

# Overview of Como

Como is a beautiful Lombard town, capital of a wide province (~1.300 square-km / 600.000 inhabitants) extended from the fertile plains towards the foothills of green mounts in the north that includes several small and large lakes. Situated on the shores of the homonym lake, it is about 35 km north of Milan and a few kilometres from the Swiss border. The territory is serviced by motorway A9 that links Lombardy to the northern Europe, by a network of highways and state roads and by three railways, one of them also connects to Malpensa International Airport.



*A view of the town of Como*



*Lake's Villas and Gardens*

The beauty of the pre-Alps landscape and its lakes, enchanting villages of its territory, including **Bellagio**, **Menaggio** and **Cernobbio**, a millenary history, numerous **museums and galleries**, the majestic Romanesque monuments, beautiful **villas and gardens** of seventeen, eighteen and nineteen centuries make this territory a unique place in the world and a coveted tourist and residential destination of international relevance.

Important resources of this region are the industriousness, tenacity and concreteness of its inhabitants, who make it, since ever, a territory with a solid economy and flourishing commercial, craft and industrial activities. Como is traditionally famous worldwide for the fine manufacture of **silk** and the design of clothing, but there are also many thriving activities in the chemical, cosmetic, para-pharmaceutical, metallurgical, mechanical, paper, food, woodworking and in the electronics, informatics and automation technologies.



*Silk manufacturing*



*Voltian Temple*

Among the distinguished citizens of Como is the famous physicist Alessandro Volta (1745-1827), inventor of the battery, to whom the town dedicated the "**Voltian Temple**", memorial mausoleum and museum with many Voltian relics.



*Voltian Battery*

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The **university** of Como offers degree courses in Engineering, Physics, Mathematics and Natural Sciences, Medicine, Law, Economics... ; in town there are also the **Music Conservatory** "Giuseppe Verdi", the **Fine Arts Academy** "Aldo Galli" and the **Centre of Scientific Culture** "Alessandro Volta".



Exhibition centre Villa Erba



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"**Villa Erba**" exhibition centre is the home of international trade fairs and congresses, **Villa d'Este** is since always the prime destination for summits and extraordinary events, the bicentenary "**Teatro Sociale**" in town of Como is home to many cultural representations and

performing arts; there are many attractive events held in the territory of Como... **vintage car rallies**, regattas, speedboat competitions, rally cars races...

Sports and outdoor fans can go windsurfing, water skiing, sailing, canoeing, horse riding, winter skiing, paragliding; there are numerous **golf clubs**, a lot of hiking on the **pre-Alps paths**, **boat trips**, **seaplane** trips to enjoy a spectacular view; in the local **Aero Club** is possible to rent sailplanes and engine-sailplanes, with or without pilot.



Regatta of sailboats on the lake



Vintage cars at Villa D'Este

In the good season there are **village festivals** with music, folklore shows, craft markets, wine, local food, fireworks shows.



Panoramic view from seaplane

The possibility of a short or long stays are various: camping, bed and breakfasts, farm-holidays, houses for rent, guest-houses, hotel and luxury hotels.



Golf Club Lanzo at 1.000m a.s.l.

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