

Villa Meina

Region: Italian Lakes Sleeps: 8

Overview

Whether you're a keen golfer or simply looking for a gorgeous home with stunning lake views, Villa Meina is a fantastic place close to the shores of Lake Maggiore and an incredibly picturesque lakeside town.

In a hillside position, with the lake just 1.5km below, the vistas are simply beautiful – just imagine relaxing with an *Aperol Spritz* on the shaded terrace or lazily lounging by the lovely swimming pool. The spacious living-dining room, with its comfortable sofas, satellite TV and striking fireplace, has doors opening up to the little garden whilst the brilliantly equipped kitchen leads out to the al-fresco dining terrace with steps down to the pool.

All four bedrooms are so inviting with subtle colours and tasteful personal touches creating a warm and welcoming ambience. The two bedrooms on the ground floor have en suite bathrooms whilst upstairs, under the eaves, throw open the windows from the bedrooms to be greeted by the most magnificent lake views.

Wander down the hill (or it's a short drive) for a bite to eat in the local town with its attractive lakeside setting or head off by car to one of the many other places dotted along Lake Maggiore's shores such as Lesa, Arona and the much-loved resort of Stresa. Find summer lidos and watersports close by or head slightly further afield for the most wonderful hiking and horse-riding opportunities in the surrounding hills and mountains.

The owners can arrange discounted rates at a range of local golf courses, including the impressive Castelconturbia Golf Club, or you may prefer to spend your days exploring the enchanting landscapes by boat – a trip from Stresa out to the breathtaking Borromeo Islands is a must!



Then there's the narrow-gauge train journey across the border to Switzerland, the mesmerising Piedmont vineyards or even a day trip to the fashion capital of Italy, Milan. That's if you can tear yourself away from the beguiling lakeside surroundings of Villa Meina.

Facilities

Boat Trips • Ideal for Kids • Walk to Village • Private Pool • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Fishing • Air-Con • Golf Nearby • Horse Riding • Watersports • Historical Sites • Tennis Nearby • Cycling • Sailing • Ideal for Teens • Chef/Cook Available • Has Discount • Cots (Cribs) • Special Offer • Walk to Beach • Ground Floor Bed & Bath • <1hr to Airport • Walk to Restaurant • Wi-Fi/Internet • Lakes and Mountains • Outstanding Landscapes • Hairdryer • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • DVD • Gym/Fitness Room • Safety Deposit Box • Satellite TV • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Cooking Classes Available • Spa Treatments Available • Wine-Tasting Available • Breakfast Available • Slide • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa

Main Floor

- Living-dining room with fireplace, satellite TV, DVD player and doors opening up to al-fresco terrace
- Kitchen, well-equipped including oven, grill, toaster, kettle, microwave, dishwasher, fridge-freezer, espresso machine
- Bedroom with double bed and en suite bathroom with bath
- Bedroom with twin beds (can be made into a double) and en suite bathroom with shower/steam

Upper Floor

- 2 x bedrooms with twin beds (can be made into a double)
- Bathroom with shower

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (4.5 x 9m, depth: 1.6m), open approximately April to November (weather permitting)
- Outdoor shower
- Poolside terrace
- Covered al-fresco dining terrace
- Barbecue
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Toddler slide and table/chairs
- Garden area (raised from driveway level)
- Electric gates
- On-site parking

Additional Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (bedrooms only)
- Heating
- Satellite TV
- DVD player
- Stereo
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Safes
- Mosquito nets
- Hairdryers
- Washing machine



Location & Local Information

In a hillside position with fantastic views of Lake Maggiore, Villa Meina is in a great position for exploring this captivating part of northern Italy.

The local town, on the shores of the lake, is around 1.5km away (if walking, do note it is a steep hill on the way back, you may prefer to drive). It's a beautiful town which is well known for its mild climate, graceful 19th century villas and its wonderful lakeside setting where you will find beaches, summer lidos and watersports.

Other picturesque villages and towns dotted along the lake's shoreline include Lesa (6km), Arona (6km) and the much-loved lakeside resort of Stresa (16km). Stresa is such a pretty place for a day out by the lake with its wonderful promenade, little shops and restaurants as well as frequent ferry services to other lakeside resorts.

The magical Borromeo Islands can be reached from Stresa either by ferry or private water taxi. Visit Isola Bella's Baroque palace and stunning grounds or take a tour around the impressive gardens at Isola Madre. By contrast, Isola dei Pescatori is possibly the most authentic and charming with its inhabited village and amazing restaurants serving freshly caught fish.

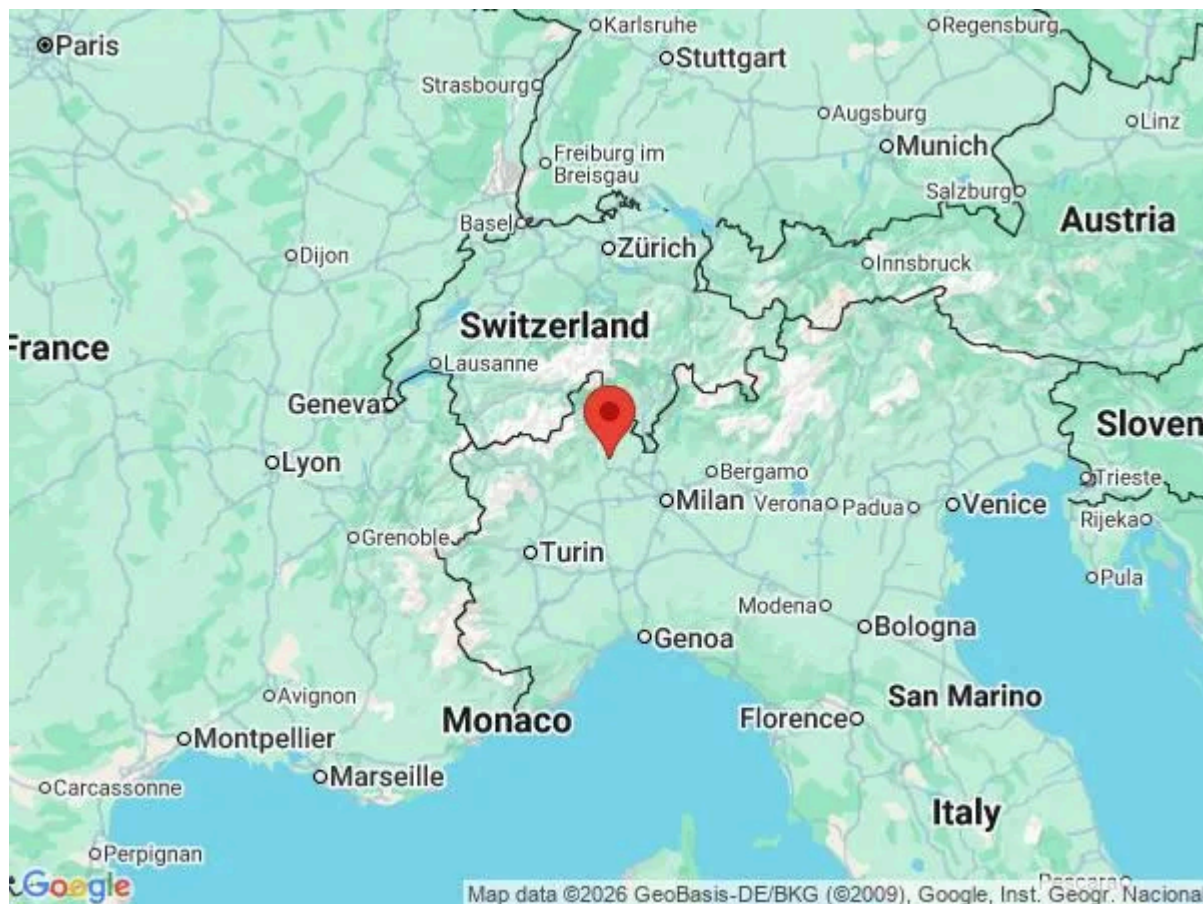
The marble quarries in the lovely lakeside town of Baveno, under half an hour by car, are also worth visiting or for a truly spectacular day out consider taking the narrow gauge railway between Domodossola and Locarno, crossing the Swiss border, with connections by train from Stresa (you can return by ferry, passing yet more breathtaking scenery en route).

Golf is also hugely popular in this area and discounted green fees, lessons and transportation can be arranged at various local courses including the vast Castelconturbia Golf Club, about 20km away. Activity-lovers will also adore the numerous hiking trails through the surrounding hills and mountains as well as fantastic horse-riding and cycling opportunities.

Lake Orta is another enchanting place to visit, only half an hour by car – it's an area less frequented by tourists compared to the larger northern Italian lakes. Explore the steep cobbled lanes of Orta San Giulio (20km), enjoy the magnificent views and perhaps even catch the ferry across to the tiny Isola San Giulio.

Spend the day touring the vineyards of the world-famous Piedmont region or head to the fashionable city of Milan for the day by car or train for sight-seeing, shopping and more.

For true fashion lovers, the shopping outlets of Serravalle can be reached even closer in just over half an hour by car.



Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Milan Malpensa (40km)
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Nearest Airport 2	Milan Linate Airport (95km)
Nearest Airport 3	Bergamo Airport (120km)
Nearest Train Station	Local village (local trains only) (1.5km)
Nearest Restaurant	Local village (1.5km)
Nearest Supermarket	Local village (1.5km)
Nearest Beach	Lido/lake access (1.5km)
Nearest Town/City	Novara/Milan (65km/75km)
Nearest Tennis	Local village (1.5km)
Nearest Golf	Golf Des Iles Borromees (18km)

What we love

- The panoramic views of Lake Maggiore are outstanding.
- Arrange delicious breakfasts in your villa, book cookery lessons or hire a private chef.
- Just 1.5km from a picturesque lakeside town with beaches, summer watersports and restaurants.
- Golf-lovers note that preferential rates, lessons and transportation can be arranged to a number of golf courses in the region.
- A wonderful base for exploring Lake Maggiore whilst day trips to Milan, the Piedmont vineyards and Switzerland are also possible.

What you should know...

- Air-conditioning is only featured in the bedrooms.
- It's a lovely place for youngsters with the toddler slide and small pretty garden – supervision is needed at the end of the garden which is raised from the lane below with horizontal fencing.
- In a hillside position, it's a steep downhill walk to the lake and local town so you may prefer to drive, especially on the way back!
- A rental car is highly recommended for exploring the area.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €800 charged to client's credit card as a pre-authorisation at least 2 weeks prior to arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m. Check-in outside this time may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Up to €50 per week included, extra usage of energy (including air-conditioning) is €0.32 kWh, payable locally in cash.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.
 A cot and a highchair are available on request for an extra charge of €50 per stay, payable locally.
 Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Changeover day:** Saturday.
- **End of stay cleaning:** Extra €200, payable locally in cash. 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.
- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.
- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights. All other durations on request.
- **Heating costs included?:** No, extra €20 per day, payable locally.
- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash (typically costs €1-€10 per person per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately April to November. 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.