



# Lake Como by boat: the different options for sailing there

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Exploring the **lake by boat** is a must-do experience during your [stay in Lake Como](#). You will have unforgettable views of the surrounding mountains and majestic villas in the middle of the lake, and above all you will be able to swim away from the crowds.

Lake Como is less than an hour from [Milan](#), so it's a great place to include in your stay for an immediate change of scenery.

We give you all the **options** and advice (times, prices, dates...) for visiting the **lake by boat below**.

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## **Where to take the boat to visit Lake Como?**

You can take the ferries or rent a boat or canoe from the main towns on the lake: [Como](#), [Bellagio](#), [Varenna](#), [Lecco](#), Mennagio....

## **Lake Como by boat all options**

## Cruising

Departure from Como, Bellagio and Varenna

**Favourite ♥:** Departing from the **port of Como**, we boarded **a small boat** (15 people maximum), where we enjoyed a lovely view of the city of Como from the water, then set off to discover the other jewels of the lake, including **Villa Fontanelle, Villa Olmo** and **Villa d'Este in Cernobbio**.

For **1h30 we sailed** along the calm waters of the lake, **surrounded by breathtaking scenery**. We saw a condensed view of the lake and its main sights.

[Urban Emotions](#), the company operating the cruise, has an excellent reputation. Our guide gave us many anecdotes about the places we visited, in several languages (including French).

→ We advise you to book [your tickets for a drink cruise on Lake Como online](#) in advance (approx. €50 per person), especially during the tourist season, as these excursions are very popular and the number of places is limited.

□ Info and booking for [a drink cruise on Lake Como](#)

**Boat cruises** are also available from the other two main towns on the lake:

- [Cruise from Varenna](#)
- [Cruise from Bellagio](#)

Departure from Milan

**Organized tours to Lake Como from Milan** offer **all-inclusive packages**. If you don't want to [rent a car](#), this is clearly an interesting option, both for saving time and keeping your budget in check.

□ Everything is planned from **transportation from Milan** (bus), to towns **visited on Lake Como** such as Bellagio or Varenna. You'll also have the chance to explore **the lake by boat**.

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You'll be able to see a **condensed view of the lake and its main sights**. With round-trip bus transport from Milan and a cruise on the lake, every detail is designed to maximize your time on site.

**No need to worry about organization or transportation.** The presence of a **guide** is also a real plus for understanding the history of the lake, its villas and local anecdotes.

There are also free times to explore the city centers of Como and Bellagio at your own pace and without the group.

□ [See prices and availability for a day trip to Lake Como from Milan](#)

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## Ferry

Another very good option is to take the **ferry** that connects the main cities of Lake Como, Como, Bellagio, Varenna, Mennagio....

You can buy a **day ticket** to get on and off whenever you want and stop to discover the incredible villages that surround Lake Como (about 15€ per day).

Find all the information you need about boat times and prices on the [Navigazion Lago Como](#) website.

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## **By kayak**

This original activity is available from **Bellagio**, allowing you to explore the coast around **Bellagio**. A number of rental companies offer kayak hire at the port.

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## Where to sleep on Lake Como?

Looking for a place to stay on Lake Como? To make your visit easier, we've **listed the most interesting villages** to [stay in on Lake Como](#) in an article , along with our **best hotel addresses** in Como, Varenna and Mennagio.

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### In Mennagio: ***Suite in Menaggio*** - Our favorite

Tested and validated. You can't get more authentic than this!

- ☐ In the center of Menaggio **with a beautiful view of the lake**
- ☐ Fully equipped kitchen

Rated 9.3/10 on Booking

[See Suite prices in Menaggio](#)

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In [Como: \*\*Albergo Firenze - Mid-range\*\*](#)

- **Renovated** room
- **Ideal** location **near the port**
- Parking 10€ / day

Rated 8.5/10 on Booking

[See Albergo Firenze prices and availability](#)

*This guide is **completely independent**, based on our own experience. We visited Lake Como by creating our own **itinerary** (after extensive research) and selecting **our own activities**.*

## Map: our best addresses on Lake Como

Here's a little map we've put together, to help you find your way around the various **places and addresses** we've mentioned above.

You can **save it to your favorites** or **download it for offline use**.

### What to do?

1. Open map on **Google maps**
2. Click on the icon representing the **three vertical dots** at top left or on the map description.
3. Select the **“Add to my saved places”** or **“Save map”** option, depending on your version of the application.

We wish you an **excellent trip**! Feel free to drop us a **note** below to let us know if you're planning this trip, ask any questions you may have here or on [Instagram](#), we'll get back to you with great pleasure.

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