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Ideas for a day trip  
Como - 70 km distance**

What to see in Como: 13 unmissable places for a city trip

If you want to spend a different day and discover the beauties of a Lombard city, you are in the right place.

Como, the city of Alessandro Volta, is a wonderful city on the lake that stands out for its historical importance. In fact, it was founded by the Romans with Julius Caesar, and in the more recent past important battles of the Risorgimento period took place right here nearby.

A walk far and wide will make you discover monuments and characteristic places that will make your trip even more exciting. You probably know the city, by hearsay or because you have already been there. But have you already seen everything that Como has to offer? If you are not sure, don't worry, that's what we are here for! Here are the 13 unmissable places for an exciting trip to Como.

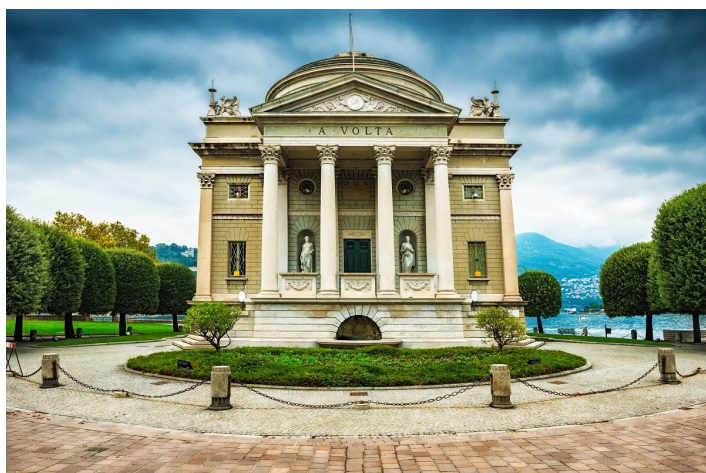
**Duomo di Como**



Start your visit to the city of Como from the Duomo, a 75-meter building begun in 1396 and completed in 1740. Admire the dome designed by Filippo Juvara, the façade with spires and pinnacles, its different styles, Gothic and Renaissance, and the sculptural decorations dedicated to the Latin writers Pliny the Elder and Pliny the Younger, by Rodari's workshop. Inside the cathedral you can see the 16th and 17th century tapestries and the 16th century paintings by Bernardino Luini and Gaudenzio Ferrari.

Once you have finished your visit to the Duomo, you can walk around Como and admire the streets, alleys and the square dedicated to Alessandro Volta, built in 1838 by Pompeo Marchesi. You can also attend various cultural events, craft and food markets in Piazza Cavour and to retrace a bit of the past, a visit to the Archaeological Museum and the Historical Museum.

**Tempio Voltiano**



An important stop to visit in Como is the Tempio Voltiano, a 1927 neoclassical building by the architect Federico Frigerio to celebrate the inventor of the battery Alessandro Volta, on the occasion of the centenary of his death. In this museum on the shores of Lake Como, you can admire the two statues, that of Faith and that of Science and the devices, instruments and devices used by the scientist. Also worth seeing are the portraits, awards and publications dedicated to Volta. You should know that the Tempio Voltiano is the only mausoleum in the world erected in

memory of a scientist.

### Church of Sant'Abbondio

Another monument and place of cultural interest to visit in Como is the Church of Sant'Abbondio, one of the most important testimonies of the Romanesque style of the 11th century. It was built on the site of a pre-existing paleo-Christian basilica dedicated to the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul and named after the fourth bishop of Como, Sant'Abbondio. To be admired in Romanesque style renovations of 1050 by the Benedictine monks, the height of the 5 naves, the double bell tower, the large columns and the cycle of frescoes from 1300 that tell the life of Christ.

### Lake Como

After visiting the city, for a bit of relaxation and serenity, Lake Como is the ideal place! You can move around the lake with the scheduled boats or with one of the many taxi boat services that you find in all the villages. The public boat service is very convenient and allows you to move quickly from one side of the lake to the other. You can buy tickets for single trips or daily tickets at a price of €15 per person.

Lake Como is also the right place if you love water sports or trekking thanks to the numerous panoramic paths that cross the mountains. You can spend an entire day on a boat seeing the villages from the lake and the most suggestive views to take photos and to take a dip in the transparent waters of the lake. You can take a step back in time by visiting the illustrious historic homes and savor the splendor of the past among the nineteenth-century living rooms and stately gardens or stroll along the lakeside to admire breathtaking scenery and panoramas. Lake Como, in short, certainly has a strategic position where you can enjoy unique natural landscapes and touch timeless places with ancient charm.

### The historic villas

So don't miss the tour of the luxurious villas on Lake Como built between the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, during the domination of the Habsburgs. They are real homes in which illustrious people lived. From the most famous Villa Olmo of the Marquis Innocenzo Odescalchi to the pearl of the lake Villa Balbianello to Villa Carlotta and its splendid gardens and many others, you will experience a unique experience in the world. Here are the six villas that I absolutely recommend you visit.

### Como-Brunate Funicular

Returning to Piazza Cavour and walking along the lakeside of Como, this time towards the east, shortly after you will see a funny wooden building that resembles a mountain hut. This is the base of the Como-Brunate Funicular, inaugurated in 1894, a symbol of the development of public transport in that period, when every centre in the province was connected to the capital city by a series of public transport lines. For more than 100 years this funicular has connected Como with the village of Brunate.

### Villa Olmo



After Villa Gallia you will see the gates of the most imposing neoclassical villa in Como, Villa Olmo, an absolute must-see. Built by order of Innocenzo Odescalchi at the end of the 18th century, Villa Olmo has beautiful interiors, very refined and elegant, which are now used by the Municipality of Como for conferences and art exhibitions. The visit to the ground floor is free, as is that of the magnificent Italian gardens that surround the villa.