

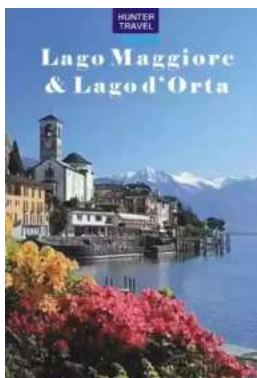
# Lago Maggiore Lago Orta: Beyond Travel Adventures

Are you seeking an extraordinary travel experience? Look no further than the stunningly picturesque regions of Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta in Italy. Nestled in the northern part of the country, these two destinations offer an abundance of natural beauty, rich history, and thrilling adventures for every type of traveler.

With their crystal-clear waters, picturesque islands, and charming lakeside towns, Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta are truly exceptional places to explore. Whether you are an outdoor enthusiast, a history buff, or simply someone in search of tranquility, these destinations have something for everyone.

## Discovering Lago Maggiore

Lago Maggiore, the second-largest lake in Italy, will leave you in awe with its majestic surroundings. Spanning across the Italian regions of Lombardy and Piedmont, as well as the Swiss canton of Ticino, this expansive lake is a paradise for nature lovers.



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One of the most captivating features of Lago Maggiore is the Borromean Islands. Consisting of Isola Bella, Isola Madre, and Isola dei Pescatori, these islands are renowned for their exquisite gardens, architecturally stunning palazzos, and captivating history. A visit to these islands feels like stepping into a fairytale.

If you crave adventure, head to the nearby Centovalli Railway for a scenic train ride through the lush valleys and breathtaking landscapes. Alternatively, take a boat tour to explore the lake's hidden gems, such as the charming towns of Stresa and Verbania. The astounding beauty of Lago Maggiore and its surroundings will leave you spellbound.

## **Unveiling Lago Orta**

Lago Orta, often referred to as the "hidden gem" of northern Italy, is a smaller but equally enchanting lake that lies to the west of Lago Maggiore. With its crystal-clear turquoise waters, medieval buildings, and picturesque island, it is a hidden paradise waiting to be explored.

A visit to Orta San Giulio, a charming town located on the shores of Lago Orta, is a must. Lose yourself in its narrow streets, adorned with delightful shops, quaint cafes, and interesting art galleries. Take a leisurely stroll along the promenade, known as Piazza Motta, to soak in the beauty of the lake at sunset.

For an unforgettable experience, take a boat trip to the Isola San Giulio. This small island, situated in the middle of the lake, is home to a stunning basilica and a peaceful monastery. Explore the island's paths and enjoy the serene ambiance that surrounds you.

## **Outdoor Adventures in Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta**

Beyond the breathtaking beauty of the lakes themselves, Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta offer a plethora of outdoor activities for adventure enthusiasts.

Embark on a hiking or biking adventure along the scenic trails that meander through the lush hills and forests surrounding the lakes. Test your climbing skills on the rugged cliffs of Lago Orta's Sacro Monte, a UNESCO World Heritage site. For water sports enthusiasts, kayaking, sailing, and windsurfing are just a few of the thrilling activities available.

Additionally, the lakes' proximity to the majestic Alps allows you to easily access some of the most breathtaking mountain landscapes in Europe. Take a day trip to the nearby Monte Rosa, the second-highest peak in the Alps, or explore the Ossola Valley for stunning hikes and rock climbing experiences.

## **Immerse Yourself in History and Culture**

Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta are not only known for their natural beauty but also for their rich historical and cultural heritage.

Visit the Rocca Borromeo di Angera, a medieval fortress overlooking Lago Maggiore, and explore its fascinating museum displaying a wide range of art and artifacts. Delve into the history of the lakes' regions by visiting the numerous charming churches, ancient castles, and beautifully preserved palaces.

For art enthusiasts, a visit to the Museo del Paesaggio near Verbania is a must. This museum showcases a remarkable collection of landscape paintings, providing an insight into the beauty of the region as captured by renowned artists.

## **The Allure of Lago Maggiore Lago Orta**

The blend of natural beauty, historical significance, and thrilling adventures make Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta truly captivating destinations. Whether you are in search of a serene retreat or an action-packed vacation, these lakes have it all.

Plan your next adventure and set your sights on the mesmerizing beauty and endless possibilities offered by Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta. Immerse yourself in the breathtaking landscapes, uncover the hidden gems, and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Don't miss out on the chance to experience the magic of Lago Maggiore and Lago Orta. Start planning your journey today and get ready for an adventure beyond your wildest dreams!



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All of the Italian lakes have huge charm, but Maggiore – also called Verbano – is quieter than most. Less star-studded and glitzy than Como, less crowded than Garda, Maggiore is a more natural experience. That only applies until you reach Stresa, however, where the fantastical and the grandiose rule. Unlike Como, Maggiore has a number of islands, with the most famous the three Borromean

Islands in the south. There are also the Swiss Isole di Brissago, with their botanical garden and the Castles of Cannero, once a stronghold of infamous lake pirates but now romantically (or spookily) ruined. On Maggiore you get to nod off on a ferry boat and wake up in another country, great fun if you remember your passport; less amusing if you haven't. Known as the Pearl of Verbano, Stresa is one of the most beautiful of Maggiore's towns. A popular holiday resort since the 19th century – Winston Churchill honeymooned here – and host to conferences and international congresses, Stresa gets very busy on spring weekends and in the summer season. Around five miles from Stresa at Angera, the Rocca di Angera is a superb castle, with 11th-century origins. Originally owned by the Visconti family and purchased by the Borromeo family in the 15th century for the princely sum of 18,500 lire. Baveno is a smaller, quieter resort than Stresa, with a number of business hotels and conference facilities. The parish church of SS. Gervasio and Protasio is well worth a look. Built from local granite, it dates from the 11th century, and retains its original plain façade, complete with Roman tombstones uncovered when the church was being built. The tiny, octagonal baptistery alongside dates from the fifth century and contains some beautiful frescoes. This is just a taste of what you will find here. And this guide tells you everything you need to know - the history, the cultural the sights and activities, from hiking to fishing, the places to eat and the places to stay.



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