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Città di Lecco





WELCOME to the Lecco province, a land abundant in nature, history and culture that gifts a unique experience to every visitor.

LAKE COMO, with its pristine waters and picturesque shores, is the beating heart of the area. Travellers can admire enchanting villages with colourful alleyways and heritage houses, stroll along ancient trails led by wayfarers, enjoy the sunset from the city lakeside and savour the local food and wine culture. The **MOUNTAINS** are the hub of this rich territory and offer many opportunities for **OUTDOOR LOVERS**. Hikes, climbs and trekking routes suitable for all levels of fitness will allow you to be immersed in nature and enjoy extraordinary views. And as the rocky ridges of the mountains give way to the gentle **HILLS** of Brianza, the landscape is enriched with vineyards, routes and forests

where you can wander and relax, discover new scenery and authentic flavours.

The province of Lecco is also a place steeped in **HISTORY AND CULTURE**. The deep connection between Lecco and Alessandro Manzoni is striking and you can experience it throughout 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 is disclosed in the museums spread around the territory, where you can learn and admire scientific, geological and astronomical discoveries and find out about the traditions of ancient arts and crafts.

Lecco welcomes you with its natural beauty, historical heritage and authentic traditions: a land of nature, history, culture and wonders awaits you.

Enjoy your visit!

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

Next to the Bell Tower, stands the neoclassical **BASILICA DI SAN NICOLÒ**, dedicated to the city’s patron saint and to seafarers. From the staircase in front of the Basilica, you can

enjoy a beautiful view over Lecco’s squares, that tell the story and identity of the area.

LECCO’S CEMETERIES also preserve a heritage of art and memory: the **MONUMENTAL CEMETERY** and the **LAORCA CEMETERY**, authentic open-air museums where architecture, sculpture and spirituality merge in harmony with the surrounding landscape.

Lakefront sunsets are a must: strolling among the golden reflections on the water with the mountains as a backdrop offers a unique experience, in an atmosphere that is romantic, serene and unforgettable.

Art e cultura

LOCAL TREASURES: A JOURNEY INTO LECCO’S HERITAGE



The historic centre is the ideal starting point for exploring Lecco. From here you can reach its districts that, with their history and traditions, enrich the soul of the city: Acquate, Belledo, Bonacina, Castello, Chiuso, Germanedo, Laorca, Maggianico, Malavedo, Olate, Pescarenico, Rancio, San Giovanni and Santo Stefano.

Beyond the historic centre, you can follow the **MANZONI ITINERARY**, a route that weaves together history and literature, leading you to the places that inspired **ALESSANDRO MANZONI** in his celebrated novel *"The Betrothed"*. Lecco is rich in places that combine art and faith: sanctuaries, monasteries, abbeys and convents treasure the ancient history of the area through its architecture and spirituality.



In Vercurago you will find the **SANCTUARY OF SAN GIROLAMO EMILIANI**, with the Valletta and the Scala Santa leading up to the **CASTLE OF THE UNNAMED**. In Calolziocorte, the **MONASTERY OF SANTA MARIA DEL LAVELLO** bears witness to the area's religious and cultural past. In Colico, the **PIONA ABBEY** is a refined example of Lombard Romanesque architecture.

Above Civate, the **ABBEY OF SAN PIETRO AL MONTE** offers spectacular views and medieval frescoes of rare beauty.

In Corenno Plinio, the **CHURCH OF ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY** preserves precious fresco cycles and a Baroque altar that recounts the story of a village suspended in time.



Completing this ideal itinerary are the former **MONASTERO DELLA MISERICORDIA** in Missaglia and the **SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA DEL CARMELO** in Montevecchia, set amidst vineyards, woodlands and landscapes that open out towards Brianza and as far as Milan. Alongside the religious heritage, the area offers a network of over fifty museums across the lake, the city and the mountains.



From the modern and contemporary art collections of **PALAZZO DELLE PAURE** to the museums of the Lecco Museum System (SiMUL), and from testimonies of the region's great industrial history such as the **MOTO GUZZI MUSEUM** in Mandello del Lario to the two silk museums - the **ABEGG SILK MUSEUM** in Garlate and the **MONTI CIVIC SILK MUSEUM** in Abbadia Lariana.

Cultural experiences

The Lecco area is a chest of artistic, historical and cultural riches.

Guided tours through the city's most fascinating historic buildings and cultural landmarks await you, along with itineraries that weave together local legends and traditions, excursions along the River Adda and among the archaeological remains of Monte Barro Nature Park in Galbiate. You will also find tours through the places that Alessandro Manzoni described in his famous novel *"The Betrothed"*, as well as tours dedicated to the illustrious figures who shaped the region's artistic and popular history, from the Middle Ages to the present day... and much more, for a stay filled with discoveries and unforgettable experiences.



Scan the QRCode and discover all the cultural experiences to be enjoyed!

Numerous historic villages and architectural gems adorn the shores of “that branch of Lake Como which turns toward the south...”, the Lecco branch of Lake Como.

With its cobbled alleys, famous lakeside historic villas

- **VILLA MONASTERO** and **VILLA CIPRESSI** - and the evocative **CASTELLO DI VEZIO**, **VARENNA** is a splendid town visited each year by millions of tourists drawn to its beauty.

Not to be missed is **CORENNO PLINIO**, a medieval hamlet perched above the lake and known as “the village of a thousand steps.” With its winding alleys, stone houses, stairways and breathtaking views, it offers a true journey back in time.

BELLANO, known as “the village of artists,” also deserves a visit. Birthplace of renowned writers and painters, it is a place where ancient traditions and local customs are still vibrant today. And don’t miss **MANDELLO DEL LARIO**, a village rich in historical and cultural landmarks and home to Moto Guzzi, one of Italy’s most iconic and prestigious motorcycle manufacturers.

On the opposite shore of the Lecco branch of the lake lies **OLIVETO LARIO**, named after the olive trees that grow throughout the area, creating a truly distinctive landscape. Its oldest hamlets, **LIMONTA** and **ONNO**, are starting points for many scenic hikes and nature walks.

The lake

**WELL-BEING, NATURE, AND CULTURE
BY THE LAKE, AMID CHARMING
VILLAGES AND TIMELESS LEGENDS**





Historic villas, abbeys, rocky canyons, castles steeped in mystery and legend, and museums telling the cultural and industrial story of the Lecco area – here are just a few ideas for a day trip along the eastern shore of Lake Como!

Rising above Varenna on a scenic promontory, the **CASTLE OF VEZIO** has stood for over a thousand years as an ancient military outpost. Visitors can explore its underground chambers, the tower, the botanical garden, scattered



statues and the famous ghosts made of gauze and plaster. It's a unique setting where nature blends seamlessly with art, history and local culture.

The **ORRIDO DI BELLANO** is a narrow, dramatic gorge carved into the rock by the rushing waters of the Pioverna stream. A series of walkways anchored to the cliffside allows visitors of all ages to admire this natural wonder up close – a breathtaking display of nature's power.



At the tip of the Olgiasca peninsula in **COLICO** stands the **ABBEY OF PIONA**, a former Cistercian monastery and a rare gem of Romanesque architecture in Lombardy. Surrounded by nature and overlooking the lake, it's a must-see for anyone seeking peace, reflection, and timeless beauty.



Since 1921, **MANDELLO DEL LARIO** has been home to Moto Guzzi, one of Italy's most iconic motorcycle manufacturers. Don't miss the **MOTO GUZZI MUSEUM**, where you can explore the brand's fascinating history and admire both legendary models and modern innovations.

Ways to enjoy the lake

There's no shortage of unforgettable experiences to enjoy on Lake Como! So long as the weather allows – even into autumn – you can try exciting water sports like kayaking, canoeing, or windsurfing: thrilling adventures made possible thanks to our expert local operators!

You can also enjoy **SPORT FISHING**, book a **RELAXING BOAT TOUR**, hop on a **FERRY** to explore the lakeside and visit the most charming villages, or even **RENT A PRIVATE BOAT** to spend a fun and unique day on the water!



Scan the QR code to discover all the experiences waiting for you on the lake!

The mountains of the Lecco province, nestled between the Orobie Alps and the shores of Lake Como, are a must for nature lovers. They offer stunning panoramas and are perfect for day trips in every season!

They include the uneven summits that inspired Lucia's *Farewell to the Mountains* in *The Betrothed*, and the rugged terrain that served as a training ground for legendary climbers such as Riccardo Cassin, Casimiro Ferrari, and Carlo Mauri.

The **RESEGONE MOUNTAIN** is a true symbol of the area, famously described by Manzoni as a mountain "...with its many small summits in a row, truly resembling a saw."

MONTE SAN MARTINO, rising 1090 meters above sea level, is easily recognized by its sheer vertical cliff face towering over the city, almost like a sentinel watching over Lecco. Further north, the Grigne mountain group - with the **GRIGNONE** (Northern Grigna) and the **GRINETTA** (Southern Grigna) - is geologically rich and internationally renowned among mountaineers and rock climbers.

The **MONTE BARRO REGIONAL PARK**, located near Galbiate, is a natural reserve of biodiversity and a favorite destination for sport climbing and outdoor activities.

The mountains

LECCO MOUNTAINS: PEAKS TO CLIMB, TRAILS TO EXPLORE, VIEWS TO REMEMBER





Lecco's mountain areas are ideal for outdoor activities - even in winter, when the snow transforms the landscape into a magical world perfect for snowshoeing, skiing, or peaceful walks in the crisp air.

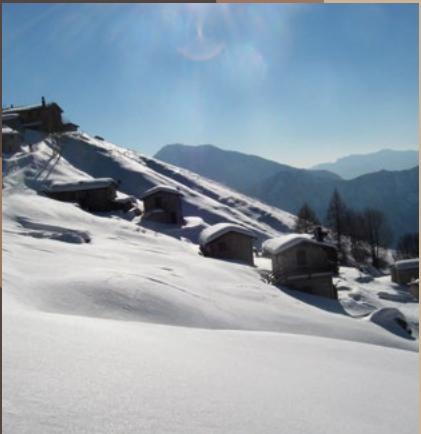
If you love winter sports, don't miss the **PIANI DI BOBBIO** in Barzio, one of the most popular ski resorts in the Valsassina valley. Located at an altitude of 1600-2000 meters and easily reached by cable car, it offers 35 km of ski slopes for all levels,

snowboarding, cross-country skiing, and snowshoeing routes that lead to cozy mountain huts.

The **PIANI DI ARTAVAGGIO**, straddling the provinces of Lecco and Bergamo, are another scenic mountain destination, accessible by cable car from Moggio, in Valsassina. Here, you can enjoy the mountains year-round, whether on skis, snowshoes, hiking boots, or a mountain bike.



In Alta Valsassina, **ALPE GIUMELLO** becomes a snow-covered paradise in winter, perfect for hikes with incredible views over the lake - ideal for those seeking a slower pace and a deep connection with nature.



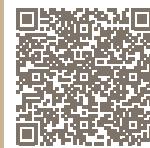
Not far away, **PIAN DELLE BETULLE** is a popular ski area, with breathtaking views of the lake. Accessible via cable car from Margno, it offers slopes suitable for every level, along with numerous trails and off-piste routes for snowshoeing and ski touring. On clear days, you can even spot the Monte Rosa massif and, occasionally, the Matterhorn!

Mountain Experiences

Local experts - including mountain guides, hiking guides, and environmental educators - offer **EXCITING EXPERIENCES** to help you explore the Lecco mountains.

From autumn hikes through colorful forests along the Sentiero del Viantante or to the Innominato's Castle, to climbing workshops and **WINTER TREKKING** in **VALSASSINA**, every experience brings the magic of nature to life.

Scan the QR code to discover all the unforgettable mountain experiences waiting for you!



You can also enjoy themed hikes blending history and nature - like those leading to the Romanesque Abbey of San Pietro al Monte in Civate or the panoramic Sasso di Preguda in Valmadrera.

In winter, immerse yourself in the magic of snow and discover the most beautiful **MOUNTAIN TRAILS**: from peaceful hikes through quiet forests to the best ski and snowboard runs, breathe the clean air and embrace the calmness that only mountains can offer.

The **VIE DEL VIANDANTE** is a network of twelve interconnected trails forming a historic, international route of around 220 km, rich in history, culture, nature, and breathtaking landscapes.

The route connects San Bernardino Pass in Switzerland to Milan, passing through the Mesolcina Valley, Valchiavenna, the eastern shores of Lake Como, and along the Adda River.

As you walk along the Vie del Viandante you can retrace the footsteps of history - these are truly ancient trade routes

once used by pilgrims, travelers, smugglers, and soldiers, whose journeys over the centuries shaped this region's unique cultural identity.

Starting from Lecco, you can explore part of the network via the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** and the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** - two unmissable trails for those seeking a meaningful connection with nature and local history accessible in any season!



The “Vie del Viandante” **THE ANCIENT PATHS OF THE “VIANDANTI”: A PRICELESS CULTURAL AND SCENIC HERITAGE**

SENTIERO
DEL
VIANDANTE



Among the twelve routes, the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** is the most famous and scenic. One of Lombardy's most beautiful hiking trails, it follows an ancient mule track along the eastern coast of Lake Como, from Lecco to Sorico, and can be walked in either direction.

The full route covers 60 km with a total elevation gain of 2,470 meters, and is traditionally divided into 4 to 6 segments:

Lecco - Abbadia Lariana (7 km)

Abbadia Lariana - Lierna (10.5 km)

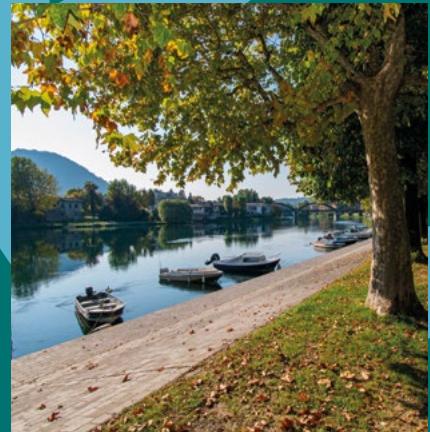
Lierna - Varenna (8.5 km)

Varenna - Dervio (9.6 km)

Dervio - Colico (13.5 km)

Colico - Sorico (11.5 km)

Some sections include steep climbs and uneven surfaces, while others are easier and shorter - ideal for families with children on day hikes.



The trail has evolved over time, blending paths of different origins and names. Once visited by pilgrims and travelers, it still preserves **ANCIENT REST STOPS AND SHELTERS** from past centuries.

The **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** is a mostly flat, accessible cycling and walking path along the **ADDA RIVER**, connecting Lecco to Milan. Much of the route has a paved or gently uneven surface, making

it suitable for bicycles, strollers, and even wheelchairs in many sections.

Along the way, you can discover landmarks inspired by **LEONARDO DA VINCI**, who studied and worked in this particular area. A highlight is the **LEONARDESQUE FERRY** in Imbersago - a faithful replica of his ingenious design.



The trail also passes numerous artistic and historical sites, such as the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** and **SANCTUARY OF SANTA MARIA DELLA ROCCHETTA** in Paderno d'Adda, the **TACCANI HYDROELECTRIC PLANT** in Trezzo sull'Adda, and the **CRESPI D'ADDA WORKERS' VILLAGE**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Experiences for modern-day “Viandanti”

Our local cultural and environmental guides offer walking tours along the most scenic and meaningful stretches of the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** and the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO**, allowing you to discover the area's hidden gems and spectacular views of Lake Como, the Adda River, and surrounding mountains. For cycling enthusiasts, qualified mountain bike instructors can take you along sections of the Sentiero di Leonardo for a fun, active, and unforgettable way to experience the Lecco region!



Scan the QR code to discover all the experiences along the Vie del Viandante!

CYCLING is a sustainable and fun way to explore the region: a form of slow and mindful travel that keeps you active and takes you along stunning routes between nature and history, from lakeside trails to mountain paths. Every pedal stroke lets you experience the beauty of the Lecco area in an authentic way, while respecting the environment and local communities.

In the Province of Lecco, you'll find **CYCLING ROUTES FOR EVERYONE** – from amateur cyclists to experienced riders. From easy paths along lakes and rivers to more technical and challenging climbs in the mountains, there's a perfect route for every cyclist.

Leaving from the centre of Lecco you can head north along the panoramic lakeside cycle-pedestrian path that ends in Pradello. Enjoy unique views of the lake and surrounding peaks, stretching as far as the Valchiavenna mountains.

To the south there is an easy route suitable for all, known as the **ANELLO DEI LAGHI**, 'Ring of the Lakes', a 20 km loop stretching around the Garlate and Olginate Lakes; this easy and family-friendly route begins in central Lecco and offers beautiful views of the mountains. Perfect for a day trip with friends or family.

Bicycles and mountain bikes

CYCLE TOURISM ROUTES FOR AN ACTIVE HOLIDAY AMIDST NATURE AND CULTURE







The **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** (Leonardo's Trail), heading south past Pescarenico and the Azzone Visconti Bridge and leading toward Milan, hosts a 79 km cycling and walking trail following the Adda River. Along the way, make sure to stop at key cultural and historical sites like the village of BRIVIO, the **LEONARDO FERRY** in Imbersago, and the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** in Paderno d'Adda, an iron engineering masterpiece.

The **VALSASSINA BIKE TRAIL** offers another easy scenic ride in the mountains, a 13 km well-marked route starting in Barzio that follows the Pioverna stream, surrounded by the beautiful landscapes of the valley.

Looking for something more challenging and adrenaline-filled? Rent a **MOUNTAIN BIKE** and choose from a range of routes through woods and mountain trails like the steep descent from Carenno to the **PASSO DI VALCAVA**, a tough climb to

1340 meters, linking the **VALLE SAN MARTINO** with the Imagna Valley in Bergamo - ideal for trained cyclists. Another option is the ascend to **MONTE CORNIZZOLO**, one of the hardest climbs in the **TRIANGolo LARIANO** area, but worth it for the breathtaking views of Lake Como, Brianza, and surrounding peaks. Alternatively, reach the famous "ghost town" of **CONSONNO** through a steep climb rewarded with panoramic views over the Brianza hills.



Cycling Experiences

CERTIFIED MOUNTAIN BIKE INSTRUCTORS will guide you through the Lecco area on exciting tours with varying altitudes, difficulty levels, and duration, tailored to all abilities.

From thrilling climbs and downhill rides through forests and mountains, to gentler routes paired with local tastings or cultural visits – there's a cycling adventure for everyone, offering a fresh new perspective on Lecco and its landscapes.



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

The Lecco branch of Lake Como is renowned not only for its breathtaking landscapes, but also for its local food and wine specialities, shaped by the region's extraordinary biodiversity and by the dedication of local producers to preserving tradition.

Even in the colder months, the Lecco area is perfect for a culinary journey through bold, distinctive, and full-bodied flavours. The province of Lecco is renowned for its dairy tradition, with typical Valsassina cheeses including **FIORONE**, **ROBIOLA** and **STRACCHINO**. Enjoyed with warm polenta or crusty bread, these local specialities are among the finest seasonal delights, especially when paired with **IGT TERRE LARIANE WINES**.

Wine production here has ancient roots, with two key areas: the Brianza hills in the Montevecchia and Curone Valley Park, and the Upper Lake region.

The **P.D.O. EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL "LAGHI LOMBARDI - LARIO"** boasts a tradition of excellence dating back to the Lombard era. Today, the municipalities of Varenna, Perledo and Bellano produce a renowned oil that has held Protected Designation of Origin status since 1998.

A variety of **WILD MUSHROOMS**, including prized porcini, flourish in the woodlands and meadows at mid and lower altitudes. If you're fond of **CHESTNUTS**, this season is perfect for enjoying roasted chestnuts in paper cones as you stroll through charming village streets, or for discovering their unique flavour in local honeys and flours: in fact, Lake Como **HONEY** has unique characteristics thanks to a lake-moderated climate and the area's rich biodiversity, which provides bees with a wide variety of blossoms throughout the growing season.

Food & Wine

DISCOVERING AUTHENTIC LOCAL FLAVOURS IN THE LECCO AREA



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 designed events that allow you to immerse yourself in the nature and culture of Lecco with an extra touch of flavour: mountain bike tours with vineyard tastings, wild herbs pairings, happy hours by the lake shore, trekking with panoramic aperitifs at sunset ... and much more! A territory to be experienced and **SAVORED!**



Lecco is committed to promoting **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM**, considering the needs of everyone: families, young people, the elderly, and individuals with physical or intellectual disabilities. In collaboration with local cooperatives and associations, we offer a variety of accessible experiences, ensuring that **ANYONE CAN ENJOY THEIR HOLIDAY** or free time in comfort and safety, while still having fun and making memories.

Well-trained operators offer a wide range of activities that are accessible to all, both in the city and in nature. Tourist guides design routes that are barrier-free and accessible to people with **MOBILITY IMPAIRMENT**.

Environmental and mountain guides organize **FAMILY FRIENDLY** trekking adventures, such as treasure hunts, or botanical and nature trails. Where possible, we also offer guided hikes tailored for **VISUALLY IMPAIRED** or **BLIND** individuals, and tours with Joelette wheelchairs, allowing those with limited mobility to explore mountain paths.

Tourism for all

INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE

TOURISM: ACCESSIBLE EXPERIENCES

AND HOLIDAYS FOR EVERYONE





In 2025, Lecco was accredited as a **UNICEF CITY FRIENDLY TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**, a recognition awarded only to places that implement effective policies in favor of children, including interventions in education, social services, culture, and urban planning, that encourage family and school involvement.

The Lecco region is continuously striving to become more inclusive, ensuring that its natural and cultural wonders can be enjoyed and shared by everyone, with no barriers in sight.



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and discover all the accessible
experiences waiting for you!





Manzoni Itinerary

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

**“THAT BRANCH OF THE LAKE OF COMO, WHICH TURNS SOUTHWARD,
BETWEEN TWO UNBROKEN CHAINS OF MOUNTAINS”**

A. Manzoni, The Betrothed, Chapter 1



In Lecco, you can walk the streets that inspired one of the greatest novels in Italian literature, *The Betrothed (I promessi sposi)* by **ALESSANDRO MANZONI**. Here, the magic of literature comes to life in the evocative locations of the **MANZONIAN ITINERARY**.

The journey begins at **VILLA MANZONI**, a house-museum that holds the writer's personal belongings, including the original editions of the novel from 1827 and 1840.



In the city, you can find traces of Lecco's medieval past, such as the Vallo delle mura and the Visconti Tower. Continuing through Piazza Manzoni, you'll reach the Ponte Azzone Visconti, which marks the boundary between the Lecco branch of the lake and the Adda River.

Next stop is **PESCARENICO**, where the atmosphere of the past still lingers among narrow alleys and colorful houses. Here the *lucia*, the typical boat of Lake Como tied up at the dock, symbolizes the flight of the two protagonists. In nearby

Scan the QR code to discover all the stops on the Manzonian Itinerary!



Piazza Padre Cristoforo, you'll find the Church of San Materno and the former Convent of Friar Cristoforo. The districts **ACQUATE** and **OLATE** are linked to the characters of the novel; you'll find Lucia's House, the Tabernacle of the Bravi, and the Palazzotto of Don Rodrigo. In Chiuso, you'll discover the House of the Tailor and the Church of Blessed Serafino, associated with the conversion of the Unnamed. Just outside the city, in **VERCURAGO**, stands the fortress that inspired the **CASTLE OF THE UNNAMED**.



Get inspired

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM: A JOURNEY THROUGH HISTORY AND SCIENCE!

THE LECCO AREA IS A VIBRANT TAPESTRY OF COLOURS TO ENJOY IN EVERY SEASON. BUT WHEN THE DAYS TURN COLDER OR THE RAIN BEGINS TO FALL, WHAT'S THE BEST WAY TO SPEND YOUR TIME? THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: TREAT YOURSELF TO A MUSEUM VISIT.



THE CELESTIAL VAULT AT PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO

Palazzo Belgiojoso is home to the Natural History, Archaeological, and Historical Museums, as well as the Lecco Planetarium - a journey through knowledge for all ages and interests. **THE PLANETARIUM** is a must-see for anyone curious about the wonders of the sky. Throughout the year, it offers events for adults and children alike, with dome projections and evening observations that reveal the secrets of constellations, planets, and galaxies - all in an engaging and entertaining way.



PALAZZO DELLE PAURE: ART AND LOCAL HERITAGE

Located in the heart of Lecco, Palazzo delle Paure features collections of modern and contemporary art and regularly hosts major temporary exhibitions, such as *Capolavoro per Lecco*. Here, art merges with the region's history and identity.

Don't miss the Lecco Mountaineering Museum, which tells the story of the area's deep bond with its dramatic peaks and towering cliffs.



TRACING LECCO'S SILK HERITAGE

Lecco's history is deeply intertwined with silk production. In Garlate, the ABEGG Silk Museum is housed in an 18th-century spinning mill overlooking the lake and surrounded by a mulberry garden.

In nearby Abbadia Lariana, the Monti Civic Silk Museum is located in a striking early 19th-century mill featuring original machinery used in silk production - from silkworm to finished fabric - and offering educational workshops for all ages.



EVENTS THAT ENLIVEN THE TERRITORY AND CREATE UNFORGETTABLE MEMORIES

IN LECCO, CHRISTMAS IS... MAGICAL!

Why visit Lecco at Christmas?
Because the city becomes magical!

During the festive season, Lecco is transformed: sparkling lights and decorations line the streets, shop windows shine with seasonal charm, and the atmosphere is filled with joy and warmth. The historic centre comes alive, and the main squares become meeting places for families, offering concerts, traditional events, Christmas shows, festive market stalls, and children's activities.

Scan the QRcode and
discover all the events!



The city is lit up with the now-famous **LIGHTS ON LECCO**: stunning video mapping projections that turn the buildings of the old town into a magical Christmas fairytale, enchanting visitors of all ages.

In Lecco, Christmas is also about tradition. On December 6th, the city celebrates its patron saint, **SAN NICOLÒ**, with a popular local nursery rhyme: “*San Nicolò porta i pomm. Sant’Ambroeus i ha fa coeus, la Madonna i ha pelaa; el Bambin i ha mangià!*”, in English, the rhyme goes: *Saint Nicholas brings us apples, Saint Ambrose cooks them, the Virgin Mary peels them; Baby Jesus eats them!*

This playful rhyme honours the **TRADITION OF SAINT NICHOLAS’S APPLES**. According to legend, in the 4th century, Bishop Nicholas gifted three apples to three poor children, which turned into gold and saved the children’s families from poverty.

Still today, on the night between 5th and 6th December, children in Lecco excitedly await a special apple “dressed” as Saint Nicholas - symbol of prosperity and hope.

THE CULTURAL SOUL OF THE LECCO TERRITORY

The traditions of Lecco are more than celebrations - they are living expressions of the area’s cultural and historical identity; they bring communities together and keep local stories and heritage alive.

LECCO CARNIVAL, dating back to 1884, is a joyful explosion of colour, music, and fun. Each year, King **RESEGONE** and Queen **GRIGNA** (named after the surrounding mountains) are chosen from among the community and symbolically receive the keys to the city.

Every two years in October, the village of **PREMANA**, in Valsassina, takes a step back in time with the event “**PREMANA RIVIVE L’ANTICO**” (*Premana Brings the Ancient Back to Life*). The entire community transforms, recreating life as it was in past centuries, with artisans, crafts, and scenes from everyday history. On the evening of January 5th, **BELLANO** hosts the centuries-old celebration of “**PESA VEGIA**” (*Old Weights*), a tradition dating back to 1605, when locals petitioned the Spanish governor to reinstate the old system of weights and measures. Each year, the event is brought to life through historical re-enactments and blazing bonfires on the lakefront.



A place is nothing without its people - and in Lecco, you'll get to know us all!

We're tour guides, mountain guides, nature and hiking experts, cycling and walking leaders - but above all, passionate ambassadors of our land.

Every day, we create **EXPERIENCES FOR EVERYONE** that help you discover the richness of Lecco's territory: scenic bike routes by the lake and through the mountains, nature walks and educational treks in the Alps and Prealps, cultural and artistic city tours, watersports lessons on the lake... All designed to make your stay in Lecco **FUN, EXCITING, AND TRULY UNFORGETTABLE!**

Join us and uncover the stories, legends, curiosities, and hidden gems tucked away in the stunning landscapes of Lecco.

UNIQUE EXPERIENCES IN NATURE AND CULTURE, waiting to be lived in every season!

Local Operators

**DISCOVER THE TERRITORY
WITH LOCALS WHO KNOW IT BEST**



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