

La Canonica

Region: Italian Lakes **Sleeps:** 13

Overview

Framed by climbing wisteria and swaying magnolia trees, La Canonica rests quietly in the historic village of Azzate, gazing across Lake Varese toward the Alpine peaks. This 16th-century villa is a treasure of the Renaissance era, where soaring ceilings, frescoed walls and carved wooden doors tell stories of centuries past. Step through the grand entrance and discover spaces filled with atmosphere, vaulted ceilings painted in deep cobalt and vermillion, ornate chandeliers, and antique furnishings lovingly preserved.

Each room has its own character, from the grand salon with its open fireplace and Steinway piano to the book-lined library and frescoed master suite. There's a warmth and lived-in elegance here that invites long conversations by the fire or shared meals beneath the frescoed ceiling of the dining room. The kitchen blends tradition with functionality, copper pans lining the walls like a still-life painting.

Outside, a pillared courtyard makes the perfect setting for leisurely lunches or al fresco dinners, while the surrounding gardens offer a tranquil retreat. With six bedrooms and ample entertaining space, La Canonica is ideal for family gatherings, intimate weddings or a serene retreat in one of northern Italy's most captivating regions.



Facilities

BBQ • On-Street Parking • TV • Washing Machine • Villa • Wi-Fi/Internet
• Cots (Cribs) • Laptop Friendly Workspace • Outdoor Ceremony •
Heritage Collection • Indoor Reception Available • Ideal for Babies &
Toddlers • Ideal for Kids • Ideal for Teens • <1hr to Airport • Working
Fireplace/Woodburner • Caretaker/Owner on Site • High Chair(s) • Fenced
Grounds

Interior & Grounds

The Villa (800m2)

Ground Floor

- Homely lounge with Steinway piano, walled bookcase and grand fireplace
- Fully equipped kitchen with dining area
- Dining room for 12-guests
- Bathroom

First Floor

- Bedroom 1: Double bed
- Bedroom 2: Double bed
- Bedroom 3: Double bed
- Bedroom 4: Double bed
- Bedroom 5: Double bed
- Bedroom 6: 3 single beds
- 3 Bathrooms

Outside Grounds (2.800m2)

- Private gardens
- Outdoor dining area
- Gated property

Additional Facilities

- Wifi
- Carbon monoxide and smoke detector
- Fire extinguisher
- First aid kit



Location & Local Information

La Canonica is set in the heart of Azzate, a charming hilltop village in Lombardy with sweeping views over Lake Varese. Winding streets, small piazzas and terracotta-roofed buildings give the area a timeless feel, while nearby highlights include the scenic Belvedere viewpoint and the historic Chiesa di Sant’Antonio Abate. The lakeside town of Varese is just 10 minutes away and offers cafés, markets and excellent dining.

This location is perfect for exploring northern Italy. The UNESCO-listed Sacro Monte is less than 30 minutes away, Milan can be reached in under an hour, and Lake Maggiore with its famed Borromean Islands lies just to the west. The area offers nature trails, bike rides, and boat excursions as well as cultural heritage. With Malpensa International Airport just 30 minutes by car, arrivals are smooth and stress-free.

Local Amenities

Nearest Airport	Milano Malpensa Airport (35 km)
Nearest Bar/Pub	Azzate (500 m)
Nearest City	Milan (56 km)
Nearest Restaurant	Azzate (700 m)
Nearest Supermarket	Centro Daverio Il Gigante (4 km)
Nearest Town	Azzate (700 m)
Nearest Train Station	Gazzada Schianno Morazzone (4 km)



What we love

- Magnificent, vaulted ceilings and original frescoes throughout the villa!
- Beautiful courtyard for al fresco dining and relaxed celebrations.
- Enchanting lake views from the master bathroom and garden.

What you should know...

- On-site parking is not available, though free public parking is just a short walk away.
- A discreet caretaker lives in a separate apartment on the estate grounds.
- Due to historic features such as staircases and stone floors, the property may be less suitable for those with mobility issues.

Terms & Conditions

- **Security deposit:** €1000 charged to client's credit card by the owner before/upon arrival and refunded two weeks after departure, subject to full inspection.
- **Arrival time:** 4.00 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.
- **Pets welcome?:** Not allowed.
- **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 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.
 Please note home security devices may be installed at the villa, please enquire for further information.
- **Changeover day:** Flexible.
- **End of stay cleaning available?:** No. Extra cost of €500 required, payable locally in cash. This is for a standard changeover clean. 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?:** Not allowed.
- **Minimum stay:** 5 nights in peak season and 3/4 nights all other times.
- **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.