



*Experience the magical
nostalgia and beauty
of the lake.*

Villa Lucertola

nr Bellagio, Lake Como, Lombardy

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Completely private, Lucertola is reached from the road down a path of 184 steps with grottoes along the way! Iron studded wooden doors open into a very fine entrance hall leading to the elegant drawing room. A large fireplace, antique furniture and lots of books combine to make this is very comfortable and homely room. From here one can enjoy al fresco dining on the large covered terrace and stunning views across the lake. A spacious dining room with ample seating also enjoys a terrace and views down the lake.

Upstairs, bedrooms and bathrooms are on two floors, with each room benefiting from spectacular views and lots of cupboard space. The upstairs study is ideal for anyone wishing to read or work and the top floor is great fun for teenagers - bright colours in the bedrooms and a large bathroom with ochre washed walls and antique floor tiles.

Outside, there is a small lawn for sunbathing and steps lead down to swimming off the rocks in front of the house. There is also a boat harbour and a path leads round to a small pebble beach. In the other direction, the private cliff walk leads past a Madonna to a delightful grassed area where one can enjoy a cool sundowner!

With a resident couple (in the attached apartment) to provide all meals, the use of a rowing boat and laser in the harbour, waterskiing, walking, golf and all the delightful villas and gardens to visit around Lake Como, there is plenty to do from Lucertola. Alternatively, many guests stay put to relish the experience of Lucertola itself and the magical nostalgia and beauty of the lake.

Information

Sleeps 10/11

The Service

Resident couple prepare and serve 3 meals per day, 6 days per week (food paid locally)

The Accommodation

- Entrance hall
- Dining room
- Drawing room
- Kitchen
- Cloakroom with shower
- Large terrace

First floor

- Master double bedroom with bathroom en suite
- Study
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom
- Double bedroom

Second floor

- Triple bedroom
- Twin bedroom
- Bathroom
- Washing machine
- Telephone

Attractions Nearby

- Bellagio 2kms
- Menaggio Golf Club (via ferry from Bellagio)
- Tennis at the Sporting Club in Bellagio
- Waterskiing and Boat hire in Lezzeno 2kms
- Villa Balbianello nr. Lenno
- Villa Carlotta in Tremezzo
- Villa Melzi in Bellagio
- Como 25kms

General

- Nearest restaurants / shops in Bellagio 1km
- Other restaurants / shops / bars in Lezzeno 2kms
- Airports in Milan Malpensa or Milan Linate 11/4 hours and Bergamo 11/2 hours



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Above: view across the lake to Villa Balbianello