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10 places you can't miss in Varese



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*** SACRO MONTE - VARESE



**« The Italians seem hardly able to look
at a high place without longing to put
something on the top of it, and they
have seldom done so with better effect
than in the case of the
Sacro Monte at Varese »**

(Samuel Butler Alps and Sanctuaries of Piedmont
and the Canton Ticino, 1881)

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Guide of Varese, to discover the beautiful places anche characteristic of area

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Via Sacra Path

“Via delle Cappelle” is a cobblestone pedestrian path that leads to the “Santa Maria del Monte” Sanctuary. This path was created during the early 1600s and it’s dotted with 14 chapels that accompany the pilgrims’ uphill climb. Besides having a great religious value, the “Via delle Cappelle” boasts a great historical, cultural and naturalistic worth; the path is well visible from the city and without a doubt it’s one of the greatest views of the territory.

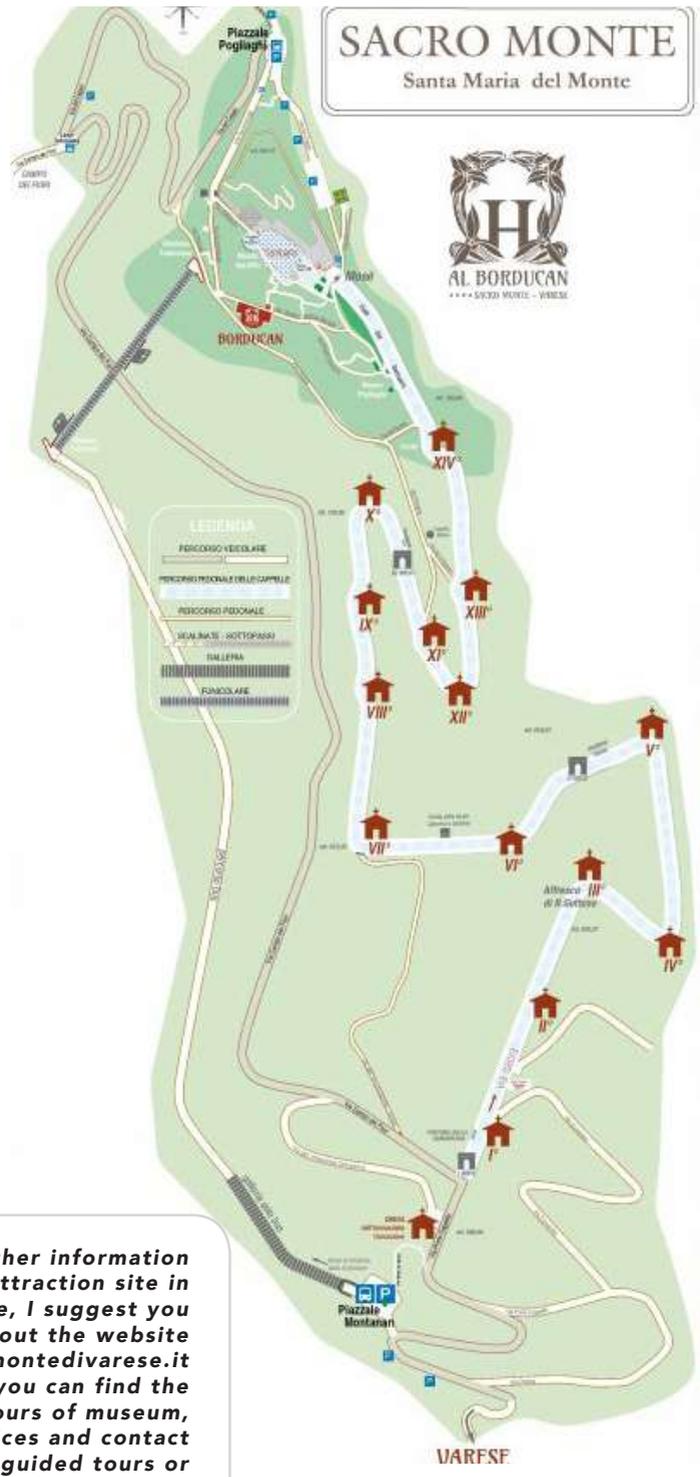
In this religious path, prayer, meditation and catechesis get tangled with history, art and nature, becoming a unique reality. In this way, they showcase at best the educational strength of the experience of beauty.

It’s an established tradition, for the citizens of Varese, to stroll uphill on the “Via Sacra” on Sunday morning, attend the holy mass in the Sanctuary and then drink a hot chocolate – or an “aperitivo” – at the Borducan, before going back down and head home for lunch.

Another typical tradition consisted in sledding down the “Via Sacra” after a big snowfall!

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Santa Maria del Monte



LEGENDA

- PERCORSO VEICOLARE
- PERCORSO PEDONALE ORIGINALE
- PERCORSO PEDONALE
- SALINATE - ROTOPASSI
- GALLERIA
- FANOCCHIE

For any further information on these attraction site in Sacro Monte, I suggest you check out the website www.sacromontedivarese.it Here you can find the opening hours of museum, ticket prices and contact details for guided tours or extraordinary openings.



Visit at the Sanctuary, the Crypt and the “Romite Ambrosiane” Monaster

The current exterior of the “Santa Maria del Monte” Sanctuary dates back to the VXII century: it’s adorned with a luxurious decoration that frames, with baroque stucco, frescoes of Giovan Mauro della Rovere, Giovanni Paolo Ghianda, di Salvatore Bianchi dei Lampugnani. The imposing high altar - on which the “Madonna col Bambino” wooden statue, carved during 1300 is placed – was also made towards the end of the VXII century. The oldest part of the Sanctuary, the Crypt, seems to date back to the V-VI century and was only recently brought back to light. It’s rich in frescoes and it’s undoubtedly a real treat that can’t be missed.



There was once the tradition, after having walked up until the Sanctuary, of ringing the "Suore Romite" bell right in front of the Sanctuary and ask for a glass of water, giving a small offer in exchange.



Opening time of Sanctuary:

Winter time 7.30-12.00 14.00-17.30

Summer time 7.0-12.00 14.00-18.00

Opening time of SS. Messes:

holiday 7.30 – 9.00 – 11.00 – 16.30; summer time also at 17.45

Chiesa Immacolata (First Chapel):

pre holiday 18.00 - holiday 8.30 - weekday 8:00 and 16:45

Funicular railway

If you want to walk down the “Via Sacra” and then going back up more comfortably, a good solution is the Funicular railway: the arrival station at the top of the mountain is surely the most beautiful, but also the sight you get during your way up is not bad at all.

To take the Funicular railway, you have to reach Piazzale Montanari and then walk to the station, which is approximately 1,5 km from there. Should you not wish to walk, the Funicular ticket also includes a shuttle service that brings you from the Piazzale to the station.

The hotel Al Borducan is located very close to the arrival station, which is a convenient option to go down and reach the city.



***Open in winter only Saturday and Sunday
July and August everyday
Check update time and information on
www.hotelalborducan.com/funicolare***

Visit at the Sacro Monte Museums the Baroffio and the house museum of Ludovico Pogliagli

The Sacro Monte village is small, but has many jewels to discover. The house museum of Ludovico Pogliagli is surely one of these jewels: it contains a great art and eclectic collection, with pieces from all around the world. It's definitely worth a visit: you will be enchanted by the original pieces that it contains.

Not far from there, on the right side of the Sanctuary, you can also find the Baroffio Museum, not less important than the previous one thanks to its paintings collection. This collection includes different paintings from the Middle Age and the XVIII century, along with a series of more modern pieces from the XX century, which focus on artists that happened to work at the Sacro Monte like Renato Guttuso, Floriano Bodini and other well known names.



For update on opening time and info:
www.hotelalborducan.com/sacromonte

A taste of the Elixir “Al Borducan”

The Elixir “al Borducan”, a typical liquor of the Sacro Monte, it’s an infusion made of orange and herbs that was invented and patented in 1872 by Davide Bergonzio, whose recipe was passed along from father to son up until the death of the last descendant of the family Bruno Bregonzio, who left it the hands of his nephew Armando Bianchi. Armando keeps producing it today, using the original recipe.

The history of ancestor Davide Bregonzio, expert herbalist born in Varese, is fascinating.

We find him following Garibaldi to Sicily in 1860, then moving to Algeria where he learns to appreciate the local oranges.

Upon his return to Varese, he invents a new liquor: the Elixir “al Borducan”, an exotic Arabic name which means “the orange” and stems from “Portugal”, the nickname that most people used for oranges at the time.

A few years later, Bregonzio inaugurates the “Caffè al Borducan”, located at the end of the “Cappelle del Rosario di Santa Maria del Monte” path. The Elixir quickly gains fame and starts to attract both tourists and locals to Sacro Monte. Davide’s son Mario chooses to follow his father’s steps but dies

in 1915 at only 32 years old, because of an incident that took place on the Cappelle path while sledding. His widow Anita Angiolini takes over the Caffè and the Elixir production; in 1924, she directs the construction of a new building that will host both the Caffè and the Bergonzo family home. Today, the Caffè al Borducan - after a closing period for some restoration works - has reopened its doors and is a 9-room Hotel with its own restaurant and cafeteria.



***If you want to know more about Elixir Al Borducan, watch out
www.borducangift.com
Phone +39 0332 220567***

The beautiful Villa Panza and its Collection

Villa Panza is surely one of the most appreciated attractions for tourists who are passing by Varese. Besides being a gorgeous example of the many villas located in the territory, it contains an internationally recognized art collection where you can also find some pieces owned by the Guggenheim Museum of New York.



Like nearly all the “Ville di Delizia” located in Varese, it was originally built as a holiday residence for the owners, who actually lived and worked in Milan.

As a matter of fact, between the end of 1800 and the beginning of 1900, Sacro Monte and the whole pre-Alpine lakes territory was very popular as a holiday and relax destination for the wealthy people from Milan.

This habit actually kept going on until not so many years ago. My grandmother, who lived in Varese, used to tell me that when she was young she would spend 2-3 weeks at Campo dei Fiori on holiday, every August.

Aside from the museum and the building itself, every year the villa hosts some very interesting international exhibitions, so I strongly recommend to check out the official website for updates.



**More info at www.visitfai.it/villapanza
Phone +39 0332 283960**

A stroll in the Garden City, a walking tour between Palazzo Estense and its gardens, the San Vittore Basilica and Corso Matteotti



Varese is a human-sized city, with a lot of green areas and some little treats you can't miss.

Right in the city centre, I recommend a stroll inside Palazzo Estense, a smaller version of the Schonbrunn Castle. Today it's used as the City Hall, and it's a charming villa with sumptuously decorated rooms and beautiful outside porches.

The palace gardens, "Giardini Estensi", are also worth a visit: I particularly recommend a stroll up to the top of the "Villa Mirabello" park, where you can enjoy a wonderful view of the gardens, the palace, and the whole city behind.

In the middle of this small pine forest, you will also find some play areas and a little train for kids.

At the end of this stroll you can go down from Villa

Mirabello and exit the gardens, heading towards Piazza della Motta where – every year on the day of Sant’Antonio – the traditional bonfire takes place.

At this point you will reach Piazza Monte Grappa, located under the Civic tower where the city flag hangs. This square dates back to the fascist era and, with its many bars and outside tables, is the social heart of the city; especially during summer it comes to life, from happy hour and on into the night.

From Piazza Monte Grappa you can head on to Corso Matteotti, which is the pedestrian street most loved by the citizens of Varese; this is the place where teenagers stroll on and meet with friends on Saturday afternoon.

This street will take you to Piazza San Vittore, where I suggest you check out the church and the baptistery: two buildings that were built in different eras and in different styles, but they both represent the heart of the city.

An interesting anecdote: on one side of the bell tower you can clearly see some holes. Well, those holes are the results of cannon shots fired by the Austrian soldiers during World War II!



Isolino Virginia

Almost one of a kind, the Isolino Virginia is a natural reserve and a Neolithic archaeological site at the same time.

If you're passionate about archaeological finds, this is the right place to go. The museum contains some finds as well.

But if you are like me, and the Neolithic finds don't interest you much, you will surely appreciate the wonderful landscapes and colours at sunset.

The ferry that travels to the "isolino" leaves from the pier of Biandronno, located a few kilometres away from Varese.

Sailing schedule:

BIANDRONNO – ISOLINO VIRGINIA

Saturday and Sunday

**11:00 – 12:00 – 12:30 – 13:00 – 13:30 – 15:00 – 15:45 – 16:15
– 17:15**

ISOLINO VIRGINIA – BIANDRONNO

Saturday and Sunday

**11:30 – 12:15 – 12:45 – 13:15 – 14:45 – 15:30 – 16:00 – 16:45
18:00 – 18:30**

The schedule is susceptible to change, and the service might be interrupted in case of strong wind. I suggest you check their website to verify before leaving.



www.isolinovirginia.it
Phone +39 366 8250686
info@isolinovirginia.it

**ATTRACTION THAT
ARE WORTH THE TRIP**



Santa Caterina del Sasso, Monch Hermitage

The hermitage of Santa Caterina del Sasso is surely one of the most magical places on the Lombard shores of Lago Maggiore.

You can reach it by foot, climbing down the 268 stairs that offer a great view of the lake, or you can catch the ferry from the pier in Laveno Mombello. A comfortable elevator is also available.

To know more about the schedule, you can visit the website www.navigazioneelaghi.it.



Tradition has it that the hermitage was founded by Alberto Besozzi, a rich local merchant that managed to escape a storm while sailing on the lake; afterwards, he decided to move to that stretch of coast permanently, and become a hermit.

Alberto, who would be later beatified, had a chapel dedicated to Santa Caterina of Egypt built there; that chapel - which dates back to the XII century and is now

visible at the bottom of the church – would soon be joined by two other churches that were built approximately around the XIV century: the church of San Nicola and the church of Santa Maria Nova.



After a short period in which the Dominicans resided there, the monks from the monastery of Sant’Ambrogio ad Nemus in Milan took over from 1314 to 1645, and would be later replaced by the Carmelites until 1770. The miracle that took place at the beginning of 1700 is surely worth a mention: five huge “dancing” rocks fell down on the church but got stuck in the vault of a chapel, thus causing no irreparable damage. They actually remained stuck there, suspended, until 1910.

Legend has it that these “wobbly” rocks actually gave the complete name to the hermitage, that is “Santa Caterina del Sasso Ballaro” (which means “dancing”, “wobbly”), although the most realistic reason for that name is that it is located near the small village of Ballarate.

Since 1970, the hermitage is property of the Varese province; it was managed by a Dominican community from 1986 to 1996, while nowadays they have been replaced by members of the Benedictine Order.

Opening hours for individual and group visits:

- MARCH

Open every day 9.00 - 12.00 // 14.00 - 17.00

- FROM APRIL TO OCTOBER

Open every day 9.00 - 12.00 // 14.00 - 18.00

- FROM NOVEMBER TO FEBRUARY

Closed on working days

Open on Saturday, Sunday and on national holidays: 9.00 - 12.00 // 14.00 - 17.00

(Open every day from Dec. 23rd until Jan. 6th)

[Www.santacaterinadelsasso.com](http://www.santacaterinadelsasso.com)

Tips!

You can go to the Hermitage by car or with the ferry. The boat trip worth a visit, the scenery from the lake is awesome.

Lago Maggiore Cableway, what a view!!

In Laveno Mombello, one of the loveliest and picturesque village on the Lake Maggiore , you board a comfortable cable car that takes you near the top of Sasso del Ferro (1100 m.).

In the solemn silence of the nature a superb panorama is under your eyes: The Alps, the Prealps, Some Lombarde Lake and far away the Po's River plain.

The Sasso del Ferro, cool in summer and pleasantly mild in winter, is the ideal destination for pleasant walks trough its evergreen woods.

From Varese, you arrive at Laveno in about 45 minutes. Don't miss this excursion!

FUNIVIE DEL LAGO MAGGIORE SRL
Via Don C. Tinelli 15
21014 Laveno Mombello (VA)

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Borromean Islands

The Borromean Islands consist in 3 bigger islands ("Isola Madre", the biggest, "Isola Bella", named after Carlo III Borromeo's wife Isabella, "Isola dei Pescatori", which owes its name to the main activity of the island, fishing) and an islet, "Isolino di San Giovanni", which is located right in front of Verbania. There's also the tiny, uninhabited rock of Malghera,

The best way to visit the Borromean Islands is by catching the ferry in Laveno Mombello and take a tour of all the islands, taking the time for a short stroll on each one of them to fully appreciate their charm.



The garden of Isola Bella is definitely worth a visit, while Isola dei Pescatori is the best option for a lunch break. I love having lunch in Hotel Verbano www.hotelverbano.it, which offers a stunning view on the Isola Bella and the Gulf; however, all the small local restaurants offer typical lake fish dishes. You absolutely have to taste the “al carpione” dish!

How to reach the ferry? If you are with the car the best way is to go to Laveno Mombello. In Laveno you will find a big parking close to the ferry station, there you can leave the car and get your boat to the Borromean Island.



For more information on ferry schedules and weather updates, you can visit www.navigazionealaghi.it

A male golfer in a dark blue polo shirt and white trousers is captured in the middle of a golf swing on a green field. He is holding a golf club with a dark head. The background shows a line of trees under a clear sky. In the foreground, several colorful golf balls (green, blue, red) are scattered on the grass, and a white tee marker is visible on the right. A dark horizontal band with white text is overlaid across the middle of the image.

THINGS TO DO

Star watching at the astronomical observatory of Campo dei Fiori

If you're passionate about astronomy – or even if you are not, but you are a romantic at heart and you wish to recognize a few constellations – you can't miss a visit at the "Schiapparelli" astronomical observatory in Campo dei Fiori.

The observatory is open for guided day and night visits, on both working days and bank holidays. A small museum has been set up inside, with astronomical pieces and photography. The recent "Cupola Galileo" is also accessible to tourist with walking impairment, thanks to the elevator that goes up until the building's terrace.



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Professional or amateur biking, your choice

Varese is definitely the perfect place for all the biking lovers. It's no coincidence that different World Championships took place here, and every year there are many other important events. One of these is surely the group transit during the Italian national bicycle championship "Giro d'Italia".



Bicycle path of Varese Lake

For a relaxing, amateur biking session, I suggest you take advantage of the bicycle and pedestrian path of Varese lake. The complete route is approximately 25 kilometers long and there are at least 3 starting points:



Schiranna starting (bike rent available)

Bugugiate starting point

Gavirate starting Point (bike rent available)



- Schiranna starting -

couple of restaurant with a view on the lake.

Here you can also find the public swimming pool, which is usually open throughout summer.

- Buguggiate starting point - This is the best starting point if you need a supply of water or other first necessity goods.

You can leave your car the whole day, right in front of the "Tigros" mall, where you can also find everything you might need to fix up your bike.

- Gavirate starting Point, bike rent available - If you need to rent a bike, you might want to head to Gavirate directly. You will find parking areas, a couple of small cafès right on the shore and a well kept lakefront.

For professional cyclists, route of the 2008 UCI Road World Championship

But if you are professional cyclist and you really like to clock up the miles, this will be right up your street. Here below you can find the official 2008 UCI Road World Championship route: in the first picture you can find the 45-km time trail route, while in the second one you can find the 17-km road race route.



Hiking and Trekking

Starting from Borducan, you can take many walks of medium difficulty.

The easiest and the most charming one is surely the “Via Sacra” walk I mentioned earlier. The path is quite easy and well kept, and you can walk both your way up and down. At night, the path is not lit but you can give it a chance, taking advantage of the moonlight.

If on the other hand you are a woods lover, this is the right trail for you: “trail 1” is the best trail that will bring you from the First Chapel to Sacro Monte first, and then up until Campo dei Fiori and the Orino fort.

If you leave our hotel on foot, you can walk until Piazzale Pogliaghi and then go through “Via delle Pizzelle”. Alternatively, you can drive until the end of the road and then start walking from there. It depends on how much you feel like walking!

In any case, you can't miss the opportunity to go and check out the remains of the great hotel “Campo dei Fiori” and the disused funicular railway nearby. It's a fascinating place, a mix between some Belle Epoque photography and the movie set of Shining.

A bit further up, you will find the small hotel “Pensione Irma”, where you can grab a quick bite.

Here at the hotel we will provide some maps that will help you in finding the above mentioned trails; but if you're interested in checking out some other trails of the area you can download more maps at this web page: **www.parcocampodeifiori.it/**



“Volo a Vela”, glider ride

The “Volo a Vela Adele Orsi” is a small gliding airport where you can take off on one of those fascinating aircrafts that fly silently across the sky.

If you own a glider I’m sure you are an expert already and I don’t have to explain anything; here’s the official website of the organization that is in charge of the airport, so you can make the necessary arrangements: www.acao.it.

But if you are like me, and you dream of flying without having to get a private pilot licence, then this is a good change for you to cross one of your bucket list items.

Right now as I’m typing, you can make your dream come true and take a glider ride over the gorgeous “varesotte” valleys for 150 €; you will be able to admire from there the Varese and Maggiore lakes, Campo dei Fiori and other beautiful locations, at a height of at least 1000 meters.



**More info at www.acao.it
Phone +39 0332 310073**

Horseback riding

Only a few people know that the Varese province is actually one of the busiest areas in Italy for horse breeding. The Casorate Sempione area in particular has given light to some of the greatest trotting champions of the last decades. It is known that nowadays horse racing is going through a difficult time and low popularity. However, a nice horseback stroll never goes out of fashion! Thanks to its big stretches of land, which make Varese one of Italy's greenest city, there's surely plenty of space for horseback riding.



Close to Sacro Monte, we can recommend:
In Varese: Equestrian club 'La Valletta' +39 333 6675945
www.clubippicolavalletta.it
In the beautiful scenery of Mustonate hamlet:
"La Collina dei Fiori" ASD + 39 347 3560661
In Luvinate: Valtinella agritourism +39 339 8953209
www.valtinella.wordpress.com

Golf Clubs

If you are a golf fan, you have different options to choose from and each one of them can satisfy different needs.

The Golf Club Varese is based in Luvinate, inside a former XIII-century monastery. It's an 18-holes course that is only a few kilometres away from the city centre, and you can find its own shop and restaurant inside.

www.golfclubvarese.it

phone +39 0332 229302

e-mail info@golfclubvarese.it

You can also find a newer 9-holes golf course right in Varese, close to the Swiss border and the Gaggiolo custom, the "Panorama Golf". Boasting a more modern management, this course is the best option if you're new to this sport or if you want to keep up the practice.

www.panoramagolf.it

phone +39 0332 330356

e-mail info@panoramagolf.it

Other Golf clubs you can find in the area:

"Golf dei Laghi" in Travedona Monate (VA)

www.golfdeilaghi.it

phone +39 0332 978101

e-mail info@golfdeilaghi.it

"Robinie Golf Club" in Solbiate Olona (VA)

www.golf.lerobinie.com

phone +39 0331 329260

e-mail golf@lerobinie.com



Rowing

Every rowing fan has discovered, during the last few years, where Varese is located on a world map!

Ever since our lake was picked to host some of the most important international rowing events, more and more national teams choose our territory for their training and retreats.

The Australian national team in particular, has picked Varese as its official headquarters in the northern hemisphere for rowing and other disciplines.

If you want to watch some younger kids training, you can go to Schiranna, where you can find the headquarters of the "Canottieri Varese" organization, or head to Gavirate and its own organization.

Here below you can find the contact details of both, should you want to reach out to them or borrow their rowing boats:



Canottieri Varese: phone +39 0332 321098

Canottieri Gavirate: phone +39 0332 744540

Sailing on Lake Maggiore

Admiring Lake Maggiore while sailing is a whole different thing than just driving around it. I'm telling you for personal experience, as I never liked the lake much and I never went there for a swim, unlike my friends that used to go there quite frequently every summer.

During the last few years, however, I happened to sail the lake on a motorboat and I discovered a treasure that I would have never thought possible, and a stone's throw from my home.

Sailing on this lake is an fantastic experience and the water – despite being a bit cold sometimes – is truly amazing.

If the ferry ride among the Borromean Islands didn't leave you fully satisfied, I can assure you that renting a motorboat and enjoy the sun like that will surely leave you ecstatic.

You don't need a licence to rent a motorboat or a sailboat without skipper, but it would be best to have some kind of experience with them.

For further information, I suggest you reach out to the people of "Nautica Costantini", where I keep my own motorboat.

www.nauticacostantini.it

Beach Relax

Public beaches

Lake Maggiore
Cerro di Laveno
Caldè
Arolo

Private beaches

Lake Monate

L'ultima Spiaggia - phone +39 0332 978249
Via Milano, 1458 - 21028 Monate
La Playa - phone +39 3357580301
Via Mongo, 441 - 21020 Cadrezzate



Tandem paragliding

I'm not particularly brave and I prefer being on a comfortable boat rather than going paragliding; my wife, though, has tried it once and she says there's no greater emotion than flying silently on a paraglide right near Lake Maggiore.

They say the view is breathtaking, and the silence at 1000 meters of height is guaranteed. If you want to live an emotional and an adrenaline-filled experience, this is the right adventure for you.



**You can take off on a paraglide with
www.parapendiolaveno.it**

Climbing wall at Campo dei Fiori

Not far from Borducan, close to “Punta Paradiso” and located approximately towards East and North, you can find the historical climbing gym.

You can reach it in just a few minutes, by driving up to the small hotel “Pensione Irma”, or walking the panoramic trail, which starts from Piazzale Pogliaghi and passes by the hotel Campo dei Fiori and Via delle Pizzelle.

Difficulty level: medium.



To close up this list of activities you can do in Varese, I would like to point out some activities for younger people

Along the provincial road that leads to Brinzio, you can find the adventure park "Villaggio Cagnola". It's a trail in the woods and on the tress which is well kept and suitable for kids of all ages. The park opens in May and closes in October: it's only open at weekends, while during the week it can be open upon reservation.



e-mail adventurepark@parcocampodeifiori.it
website www.parcocampodeifiori.it

Zoo Safari Park

Pombia Safari Park is a Zoo and amusement park in Pombia, just one hour driving from Varese.

Extending over an area of 400,000 square metres, the park consist of two distinct areas: the entertainment area and the Safari Park. The Safari Park also has signed a collaboration in agreement with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine of University of Turin on research projects that relate to the pathology and the welfare of farm animals and the conservation of species at risk of extinction.

Pombia Park is in Pombia (NO)

Via Larino, 3

Phone +39 0321 956431

info@safaripark.it



Welcome aboard and have a good flight!

“Take a look around you - the bricks and the wood you see witnessed the challenge of man against the sky. You are at Volandia, deep inside the history of aviation and of the industries that turned the dream of flight into reality.

The museum is divided into seven areas: forms of flight, fixed wing, rotary wing, space pavilion, drones, model aircrafts and baby volandia. It narrates the epic tale of aeronautics in all its forms, from the pioneering flights of the beginning of the 20th century, up to the futuristic convertiplane, from hot-air balloons to the conquest of space along over 2 km of exhibition.

Volandia is “Park and Museum”, with several zones – both indoor and outdoor – for the kids and for all the children hidden inside us: flight simulators, planetarium, aircraft models, Ogliari section, library, movies, bar, restaurant and a rich Volandia Store.

Have fun!”

For more information
www.volandia.it

WHERE TO EAT



Cafè Borducan

At Cafè Borducan you will find the right offer for an aperitif or a quick snack. Everyday we prepare fresh cakes and original drinks for your aperitif.

Try our iconic drink done with the Original Elixir Al Borducan.

The history of Elixir is a story of a journey, and one of the best moments to taste is when the sky and the earth blend together: the sunset.

www.borducan.com - Phone +39 0332 220567

Via Beata Caterina Moriggi 43 Varese

Buosi, maitre chocolatier

Denis Buosi is a chocolate artist, so don't forget try his special "Caffè Buosino".

It's a yummi coffee served with a special chocolate spoon.

www.buosi.it - Phone +39 0332 241227

Piazza Beccaria 1 Varese

Buosi Gelato

Denis brother, Marco, is an artist of ice cream.

Give him a try, you will taste a very good ice cream.

Very special is the salted Peanuts ice cream.

www.buosigelato.it Phone +39 0332 286997

Via Veratti, 12 Varese

Il Pirola

In this classic style caffè, has been invented one of the most known aperitif of Varese. I'm talking about "Apollo".

This is a pink alcoholic drink, invented by Mr Pirola in 1969, celebrating the human mission on the moon.

Pirola it's a meeting place for us "Varesini" (people that live in Varese), it's very typical to give appointment "sotto al piantone" (under the big tree) that is in front of the bar.

www.pirolavarese.it

Via Veratti, 10

Varese

Phone +39 0332 283913

Pasticceria Ghezzi

Their meringues with whipped cream are a must, you can't go away from Varese without having tasted it.

This Pasticceria is probably one of the older in the city, with it's original boiserie it seems to go back of one century.

An hot chocolate and a meringue and you are ok!

Corso Matteotti, 36

Varese

Phone +39 0332 333878

Restaurants

Al Borducan



The restaurant it's a mix of typical product and plate of the tradition and particular product that are difficult to find.

I like to call that, "Liberty Style Cuisine".

In our menu you will find always game meat and classical plate of the beginning of the 20th century.

nails, Foie Gras, Rossini style beef filet are some of the our delicacies that we love to prepare and offer to our guests.

Not to be missed our fresh pasta, prepared daily in our kitchen.



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Via Beata Caterina Moriggi, 43 - Varese

From June to September we are always open.

In the other months we are closed on Tuesday

Griglieria Ripoli



Ripoli is a famous butcher in Varese, and last summer he opened this nice small restaurant.

You will find very good meat of Italian origin, coming from the best farms of Piemonte.



Piazza Beccaria, 4
Varese
Closed on Monday and Tuesday
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Pizzeria Ristorante La Piedigrotta



The owner, Antonello Cioffi, is a Pizza Artist. But not only. At Piedigrotta you will feel like at home and you will eat some pizza that you will not find anywhere else.

Antonello is a food maniac and he always finds the best product to make your dinner memorable.

Don't forget to ask the staff to give you the wine list. They have something like 20 pages of beautiful Champagne and dry white wines from Campania, as Fiano and Falanghina. You can find some of the best bottles of white wine from Italy. Old vintage also available.



***Via Domenico Romagnosi, 9
Varese
Closed Sunday for lunch
Phone +39 0332 287983***

A close-up photograph of a person's hands holding the handles of several shopping bags. The person is wearing a light grey zip-up jacket and a teal-colored top. The bags include a large brown paper bag, a black mesh bag, and a bright yellow bag. The background is a soft, out-of-focus beige color.

SHOPPING

Lindt Factory Store

You can find the Lindt Outlet shop in Induno Olona, not far from Sacro Monte.

Here you can buy every kind of chocolate, also the delicious Lindor.

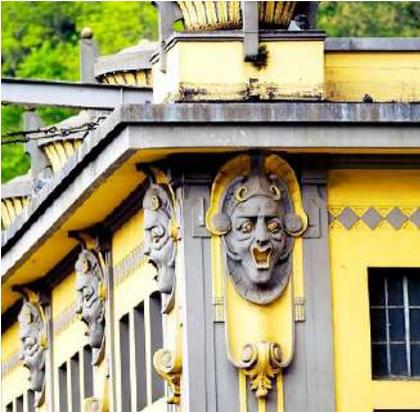
Open everyday from 10 am to 7 pm.

Induno Olona
Via Buccari, 1
Phone +39 0332 209111



Birreria Angelo Poretti, from 1877

A voyage through Northern Europe, and meetings with the very best Master Brewers: This is where Angelo Poretti's passion for beer began. You can discover all kinds of this original beers, going to visit the "Birreria Poretti", very close to the factory.



More info on:
www.birrificioangeloporetti.it

Where to buy wine and local products?

Vercellini Shop is located in the historic center of Varese. The store that has existed for over a hundred years. Culture of food, history and passion come together in this grocery store, with Mario and Anita Vercellini who have dedicated their lives to seek and select the excellence of our local products.

www.drogheriavercellini.com

Piazza Giovane Italia 1

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At **Azienda Agricola Valle Luna**, you will find local cheeses and affettati. Fresh made goat cheese is their specialty.

www.agricolavalleluna.com

Via Valle Luna 35

Varese

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Enoteca Bottazzi is the right place where to buy Italian wines. They have a very interesting selection with honest prices.

www.bottazzi1957.com

Via Roncari, 30

Besozzo (VA)

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www.vicolungo.thestyleoutlets.it

Missoni
www.missoni.com

Il Centro, Arese
www.centroilcentro.it



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Casinò di Campione d'Italia
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