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## Villa Maria Taglioni

*Blevio, Lake Como*

Situated in the sought-after artistic village of Blevio, Villa Maria Taglioni typifies the romance, beauty and charm of Lake Como.

An extraordinary private estate along the western shore of Lake Como near Como, directly opposite the famous Grand Hotel Villa d'Este, Villa Maria Taglioni is situated below the road in an enclosed private park of 7 acres, the only such estate on the Lake. Adjacent to Villa Maria Taglioni is Villa Maria Serena, an equally striking and luxurious villa. Together, 26 people can be accommodated in a refined, relaxing atmosphere surrounded by rich and exceptional appointments.

The celebrated ballet dancer, Maria Taglioni, owned and restored the villas in the early nineteenth century, welcoming Bellini, Rossini, Franz Liszt, Riccardi and the Italian opera star Giuditta Pasta, for whom the role of Norma was written. The artistic flavour and worldly sophistication of the property during this period has been re-created by the current owners.

Villas Maria Taglioni & Maria Serena are situated on the edge of a small village with a gate opening to the old stone paths and staircases running from the water's edge to the road above. This position provides a characteristic and charming walk to an

excellent restaurant, perched on the edge of the Lake, and the town centre to pick up a paper and have a coffee. Here one has the convenience of an in-town location without the noise.

The estate's neo-Gothic gatehouse marks the property entrance along the Lake road. The gravel driveway curves down through the park, passing the charming old chapel with its heavy slate roof and ornamental carved-wood and iron details. Alongside is a monument dedicated to Austrian Emperor Joseph II who took refuge in the Villa's harbour during a sudden hurricane in 1769. The park was a botanical garden at the turn of the last century. Although abandoned for many years, along with the villas, it is being gradually reclaimed and improved by the exceptionally dedicated and knowledgeable owners. The garden is full of towering trees - magnolias standing like oaks, rare cypress trees, thriving camellias and azaleas, and thick laurel. Wild begonias, crocuses and other specimens add scale and colour and among the many meandering paths is the rustic 'arco di pietra' terrace where one can sit and gaze across the lake.

Set amongst the trees lining the drive, the owners have constructed a stunning swimming pool with waterfall and two private beach ends. An enormous deck surrounds the pool area, affording some privacy when villas are rented separately. Along the Lake's edge, the property has direct access to the water. A dock is reached by stairs and gate from the garden for coming and going by hired boat. There are also granite stairs leading to a swimming platform. A casual outdoor living room has been created under a spreading copper beech tree for refuge from the sun. Beside the house, on a wide gravel terrace, are tables for dining al fresco for at least 26 people.

Maria Taglioni is luxurious, magical and of the very highest standard - ideal taken on its own or together with Maria Serena for a large gathering of friends or family.

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## Information

### Sleeps 14

#### Service:

- 2 fixed staff (cook & butler) & 2 hours daily cleaning
- Cooking & butler service for 3 meals per day, 6 days per week with 3 hours rest each afternoon
- Twice weekly bed linen change, daily bath linen change; additional linen by separate payment on request

#### Accommodation:

##### Courtyard Level:

- Primary entrance through courtyard.
- Formal entrance hall with staircase to first floor and elevator.
- Music room with Steinway grand and two seating areas seats sixteen and more.
- Three arched glass doors lead to stone balcony which runs the length of the house.
- Formal drawing room with working fireplace and two sitting areas for 10 - 12. Door opens to balcony.
- Formal dining room with working fireplace.
- Fully equipped Kitchen.
- Glass door opens to dining terrace.
- Guest bathroom with marble shower.

##### First Floor:

- Formal reception hall with lift access and stairs to top floor.
- Sitting room with satellite TV, DVD and CD player
- Three king size double bedrooms with ensuite Marble bathrooms
- Laundry room (staff use only).

##### Second Floor:

- Central hall opens directly to sitting room and kitchen/dining room.
- Elevator and spiral stairs (no railing) concealed behind doors.
- Sitting room.
- Kitchen/dining room with open corner kitchen.
- Double/Twin bedroom with ensuite Marble bathroom.
- Vestibule leads to double/twin bedroom with ensuite Marble bathroom
- Double bedroom with ensuite Marble bathroom.
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#### Facilities:

- Swimming pool (5m x 20m)
- Tennis court
- Private swimming platform onto Lake
- Private Boat Dock
- Air conditioning throughout
- Dishwasher, tumble dryer, washing machine
- Satellite TV, CD
- Hairdryers



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- Extremely sophisticated state-of-the-art electronics throughout (remote sensor lighting, push-button control of exterior shutters, automatic interior lighting of cabinetry, etc.)
- ADSL line available for internet connection
- Weekday passes to the Villa d' Este Sporting Club are available at cost and payable directly to the hotel.
- Private car, boat and sea-plane services can be arranged on request.
- 7 acre private totally sheltered park facing Grand hotel Villa D Este.
- 2 private docks.

## Local Information:

- Como (all services, shops, restaurants, boat hires, public ferry service, train station) 10 minutes by boat or car
- Cernobbio (Villa d'Este, boutiques, restaurants) 5 minutes by boat, 15 minutes by car
- Menaggio & Tremezzo: 30-40 minutes by boat
- Bellagio 30 minutes by boat, 50 minutes by car

## Airport:

- Milan Airport: 1 hour

## Extras:

- Telephone/fax/internet
- Additional cook or butler hours on request 13 Euros per hour
- Food & drinks
- Personal laundry by separate payment at 12 Euros per hour.
- Supplement for exclusive use of property and pool, if requested and available

## Please Note:

Children under 8 must be accompanied by nanny. Older children are welcome with the understanding they are well-behaved and well-looked after by guests or guest staff. Owners' staff are not available for child-care services.

## Complimentary in the rental:

- One Lucia boat (capacity for 6+ 1 people in total) per villa
- Blevio Bellagio seaplane sightseeing tour (20 minutes)
- Full access to Blevio village lake shore tennis court (depending on availability)
- Total 1.5hrs water ski for each villa booking (Departure directly from the villas floating deck)



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