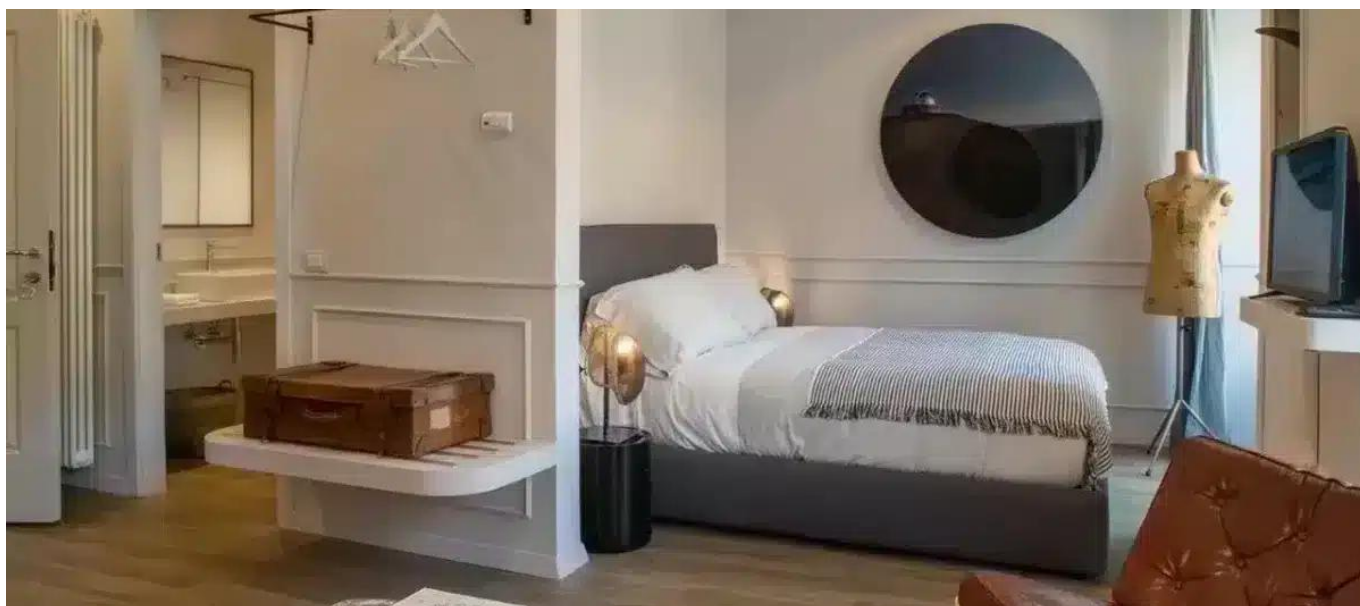


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By Floriane

Looking for a place to stay during your stay [Lake Como](#)? Below we've listed our **favorite villages** for easy accommodation and sightseeing on Lake Como, as well as our **best hotel addresses**.

We'd also like to introduce you to the **different villages** we visited and the **main things** to do to discover the region.

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## The best villages to stay in on Lake Como? [map]

To make the most of the **various villages** and activities around the lake, we recommend to **choose several drop-off points**. Finally, the distances between the most interesting villages are great, and the only road connecting them is the coastal road or a small trunk road, on which you won't always be able to drive very fast.

If you're staying 3 or 4 nights, we recommend choosing 2 places to sleep, for example **Mennagio** and **Como** or **Como and Varenna** or **Bellagio**.

We've listed below the villages on Lake Como that we think are the most interesting to visit and therefore the nicest places to stay.

In our opinion, the most beautiful part of the lake lies to the south and center of Lake Como. For accommodation, we recommend the villages of **Como, Varenna, Menaggio** and **Bellagio**.

List of our favourite villages to sleep in around Lake Como :

1. Varenna ♥♥♥
2. Menaggio ♥♥♥
3. Como ♥♥
4. Bellagio ♥♥
5. Cernobbio ♥

### 1. Varenna: the most beautiful village on Lake Como

[Varenna](#) is an **authentic village** where you'll feel right at home. In our opinion, it's the most charming, and we fell in love with its **suspended cornice**, its authentic port and the incredible Villa Monastero with its tree-lined garden.

To fully enjoy the charming village of Varenna, we recommend **staying in the center**. As you'll see, there's very little well-placed accommodation in Varenna, so we advise you to book **as far** in advance as possible.

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We'd like to suggest some of the other addresses we've spotted if the first is unfortunately fully booked, as hotels fill up very quickly on Lake Como.

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### **[Albergo Del Sole - Our favorite](#)**

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

#### **♥ Right in the center of Varenna**

□ **Ideal location:** just a stone's throw from the lake, Villa Monastero...

Rated 8.6/10 on Booking

[See prices and availability](#)

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### [Hotel Diffuso Il Portichetto](#)

- ☐ **Beautiful swimming pool with lake view**, a real plus in this area
- ☐ 10 minutes walk from the city center
- ☐ **Parking on site**
- ☐ **With breakfast**

Rated 9.1/10 on Booking

[See prices and availability](#)

## **2. Menaggio: the ideal low-cost base**

It's a pleasant little village, and we like it above all for its location, which we think is ideal **for visiting the south-western part of the lake.**

Another interesting point is that it's a little less touristy, so accommodation is less expensive (vs. Varenna and Bellagio), and you'll also enjoy greater peace and quiet.

South of **Menaggio**, we recommend the authentic little village of Laglio and the

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sumptuous villas Carlotta and [Balbianello](#) (filming locations for **Star Wars** Episode 2 and **James Bond** film Casino Royale).

Another important point is that from its port, you can take a direct [boat](#) to other towns on the lake, including Varenna and Bellagio, which are only 15 minutes away.

We advise you to choose **accommodation in the center of** town, close to the port. The range of accommodation is limited, so we recommend that you book your stay in advance.

Coup de coeur

[Suite in Menaggio](#): we stayed 2 nights at the Suite Menaggio, ideally located in the

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center of **Menaggio** , with **a beautiful view of the lake**. The apartment is tastefully decorated, with a **large**, comfortable **bed** and a fully-equipped kitchen, ideal for preparing a tasty meal or an aperitif . ( *from 140€ in low season - 200€ in high season - rated 9.3 / 10 on Booking*)

→ [Consult Suite Menaggio prices](#)

Menaggio Suite

### **3. Como: a must-see**

[Como](#) is the **largest city** around Lake Como. Located at the southern end of the lake, it's usually the gateway to Lake Como. If you only have one **day** to spend on Lake Como, we definitely recommend **staying in Como**.

We spent 1 day and 1 evening there before heading to Milan airport. We were reluctant to stay, but we've been busy in Como and the historic center is very

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charming.

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The other cool thing to do in Como is to climb up to the **Voltiano faro** (Volta lighthouse), for a panoramic view of the lake, even if access via a narrow, winding road gave us a few scares. This was the only elevated viewpoint we had during our stay.

Another interesting point is that Como is the departure point for **many ferries** to other towns on the lake, making it a very convenient base for exploring Lake Como.

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### **Albergo Firenze - Mid-range - Our favorite**

Tested and approved during our stay in Como

- **Clean and pleasant** room
- **Ideal** location **near the port**
- Parking 10€ / day
- Rated 8.5/10 on Booking

[Info and booking from €105](#)

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€ [\*\*Ostello Bello Lake Como - youth hostel\*\*](#)

- **Small budgets**
- Youth hostel bunk beds in dormitory
- Central location, close to the lake and historic center

*From €70 per night in a dormitory, around €110 in a private room.*

[Information and booking for Ostello Bello Lake Como](#)

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♥ [\*\*Bello! Lake Como Suites - upscale with jacuzzi\*\*](#)

- Sublime terrace with **jacuzzi**
- Right in the center
- **rooms are superb** and tastefully decorated
- Rated 8.8/10 on Booking

[Information and booking for Hotel Bello](#)

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**[Lora Giusta Guest House - budget option with parking](#)**

Guesthouse about 4 km from Como center

- Free on-site parking, a real plus around the lake
- Quiet residential neighborhood, easy access
- Pleasant rooms

[Information and booking for Hotel Lora Giusta](#)

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#### 4. Bellagio: the most touristic

Bellagio is one of the **most beautiful towns** (some would say the most beautiful) around Lake Como. This village is even considered **one of the most beautiful Italian villages** (just that).

Of course, it's a truly magnificent village that's a must-see, and the **number-one** thing to [do in Bellagio](#) is to **walk along the esplanade bordering the lake while enjoying an Italian gelato**. We just found it a little too touristy for our taste.

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This is a very touristy village, so accommodation prices may seem prohibitive. Accommodation in Bellagio is limited, so if you wish to stay in this village, we advise you to book **as far** in advance as possible.

Hotel overlooking Lake Como

**Accommodation in Bellagio:** on our second stay in Bellagio, we stayed at the [Hotel Bellagio in the center of Bellagio](#) . The hotel is comfortable, very clean, you can enjoy a lovely view of the lake from the hotel terrace and the breakfast is copious. One last point to make the most of your stay: the location is ideal, right in the center of town and a stone's throw from the pier.

The staff will give you **good advice**. In short, we loved it! On-site parking is rare in

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Bellagio.

Plage privée a chic address

[The grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni](#) in **Bellagio**, a very **chic address**, with **indoor and outdoor pools** and **direct access to the lake** for swimming with pontoon and diving board.

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## 5. Cernobbio: the place to indulge yourself

When we visit we love spotting **beautiful hotels** and then bookmarking them on Google (we have well-stocked maps) for a future stay or to get **ideas for accommodation on special occasions** !

We spotted this magnificent hotel with swimming pool and breathtaking views in Cernobbio, a village south of Lake Como, close to the city of Como.

★ With swimming pool ★

**[Hotel Asnigo](#)** in **Cernobbio**, the great advantage of this hotel is its **magnificent swimming pool overlooking the lake**, one of the most beautiful in the region. The rooms are beautiful, clean and quiet. An ideal hotel for relaxing.

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**Hotel Asnigo** in Cernobbio

## Where to stay on a budget?

The most affordable village south of Lake Como is **Menaggio**.

To get even better rates, we recommend you move away from the tourist villages or opt for the [camping option on Lake Como](#), in which case we advise you to bring your own vehicle.

Small budget

[Albergo Breglia](#) is a good option, offering basic rooms just a few kilometers north of Menaggio. From €80.

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[Click here for prices and availability](#)

## Our top 3 accommodations on Lake Como

We advise you to book your accommodation as far in advance as possible, so that you have the **widest choice** and the **best hotels**, as Lake Como is a very popular region in high season, and the supply of accommodation is limited. The lake is bordered by mountains, so the towns are not expandable.

*In high season, well-located and well-rated hotels are around €200 a night.*

★ Our recommendation for Lake Como ★

1. **Favorite ♥**: [Menaggio Suite](#), ideal location, right in the center of **Menaggio** with **a beautiful view of the lake**. Charming apartment with fully-equipped kitchen, so **go for it**.
2. **Small price €** : [Albergo Firenze](#), **next to Como harbor**, ideal for taking a boat around the lake, right in the city center, with parking nearby. Excellent value for **money** in Como.
3. **With a view**: [Hotel Bellagio](#), **right in the center of Bellagio**, a comfortable hotel with an excellent, generous breakfast, served under a charming arbour with a view in the distance of the shore opposite with Villa Carlotta.

[Top rated accommodations in Lake Como](#)

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Menaggio Suite

## Top 3 unusual hotels to treat yourself

As explained above, when researching or traveling, we make a note of the addresses of beautiful hotels to get **ideas for accommodation on special occasions** ! Here are our top 3 finds from our stay in Lake Como.

Be warned: these are palaces offering top-of-the-range and unusual services (sublime swimming pools, private beaches...). You can still look at the photos and dream a little, or keep it in mind for a special occasion!

★ Our top 3 ★

1. **With Jacuzzi:** [Bello! Lake Como Suites](#) in **Como, the rooms are superb** and

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tastefully decorated. The hotel is centrally located. The terrace with **jacuzzi** is sublime. In short, a beautiful hotel that we can't wait to try out!

2. **With swimming pool:** [Hotel Asnigo](#) in **Cernobbio**, the great advantage of this hotel is its **magnificent swimming pool overlooking the lake**, one of the most beautiful in the region. The rooms are beautiful, clean and quiet. An ideal hotel for relaxing.

3. **Private beach:** [The grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni](#) in **Bellagio**, a **chic address** with **indoor and outdoor pools** and **direct access to the lake** for swimming with pontoon and diving board.

### **Hotel Asnigo** in Cernobbio

We loved this little stay around Lake Como, we were enchanted by the beauty of this place. We loved wandering around the picturesque villages and enjoyed the Italian food.

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You can also take full advantage of your stay in the region to enjoy the beautiful [beaches of Lake Como](#) and [visit the city of Milan](#), including the [Duomo, Milan Cathedral](#) and its incredible [museums](#).

We wish you an **excellent trip!** Don't hesitate to leave us a **quick note** or **5 stars** below, to tell us if you're planning this trip, to ask any questions you may have, here or on [Instagram](#), we'll get back to you with great pleasure.

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