



VILLA D'ESTE
LAGO DI COMO

Press kit





A LEGEND ON LAKE COMO

Villa d'Este is located in Cernobbio, on the shores of one of the most romantic lakes in the world and surrounded by a panorama of rare beauty. More than a hotel, a destination. More than an historical palace, a tradition. **More than a place, a legend.**

Everything at Villa d'Este recalls the art of living: the beauty and elegance of the location are the perfect backdrop for exceptional service, thanks to the staff's care and attention to detail that will satisfy even the most demanding guests. Enjoy the "dolce vita" on the foothills of the Italian Alps, this iconic 5-star luxury hotel is a landmark in the international luxury hotel industry.

Many celebrities and stars have stayed at Villa d'Este over the years: Alfred Hitchcock, Rita Hayworth, Orson Welles, Elizabeth Taylor, Nick Hilton, Frank Sinatra, Ava Gardner, the Duke and Dukess of Windsor, Bruce Springsteen, Orlando Bloom, Jennifer Aniston, George Clooney, Al Pacino... just to mention a few.

A proud member of **The Leading Hotels of the World**, Villa d'Este is the flagship of the homonymous hospitality group and is owned by an eminent family of Italian entrepreneurs who also own the five-star Villa La Massa, on the banks of the Arno in Florence, the world-famous Harry's Bar in Cernobbio and the Hotel Miralago, as well as being majority shareholders in the Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. The group also manages the two four-star Palace Hotel and Barchetta Excelsior in Como and the Ceccato Garden Bar.

In 2022 Villa d'Este has celebrated its 150th Season with many exclusive events and the exceptional opening during winter time, initiative that has been very successful, and that will be repeated annually.



TIMELESS ELEGANCE

The history of Villa d'Este began back in **1568**, when **Tolomeo Gallio**, the wealthy cardinal of Como with a passionate interest for art, commissioned the architect Pellegrino Pellegrini (known as "The Tibaldi") to build a sumptuous villa overlooking the lake set to become one of his summer residences.

The villa was owned by the Gallios for more than two centuries, then it became property of different **eminent personalities** over the years: Marquess Calderara, Count Domenico Pino, the Princess of Wales and future Queen of England Caroline of Brunswick, Prince Torlonia, Baron Ciani, Czarina Maria Feodorowna.

In **1873** Villa d'Este was transformed into a **luxury hotel**, becoming a discerning holiday destination.

Today, crossing Villa d'Este's threshold feels like entering a world apart, where ancient splendour is eternalized in the architecture and atmosphere that denote timeless elegance: lavish halls, decorated vaults, plasters, arches, statues, paintings, Murano chandeliers.



AN INSPIRING PLACE

Strolling around the **25 acres of luscious gardens** surrounding the villa, one of the most picturesque examples of Baroque scenography in Italy and considered a National Historical Monument since 1913, you will come across a series of architectural and landscape wonders: the Shepherd's Arch, the Temple of Telemachus, the fortress, Hercules' perspective and the iconic Mosaic.

The garden is part of "**Grandi Giardini Italiani**", a network that includes the most significant botanical treasures in Italy, taking care of their preservation and appreciation.

Like the great artists that stayed at Villa d'Este during its long history, abandon yourselves to the fascination of the lake, be seduced by the beauty of the ambiance, and find your inspiration.



ROOMS AND SUITES

The **151 rooms** at Villa d'Este are divided between the Cardinal's Building (124 rooms) and the Queen's Pavilion (27 rooms). Each one with its own style and colours, always in the name of comfort, are elegantly furnished with period furniture, paintings and prints, silks, precious velvets and luxurious marble bathrooms. From the rooms and suites you can admire magnificent views of Lake Como and the gardens surrounding the hotel. In some of them, take advantage of the suggestive view offered by the balconies.

Cardinal Suite, more than a suite, a jewel set in the already refined collection of rooms in Villa d'Este. The predominant yellow and red meet the exclusive furnishings and natural light of one of the most evocative landscapes imaginable. A dream scenario introduces another thanks to the spacious terrace overlooking the lake.

Presidential Suites, surrounded by the lake and the gardens of the Villa, present scenarios of incomparable charm even within them, thanks to the sophisticated geometries and finishes of furniture and furnishings. Passion meets order, luxury is combined with elegance for a more than satisfying stay; exclusive.

Suite, It is hard to imagine a more surprising lake view. But these suites are spaces to be experienced even when the gaze is turned inside, thanks to the elegant dialogue of the blues and the pink hues. A dialogue made even more intrepid by the warm finish of the furniture, for a stay full of charm and details.

Junior Suite Lake View Deluxe are luxurious rooms with a living area. They are located in the Cardinal Building and they offer a wonderful front view of the lake and balcony.



PRIVATE VILLAS

Immersed in the centuries-old park of Villa d'Este there are **four splendid villas**, which can be rented by guests who wish to enjoy all the services of the hotel combined with the privacy and exclusivity of a private villa.

The furnishings and design of our villas have been conceived respecting the atmosphere of the patrician residences of Como Lake and the tradition of Villa d'Este, therefore they represent the ideal place for those who want to take a holiday with family and friends looking for the retreat.

Villa Garrovo (700 m²) was built in 1833 and recently completely renovated. Located in the park of the Hotel, a few steps from the Cardinal building, has views on the lake and the gardens. While respecting the elegant atmosphere of Villa d'Este, the Villa Garrovo has a current design with light paint shades. Formerly known as "Chalet Suisse", in keeping with 19th-century style and fashion, it soon became the Villa that all the VIPs had to visit. After a complete re-installation and renovation of its rooms, in 2015 it was renamed Villa Garrovo, like the stream that flows into the lake.

Villa Cima (650 m²) built in 1815 and completely renovated in 2019, is the only one located on the banks of the lake, a few steps from the Cardinal's Building. Built nothing less than by Caroline of Brunswick, Princess of Wales and future Queen of England, to host the Count and the Countess Pino, former owners of Villa d'Este, offers a view of the lake that will remain an indelible memory in your remembrance.



PRIVATE VILLAS

Villa Malakoff (300 m²) built in 1860 and completely renovated in 2019, stands on a small hill within the grounds of Villa d'Este, a few steps from the Cardinal Building and the Lake. The Villa owes its name to the fortress near Sevastopol, conquered by the French general MacMahon. But only the name: the stay at Villa Malakoff is in fact an experience of total relaxation and comfort, a gift to be done to yourself at least once in life.

Mosaic House (90 m²) is a stone's throw from the Cardinal Building, in the most spectacular spot of the Villa d'Este grounds, within the iconic mosaic garden and its Nymphaeum, it is accessed through a private courtyard. Not only does it owe its name to the splendid, neighboring, Mosaic, but it is itself an elegant and refined "mosaic", which will welcome you in its magical world for an unforgettable stay.



RESTAURANTS

Luxury is also for dining. Villa d'Este's restaurants and bars welcome guests in refined ambiances, with cuisine perfect for any time of the day under the expert guidance of **Executive Chef Michele Zambanini** and thanks to the flawless service that identifies the hotel's style.

The fine-dining **Veranda** restaurant, located in the Cardinal's Building, offers glorious views of the lake, gardens and Mosaic. The retractable windows remain open throughout the summer and, weather permitting, diners can savour dinner on the lakeside terrace. Classic and contemporary Italian cuisine is ennobled with international touches. Chef Zambanini blends ceaseless research and the finest ingredients with the utmost respect for seasonal produce. In this formal, elegant setting, guests experience haute cuisine alongside a curated wine selection, in addition to professional service tailored to the desires of every guest.

The **Grill** located near the Queen's Pavilion, the Grill is a cosy and casual restaurant. In the summer, guests can dine in the garden beneath the shade of centuries-old trees, while enjoying picturesque lakeside views. Grilled meat and classic fish dishes take centre stage on the menu, alongside a choice of appetizers that showcase Mediterranean culinary traditions centred on the sea and land. Enticing pairings can be found on the wine list and the service is attentive and never pretentious.

The **Platano** reveals an updated aesthetic aimed at evoking the essence of authentic Mediterranean and Japanese cuisine, blending with subtle nuances and influences from across the globe. Situated on an exclusive terrace overlooking Lake Como, it offers a genuine gastronomic journey and a relaxed, informal ambience that encourages diners to enjoy shared plates and explore novel flavours. The menu features innovative yet tradition-inspired dishes characterized by a refined simplicity that harmoniously combines 'bel paese' cuisine with locally sourced ingredients and Japanese culinary techniques.



BARS

Since 1873, **Bar Canova** has been the go-to destination on Lake Como for an unparalleled mixology experience, featuring a menu of signature cocktails and reimagined classics, enriched by an impeccable selection of spirits. The elegant, sumptuous, and inviting interiors make Bar Canova an exclusive space for meeting and relaxation at any time of day. In fine weather, guests move to the lakefront terrace, under the majestic chestnut trees, surrounded by nature and enveloped by the scent of jasmine. Here the ritual of the aperitif turns into a pleasant opportunity to enjoy the extraordinary panorama accompanied by live music in a glamorous and sophisticated ambience.

The **Sundeck**, adjacent to the floating pool, in a relaxed and informal ambience, offers a diverse menu, ideal for a quick snack, a light lunch, or a delicious dinner, complemented by an extensive selection of beverages and cocktails. Sunlight and the unique lakeside scenery enhance the experience, while attentive service ensures every expectation is exceeded. Unwind at Sundeck with a chic apéritif by the pool. The finest champagnes and freshest raw seafood are served against the sparkling backdrop of Lake Como daily during evening.



SPORTING CLUB

An inner passage through the Mosaic leads from the Cardinal Building to the hotel area dedicated to sport and wellness lovers.

The **Sporting Club**, much appreciated by hotel guests and a highly select group of members, provides all the services to take care of your wellbeing: a gym with state-of-the-art equipment, sauna, Turkish bath, 8 lakeview tennis courts (6 clay), jogging path, squash court, electronic golf simulator, putting green, an indoor heated swimming pool, an outdoor heated pool for children and the iconic heated swimming pool floating on the lake. For **water sports** lovers: windsurfing, water skiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking and SUP.

Tennis lovers can take advantage of a partnership between Villa d'Este and **Lux Tennis**, which consists of a team of internationally renowned experts and works with leading hotels around the world. Villa d'Este guests and Sporting Club members will be able to train under the expert guidance of master coaches as well as enjoying unique experiences with global tennis professionals at certain special times of the year. Quality coaching and personalised tennis programmes enable players, including children, to hone their racquet skills and athletic abilities, taking part in tailored courses, customisable lessons and sessions.



BEAUTY CENTER

The **Beauty Center** is located on the first floor in the Cardinal Building.

It is a refined and relaxing place, characterized by green marble, essential decorations, soft lighting, and the bubbling water of the wall waterfall that evokes a relaxing atmosphere. Perfect for those who want to rediscover psycho-physical balance and for those looking for a soothing environment.

Here, expert physiotherapists and beauticians pamper guests with massages and personalized facial/body treatments, further enhanced by the use of sophisticated technologies.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Location

Villa d'Este is located 52 km from Milano Malpensa Airport, 73 km from Milano Linate Airport and 34 km from Lugano-Agno Airport in Switzerland. The international train station in Como is located a 10-minute drive away from the Hotel.

Accommodation

The Hotel features 151 rooms and suites divided between the Cardinal Building and the Queen's Pavilion. Throughout the Hotel you can hear music in full diffusion.

Private Villas

Four private villas, located within the resort's park, offer ultimate privacy:

Villa Cima (650sqm/7.000sqf, 4 bedrooms), Villa Garrovo (700sqm/7.535sqf, 6 bedrooms), Villa Malakoff (300sqm/3.200sqf, 4 bedrooms) and the Mosaic House (90sqm/970sqf, 1 bedroom).

Dining facilities

Veranda, Grill, Platano, Sundeck and Bar Canova.

Meeting facilities

8 meeting rooms and 3 banquet rooms for exclusive events and meetings.

Sporting Club

The heated swimming pool floating on the lake is a trademark of Villa d'Este. The Hotel also features an outdoor children's swimming pool as well as a heated indoor pool. The Hotel also features an outdoor children's swimming pool as well as a heated indoor pool. Sporting Club: fitness facilities with a workout room (opened 24 hours), 8 lakeview tennis courts (6 in clay), squash court, golf simulator, sauna, Turkish bath, putting green. In the park, there is also a jogging trail with cardio fitness guides. Water sports: windsurfing, waterskiing, sailing, canoeing, kayaking and SUP are available on site.

Beauty Center

The Beauty Center offers 6 treatment rooms for exclusive massages and facial/body treatments.

Special Services

Helicopter pad and all types of limousine and boat transfer services can be arranged. A variety of excursions may be arranged to nearby Bellagio, Tremezzo, Milan and Switzerland, as well as visits to some of the most beautiful villas on Lake Como. Covered and outdoor parking. There are 6 charging stations for electric cars (22kW) 2 charging stations for Tesla cars (22kW) and 6 charging stations for electric boats (11-22kW).

MAP OF THE PROPERTY

Villa d'Este

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| A Main entrance | J Mosaic | S Tennis Courts |
| B Villa Cima | K Mosaic House | T Perspective and Fountain of Hercules |
| C Villa Garrovo | L Sporting Club | U Telemachus Temple |
| D Villa Malakoff | M Il Platano Restaurant | V Chef's Garden |
| E Gift Shop and Meeting Rooms | N Grill Restaurant | W Hercules and Lichas Statues |
| F Triumphal Arch | O Queen's Pavilion | X Villa Belinzaghi |
| G Cardinal Building | P Marina | |
| H Veranda Restaurant | Q Fortresses | |
| I Sundeck - Floating pool | R Helipad | |





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