

# Palazzo Novara

Region: Lake Orta Sleeps: 4 - 8

## Overview

Palazzo Novara is a 17th century mansion in Lake Orta that underwent a total refurbishment in 2012. All the original architecture has been restored with luxurious finishes and all modern comforts. There are large fireplaces, coffered ceilings, incredible wall art and sumptuous furniture throughout. Every bedroom has its own en-suite bathroom, flat screen satellite TV and an audio system.

Spread across three levels the ground floor contains the study, kitchen, dining room, guest bathroom and spa with all areas opening out on to the garden. The spa features an indoor pool (12mx2.5m), waterfall, steam bath, two showers and a WC, all directly accessible from the garden. Up on the first floor is a spacious living area with fireplace, two en-suite bedrooms and a guest bathroom. The second floor has a further two en-suite bedrooms, a library and music room, guest bathroom and laundry. From the top floor you have wonderful views across Lake Orta, the Island of San Giulio and the Monte Rosa.

Outside there is a courtyard and columned garden with seating for eight, perfect for romantic candlelit dinners and daybeds for catching some rays. The entire property is surrounded by high walls ensuring ultimate privacy.

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## Facilities

Chateaux & Castles • Quirky • Wellness • Heritage Collection • Private Pool • Heated Pool • Indoor Pool • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Hot Tub • Walk to Village • <1hr to Airport • BBQ • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Cable TV • DVD • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Fenced Grounds • Watersports • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Romantic



# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior

Palazzo Novara is a 17th century mansion with SPA overlooking Lake Orta. There are 4 en-suite bedrooms, spacious living areas, a library, a modern kitchen with a dining room leading onto an intimate internal courtyard and garden ideal for breakfast, afternoon tea or an aperitif!

### Ground Floor

- Entrance room and study with desk, computer, printer and scanner
- Dining room with table seating 8 people
- Guest toilet
- Fully equipped modern kitchen with fridge, freezer, oven, microwave, coffee machine

### First Floor

- Two double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with shower
- Living area with fireplace, sofas, armchairs and flat screen TV

### Second Floor

- Two double bedrooms with en-suite bathrooms with shower
- Music room with beautiful views of the lake
- Laundry room

### SPA (access from the garden and from the house)

- Indoor swimming pool (12x2.5m) with waterfall, hydromassage jets, chromotherapy and Turkish bath, open and heated all year round
- Toilet with two showers

### Outside Grounds:

- Courtyard with little romantic garden
- Dining area with table seating 8 people and chairs, coffee table and chairs and 4 sun-loungers

### Facilities:

- Wi-Fi
- Flat screen TV
- Audio system
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron



## Location & Local Information

Away from the hustle and bustle of Como and Maggiore is tiny, bewitching Lake Orta. This is truly the stuff of fairy tales, crumbling baroque buildings and wild gardens set against the glittering lake. The streets and surrounds burst into flower every spring, and in autumn the foliage turns to brilliant shades of yellow, orange, and red.

Nearby Vacciago lies just above Orta San Giulio and overlooks the lake and San Giulio Island. Vacciago has been a popular holiday haunt for the noble families of Milan and Piedmont for centuries and features stunning 16th and 17th century buildings. Lovers of contemporary art will enjoy the Calderara Foundation where several hundred pieces collected by the Calderara family are on display.

While staying at Palazzo Novara, a trip to the Sacro Monte of Orta is a must. This remarkable site is perched on a hill, 360m above sea level, and is on the UNESCO World Heritage list. Set in botanical gardens, the site consists of 21 chapels built between the 15th and 17th centuries. The chapels are extravagantly decorated with frescoes and statues, dedicated to the life of Saint Francis. Walking around the site is meditative with incredible views over the town and lake.

The town of Orta San Giulio is picturesque, the maze of narrow streets full of incredible restaurants, bars, craft shops and art galleries. You can catch a boat across to San Giulio Island and enjoy a meal at its only restaurant – vine-covered and stunning at sunset.

The Palazzo is in close proximity to golf courses, horseback-riding facilities, cycle paths and water sports with all services and amenities within easy reach. The area is renowned for its choice of restaurants, from rustic trattorias to Michelin-star establishments.

The vibrant and stylish city of Milan is a little over an hour's drive from the villa and is full of boutiques, well-known fashion brands and fantastic restaurants. Take a day trip and soak up the chic atmosphere. The stunning shores of Lake Como, one of Italy's largest lakes, are also just over an hour's drive away and are not to be missed! There are plenty of different water sports and activities to try out and lots of lovely lakeside villages to explore. You can even take a ferry across the lake to one of these villages, giving you the chance to see the lake and its magnificent surroundings from all angles. Como itself is home to impressive gothic architecture and there's also a fun funicular!



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Malpensa International Airport (45km)</b>
Nearest Ferry Port	<b>Intra (Lake Maggiore) (33km)</b>
Nearest Village	<b>(100m)</b>
Nearest Town/City	<b>Orta/Novara (4km/45km)</b>
Nearest Shop	<b>(300m)</b>
Nearest Golf	<b>Golf Club Alpino di Stresa (15km)</b>

## What Oliver loves...

- Beautiful Lake Orta, not yet spoiled by crowds of tourists and arguably the prettiest of the Italian Lakes
- The indoor spa, complete with heated pool and steam bath with direct access to the courtyard with loungers
- The incredible decor: every piece of art and furniture has obviously been hand-picked by someone skilled in interior design
- "La Bottega di Edo" delicatessen store is virtually next-door and prides itself for Edo's own locally grown organic food products

## What you should know...

- The garden is compact but ample and there are plenty of beautiful nature reserves in the immediate surrounding area to explore
- When minimum occupancy is booked, certain rooms may not be accessible (subject to owner's discretion) - best to enquire with us beforehand
- Bookings made less than 5 days prior to the arrival day are on request only and with prior agreement with the owner
- While there is no private parking at this villa, guests can leave their cars approximately 100m from the house where there are public spaces available.

# Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1500 charged to client's credit card before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 3.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Minimum stay: 5 nights.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, loss of personal belongings, personal liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Heating costs included?: Extra charge of €600/week payable locally from approximately mid-October to mid April and must be requested minimum 5 days in advance. This fee also includes the pool heating.
- Other Ts and Cs: Highchairs and cots available at an extra cost. Pre-booking is required.
- Pool heating charge?: The indoor pool is open and heated all year round on request. However, from approximately mid-October to mid April, an extra charge of €600/week payable locally and which covers heating and pool heating must be requested minimum 5 days in advance (3 days during summer months).
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