

What to do this week

- Monday 12.09 Get to know the northern part of the Lake. Take the bus line C10 from Menaggio (bus stop in Piazza Roma 8.27, 9.30) to **Dongo**, the town where Mussolini was captured in 1945 by the local partisans. Get off at Piazza Parracchini with its beautiful Palazzo Manzi. A nice lake side walk (1 h) connects Dongo with **Gravedona**. The starting point for this walk is behind the church of S. Stefano. In Gravedona you can visit the beautiful church S. Maria del Tiglio and the old town centre. On the lake stands the elegant Palazzo Gallio.
h.13.37 Take the boat to **Piona** where you visit the abbey with its beautiful cloister
h.15.10 Return by boat from Piona to Menaggio
- Tuesday 13.09 h.9.00-12.30 **Market in Lenno**; you can reach Lenno by bus line C10 or by boat. After the market visit the beautiful 17th century **Villa Balbianello** at Lenno. In order to reach it you can take a taxi boat from the Lido of Lenno € 7,00 return ticket or you can walk 20 min. from the lido. From Lenno you can walk to the **Santuario della Madonna del Soccorso** along the famous alley way with the 14 chapels dedicated to the rosary, monument of Human Inheritance. Circular walk of 1h30. Ask for the description.
h 21.00 Griante – GH Cadenabbia – Classical concert
- Wednesday 14.09 Take the boat to **Bellano** from Menaggio at h. 08.48 (or hydrofoil at 9.39) visit the historic centre and the gorge called Orrido, it is open from 10.00 till 13.00 From Bellano (near the **Orrido**) you can follow the Viandante, an ancient trail to the castle of Vezio and from there down to Varenna (1.30 h) If you do not wish to walk take the train to **Varenna** (12.32 or 13.01 or 14.32) where you visit the lovely town centre and Villa Monastero.
h. 18.00 Menaggio - Piazza Garibaldi (Exhibition Room) - Vernissage « Auguri ...Italia !» with aperitif
- Thursday 15.09 h. 11.17 Take the slow boat from Menaggio to **Como** to admire the landscape and the beautiful villas along the shore of the lake with their beautiful gardens. Do the **Guided tour** of the ancient city of Como. The meeting point is at 15.00 p.m. at the Church of S. Agostino. To come back from Como to Menaggio you can take the hydrofoil (17.10- 18.10- 19.10) or the bus C10.
- Friday 16.09 What about a ride on one of the most **steepest cable cars** of Europe? In 4 minutes the cable car takes you from Argegno 200 m to Pigra 850 m. Take bus line C10 in the direction to Como down to Argegno. There is a bus stop right in front of the cable car station (funivia). The view of the lake is superb. From Pigra you can walk down to Colonno (2hr) – for trained walkers or just to Corniga and back to Pigra (1.40h – easy walk) . Ask for the description. Mind the cable car is closed between 12.00 and 14.00.
- Saturday 17.09 Take the little tourist train/the boat/the bus to **Lenno** and follow the description of the **Greenway** to get back to **Tremezzo**. In Tremezzo you can visit its picturesque suburbs (ask for the map and the description) or enter to the beautiful **Villa Carlotta** for visiting the insides and its botanic garden.
Tremezzo - Festival of the most beautiful Italian villages:
h. 11.30 Parco Olivelli - photo exhibition + hamlet market opening ceremony
h. 14.30-15.30 From the boat duck of Villa Carlotta – Tremezzo from the lake: guided tour on motorboat
h. 16.30 Villa la Quiete – Concert of the local brass band “Vittorio Veneto”
h. 18.00 Bolvedro - Lake promenade – Procession of the “Lucia” (local wooden boats)
h. 19.00 Parco Olivelli – Acqua Cheta – Aperitif
h. 20.00 Hamlet dinner: risotto and tasting tour among exhibition booth
h. 21.00 Cadenabbia – Ascension Church – Organ recital by A. Mumford – music of Fauré, Purcell, Bach, Grieg
h. 21.00 Barna (Plesio) – Church of S. Maria Maddalena – Organ Concert by E. Sacchetti
- Sunday 18.09 Follow the historic itinerary through the old town of **Menaggio** about 1 hr. (ask for the leaflet); you can also extend your walk to the hamlet of Nobiallo, a typical fishermen’s village or Loveno with its beautiful villas. If you have children you can ask for the puzzle tour through the town. In Menaggio it will take place a meeting-show of antique cars.
Tremezzo - Festival of the most beautiful Italian villages:
h. 10.00 Parco Olivelli – Opening of the hamlets market booths
h. 11.30 – 13.00 Rogaro – Aperitif in bloom
h. 12.00 – 15.00 Balogno, Volesio, Intignano, Viano – Eating tour with a typical menu
During the day all around the villages there will be: musical animation, free guided tour inside the churches and the gardens of the historical villas, shuttle service