

Villa Benzi

Region: Lake Como **Sleeps: 12**

Overview

Villa Benzi is a luxurious neo-classical home sitting directly on the shore of Italy's much-loved Lake Como. Situated in the charming medieval village of Torno and within easy reach of Como and Bellagio, this home is the perfect place to spend your holiday.

This 19th-century villa has been beautifully maintained and is packed with antiques, original features and sumptuous Italian décor. Inside and out, the house truly encompasses the glamour and style of Lake Como. The villa also offers all of the modern conveniences you may need, including Wi-Fi, air-conditioning and satellite TVs.

The communal areas in the villa are extensive; there are two living rooms filled with comfortable seating and a vast dining room where you can host special dinners with your party. There is even a games room, ideal for the kids.

There are seven bedrooms in total, many with en-suite bathrooms and panoramic views of the lake. The bedrooms on the first and second floors can be accessed via the Carrara marble staircase or the handy elevator.

Heading outdoors onto the terrace you will be in awe at the panoramic views of the lake. The garden has many spots where you can eat al-fresco or just relax while taking in the scenery. There is also a lovely heated pool with an optional hydromassage function!

If you ever want to leave the villa then the historic village of Torno is just minutes inland from the house. Here you will find several bars, cafes, restaurants and a small supermarket.

A settlement since pre-Roman times and constructed mainly in the medieval period, the village also has some stunning buildings such as Santa Tecla church and pretty streets to wander around. If you fancy a walk, head up to the wooded mountain hamlet of Montepiatto which is just 2km away but feels like another world and offers some of the best views of the lake.

The villa is well located for exploring the lake and the surrounding towns; Como city is just 8km away, this a great city for shopping and visiting the many museums, but you can also take ferries to other places such as Bellagio, known as the pearl of Lake Como. It can also be reached by car and the drive is around 30km.



Facilities

Private Pool • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Wi-Fi/Internet • Air-Con • <1hr to Airport • Satellite TV • Lift • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Watersports • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Stalking/Hunting • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

Interior & Grounds

Villa Interior (550m2)

Ground Floor

- Kitchen with oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster, blender coffee machine
- Living room with sofas and terrace access
- Dining room with dining table to seat 10 guests, fireplace and terrace access
- Games room with table football and ping pong tables
- Bathroom with shower and WC
- Laundry room
- Lift

First Floor

- Living room with sofas, satellite TV and fireplace
- Master suite with double bed, TV, desk, balcony and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- 2 x bedrooms with double beds, walk-in wardrobes and en-suite bathrooms with shower and WC

Second Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with double beds and en-suite bathrooms with bath, shower and WC
- 2 x bedrooms with French sized beds
- Bathroom with shower and WC

Outside Grounds (200m2)

- Heated swimming pool (4m x 8m) with hydromassage function
- Large terrace
- Terrace on first floor
- Covered gazebo with dining table seating 8 guests
- Outdoor sofas, sun loungers, umbrellas

Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Central heating
- Lift
- Satellite TVs



Location & Local Information

Sitting on the shore of Lake Como in the medieval village of Torno, Villa Benzi is an idyllic home from which to enjoy the splendours of the lake and the surrounding towns and villages.

The closest amenities are just a stone's throw away from the house in Torno. Under ten-minutes walk away you will discover historic churches, cafes, shops, bars and restaurants around the colourful main square.

If you want to visit somewhere with a larger selection of shops and eateries then drive over to Como which is 8km from the villa, close enough to nip out for dinner. There is also a large selection of museums and galleries, plus attractions such as the 12th-century tower, the old town and the magnificent gothic cathedral.

Of course, the lake itself is one of the main draws to the area and there are many ways to make the most of it; there are beaches and lidos such as Lido di Fagetto Lario just 4km away, boat trips around the lake or boat hire if you would like to drive yourself. There are also hiking trails surrounding the lake, if you prefer to take in the views from dry land. If you want to take part in something a little more active then you can also try swimming or try jet-skiing right outside the villa.

A lovely place to visit by boat from Como or by car from the villa is Bellagio. Around 30km away, this picturesque village is one of the main attractions on the lake and it is easy to see why. Wander around the cluster of pastel-coloured buildings and winding streets and shop for local artisan goods before stopping for lunch at a lakeside restaurant or a romantic tucked-away spot.

If you want to visit somewhere further out you could try Lugano which is 48km away or Milan which is just over an hour's drive away.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Milan Malpensa (58km)
Nearest Airport 2	Milan Linate (70km)
Nearest Train Station	Como (6km)
Nearest Village	Torno (in village)



Nearest Restaurant	Torno (300m)
Nearest Supermarket	Torno (300m)
Nearest Shop	Torno (300m)
Nearest City	Como (6km)

What we love

- Gaze out over stunning Lake Como from the vast terrace, dining areas and private heated pool
- Situated on the lakefront in the historic village of Torno; there are shops, restaurants and ancient buildings right on your doorstep
- The city of Como is just over 8km away from the villa and is a great place for a day out

What you should know...

- The villa is set over a number of levels, though there is an elevator should any guests require it.
- Due to the lake-front location, there is no car parking on-site, though there are 3 covered spaces for guests in the town and there is a porter service on hand for moving luggage.
- 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: €7000 charged to client's credit card by the owner as a pre-authorisation before arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- Arrival time: 4.00 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.
- Energy costs included?: Yes.
- Heating costs included?: Extra cost, payable locally.
- Linen & towels included?: Yes.
- Pool towels included?: Yes.
- Changeover day: Flexible.
- Minimum stay: 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- Pool opening dates?: 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.
- Pets welcome?: Not allowed.
- Smoking Allowed?: Outside only.
- Pool heating charge?: Extra €30/day. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. The pool takes 2-3 days to warm up.
- Internet access?: Wi-Fi internet access included.
- Other Ts and Cs: Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
- Other Ts and Cs: Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
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