

# Villa Benzi

**Region:** Italian Lakes   **Sleeps:** 16

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## Overview

Villa Benzi is a luxurious neo-classical home sitting directly on the shore of Italy's much-loved Lake Como. Situated in the charming medieval village of Torno and within easy reach of Como and Bellagio, this home is the perfect place to spend your holiday.

This 19th-century villa has been beautifully maintained and is packed with antiques, original features and sumptuous Italian décor. Inside and out, the house truly encompasses the glamour and style of Lake Como. The villa also offers all of the modern conveniences you may need, including Wi-Fi, air-conditioning and satellite TVs.

The communal areas in the villa are extensive; there are two living rooms filled with comfortable seating and a vast dining room where you can host special dinners with your party. There is even a games room, ideal for the kids.

There are seven bedrooms in the main villa, many with en-suite bathrooms and panoramic views of the lake. The bedrooms on the first and second floors can be accessed via the Carrara marble staircase or the handy elevator. The villa's dependence has been recently renovated with the addition of a new bedroom for a total of eight across the property. Located on the right side of the villa slightly elevated is arranged over two levels. The upper floor houses a small double bedroom. The lower floor has a compact bathroom and a small living area with direct pool access.

Heading outdoors onto the terrace you will be in awe at the panoramic views of the lake. The garden has many spots where you can eat al-fresco or just relax while taking in the scenery. There is also a lovely heated pool with an optional hydromassage function!

If you ever want to leave the villa then the historic village of Torno is just minutes inland from the house. Here you will find several bars, cafes, restaurants and a small supermarket.

A settlement since pre-Roman times and constructed mainly in the medieval period, the village also has some stunning buildings such as Santa Tecla church and pretty streets to wander around. If you fancy a walk, head up to the wooded mountain hamlet of Montepiatto which is just 2km away but feels like another world and offers some of the best views of the lake.

The villa is well located for exploring the lake and the surrounding towns; Como city is just 8km away, this a great city for shopping and visiting the many museums, but you can also take ferries to other places such as Bellagio, known as the pearl of Lake Como. It can also be reached by car and the drive is around 30km.



## Facilities

Chef/Cook Available • Lakes and Mountains • Special Offer • Has Discount • Villa • Wow Factor • Table Tennis • Watersports • Lift • Waterfront • Walk to Village • Indoor Games • Private Pool • Maid Service Included • Wi-Fi/Internet • Golf Nearby • Air-Con • Kid-friendly excursions • Water excursions/Boat trips • Pre-Stocked Fridge Available • Amusement park • Catering Available • Breakfast Available • Heated Pool • Ideal for Babies & Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • Walk to Restaurant • <1hr to Airport • Washing Machine • Tumble Dryer • Dishwasher • Microwave • Coffee Machine • Hairdryer • All Bedrooms En-Suite • Satellite TV • Table Football • Working Fireplace/Woodburner • Heating • Parking Space • Sailing • Canoeing/Kayaking • Walking/Hiking Paths • Wine Tasting • Cycling • Fishing • Outstanding Landscapes • Outdoor Pursuit & Activities • Tourist Towns & Villages • Historical Sites • Boat Trips

# Interior & Grounds

## Villa Interior (550m2)

### Ground Floor

- Kitchen with oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge freezer, microwave, toaster, blender coffee machine
- Living room with sofas and terrace access
- Dining room with dining table to seat 10 guests, fireplace and terrace access
- Guest WC
- Access to elevator
- Laundry room
- Lift

### First Floor (accessed via marble staircase or elevator)

- Living room with sofas, satellite TV and fireplace
- Master suite with double bed, TV, desk, balcony and en-suite bathroom with bath, shower and WC
- Bedroom with double bed, walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Bedroom with double bed (160cm), walk-in wardrobe and en-suite bathroom with bath and WC

### Second Floor (accessed via marble staircase or elevator)

- 2 x Bedrooms with double beds (can be twin beds) and en-suite bathrooms with bath and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathrooms with a shower and WC
- Bedroom with twin beds and en-suite bathroom with bath and WC
- Veranda with ping pong, football table, and guest bathroom

### Dependence

- Double bedroom with split king bed (180cm but can be converted into singles)
- Compact bathroom with shower
- Small living area with pool access

## Outside Grounds (200m2)

- Heated swimming pool (4m x 8m) with hydromassage function, open May to End- September
- Large terrace with steps to lake and boat dock
- Terrace on first floor
- Covered gazebo with dining table seating 8 guests
- Outdoor sofas, sun loungers, umbrellas

## Facilities

- Wi-Fi
- Air-conditioning
- Central heating
- Lift
- Satellite TVs
- Safety boxes



# Location & Local Information

Sitting on the shore of Lake Como in the medieval village of Torno, Villa Benzi is an idyllic home from which to enjoy the splendours of the lake and the surrounding towns and villages.

The closest amenities are just a stone's throw away from the house in Torno. Under ten-minutes walk away you will discover historic churches, cafes, shops, bars and restaurants around the colourful main square.

If you want to visit somewhere with a larger selection of shops and eateries then drive over to Como which is 8km from the villa, close enough to nip out for dinner. There is also a large selection of museums and galleries, plus attractions such as the 12th-century tower, the old town and the magnificent gothic cathedral.

Of course, the lake itself is one of the main draws to the area and there are many ways to make the most of it; there are beaches and lidos such as Lido di Fagetto Lario just 4km away, boat trips around the lake or boat hire if you would like to drive yourself. There are also hiking trails surrounding the lake, if you prefer to take in the views from dry land. If you want to take part in something a little more active then you can also try swimming or try jet-skiing right outside the villa.

A lovely place to visit by boat from Como or by car from the villa is Bellagio. Around 30km away, this picturesque village is one of the main attractions on the lake and it is easy to see why. Wander around the cluster of pastel-coloured buildings and winding streets and shop for local artisan goods before stopping for lunch at a lakeside restaurant or a romantic tucked-away spot.

If you want to visit somewhere further out you could try Lugano which is 48km away or Milan which is just over an hour's drive away.

## Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Milan Malpensa (58km)
Nearest Airport 2	Milan Linate (70km)
Nearest Train Station	Como (6km)
Nearest Village	Torno (in village)
Nearest Restaurant	Torno (in village)
Nearest Supermarket	Torno (in village)



Nearest Shop	Torno (in village)
Nearest City	Como (6km)

## What we love

- Gaze out over stunning Lake Como from the vast terrace, dining areas and private heated pool
- Situated on the lakefront in the historic village of Torno; there are shops, restaurants and ancient buildings right on your doorstep
- The city of Como is just over 8km away from the villa and is a great place for a day out

## What you should know...

- The villa is set over a number of levels with marble staircases, please take care, although there is an elevator should any guests require it.
- Due to the lake-front location, there is no car parking on-site, though there are 2 covered spaces for guests in the town and there is a porter service on hand for moving luggage.
- Enjoy direct lake-access via steps from the terrace. Please take care and supervise children. You can moor your own boat in front of the villa or in the private Darsena. Please enquire for more details and ensure that the boat's dimensions are compatible with the dock.
- Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.
- Please note home security devices are 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.
- The villa has an apartment on the top floor that is not accessible to guests and may occasionally be occupied by the owners. The unit has a separate entrance.

# Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €7000 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. An additional deposit of €1500 for food is due upon arrival in cash in Euros.
- **Arrival time:** 4 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Check-in outside this time is not guaranteed and it may be subject to an extra cost. Please enquire for more details.
- **Departure time:** 10.00 a.m.
- **Energy costs included?:** Yes.
- **Linen & towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **Other Ts and Cs:** Weddings, stag/hen parties and any special events are not allowed.<br> Please note that the use of any external caterers and/or contractors is not permitted.<br> 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.<br> Please note that your booking will only be confirmed once we have checked availability with the owner or their property manager.<br> The villa is set over a number of levels with marble staircases, please take care, although there is an elevator should any guests require it.<br> Due to the lake-front location, there is no car parking on-site, though there are 2 covered spaces for guests in the town and there is a porter service on hand for moving luggage.<br> Enjoy direct lake-access via steps from the terrace. Please take care and supervise children. You can moor your own boat in front of the villa or in the private Darsena. Please enquire for more details and ensure that the boat's dimensions are compatible with the dock.<br> Please note that the owner owns the top floor of the building that is not for rent. The owner reserves the right to occasionally occupy their property, ensuring discretion during such instances.<br> Please note home security devices are installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.<br>
- **Changeover day:** Saturday. All other changeover days on request.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** Yes. However, 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?:** Extra cost, payable locally.
- **Pool heating charge?:** No. Please note that like all heated pools, pool heating and water temperature are reliant on weather and outside temperatures. The pool takes 2-3 days to warm up and it's available May to end-September.
- **Internet access?:** Wi-Fi internet access included.
- **Pool towels included?:** Yes.
- **Pool opening dates?:** The pool is open approximately May to end-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.
- **Property Licence Number:** IT013223C2IT96NUNK