

Villa Fornaci

Region: Lake Maggiore **Sleeps: 10 - 14**

Overview

Looking like it may have sprung out of the pages of a fairy-tale-book, this unique holiday home with its stunning lakefront position, is an idyllic place to enjoy all that Lake Maggiore has to offer.

Take the sunny lawn that stretches and slopes down towards the lake at the front of the villa. Here's the perfect spot to set up your sun lounger, soak up some Italian rays and that lovely lakeside atmosphere. And with two terraces at the side (one with a built-in BBQ) and a beautiful flower-covered pergola with free dining table jutting out towards the lake, there's plenty of opportunities to make the most of outdoor living and those views.

Even inside you'll find this. Step into the spacious but oh-so-cosy living room with its generous windows, and you'll find more panoramic vistas awaiting you. Or, you may just want to sit, relax, watch a little TV and read a book in this bright, airy room. Complete with an exposed brick feature wall, piano and sweeping staircase, it's an inspirational spot to feel like you're really on holiday. And relax...

Although there are other spots to enjoy a little alone or family time - a small study with a squashy leather sofa, seating on the landing or a sociable dining room where you can re-connect and enjoy a tasty old pasta feast. The seven bedrooms at Villa Fornaci offer many possibilities depending on your group set-up. All individually-styled there are double bedrooms, twin rooms and an independent annexe apartment to choose from.

This is a lovely villa in a peaceful residential area close to the village of Ispra, with all your holiday needs taken care of, including a small number of restaurants and cafes. There's also a scenic lakefront promenade and marina, although you can always go for a refreshing swim in the lake from your front garden, or take a canoe out if you're feeling adventurous

Also, just 6km away from Angera with its historic castle, and 15km from Laveno, you can hop on to a ferry and venture out to the majestic Borromean Islands for a particular trip you won't forget.



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Facilities

Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Air-Con • Pets on Request • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant •
BBQ • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) •
Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Outstanding Landscapes •
Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Villa only : 10-guest rate

Villa and apartment: 14-guest rate

Ground floor

- Spacious living room with piano and sweeping staircase
- Separate dining room seating up to 14 people
- Kitchen
- Study with desk and sofa
- Guest toilet
- Double bedroom
- Bathroom with shower

First floor

- Master double bedroom with en-suite bathroom and access to a lakeview balcony
- Double bedroom with en-suite bathroom and access to a lakeview balcony
- Two twin bedroom with en-suite bathroom and garden view

Apartment

- Living room with kitchenette
- Bathroom with shower
- Bedroom with double bed and single bed (big enough for one adult or two children)
- Bedroom with single bed

Outside Grounds

- Lovely sloping garden at the front of the villa
- Sun loungers and deck chairs
- Open terrace at the side of the villa with outdoor seating
- Covered terrace at the side of the villa with outdoor seating and built-in BBQ
- Flowered pergola with large table for up to 20 people
- Stairs to a stone platform

Facilities

- Car parking
- Sauna



Location & Local Information

There's something magical about the lakes of northern Italy bordering Switzerland - the snow-capped mountains, elegant villas, charming villages and narrow glacial lakes, all of which make for a camera-ready scene of eye-popping beauty.

And Lake Maggiore, Italy's second largest lake, is no exception. Sleepy cobblestone villages, exceptional flowers, views over glittering waters, ethereal islands and the odd castle - it's no wonder such illustrious visitors as Byron, Shelley and Hemingway graced its very shores.

When the Simplon Pass train from Switzerland, one of the Alps most beautiful crossings opened, it meant easier access to this beautiful lake. And many visited for all its beauty, including its little islands located on the western arm of this stunning stretch of water: the tiny Isola Bella - a place of decadent parties for the nobility of Europe; Isola dei Pescatori with its population of just 50 people and a number of fabulous fish restaurants; Isola Madre featuring the most beautiful botanical flowers. The Borromean Islands are well worth a visit.

Inland, explore the pretty town of Stresa situated below the majestic peak of Mottarone and enjoy its many cafes, restaurants and bars - especially the ones with views out to the Borromean islands.

Why not take a cable car up Mottarone for a truly spectacular view across the Alps? Amble around the town of Verbania or Cannobio's lakefront piazza with its ancient buildings. Then there's picturesque Maccagno and Luino with its famous market - amongst many more on this enchanting lake that will quite literally take your breath away.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Milan Malpensa Airport (28 km)
Nearest Airport	Bergamo Orio al Serio Airport (115 km)
Nearest Village	Ispra (600 m)
Nearest Town/City	Varese (24 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Restaurants & Cafes (600 m)



Nearest Supermarket

**Supermarkets & Shops
(600 m)**

What we love

- If you're staying on Lake Maggiore, a lakefront position is idyllic, and Villa Fornaci has just that
- The characterful Mansard apartment with its own kitchenette for those seeking a little privacy in a larger group
- When you're cooking for a large group of people, what better way to entertain than at the flowered pergola jutting out towards the lake. Undeniably a meal you won't fail to remember...

What you should know...

- Leap out of bed and dive straight into crystal clear waters of Lake Maggiore - who needs a pool?
- You can rent a boat to take out on the lake at a nautical club nearby. Just ask the owner for more advice
- Villa Fornaci has reduced prices for groups that don't need to use the apartment. If the apartment is not required it will be closed, but the rest of the villa, its amenities and its grounds will remain at the complete disposal of guests. Please refer to the 'Facilities' tab for more information or get in touch with our team!
- Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking
- Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €2000 paid via bank transfer to the owner one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Linen & towels included?: No, extra €150 payable locally.
- Pets welcome?: On request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €10 per pet per day will apply (payable locally, maximum 2 pets).
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Insurance: It is recommended that all guests take out insurance to cover against potential cancellation and any accidental damage caused during your stay at the property
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other duration on request.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€3 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- Heating costs included?: No, extra cost of €1.50 per m³, payable locally.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Extra €300 for villa + €50 for annexe, payable locally. However, guests are required to leave the accommodation clean, tidy and in the same condition as on their arrival. Any extra cleaning, laundry, maintenance and/or rubbish disposal required will be charged against the security deposit.
- Changeover day: All other changeover days on request.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
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