

Villa Luce

Region: Lake Como **Sleeps: 14 - 24**

Overview

Villa Luce is a stunning stately home, perched on a hilltop in 12 acres of private parkland and gardens. This historic villa is situated in the countryside close to Lake Como in Northern Italy, the location has plenty of green spaces and small traditional villages but is close to towns such as Lecco and Como which are under 25km away.

As you approach the grand villa down the lime tree lined driveway, you will appreciate the scale and beauty of this unique home and the serenity of the gardens and grounds. This historic home can sleep up to 24 guests across the main villa and the annexe, making the villa ideal for large family gatherings or special events.

The beautiful villa was designed by renowned architect Arpesani in the 1800s in a Florentine Renaissance style. Entering the hallway, you will see high ceilings, marble floors and ceilings and original paintings and antiques. The hall runs the length of the house and leads on to a series of elegant rooms including living areas, a fitted kitchen, a wood-panelled dining area and smaller, cosy sitting areas. Everywhere you look in the villa you will find original fireplaces, frescos, tapestries, marble columns and gorgeous in-keeping furniture. On top of all of the original features, you will be happy to hear that the home has all the modern facilities needed such as Wi-Fi.

Upstairs and in the annexe, you will find the sleeping accommodation with a staggering 13 bedrooms for your party to unwind in. Amongst the bedrooms, there are some suites and en-suite rooms and each room has been lovingly decorated.

Of course, the beautiful parkland and gardens of Villa Luce are some of the greatest features. The huge lawns and eating areas are perfect for hosting celebrations or simply spending time together in the evening sun. The expansive U-shaped pool is a great asset to the house in the summer months and even has an island of its own which is great for sunbathing! Close to the pool there is also a children's sandpit and play equipment meaning there is something for everyone in this brilliant garden.

The villa is located within a village which has a selection of cafes, small shops and a chemist. Just 1.5km away there is also a bigger town which has a supermarket and a wide selection of eateries. When you wish to see a bit more of the area and experience the local culture, then a trip to Lecco is a



must and is just 20km away. Lecco is a picturesque town and has lots on offer for everyone to see and do. The waterfront offers great views of the lake and mountains and here you are able to visit the historic bell tower of the Basilica of San Nicolò. If you are feeling brave, you can climb to the top of the 96-metre tower to take in panoramic views. From here you can head into town to explore the shops, restaurants, galleries and monuments.

Lake Como and the town of Como are situated 23km from the villa and this stunning place should definitely be included in your holiday itinerary!

Facilities

Private Pool • Wi-Fi/Internet • Walk to Village • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Outdoor Games • Table Tennis • Heating • Toys • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Golf Nearby • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Horse Riding • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites

Interior & Grounds

1. Villa Only - 14 guests

2. Villa & Annexe - 24 guests

Villa Interior

Main Villa

Ground Floor

- Hall running whole length of house
- Wood-panelled dining room with large dining table seating 25 guests
- Fully-fitted kitchen with oven, fridge, freezer, dishwasher and coffee machine
- Large living room with original features
- Music room
- Smaller sitting room with original tapestry
- Library
- Two family bathrooms

First Floor

- Master suite with California king-sized bed, a living area and an en-suite bathroom with original marble bath, sink, toilet and bidet.
- Bedroom with two single beds (also located in the Master suite)
- Bedroom with California king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with bath, sink, toilet and bidet
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and an en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, toilet and bidet
- Bedroom with twin beds, private bathroom in the corridor. with shower, sink, toilet.
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and an en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, toilet and bidet
- Bedroom with king-sized bed and an en-suite bathroom with shower, sink, toilet and bidet

Annexe



- Suite with air conditioning with bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower, toilet and bidet
- Bedroom with twin beds
- Bedroom with bunk beds
- Shared bathroom with shower, toilet and sink.
- Bedroom with California king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, sink and toilet
- Suite on a raised level with bedroom with king-sized bed and en-suite bathroom with shower, toilet and bidet

Outside Grounds

- Expansive private pool with island (25m x 25m, depths: 1.5m- 4.5m), open approximately July and August (and possibly June and September, only on request and with advance notice)
- 12 acres of fenced private woodland and manicured gardens
- Long, tree-lined driveway
- Covered veranda
- Al fresco dining areas
- Children's sandpit and garden toys
- Football and volleyball equipment
- Two bathrooms in grounds with men and women's changing areas
- Large parking area

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Washing machine
- Dryer
- Iron and Ironing board
- Hairdryer

Location & Local Information

Villa Luce is located in private parkland on the edge of a small village in the province of Lecco, Northern Italy. This location is perfect for a holiday which combines visits to the countryside and rural villages with trips to thriving towns and the beautiful lake Como.

Near to the house, you will find all of the amenities you need, from small cafes to a large selection of restaurants and supermarkets. Due to the semi-rural setting, you are also well-placed to try out plenty of outdoor activities nearby, including; hiking, cycling, mountain biking, horse-riding, canoeing, fishing, tennis and golf.

The villa is also ideally located for visiting lots of the nearby towns and sites such as Lecco, Como and even Milan.

Lecco is the nearest large town at around 20 minutes away by car. This is a lovely place to start exploring the region. The Lago di Lecco is the name of this section of Lake Como and the stunning waterfront promenade is great for a stroll taking in the views. Lecco has a great selection of bars, cafes, restaurants and monuments which surround the main squares such as the Piazza Zermenati. To get the best views of the area, head up to Piano d'Erna by cable car.

45-minutes away from Villa Luce is Como. The city's glamour and status are reflected in its stunning buildings; churches, palaces and colourful squares. One of the most beautiful of the buildings is the cathedral which was started in 1396. If you are interested in history and culture, then Como is filled with incredible places to see, including; the Silk Museum, history museum, The Civic Art Gallery in Palazzo Volpi and the Archaeological museum! For better views of the lake, you could take a boat trip or head up the mountain-side by funicular railway before finding a great restaurant for dinner.

If you would like to Visit Milan, this fantastic city is an hour's drive from the villa. Be sure to set off early to make the most of your trip! Milan is best known for its fashion and shopping scenes so you are sure to enjoy the shops there, but there are also great castles, opera houses, museums and churches to visit. If you would like to see Da Vinci's Last Supper while here it is housed in Milan Museum and it is advised that you book well in advance.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport

**Bergamo
(43km)**

Nearest Airport 2	Milan Linate (45km)
Nearest Airport 3	Milan Malpensa (61km)
Nearest Supermarket	(1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	(1.5km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	(250m)
Nearest Village	(300m)
Nearest Town	Lecco (20km)
Nearest Beach	Lecco (20km)

What we love

- This grand historic stately home is packed with stunning original features and antique furniture
- The huge 25m x 25m pool with island and manicured grounds make this home truly unique
- Villa Luce is a country retreat but is in easy reach of Como at 23km away and Milan at 45km away

What you should know...

- The rural setting of this home means a car is essential, there are plenty of parking spaces for guests
- The sleeping accommodation is divided between the main villa and the annexe which is ideal for large family holidays or big groups
- This stunning home can be used as a space for events and special parties which can be arranged with the owners
- Quiet and non-intrusive gardener lives on-site in a separate building with his family, they will be very happy to help
- Please note that only the 26 person prices include the rental of the annexe. Please see the 'Features' tab for full details
- Two guests staying in one of the bedrooms in the annexe will be sleeping on a queen-sized sofa bed

Terms & Conditions

- Security deposit: €1000 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation one month before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 2.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 11.00 a.m.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- End of stay cleaning included?: Yes. 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra €500 (whole villa), payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Insurance: Guests are required to be in possession of a valid insurance policy, which covers them for cancellations, personal belongings, public liability and any accidental damage caused during their stay.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Quiet and non-intrusive gardener lives on-site with his family, they will be very happy to help.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that only the 26 person prices include the rental of the annexe. Please see the 'Features' tab for full details
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
- Pool opening dates?: The swimming pool is open approximately July and August. It can also sometimes be opened in June and September but only on request and with advance notice. Please note that pool opening dates are subject to local weather conditions and pool maintenance requirements and that cooler months may not be suitable for swimming.