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MEET THE PEOPLE**

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There is no better way to experience the historical centre of Lecco than on foot: walking through the streets near the lake, you can discover some of its architectural gems, such as the **BELL TOWER**, known to the Lecco residents as “Matitone” (literally, “big pencil”) to indicate its long and pointed shape. Built on a circular tower dating back to the 15th century, the bell tower tells the story of the city, grafting onto the old city walls, and at 96 metres high it ranks as one of the tallest bell towers in Italy.

Next to the Bell Tower you can enter the neoclassical **BASILICA OF SAN NICOLÒ**, patron saint of Lecco and of sailors. From the stairway in front of the Basilica you can enjoy a beautiful view: **PIAZZA CERMENATI** and **PIAZZA XX SETTEMBRE**, where you can find **PALAZZO DELLE PAURE** and **TORRE VISCONTEA**, which are just some of the places to visit. You can discover their history while having a coffee or tasting some typical products in one of the cafés overlooking the squares of the old town.

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**A STROLL THROUGH THE CITY CENTRE
IN THE SHADOW OF THE BELL TOWER,
AMONG SHOPPING, ART AND CULTURE**





If you love modern and contemporary art, you cannot miss the permanent exhibition in the **PALAZZO DELLE PAURE**, where you will find some big names in national and international art, as well as a graphics and photography section curated by the municipal gallery.

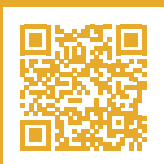
If you are a mountain enthusiast, you can find a new way to discover the history of mountaineering and some of its most important routes, thanks to the exhibition located within the **LECCO ALPINE OBSERVATORY** and the **POLO DELLA MONTAGNA** (Mountain Museum), with artefacts and documents owned by the local section of the Italian Alpine Club. The museum also hosts temporary exhibitions, as does the mediaeval **TORRE VISCONTEA**: at the Infopoint you can get all the information you need for a visit.



You can continue your discovery of the historical centre by heading towards **PIAZZA GARIBALDI**, where you can admire the **TEATRO DELLA SOCIETÀ**, the venue for prestigious theatrical performances, until you reach **PIAZZA MANZONI**, with its statue dedicated to the famous writer Alessandro Manzoni, author of *I promessi sposi* (The Betrothed).

Besides the historical centre, Lecco comprises many **DISTRICTS**: Acquate, Belleo, Bonacina, Castello, Chiuso, Germanedo, Laorca, Maggianico, Malavedo, Olate, Pescarenico, Rancio, San Giovanni, Santo Stefano.

You can explore these neighbourhoods by following the **MANZONI ITINERARY**, a route that will take you past churches and ancient mansions to **PESCARENICO**, the 'fishermen's district', which reveals its unaltered charm among cobbled alleys and a priceless view of the **RIVER ADDA**. Here, you will be brought into the atmosphere of the novel *The Betrothed*: this is one of the most significant places described by Alessandro Manzoni in his novel.



Scan the QRcode and find out all the cultural experiences in Lecco!



Experiences **IN THE CITY**

Guided tours will teach you about the most interesting historical buildings, the city's artistic and cultural heritage as well as the possibility to enjoy an incredible view from the top of the bell tower. The Manzoni Itinerary will take you to the places that Alessandro Manzoni described and made famous with his masterpiece *The Betrothed*, and you can also follow itineraries dedicated to the lives of the city's most famous characters. There are many cultural experiences to be had in Lecco, and you can enjoy them thanks to the services offered by the city's certified tourist guides.

Spring and summer are the perfect seasons to experience the lake in all its wonder!

Lake Como is the ideal place to practice **WATER SPORTS**: kayaking, canoeing, windsurfing, kitesurfing... there's something for everyone and for all levels!

But the lake is not only fun and adrenaline. There are many places on the eastern shore of the lake worth visiting:

VARENNA, for example, with its cobbled streets, pastel-coloured houses and the romantic "Lovers' Walk"; or **CORENNO PLINIO**, a medieval gem built on a Roman settlement overlooking the lake, known as "the village of a thousand steps".

You can also visit **BELLANO**, "the village of artists", a beautiful town which is the birthplace of famous writers and painters. Don't miss the historical buildings that populate the shores of the lake: **VILLA MONASTERO**, a wonderful historical villa with incredible botanical gardens; the **CASTLE OF VEZIO**, an ancient military outpost over Varenna that offers a stunning view; the **ABBEY OF PIONA**, a monastic complex dating back to the 12th century, a rare jewel of Lombard Romanesque architecture.

LECCO IS

ITS LAKE, DIVING IN
WELLNESS AND NATURE







On the eastern shore of Lake Como there are numerous **BEACHES** where you can relax on hot summer days: the Lido in Mandello del Lario, the Riva Bianca beach in Lierna, the Moregallo beach, the Orsa Maggiore beach... sandy or pebble beaches perfect for spending a relaxing and fun day with family or friends!



The **ORSA MAGGIORE BEACH** is located a short distance from the centre of Lecco and it is easily reachable on foot or by bicycle thanks to the nearby cycle path. This sandy beach, with a bar, restaurant and pedalo or canoe rental, is ideal for families but also perfect for young people; in the evening, in fact, it turns into one of the most popular discos of the area, where you can dance and have fun until late at night!

If you are looking for calm and unequipped beaches, on the Lecco side of Lake Como you will find several options: **RIVA BIANCA BEACH** in Lierna, for example, is an oasis of white pebbles surrounded by nature; or **LA FOPPA BEACH** in Dervio, a pebble beach with many trees and benches, reachable from the town centre by the lakeside cycle path.



Experiences **ON THE LAKE**

There are a lot of experiences you can have on the lake!

Rent **KAYAKS** or **CANOES**, learn the basics of **WINDSURFING** or **KITESURFING**, or try out **WATER SKIING**: emotions and adrenaline that only our operators will give you the chance to experience!

You can also decide to try **SPORT FISHING** or book a comfortable **BOAT TOUR** to explore the shores of Lake Como: you can visit different locations thanks to the ferries and boats of Navigazione Laghi, or rent a boat just for you and spend a different day than usual!



Scan the QRcode and discover
all the experiences to enjoy the lake!

The **MOUNTAINS** in the province of Lecco, between the Orobian Alps and Lake Como, are an unmissable destination for those who love outdoor activities in nature: peaks that offer extraordinary views, ideal for hiking, trekking, climbing or relaxing out-of-town trips, especially in summer!

The Lecco area is an outdoor gym where you can practice cliff climbing, trekking on routes of varying difficulty and enjoy a nature that, from the woods to the lake, shows its stunning colours. The mountains of Lecco are those “*uneven peaks*” that inspired Lucia’s *Farewell to the mountains* in *The Betrothed*, but also those that, in the last century, were explored by legendary mountaineers such as Riccardo Cassin, Casimiro Ferrari and Carlo Mauri.

LECCO IS

**ITS MOUNTAINS: EXPERIENCE
NATURE BETWEEN PATHS,
VIA FERRATAS AND CRAGS**

As soon as you arrive in Lecco, you will recognize **MOUNT RESEGONE**, symbol of the city and its territory, described by Manzoni with “... *its many peaks seen in profile, which in truth resemble the teeth of a saw*”. On Peak Cermenati, the highest rising to 1875 metres, you will find the peak cross and the famous mountain hut Azzoni.







The **GRIGNETTA**, or Southern Grigna, is a majestic mountain belonging to the Grigne group together with the **GRIGNONE**, or Northern Grigna. With a height of 2184 and 2410 metres respectively, the Grigne group is characterised by a rich and well-studied geological history and is an internationally renowned destination for mountaineers: its peaks offer great excitement and strong challenges, rewarded by a hypnotic and unforgettable panorama.



MOUNT SAN MARTINO, with its 1090 metres in height, rises with a vertical wall above Lecco as the guardian of the city. The San Martino, just like the Resegone, is also mentioned in Alessandro Manzoni's novel *The Betrothed*: *"The open country, bordering the lake, formed of the alluvial deposit of three great torrents, reclines upon the roots of two contiguous mountains, one named San Martino, the other, in the Lombard dialect, the Resegone"*.



MONTE BARRO PARK is a precious natural reserve with incredible biodiversity, thanks to its rich flora and fauna. From Mount Barro you can enjoy an incredible panoramic view of Brianza, and it is a perfect destination for climbing lovers: the Galbiate crag is one of the most popular in the area, thanks to its panoramic position on Lake Annone.

Experiences ON THE MOUNTAINS



The experiences in the Lecco mountains are endless! The area's professionals, such as mountain and environmental guides, will accompany you on **EXCITING EXPERIENCES** to conquer peaks, hike the via ferratas and climb cliffs. You will enjoy **EXTRAORDINARY PANORAMAS** from Lake Como to the Po Valley, from dawn to dusk, and even night trekking under the starry sky.

Challenge your limits by climbing the peaks of **MOUNT MOREGALLO** or **GRIGNETTA**, or the "great classics" of our territory, such as the Rosalba Refuge or the Azzoni Refuge. Enjoy the view from the **PIANI D'ERNA** or the **PIANI RESINELLI**, discover the **NATURE PATH** and the **OWL PATH** - two fun itineraries to walk with your children - and discover how wonderful it is to play and learn while being in contact with nature.

Learn with us about Abbot Stoppani and the geology of the Lecco area, let us guide you on a botanical excursion to **MOUNT BARRO** with its incredible biodiversity, or on a journey through time at the **ABBEY OF SAN PIETRO AL MONTE**, a gem of Romanesque architecture on Mount Cornizzolo.



Scan the QRcode and discover all the experiences and peaks to conquer!

The **VIE DEL VIANDANTE** are twelve paths along a historical and international route of around 220 km, enriched by a combination of history, culture, nature and incredible views. This group of trails connects the San Bernardino Pass to Milan, passing through the picturesque Mesolcina Valley, Valchiavenna, the shores of Lake Como and the banks of the Adda River.

Walking along the Vie del Viandante means retracing the ancient paths between Switzerland and Italy: a set of routes used for travelling and trading goods, which over the centuries has been walked by pilgrims, wayfarers, smugglers and soldiers who have slowly made it an historical and cultural route.

Starting from Lecco, you can discover part of the Vie del Viandante by walking along the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** (Leonardo's Path) and the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** (Wayfarer's Path), two unmissable itineraries for anyone seeking wellness and connection with nature during their walks!

LECCO IS

THE VIE DEL VIANDANTE: A SET OF ROUTES WITH CULTURAL AND LANDSCAPE VALUE





SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE

Among the twelve Vie del Viandante, the Sentiero del Viandante stands out for its importance and fame. It is one of the most beautiful and scenic itineraries in Lombardy; it follows an ancient mule track along the eastern coast of Lake Como, from Lecco to Sorico, and can be travelled in both directions.

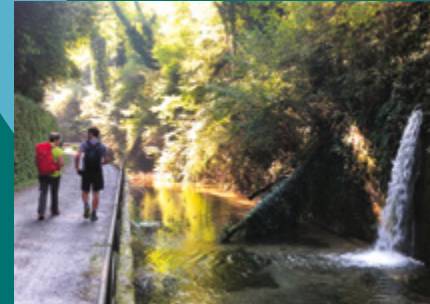
The complete route is about 60 km with a total height difference of 2470 m, and is conventionally divided into 4 or 6 stages:

- Lecco-Lierna (17.5 km)
- Lierna-Varenna (9 km)
- Varenna-Dervio (9.6 km)
- Dervio-Colico (13.5 km)
- Colico-Sorico (11.5 km)

Some of the stages have significant height differences, with steep sections and sometimes uneven ground, while others



are less challenging and shorter, even suitable for families and children for day trips. The history of this route is full of changes and different names over the centuries, resulting from the combination of different routes created over time. Frequented over the centuries by wayfarers and pilgrims, evidence of ancient hospitality structures can still be found along the Sentiero del Viandante.



SENTIERO DI LEONARDO

The Sentiero di Leonardo (Leonardo's Path) is an easy cycle and pedestrian route that is mostly flat on a mainly paved or slightly uneven surface, which runs along the banks 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 conducted some of his studies in this very area: one example is the Leonardo da Vinci's Ferry, a copy of which can be seen today in Imbersago.



In addition, as you walk along the Sentiero di Leonardo you will pass many places of artistic and historical interest: the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** in Paderno d'Adda, the **SANCTUARY OF SANTA MARIA DELLA ROCCHETTA**, also in Paderno, the **TACCANI POWER STATION** in Trezzo sull'Adda, the **WORKERS' VILLAGE OF CRESPI D'ADDA** and many others. Accessible on foot or by bicycle, even with children, the Leonardo's Path is mostly accessible even with wheelchairs.

Experiences for “THE WAYFARERS”

Our environmental and mountain guides will show you around the most beautiful stages of the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE**, to discover together the most interesting places and beautiful landscapes on Lake Como and the surrounding mountains.

In addition, thanks to our mountain bike instructors, you can cycle along part of the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** to enjoy exciting and fun experiences on your bike and make your stay in Lecco unforgettable!



Discover the experiences along the Vie del Viandante!

Is there any better way to visit Lecco and its territory than by bicycle? From the city centre you can ride to the north beside the lakefront till **ORSA MAGGIORE** beach, on a cycle path that runs along the banks of Lake Como: a scenic cycling route that offers stunning views of the lake and surrounding mountains.

You could also move to the south, passing the **AZZONE VISCONTI BRIDGE** and the famous district of Pescarenico, along the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** towards Milan. On this 79-km cycle and pedestrian route along the **ADDA RIVER**, you can spend a day in nature and among artistic

and cultural stops, such as Leonardo da Vinci's ferry in Imbersago or the beautiful Taccani Power Station in Trezzo sull'Adda.

Another easy cycling itinerary suitable for everyone is the **ANELLO DEI LAGHI**, a cycle and pedestrian ring route of about 20 km around the lake of Garlate, with a wonderful view of the mountains and starting right from the heart of the city of Lecco: an activity to do with family or friends, to spend some fun and relaxing time outdoors!

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CYCLING ROUTES, FOR SLOW AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM





There are many cycling and walking routes in the province of Lecco, suitable for both amateur and expert cyclists! For example, the **CYCLING PATH IN VALSASSINA** is a simple route of about 13 km suitable for everyone; it starts in Barzio and allows you to ride in peace, contemplating the green landscapes of Valsassina and discovering the beautiful hidden corners along the course of the **PIOVERNA STREAM**.



For more sporty people who wish to challenge themselves with adrenaline-pumping activities, we propose a mountain bike route from Carenno to Lake Pertus, passing through Valcava on the way back. This is a challenging route with steep sections that leads to the **PASSO DI VALCAVA**, a pre-Alpine pass at 1340 metres that connects **SAN MARTINO VALLEY** with Imagna Valley in the province of Bergamo.

Another perfect destination for mountain bikers is **MOUNT CORNIZZOLO**; this trail is one of the most challenging itineraries of the **TRIANGOLO LARIANO** (the triangular area among Lecco, Como and Bellagio), but it certainly repays the effort with spectacular views of Brianza, Lake Como and the mountains.



Scan the QRcode and discover all the cycling experiences!

CYCLING Experiences

Licensed mountain bike guides will take you to the discovery of the Lecco area through exciting itineraries with different altitudes, difficulties and cycling times, suitable for all levels of training.

Challenging slopes, adrenaline-fuelled ascents and descents, from the Monti of Brianza to Morterone, via Mount Tesoro and up to Mount Cornizzolo: we are waiting for you with many experiences that will allow you to enjoy Lecco and its territory from a new perspective!

Lecco wants to promote **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM**, sensitive to the needs of individuals and families. This is why, in collaboration with several associations operating in the area, numerous **EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR ALL** are promoted, allowing anyone to enjoy their holiday or leisure time in safety, without giving up excitement and fun.

There are many activities on offer, to suit all tastes and needs: treasure hunts for **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** in the city or in the forest, workshops to get to know nature through the knowledge of animals and wild plants, botanical itineraries,

nature trails and even hiking trails equipped for **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**, whether blind, visually impaired or mobility impaired.

An area that wants to “break down barriers”, making its beauty accessible to as many people as possible.

LECCO IS

**HOLIDAY AND
FREE TIME EXPERIENCES
FOR EVERYONE**





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GET INSPIRED FOR

A FAMILY DAY OUT BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE

THE LECCO AREA IS THE IDEAL DESTINATION FOR A HOLIDAY WITH CHILDREN: IN ADDITION TO THE BEAUTY OF THE LANDSCAPES, LECCO AND ITS TERRITORY OFFER MANY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL AGES. HERE ARE THREE IDEAS TO MAKE YOUR FAMILY HOLIDAY SPECIAL!



PIANI D'ERNA: MOUNTAINS, PEACE AND FUN

Easily reachable from Lecco by cable car, Piani d'Erna are full of easy paths suitable for everyone, where you can learn by walking thanks to the information panels along the Natura Path, or have fun at the Adventure Park or on the Tyrolienne.



DISCOVERING ANIMALS AND “LAKE MONSTERS” AT PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO

Palazzo Belgiojoso, close to the city centre, houses a number of interesting museums, and thanks to the ‘Please touch me!’ sensory path you can experience interactive and fun installations that are interesting for everyone, especially children! In addition, the Natural History Museum will guide you on a tour with display cases with all kinds of animals, but the highlight is the fossil of the *Lariosaurus*, the “monster of Lake Como”, an ancestor of the dinosaurs that lived here 240 million years ago!



A WALK IN NATURE AT PIANA DI SAN TOMASO IN VALMADRERA

The Piana di San Tomaso in Valmadrera is a paradise for families who want to spend a day enjoying nature. A natural terrace with a stunning view of the lake and the city of Lecco, easily accessible and with a large meadow perfect for a picnic.

And when the almond trees bloom in spring, everything becomes even more magical!



GET INSPIRED FOR

EXPERIENCING THE TERRITORY THROUGH LOCAL TASTES AND FLAVOURS

THE CUISINE OF THE LAKE: THREE TRADITIONAL LECCO DISHES



In Lecco, fish has always been the protagonist of the local cuisine and three dishes stand out among the delicacies of the lake area to best represent the culinary tradition: rice “in cagnone” with perch fillets, polenta with “missoltini”, and fish “in carpione”.

RICE IN CAGNONE WITH PERCH FILLETS is a dish that embodies the authenticity of the local culinary tradition. The creaminess of the rice in cagnone, boiled and whipped with butter, sage and Parmigiano, goes perfectly with breaded and fried perch fillets. Today, most restaurants offer a more modern version in which perch is served with risotto instead of rice in cagnone.



FISH IN CARPIONE is an explosion of flavours.

The vinegar-based marinade gives freshness, aroma and a pleasant acidity to the fish. The recipe can be prepared with small lake fish, such as bleak, or with fillets of larger fish, such as whitefish.

In **POLENTA WITH MISSOLTINI**, the “missoltino” is obtained by a process of salting and drying twait shads, small fish typical of Lake Como. The *Misultin*, as they are called in dialect, have a crunchy texture and a savoury, intense flavour, which blends perfectly with the softness of the polenta: a dish steeped in history, typical of the Larian tradition.

LECCO IS

**EVENTS THAT LIVEN UP
THE CITY AND MAKE
YOUR STAY SPECIAL**





**GEOCULT - FIRTS ITALIAN
GEOSCIENCES FESTIVAL
MAY 3 - 12, 2024
PIAZZALE RICCARDO CASSIN
(LA PICCOLA), LECCO**

Geosciences for everyone, between lake and mountains, in the shadow of Antonio Stoppani, whom Lecco honours on the bicentenary of his birth. Conferences and scientific talks, workshops, entertainment and the great immersive exhibition 'Il bel pianeta'.



**LECCO JAZZ FESTIVAL
JULY 17 - 21, 2024**

The ninth edition of the Lecco Jazz Festival brings the sounds and contaminations of jazz music back to the city. National and international artists will perform on stages such as the Lake Arena, the exclusive and one-of-a-kind floating stage on Lake Como.

More information
at www.teatrosocietalecco.it

Scan the QRcode and discover all the events!



**SOUND OF LECCO
MAY 11, 2024
PIAZZA GARIBALDI, LECCO**

A well-established festival among the great Lecco music events, this year Sound of Lecco will be inaugurated by the exceptional free concert of BNKR44, who participated at the Sanremo Festival 2024.

All information on other summer events
at www.leccotourism.it

A territory cannot exist without its people, and in Lecco you will meet all of us! We are touristic, mountain, environmental and cycling guides, but above all we are experts and lovers of our territory.

Every day we work to give you experiences suitable for everyone, so that you can get to know the beauty of the Lecco area: cycling routes between lake and mountains, nature and educational hikes in our Alps and Pre-Alps, 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 fun, exciting and, above all, unforgettable!

Come and discover with us the history, anecdotes, curiosities and wonders hidden in Lecco's unique landscapes.

Discover the many **EXPERIENCES BETWEEN NATURE AND CULTURE**, to enjoy the Lecco area to the full!

LECCO IS

**THE PEOPLE WHO ALLOW YOU
TO DISCOVER AND EXPERIENCE
THE TERRITORY**





Scan the QRcode and discover all the experiences you can get with us!

NEW SEASON, NEW COLOURS!



We look forward to seeing you again in September with news from our guides and instructors: new **EXCITING EXPERIENCES**, to live autumn and winter seasons together!

Our mountain and environmental guides will take you to discover the colours of autumn: you will be able to admire the **FOLIAGE** in the woods along Sentiero del Viandante or up to the Castle of the Innominato; to enjoy the magic of



WINTER PANORAMAS with climbing stages or treks at Piani d'Erna or Mount Legnone, or to travel back in time by hiking to the Romanesque Abbey of San Pietro al Monte.

You will even experience a sensorial journey to discover the incredible biodiversity of Mount Barro, through a nature trail dedicated to the visually impaired, or learn about the life of the great poetess Antonia Pozzi on the mountains that inspired her works.



Thanks to our guides, you will have fun with treasure hunts in the city, learn about history through wonderful guided tours about the witches of Lake Como or about the life of Alessandro Manzoni. And in december, you will discover the ancient Christmas traditions of the area with our **CHRISTMAS TOURS**.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON IN OUR LECCO - LAND OF COLORS!

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