

From Como to Garda

Como is the third largest lake in Italy with impressive deepness of 400 meters as well as length up to 46 kilometres. Views you will never forget provided the trip to the summit of Brunati in Como.

Located just to the north of Milan, near Como, in forests beside Lake Montorfano, we arrived to the **Golf Club Villa d' Este**, a traditional golf course,



a jewel of Italian golf. The Club was founded in 1926 and designed by Peter Gannon. Signatures of several Kings and Queens of Belgium, Britain, Greece and Spain we could find in the „Golf Book“.

On the tee of Hole 1.

The course is 5 732 m long, par 69, but par three holes are quite demanding and there is also one par four more than 400 m long. Uneven lies are very



frequent and small greens are often surrounded by bunkers. in 1972, Italian Open was held in Villa d' Este. The golf course is usually open from March to December. You can stay in albergo close to the clubhouse or in a bed and breakfast only a few

kilometres away from the golf course. Green fees: weekday €75, weekend €90, caddies available. <http://www.golfvilladeste.com/en/>

Clubhouse close to Hole 18.



Bed and breakfast

Golf Club Carimate was established in 1962 in the first foothills of Brianza,



halfway between Como and Milan, designed by Piero Mancinelli. It is recommended to take a buggy because the course is quite long. Green fees weekday €55, weekend €75, length 5 850 m, par 71.

Around Lake Garda

The Golf Club Paradiso del Garda is situated close to Peschiera. The course



was designed by Jim Fazio and includes many water hazards, so take more golf balls. 5 498 m, par 71, green fee weekday €60, weekend €70.

Paradiso golf course packages for Active

Hotel Paradiso, for instance three nights including breakfast, three green fees, during the highest season €383 per person, season €355 and low season €257-€298 www.golfclubparadiso.it www.golfregionlakegarda.com

Close to Desenzano del Garda and Sirmione distinguished by the unique quality



of the landscape and its historical background, designed by the architect Kurt Rossknecht, the golf course **Chervò Golf San Vigilio** includes 36 holes, of which nine are executive and 27 are championship, divided into three courses:

Benaco (3 427 m, par 36), Solferino (3370 m, par 36) and San Martino (2 910 m, par 35). Green fees weekday €75, weekend €95, Chervo offers accommodation in residential units, an elegant hotel and includes also SPA, a sport center with tennis, football, beach volleyball and swimming pool. <http://www.chervogolfsanvigilio.it/en/chervo-golf/chervo-golf-sanvigilio/>



Sirmione is one of the most popular "sights" on Lake Garda, with thousands of visitors flooding in each day to view the picturesque peninsula. We admired the castle originating from 12 century and enjoyed the visit of narrow streets as well as

beautiful views of the Lake Garda.



A visit to Italy would be not complete without wine tasting. This time we have visited Ufficio L'ORA Zeni 1870, close to Bardolino.

Near Chervo golf course we climbed the Tower Solferino e S. Martino providing panoramic views of the southern

Lake Garda and visited the nearby museum of battle of 24. June 1859 - Piedmontese army under King Victor Emmanuel II fighting the right wing of the Austrian army led by General Von Benedek. www.solferinoesanmartino.it



Peschiera del Garda is located on the southern end of Lake Garda and you could visit sixteenth-century island fortress and walls.

Lakes Como and Garda with nearby golf courses could be recommended for holidays combined with golf. As usually in Italy, you would find wonderful nature and historic monuments, very well accompanied by excellent Italian eating and great selection of leisure time activities. On many Italian golf courses you could play actually all the year around.



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