

# Villa Safira

Region: Lake Como **Sleeps: 4**

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## Overview

In an enviable position overlooking Lake Como, Villa Safira is a true sanctuary. Blessed with incredible views of the lake and surrounding mountains, the villa sits in an elevated position in a green landscape, with other secluded houses scattered nearby among the trees and abundant nature. Wind down in the steam room and sauna after a day's hike in the Lombardy hills, or simply kick back on the terrace whilst you take in the lake views.

Villa Safira has many well thought out design elements that guests will love, including sliding glass doors that make the most of the panoramic view, a retractable canopy on the terrace so you can enjoy the outdoors no matter whether you're a lover of sun or shade, and the bedroom even boasts a delightful in-room hydromassage bath, for a touch of indulgence. A dream for real spa lovers, the villa also features both a sauna and steam room, and the house overall features attractive design touches such as rustic stone walls, a wooden beamed ceiling in the airy kitchen and a clean, modern look throughout.

The garden is spacious and has uninterrupted views of the lake, whilst trees and shrubs fringe the property to enhance the landscape and provide a delightfully soft effect. A lazy afternoon in the garden can be enjoyed by all, which of course wouldn't be complete without an al fresco lunch, which in Italy is a lunch like no other. Fire up the barbecue and effortlessly throw together a delicious feast of local meats and flavoursome veggies, all grilled to perfection.

Rock climbing is a popular pastime in the immediate area – simply walk a minute or two from the villa towards the lake and you will find Ferrata Galleria di Morcate, a site that keen climbers will love. Less than a 10 minute drive away, Varenna is a convenient option for groceries, bars and restaurants, or just half an hour away by car is the bustling town of Lecco, where you can find shops, eateries and monuments galore.

A must visit is the city of Como, an hour's drive away. Take a sunset walk along the promenade, check out the stunning architectural sites which are so easy to enjoy between grabbing refreshments in the city's abundance of bars, cafés and restaurants, or treat yourself to a designer shopping trip, something for which Como is justifiably famous. All in all, this sophisticated city by the lake is a real gem.



## Facilities

Beach Nearby • 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 • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • Satellite TV • Sauna/Steam • Heating • Cot(s) • High Chair(s) • Watersports • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (300m2)

### Ground Floor

- Open plan kitchen with hob, oven, kettle, toaster, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, microwave, coffee machine and dining table with chairs, and doors to garden
- Living room with double sofa and satellite TV
- Bedroom with double bed, satellite TV, lounge chairs and in-room hydromassage bath
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Sauna
- Steam room

### Outside Grounds

- Garden with lawn and lake views
- Terrace with retractable sun shade
- Barbecue
- Garden chairs and outdoor furniture

### Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Heating
- Sauna
- Steam room
- Satellite TV



## Location & Local Information

In the region of Lombardy and overlooking spectacular Lake Como, Villa Safira is located in green, woody countryside among winding roads leading to other secluded private houses. Access to the house is via a rustic country road, and pretty lakeside beaches are within a 15 minute hike through the hills.

Less than a 10 minute drive away from the villa you'll find the wonderfully preserved mediaeval town of Varenna, home to many shops, churches and cathedrals, as well as bars and restaurants with their own gorgeous lake views. Take a stroll down the 'Walk of Lovers', the promenade that fringes the shores of Lake Como, where you can watch the boats as they come into land. Here you can even take a boat tour out onto the lake, or simply wander the winding streets to take in the beautiful architecture of the town. Be sure to include Villa Monastero, a charming botanical garden and museum that was previously a monastery and is now home to many rare species of plants. The crowning glory of Varenna is Castello di Vezio, an ancient fortress at the top of a hill overlooking the town. The fortress has knockout views and is well worth the climb.

The stunning gorge and waterfall of Orrido di Bellano is also 10 minutes away by car and is a popular choice for sightseeing, or enjoy discovering the town of Lecco, half an hour's drive away, with its pretty waterfront, piazza squares which are perfect for a leisurely coffee, and the town's famous octagonal bell tower that stands at nearly 100 metres tall.

Around an hour from the villa by car is Como itself, a gloriously scenic city destination that is bound to please. Here you will discover cobbled piazzas, the fantastically gothic Como Cathedral, the wonderful outdoor market at Porta Torre (be sure to check which days it is on before you go!), and of course plenty of cafés, bars and shops to lose an afternoon in. Indeed, shopping in Como is hard to resist – from craft store bargains to high end luxury, you will find it all here!

Milan is around 80km and is a must-see when visiting Italy's Lombardy region. High-end restaurants, luxury shopping and grand architecture await, while the city's Duomo is also not to be missed.



## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	<b>Milan Linate Airport (85km)</b>
Nearest Airport 2	<b>Milan Malpensa Airport (105km)</b>

Nearest Restaurant	<b>(600m)</b>
Nearest Supermarket	<b>(3km)</b>
Nearest City	<b>Lecco (28km)</b>
Nearest Train Station	<b>Bellano Tartavalle Terme (2.5km)</b>
Nearest Beach	<b>Bau Bau Beach (2km)</b>
Nearest Bar/Pub	<b>(750m)</b>

## What we love

- A comfortable villa with excellent facilities including a hydromassage bath, sauna and steam room
- Panoramic views of glorious Lake Como, one of Italy's most beautiful and popular attractions
- Explore woody hiking trails as well as picturesque medieval towns that fringe Lake Como's coast
- An hour away by car from the lakeside city of Como and an hour and a half from cosmopolitan Milan

## What you should know...

- Access to the villa is via a footpath at the end of a country road, providing excellent privacy.
- 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: €350 paid in cash to the owner upon arrival and refunded upon departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: Between 4.00 p.m. and 7.00 p.m.
- Departure time: 10.00 a.m.
- 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.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights from mid-May to mid-September. 3 nights during all other periods.
- Changeover day: Saturday from mid-May to mid-September. Flexible during all other periods.
- Pets welcome?: One pet is allowed on request only and with prior agreement with the owner. If accepted, a pet supplement of €70 per day will apply (payable locally).
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Tax: Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €2 per adult per night).
- 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.
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