it is perfect for families but also for younger visitors: indeed, in the evening, it is transformed into one of the most renowned discos of the area, where dancing and having fun continue late into the night!

Continuing along the shore of the Lario, there are various facilities for your stay: pebbled or grass lido such as the **MANDELLO DEL LARIO BEACH**, the **BELLANO BEACH**, the **CHIESA ROTTA BEACH** in Abbadia Lariana and others. Or, alternatively: the **RIVA BIANCA BEACH** in Lierna, an oasis of white pebbles surrounded by greenery; the **LA FOPPA BEACH** in Dervio, a natural beach with trees and benches, which can be reached from the town centre by means of a lakeside cycle path.



## *Experiences at the lake*

There are many experiences to be enjoyed on the lake!  
Renting **KAYAKS** or **CANOES**, learning the basics of **WINDSURFING**, **KITESURFING** or trying your hand at **WATER SKIING**: excitement and adrenaline that you will have the chance to experience, only through our operators!

You can also try **SPORT FISHING**, book a comfortable **BOAT TOUR**, climb aboard a boat to explore the shores of Lake Como and visit the most beautiful villages, or rent a boat just for you, to spend a day of fun that is very much out of the ordinary!



Scan the QR code and discover all the experiences to be enjoyed on the lake!

The **MOUNTAINS** of the province of Lecco, lying between the Bergamo Alps and the shores of Lake Como, are an unmissable destination for those who love nature and enjoying days out in the open air: majestic peaks that offer extraordinary panoramas, perfect for hikes, trekking, climbing or relaxing trips outdoors! These are the *“unequal summits”* that inspired Lucia’s *“Farewell to the mountains”* in *The Betrothed*, but also the peaks that, in the last century, were the natural training ground for legendary mountaineers like Riccardo Cassin, Casimiro Ferrari and Carlo Mauri.

The undisputed king of Lecco’s mountains is **MONTE RESEGONE**, the symbol of the city and the territory, described by Alessandro Manzoni in the opening lines of his

novel as the mountain *“with its many summits in a row that, in truth, make it look like a saw”*. **MONTE SAN MARTINO**, at an altitude of 1,090 metres, can be recognised from the vertical wall that soars above Lecco, as if it were the city’s guardian.

Further north, the Grigne group - with the **GRIGNONE**, or Northern Grigna, and the **GRIGNETTA**, or Southern Grigna - has a fascinating geological history and is an internationally-renowned destination for mountaineering lovers. These two mountains offer spectacular routes between rocky spires and panoramic ridges, all the way to their **summits**, where there is a priceless view of the lake and the Alps.

*Mountain*

**ENJOYING NATURE IN THE MOUNTAINS  
OF LECCO AMIDST PATHS, WOODS,  
VIA FERRATAS AND CLIFFS**





In the Lecco territory, “mountain” does not only mean ridges, Via Ferratas - Italian for *assisted climbing routes* - demanding treks and technical challenges. From Brianza to the Upper Lake, the province also has a wealth of gentle peaks and hills, meadows, woods, upland plains and nature parks that allow the countryside to be enjoyed as desired: a mountain at your own pace, **A MOUNTAIN FOR ALL.**

**PIANI RESINELLI** is the perfect destination for trekking and climbing enthusiasts, with paths and trails suitable



for all starting from here. Since 2021, the **BELVEDERE OF VALENTINO PARK** - a walkway suspended over the void for 12 metres, which can be reached by a short, easy walk - has provided a spectacular view of Lecco, the Lake and the surrounding landscape.

**PIANI D’ERNA**, lying at 1,300 metres on Monte Resegone and not far from the centre of Lecco, is at the heart of an extensive network of trails suitable for all types of hikers that wind through woods and meadows, perfect for panoramic trekking



or easy family walks. Piani d’Erna can easily be reached by the cable car that leaves from the Lecco hamlet of Versasio and takes visitors to the upland plain in just a few minutes.

**PIANI DI ARTAVAGGIO**, between the provinces of Lecco and Bergamo, is a beautiful resort, easily reached by cable car from Moggio, in Valsassina, or by easy hikes. **ALPE GIUMELLO** in Upper Valsassina is perfect for hikes with incredible views of the lake: for those seeking a slow pace and genuine contact with nature among the mountains.



Spring is synonymous with picnics and our territory has many meadows and upland plains where a relaxing day can be spent with friends or family! **PIAN DELLE BETULLE**, for example, is a very popular ski resort, even in summer, thanks to its spectacular lake panoramas. In Civate, you can walk to the **ABBAY OF SAN PIETRO AL MONTE**, a jewel of Romanesque architecture, in front of which you can stop for a packed lunch while admiring the view of the Brianza lakes, before continuing the trek to the summit of **MONTE CORNIZZOLO**. Or **PIANA DI SAN TOMASO** in Valmadrera, which



can be reached by a walk suitable for children and which, in spring, offers the marvellous spectacle of almond blossom!

Finally, the **MONTE BARRO NATURE PARK** in Galbiate is a precious natural biodiversity reserve and an unmissable destination for lovers of sport climbing, with unique glimpses of the mountains surrounding **LAKE ANNONE**. A unique natural area that is also the location of major archaeological sites, including the **UNFINISHED CHURCH OF SAN MICHELE**.

## *Experiences in the mountains*

The experiences that can be enjoyed in the Lecco mountains are infinite! Local professionals, medium mountain guides, Alpine guides and nature and walking guides will accompany you on **EXCITING TRIPS** suitable for all ability levels. With them, you can conquer peaks or follow trails and Via Ferrata, reach mountain refuges and climb cliffs, admiring **EXTRAORDINARY VIEWS** from Lake Como to the Po Valley, from dawn to dusk.



Scan the QR code and discover all the experiences to be enjoyed in the mountains!

The **VIE DEL VIANDANTE**, or the Wayfarer's Routes, are made up of twelve trails along an international historical walking route of around 220 km, enriched with history, culture, nature and incredible panoramas. This group of trails connects the San Bernardino Pass in Switzerland to Milan, crossing Valle Mesolcina, Valchiavenna, the shores of Lake Como and the banks of the Adda River.

Walking along the Vie del Viandante means following the thread of history along trails that wind through Switzerland and Italy:

a series of routes linked to trade and the passage of humans and goods from north to south that, over the centuries, were followed by pilgrims, wayfarers, smugglers and soldiers who slowly defined their historic and cultural features.

Departing from Lecco, you can discover part of the Vie del Viandante by following the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** and the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** (*'Wayfarer's Path'*), two unmissable routes for anyone seeking wellbeing and connection with nature and the history of the territory!

*The "Vie del Viandante"*

# THE ANCIENT WAYFARER'S PATHS: A PRICELESS HERITAGE OF CULTURE AND LANDSCAPE



Of the twelve Vie del Viandante, the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** stands out for its importance and renown, one of the most beautiful and panoramic routes in Lombardy that retraces an ancient mule trail along the eastern shore of Lake Como, from Lecco to Sorico, which can be walked in both directions.

The entire route is around 60 km long, with a total difference in altitude of 2,470 metres and, by convention, it is divided into four or six stages:

Lecco - Abbadia Lariana (7 km)  
Abbadia Lariana - Lierna (10.5 km)  
Lierna - Varenna (8.5 km)  
Varenna - Dervio (9.6 km)  
Dervio - Colico (13.5 km)  
Colico - Sorico (11.5 km)

Some stages have significant altitude differences with high slopes and, sometimes, uneven surfaces, while others are less technical and shorter, suitable for families and children on day trips.



The history of this route is full of changes and different names over the centuries, the result of the combination of different tracks created over time. Popular with wayfarers and pilgrims, **EVIDENCE OF ANCIENT STRUCTURES** for hospitality and refreshments can still be found along the Sentiero del Viandante.

The **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** is an easy cycle and pedestrian route, mostly flat or with only a slight altitude difference, on a mainly tarmac or slightly uneven



surface that runs along the bank of the **ADDA RIVER** and connects Lecco to Milan. Along the route, you will find traces left by the Renaissance genius **LEONARDO DA VINCI**, who actually conducted some of his studies in this area: one example is the famous **LEONARDO'S FERRY**, of which a copy can be admired today in Imbersago. Moreover, by following the Sentiero di Leonardo, you will encounter many sites of artistic and historical interest: the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** and the **SANCTUARY OF**



**SANTA MARIA DELLA ROCCHETTA** in Paderno d'Adda, the ancient **TACCANI HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION** in Trezzo sull'Adda, the **WORKERS' VILLAGE OF CRESPI D'ADDA** and many others.

The Sentiero di Leonardo can be covered on foot or by bicycle and is accessible for most people, including those with pushchairs or wheelchairs.

## *Experiences for "Wayfarers"*

Our tourist and nature and walking guides will accompany you along the most beautiful stages of the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** and the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** as you discover together the most interesting sites and most beautiful landscapes of Lake Como, along the river Adda and the surrounding mountains. What's more, with our mountain bike instructors, you will also be able to cover part of the Sentiero di Leonardo by bicycle and enjoy exciting and fun experiences on two wheels that will make your stay in Lecco unique!



Scan the QR code and discover the experiences to be enjoyed along the Vie del Viandante

**CYCLING** is a sustainable and fun way to explore a territory: slow, mindful mobility that will keep you active during the holidays and will lead you along stunning routes amidst nature and history, from the lake to the mountains. Each turn of the pedals enables the beauty of Lecco's territory to be enjoyed in an authentic way, respecting the environment and the local inhabitants.

In Lecco province, you will find **CYCLE TOURISM ROUTES THAT ARE SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE**, from novices to more expert cyclists. The routes vary from simple paths by the lake or the river to more technical and demanding climbs in the mountains, so every cycle tourist can find the perfect route for their requirements.

Leaving from the centre of Lecco, you can hug the shores of the lake, heading north along the cycle and pedestrian path that ends in Pradello: it is a particularly panoramic route that offers unique views of the lake and the mountains, up to the highest peaks of Valchiavenna.

To the south, there is an easy cycle tourism route suitable for all, known as the **ANELLO DEI LAGHI**, literally 'Ring of the Lakes'. About 20 kilometres long, it starts from the heart of the city of Lecco and winds around the lakes of Garlate and Olginate with a splendid view of the mountains: a great way of spending time in the open air with the family or with friends in a fun and relaxing way!

*Bicycles and mountain bikes*

# CYCLE TOURISM ROUTES FOR AN ACTIVE HOLIDAY AMIDST NATURE AND CULTURE





Alternatively, you can head over the Ponte Azzone Visconti through the Manzonian district of Pescarenico in the direction of Milan, following the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO**: a 79-kilometre cycling and pedestrian route skirting the **RIVER ADDA**, with cultural and historical points of interest, such as the historical hamlet of **BRIVIO** with its riverside, the **LEONARDO FERRY** in Imbersago and **PONTE SAN MICHELE** in Paderno d'Adda, a masterpiece of iron engineering. If you are looking for a simple route but at altitude, the itinerary for you is the



**VALSASSINA CYCLE ROUTE**, a clearly marked and very pleasant 13-kilometre cycle and pedestrian path that starts from Barzio and allows you to cycle peacefully along the **PIOVERNA STREAM**, immersed in the beautiful landscapes of the valley.

For something more demanding with a guaranteed adrenaline rush, you can rent a **MOUNTAIN BIKE** and choose a challenging route through woods and along mountain paths.

For example, you can select the exciting

route with steep descents from Carenno to the **PASSO DI VALCAVA** at 1,340 metres, a mountain pass that connects **VALLE SAN MARTINO** to Bergamo's Valle Imagna. Another option is the climb to **MONTE CORNIZZOLO**, one of the hardest routes of the **LARIAN TRIANGLE** but rewarded with spectacular views of Brianza, Lake Como and the surrounding mountains. Alternatively, head to **CONSONNO**, the famous "ghost town", by way of a challenging climb that offers a panoramic view of the Brianza Hills.



## *Bike experiences*

**CERTIFIED MOUNTAIN BIKE INSTRUCTORS** will take you on a journey of discovery of the Lecco territory along exciting routes at different altitudes and with different degrees of difficulty and durations, suitable for all levels of experience. Challenging slopes, adrenaline-charged descents amidst nature and woods, or easier routes within the ability of all, accompanied by tastings or cultural visits: we await you with many experiences that will take you on a journey of discovery of Lecco and its territory, always from a new perspective!



Scan the QR Code and discover all the experiences to enjoy on a bicycle!

The territory of Lecco is renowned, not only for its splendid panoramas but also for its **TYPICAL PRODUCTS**, made unique by the extraordinary biodiversity of the region and the commitment of local producers to preserving traditions.

Wine-growing for the production of the **I.G.T. WINE “TERRE LARIANE”** has ancient roots, with two main production areas: the Brianza hills in the Montevecchia and Curone Valley Park, and Northern Lake Como. Local wine production has obtained major awards, such as the “Terre Lariane” Typical Geographical Indication classification in 2008.

The **EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL “LAGHI LOMBARDI - LARIO” D.O.P.** is the outcome of a tradition of maintaining excellent quality dating back to the Lombard period and is produced thanks to a microclimate that protects the crops, while the manual harvesting and the cold pressing preserve the taste

and aroma. The **HONEY** of Lake Como also stands out for its unique characteristics, thanks to the territory’s rich biodiversity, which offers bees a wide variety of blossoms during the growing season.

**FISH** has always been the undisputed centrepiece of the cuisine of the lake and one of the most renowned delicacies of Lario. **RICE IN CAGNONE WITH PERCH** is the king of the cuisine of the lake. The creaminess of the rice, boiled and then stirred with butter, sage and Parmesan, perfectly complements the breaded and fried fillets of perch. The **POLENTA WITH MISSOLTINI** is not to be missed: the intense flavour and crunchiness of missoltino is obtained through a process of salting and drying shad, a typical small lake fish. And then there is **FISH “IN CARPIONE”**, traditionally prepared with bleak or whitefish, an explosion of flavours in which the vinegar-based marinating bestows freshness, aroma and acidity.

*Food & Wine*

**EXPERIENCING THE TERRITORY THROUGH  
ITS FLAVOURS AND LOCAL PRODUCTS**

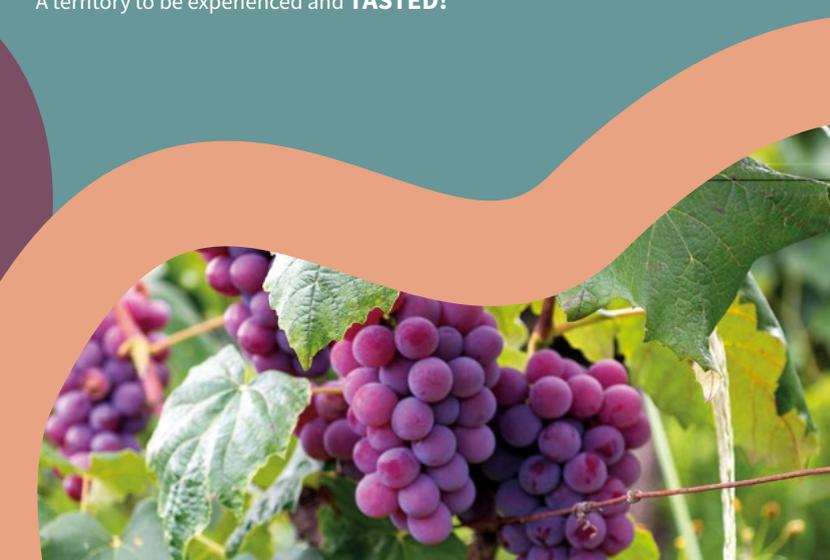


Scan the QR code to discover all the  
food and wine experiences!



## *Food and wine experiences*

Experiencing a territory means sampling the typical products and flavours that characterise it. That's why our local operators organise experiences that enable you to immerse yourself in the nature and culture of Lecco but with an extra touch of flavour: mountain bike tours with tastings in vineyards or aperitifs on the lake shore, trekking with panoramic aperitifs at sunset or with a tasting of wild herbs... and much more!  
A territory to be experienced and **TASTED!**



Lecco seeks to promote **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM**, attentive to the needs of all: families, young people, the elderly, people with intellectual and motor disabilities.

To this end, in synergy with certain cooperatives and associations that operate in the territory, we promote various **EXPERIENCES THAT ARE ACCESSIBLE TO EVERYONE**, to enable anyone to experience a holiday or free time in peace and safety, without forgetting excitement and fun!

Highly skilled and adequately trained operators offer experiences of various types that are accessible to all, organised in the city or in nature.

The tourist guides design routes that do not present architectural barriers and are also accessible to **PEOPLE WITH MOTOR DISABILITIES**.

The nature and walking guides and medium mountain guides promote trekking with treasure hunts, botanical or nature itineraries for **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN**. Where possible and if the terrain allows it, hikes are also offered with routes designed specifically for blind or visually impaired persons, or trekking on paths accessible to off-road wheelchairs.

*Tourism for all*

# SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM: ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES, HOLIDAYS FOR EVERYONE





Moreover, in 2025, Lecco received UNICEF accreditation as a **“CHILD FRIENDLY CITY”**, an award only obtained through the implementation of effective policies in favour of children, including interventions in the educational, social, cultural and urban fields that encourage the involvement of families and schools.

The territory of Lecco seeks to “break down the barriers” and ensure its beautiful landscapes and cultural heritage can be enjoyed by as many people as possible.



Scan the QR Code and discover  
all the experiences to be enjoyed!



*Manzoni itinerary*

# THE STORY OF RENZO AND LUCIA ON “THAT BRANCH OF THE LAKE OF COMO”

“THAT BRANCH OF THE LAKE OF COMO, WHICH EXTENDS TOWARDS THE SOUTH,  
IS ENCLOSED BY TWO UNBROKEN CHAINS OF MOUNTAINS”

*A. Manzoni, The Betrothed, chap. 1*



Scan the QR Code and discover all the points of interest on the Manzonian Itinerary!



In Lecco, visitors can walk the streets that inspired one of the greatest novels of Italian literature, *I promessi sposi* by **ALESSANDRO MANZONI**, published in English as *The Betrothed*: here, the magic of literature comes alive in the evocative places of the **MANZONI ITINERARY**. The tour starts from **VILLA MANZONI**, a museum-house that preserves furniture and objects that belonged to the writer, including the original editions of the novel of 1827 and 1840. In the city centre, you will find traces of Lecco's medieval past, such as the Vallo

delle Mura and the Torre Viscontea. Across Piazza Manzoni lies the Azzone Visconti bridge that, according to Manzoni, marks the passage between Lecco Lake and the river Adda. The tour next arrives in **PESCARENICO**, a place where time seems to stand still, amid narrow alleys and colourful houses. Here, at the pier, you will see on its moorings a *lucia*, a typical Lake Como boat linked to the flight of the two central characters. In nearby Piazza Padre Cristoforo, there is the church of San Materno and the former Monastery of Fra' Cristoforo.

The districts of **ACQUATE** and **OLATE** are traditionally linked to the novel's heroes: they are the locations of Lucia's House, the Tabernacle of the Bravi and Don Rodrigo's Palace. Chiuso, on the other hand, is the site of the Tailor's House and the Church of Beato Serafino, associated with the conversion of the Unnamed. A little way outside the city, in the Somasca district of **VERCURAGO**, stands the fortress that inspired the **CASTLE OF THE UNNAMED**.

In the territory of Lecco, you can visit places that will take you on a journey amidst art and faith: sanctuaries, monasteries, abbeys and convents that relate the ancient history of the area through its architecture and spirituality.

In Lecco, the **MONUMENTAL CEMETERY** and the **LAORCA CEMETERY** are like open-air museums, places where art and memory are intertwined with the beauty of the landscape. Nearby, in Vercurago, stands the **SANCTUARY OF SAN GIROLAMO EMILIANI**, which incorporates the church of San Girolamo, the Valletta - where the Saint lived with his orphans - and the Scala Santa or Holy Stairs, a devotional path that leads to the Castle of the Unnamed. Continuing along the

River Adda to Calolziocorte, the **MONASTERY OF SANTA MARIA DEL LAVELLO** is encountered, an ancient religious complex that became a spiritual and cultural point of reference for the territory over the centuries.

Overlooking the lake at Colico, the **PIONA ABBEY** is a jewel of Lombard Romanesque architecture with medieval frescos, a decorated cloister and an ancient monastic pharmacy. Going down the eastern shore of Lake Como to the medieval village of Corenno Plinio, the **CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY**, dating from the 14th century, has Gothic decorations, a baroque altar and a pictorial cycle of great value.

*Get inspired*

# ART, FAITH AND CULTURE: A TOUR OF PLACES OF WORSHIP IN THE LECCO AREA





Scan the QR Code and discover all the experiences to be enjoyed!



The **ABBEY OF SAN PIETRO AL MONTE**, above Civate, is a masterpiece of Romanesque art and can be reached only on foot. It preserves splendid frescos and offers an incredible view of the lake and mountains. The former **MONASTERO DELLA MISERICORDIA** in Missaglia, with its rich artistic and religious heritage, also offers a wonderful panorama of the vineyards of Brianza. Finally, immersed among the vineyards and woods of the Curone Park, the **SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA DEL CARMELO** in Montevecchia preserves baroque frescoes and a secluded atmosphere, as well as offering an extraordinary view of the mountains and Brianza, all the way to Milan.



*Events*

**THE EVENTS THAT ENLIVEN  
THE TERRITORY AND MAKE  
YOUR STAY SPECIAL**

Lecco is a vibrant territory filled with events that enliven the city and its province, telling the story of the many-sided soul of the local communities: cultural, sports, musical, literary and traditional.

**MUSIC** is the undisputed centrepiece of summer events, with events of great national and international appeal. Summer in Lecco is studded with independent musical events, concerts and festivals that light up the evenings with shows for all tastes. The **LECCO JAZZ FESTIVAL** - long-established and popular, the jewel in the crown of the provincial capital - brings the best of national and international jazz sounds to the city every year with artists who alternate on the various stages of the centre and the districts.

Major events are dedicated to **SPORT** and the **MOUNTAINS**: the **RESEGUP** mountain running race, the **ZACUP** - the Grignone SkyRace - and the **MONZA-RESEGONE** foot race. Historic competitions between amateur athletes that cross the territory from the lake to the mountains through unique panoramas.



The cultural panorama is enriched with film festivals and science-based events, such as the talks organised by the Lecco Planetarium or the **GEOCULT - THE ITALIAN GEOSCIENCE FESTIVAL** - which stages meetings and workshops to celebrate geological and scientific characters and discoveries.

The **MOTORADUNO INTERNAZIONALE CITTÀ DELLA MOTO GUZZI** in Mandello del Lario, is held every year in September and attracts thousands of fans of the famous

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Lecco motorcycle manufacture from all over the world. Finally, there are events that relate the territory's traditions. In August, the **"SAGRA DELLE SAGRE"** is held in Barzio - the first edition was in 1966 - and, with the other music and food festivals of the province, celebrates the authentic flavour of the territory from Brianza to Valsassina, from the lake to the mountain. The **"FESTA DELLE CORTI"** is held in Garlate in September, an event that demonstrates the historical and cultural roots of the town.

A territory cannot exist without its people and you will meet all of us in Lecco! We are tourist, mountain, nature and walking and cycle touring guides but, first and foremost, lovers of and experts on our territory.

Every day, we create **EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE** that allow you to discover the wealth of the territory of Lecco: cycling routes by the lake and in the mountains, nature and educational treks in our Alps and Alpine foothills, artistic and cultural tours of the city, lessons on the lake to learn the basics of water sports... All designed to make your stay in Lecco entertaining, exciting and, above all, unforgettable! Come with us and discover the history, the anecdotes, the curiosities and the marvels hidden in the unmissable panoramas of Lecco. **UNIQUE EXPERIENCES OF NATURE AND CULTURE** to be enjoyed in the territory of Lecco in all its aspects!

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