Villa Splendente

Region: Italian Lakes **Sleeps:** 12

Overview

Time seems to stand still as you gaze out to the views of Lake Como from this exceptionally beautiful and unique Lombardy home near Bellagio.

Contemplate the serenity surrounding this mid-century villa, set in private woodland close to a charming hillside village and enjoying panoramic vistas of the lake and mountains. Yet it's not just the villa's incredible setting that will inspire you – its vintage style also adds to the aesthetic beauty of this special place, originally designed by one of Italy's most iconic 20th century architects.

Start off in the top floor living and dining space with 180 degrees lake views, also featuring an original 1960s bar, sunken lounge, mid-century dining table alongside designer fittings. The elegant kitchen includes bespoke interiors alongside contemporary appliances such as the two Smeg ovens and double fridge with ice-maker whilst doors lead to the prettiest of garden terraces where you can breakfast or barbecue beneath the shady pine trees.

Across the six bedrooms guests can expect 5* hotel quality beds and delicately embroidered linen whilst most of the five bathrooms feature original 1960s tiles. Two of the doubles lead to the mid-floor balcony, a wonderful spot for your morning coffee overlooking Lake Como at any time of year.

Indeed, you can follow the seasons at Villa Splendente from snow-capped mountains in the winter to azaleas and trailing wisteria in local villages as spring approaches. In the summer it's a privilege to be able to escape the lakeside tourists and relax by your private pool surrounded by hydrangeas and idyllic lake scenery, then come October the estate's woodland is breathtaking with autumnal tones as local restaurants serve chestnuts and









good wine.

No matter when you visit, Bellagio is always full of such charm across its narrow, steep lanes, famous Salita Serbelloni and lakeside promenade, home to the historic Villas Melzi and Serbelloni. Only a 15-minute drive away, Bellagio is also home to summer lidos, a pretty public beach and watersports such as sailing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding. Alternatively, arrange a private boat excursion, the perfect way to explore this magical lake.

Ferries will whisk you away to other gorgeous lakeside towns including Varenna and Menaggio or head across the lake to Villa del Balbianello, a stunning 18th century house and gardens where scenes have been filmed from Star Wars and James Bond movies. Of course, away from the glamour there are ample opportunities for long hikes, bike rides, swimming from pebbled beaches followed by long lunches in authentic *osterie* – there are so many experiences to appreciate during your time at Lake Como.

Facilities

Cycling • Wellness • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Private Pool • Wine Tasting • Recommended • Ideal for Kids • Fishing • Air-Con • Boat Trips • Tennis Nearby • Historical Sites • Villa • Weddings • Romantic • Walk to Village • Catering Available • Walking/Hiking Paths • Horse Riding • Marquee Hire Permitted • Wow Factor • Ideal for Teens • Cots (Cribs) • Quirky (Unique) • Pets on Request • Has Discount • Has Offer • Special Offer • Maid Service Available • Chef/Cook Available • Outdoor Ceremony • Flexible Catering Options • Allow Ceremonial Fire • Parking Space • Wi-Fi/Internet • Lakes and Mountains • No Corkage • Rural Location • Washing Machine • Indoor Reception Available • Outstanding Landscapes • Nearby Church/Chapel • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Hairdryer • Tourist Towns & Villages • TV • Indoor Games • Dishwasher • Microwave • Sauna/Steam • Heating • Caretaker/Owner on Site • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Cooking Classes Available • Yoga Classes Available • Transfers Available • Babysitting Available • Breakfast Included • Boules/Petanque • High Chair(s)

Interior & Grounds

The Villa
Top Floor

- Main entrance
- Living room with sunken lounge and fireplace, sofas near lake-view windows, 1960s original bar and dining area
- Kitchen, fully-equipped including Smeg ovens, two sinks, hob, microwave, dishwasher, double fridge, ice-maker and doors leading to garden terrace and barbecue
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (200x200cm), doors leading to lake-view top balcony and en suite 1960s bathroom with bath, hand-held shower, separate shower, bidet, WC and two sinks
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (can be made into twins) and en suite 1960s bathroom with bath, hand-held shower, separate shower, bidet, sink and WC

Middle Floor

- Open-plan living and dining area with small side kitchen including fridge, microwave, sink, two hotplates
- WC
- Bedroom with a king-size bed (can be split into two singles), a single bed, seating area, doors leading to lake-view mid-floor balcony and seating area and en suite 1960s bathroom with bath, hand-held shower, separate shower, bidet, WC and dressing room*
- Bedroom with double bed (140x180cm) and door leading to lake-view mid-floor balcony and seating area
- Bedroom with king-size double bed (180x200cm, can be separated into twin beds)
- 1960s bathroom with bath/shower, bidet and WC
- Bedroom with king-size double bed, door leading to gardens, small room with large portable TV (that can be wheeled into the mid-floor living area) and en suite bathroom with walk-in shower and WC

*****An extra chair-bed can be added to this room on request, subject to an additional fee

Outside Grounds

- Swimming pool (12x4m, depth: 1.1m) and children's pool (2x4m, depth: 1m), both open approximately June to September
- Sun-loungers (x8) and lounge chairs (x5)
- Copper bath for 2 and dressing room
- Lawn
- Terrace with lake views
- Garden terrace with al-fresco dining table (for 6) and barbecue
- Mid-floor shaded balcony with al-fresco dining table (for 6 – more chairs possible) with lake views
- Bocce court (25x2.5m)
- Organic vegetable garden
- Private grounds/forests (3 acres)
- Access to shared tennis court
- Parking









Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning (in the bedrooms only and on request)
- Heating
- Sauna (with dressing room)
- Shared tennis court
- Bocce
- Indoor games
- Hairdryer
- Washing machine

Location & Local Information

Enjoy magnificent Lake Como and mountain views from Villa Splendente, set on a hillside in private wooded grounds just outside a small village, around a 7km drive from the lakeside town of Bellagio. You can walk up the hill to the local village where there's a cake shop and *gelateria*, a couple of café-bars and a small supermarket.

Bellagio is of course one of the most loved lakeside towns in Lombardy - it's a joy to explore with its narrow lanes filled with charming trattorie and little shops including the much photographed Salita Serbelloni. Be prepared for lots of steps or head straight to the lakeside promenade and wander along the lake's shore, admiring beautiful historic villas and their gardens such as Villa Melzi and Villa Serbelloni. Look out for lidos and watersports, especially around Pescallo where you will find sailing, kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding.

From Bellagio, take the ferry across to Varenna, an authentic and picturesque village with traditional colourful houses and pretty cobbled lanes. The most energetic can walk up the steep hill to admire the medieval Castello di Vezio where there's the most stunning views of Lake Como.

Also accessed via ferry, take a stroll down the elegant lungomare in Menaggio or wander to the heart of the town and enjoy the shops, cafes and restaurants. Explore the old quarter with its characterful buildings or head further inland to discover some of the magnificent walking trails through Parco Val Sanagra.

18th century Villa del Balbianello is another beautiful gem on the shores of the lake with picturesque terraced gardens – many famous movies have filmed scenes here, including Star Wars and James Bond, and the backdrop is truly spectacular. Approach by taxi-boat or footpath from Lenno (take a ferry from Lezzeno or Bellagio).

One of the owner's recommended restaurants, Trattoria del Segrino, can be found in the village of Canzo not far









from the Parco Lago Segrino, a picturesque spot for walking following the trail around the small lake. This is just one of the many beautiful walking spots in this part of northern Italy, not to mention cycling opportunities, horse-riding and boat rental – all spectacular ways to appreciate the stunning landscapes around Lake Como.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	**Bergamo (68km)**
Nearest Airport 2	**Milan Linate/Milan Malpensa (70km/78km)**
Nearest Train Station	**Canzo-Asso (12km)**
Nearest Village	**Local village (600m uphill)**
Nearest Bar/Pub	**Local village (600m uphill)**
Nearest Supermarket	**Small supermarket in local village (600m uphill)**
Nearest Town	**Bellagio (7km)**
Nearest Beach	**Lakside beaches near Bellagio (Around 7km)**
Nearest Golf	**Circolo Golf Villa D'Este (29km)**
Nearest Town/City	**Como (33km)**

What we love

- Experience the timeless ambience at this exceptionally beautiful mid-century villa with stunning views of Lake Como.
- Designed by a famous 20th century architect, expect original 1960s décor including stylish furnishings and vintage tiles.
- The lake and mountain vistas from the swimming pool and gardens are spectacular.
- A charming hillside village is a stroll away whilst the famous lakeside town of Bellagio can be reached within a short drive.
- Explore Lake Como by ferry visiting nearby Varenna, Menaggio and other idyllic gems.

What you should know...

- 12 guests are accommodated across six bedrooms. An extra guest can be accommodated by a chair-bed to be added to the triple room on the middle floor, on request and subject to an additional fee.
- If travelling with young children or guests with restricted mobility, do note the many steps and terraced/sloping levels as this villa and its beautiful grounds have been built into a cliff.
- The caretakers live on-site in a self-contained apartment.
- The staff apartment (private entrance, living room, two bedrooms with lake views, one bathroom) is available at extra cost on request. Please enquire for further info.
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- A car is highly recommended to explore the local area.
- Air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €4000 charged to client's credit card by the owner upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.

- **Arrival time:** 5.00 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?:** Yes. Air-conditioning is included up to 50 euro per day. Any excess charged based on consumption and payable locally in cash. Please note air-conditioning is featured in the bedrooms only.

- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes. Towels are changed weekly.

- **Pets welcome?:** On request only and with prior agreement with the owner.

- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are on request only and subject to prior arrangement with the owner and additional charges.
 Please note the caretakers live on-site in a self-contained apartment.
 12 guests are accommodated across six bedrooms. If booking for 13 guests, an additional bed can be added on request at an extra cost. For 14 persons, a chair-bed can be added to the triple room on the middle floor at an extra cost. Please enquire for further details.
 Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
 Please note that published rates are only valid for the current year. Any bookings for subsequent years will be on request only and correct rates will be confirmed at the time of booking.
 Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.

- **Changeover day:** Saturday in June/July/August or flexible at other times.

- **End of stay cleaning:** Standard changeover clean included in the price. 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.

- **Other Cleaning:** Mid-stay clean (for 14 nights or more) also included.

- **Smoking Allowed?:** Outside only.

- **Minimum stay:** 7 nights in June/July/August, 2-5 nights during all other periods.

- **Heating costs included?:** Yes, except in the winter (when it is payable locally, based on consumption, approximately €40 to €180 per day).

- **Tax:** Italian Visitors Tax payable locally in cash on arrival (typically costs €1-€10 per adult per night- please enquire if exact amount is required).

- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.

- **Pool towels included?:** Yes, changed weekly.

- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately June to September. 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.