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**LECCO IS... MOUNTAINS, LAKE, CITY,
CULTURE, EVENTS AND FLAVOURS**





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There is no better way of experiencing the historic centre of Lecco than on foot. Walking along the streets near the lake, some of its architectural jewels can be discovered, such as the **BELL TOWER**, known to the people of Lecco as the “Matitone” or Big Pencil due to its characteristic long, pointed shape. Completed in 1904 on the site of a large tower dating from the fifteenth century, the bell tower tells the story of the city. It is grafted onto the perimeter of the old city wall and, at 96 metres tall, it is one of the highest bell towers in Italy.

Next to the Bell Tower is the entry to the neoclassical **BASILICA DI SAN NICOLÒ**, the patron saint of the city and of sailors.

The steps in front of the Basilica offer a wonderful view of the squares and lakeside. Walk to **PIAZZA GARIBALDI** and admire the **TEATRO DELLA SOCIETÀ**, the venue for excellent theatrical performances - now closed for restoration works - then onto **PIAZZA MANZONI**, where there is a statue dedicated to Alessandro Manzoni, the author who symbolises the city.

Not to be missed are the wonderful **SUNSETS** at the lakeside when the last rays of the sun strike the surface of the water and mark out the outline of the city with a golden light, offering truly magical moments!

LECCO IS
**ITS HISTORIC CENTRE IN THE
SHADOW OF THE BELL TOWER,
WITH SHOPPING, ART AND CULTURE**





If you are lovers of art, history and nature, you must visit **PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO**, made up of the Natural History Museum, the Archaeological Museum, the Historical Museum and the Civic Planetarium, where you can discover all the secrets of the city... and of the cosmos!

Another must is a visit to the **PALAZZO DELLE PAURE**, where you will find the gallery of Modern and Contemporary Art, in addition to a graphics and photographic

section. If you love the mountains, you can find a new way of exploring the history of climbing, thanks to exhibitions at the **OSSERVATORIO ALPINISTICO ITALIANO** and in the **POLO DELLA MONTAGNA**, with artefacts and documents owned by the CAI - Italian Alpine Club - of Lecco. The Palace is also used for temporary exhibitions, as is the medieval **TORRE VISCONTEA**, located in the same square.



Walking along the shore, you will come to the **PONTE AZZONE VISCONTI**, the bridge known as the “Ponte Vecchio”, one of the symbols of the city of Lecco that, by convention, marks the end of the Lecco branch of the lake.

In addition to the historic centre, Lecco is made up of a number of “**RIONI**” or districts: Acquate, Belledo, Bonacina, Castello, Chiuso, Germanedo, Laorca, Maggianico, Malavedo, Olate, Pescarenico, Rancio, San Giovanni and Santo Stefano.

You can discover some of these districts by following the **MANZONI ITINERARY**, a tour that will take you from the museum-house of **VILLA MANZONI** – now closed for restoration works – passing through churches and ancient buildings to **PESCARENICO**, the “fishermen’s district”, the ancient, unaltered charm of which unfolds along cobbled avenues with priceless views of the **RIVER ADDA**. Here, you will be catapulted into the atmosphere of the novel *I promessi sposi*, or *The Betrothed* in English: indeed, this is one of the most emblematic places described by Alessandro Manzoni in his famous work.



Scan the QRcode and discover cultural experiences in Lecco!



Experiences to be enjoyed **IN THE CITY**

Lecco is a real treasure trove full of curiosities to be discovered! Tours and treasure hunts among the most interesting historic buildings and the city’s artistic heritage, with incredible panoramas to be admired from the very top of the Bell Tower; **GUIDED VISITS** to the Laorca Cemetery, part of the *European Cemeteries Route*; excursions along the city’s rivers and guided tours to the Castle of the Unnamed, a panoramic spot made famous by Alessandro Manzoni in his masterpiece *The Betrothed*; tours dedicated to the history of witchcraft in the fortified village of Lecco; a **CHRISTMAS TOUR** in the city centre amidst legends and local traditions...

These and many others are the **CULTURAL EXPERIENCES** that can be enjoyed in Lecco, and you can do all this thanks to the services offered by the city’s certified tourist guides.

Many historic hamlets and architectural gems adorn the shores of “that branch of Lake Como that turns to the south...”, the Lecco branch of the Lario, the local name for Lake Como.

With its paved alleyways, its famous historic residences overlooking the lake - **VILLA MONASTERO** and **VILLA CIPRESSI** – and the evocative **VEZIO CASTLE, VARENNA** is a splendid hamlet that attracts millions of tourists every year due to its beauty.

CORENNO PLINIO should certainly not be missed. This is a medieval hamlet overlooking the lake, known as “the village of a thousands steps” and, with its winding streets, steps, stone houses and evocative views, it will take you on a journey back in time.

BELLANO “the town of artists”, is also worth a visit. It was the birthplace of famous writers and painters where ancient traditions and local customs are passed down, while **MANDELLO DEL LARIO** is a village rich in buildings and monuments of great historical and cultural value and the home of Moto Guzzi, one of the most prestigious Italian motorcycle manufacturers.

On the opposite shore of the Lecco branch, **OLIVETO LARIO** awaits you. It takes its name from the olives that grow on its territory and create a truly characteristic landscape. Its most ancient villages are **LIMONTA** and **ONNO**, from where numerous panoramic hikes depart.

LECCO IS

**ITS LAKE, TO BE EXPERIENCED
AMIDST PICTURESQUE VILLAGES,
NATURE AND ANCIENT LEGENDS**





Historic villas, abbeys, canyons carved out of the rock, castles steeped in mysteries and legends, museums that relate the cultural and industrial history of the territory of Lecco: here are some tips for a long trip along the eastern shore of Lake Como!

VEZIO CASTLE is an ancient military post that has stood for a thousand years on the promontory that overlooks **VARENNA** from where an extraordinary panorama can be enjoyed. Visit the underground areas, the tower, the botanical garden, the statues dotted around the garden and the famous



“ghosts” made of gauze and plaster: a location of unrivalled beauty where nature merges with the art, history and culture of the territory.

The **ORRIDO DI BELLANO**, or Bellano Gorge, is a deep, narrow ravine carved in the rock by the waters of the Pioverna River, which can be visited thanks to a system of walkways anchored to the walls overlooking the water. A simple route suitable for all, from where the power of nature and a unique spectacle can be admired and enjoyed.



PIONA ABBEY is an ancient Cistercian monastic complex that stands on the tip of the peninsula of Olgiasca, in **COLICO**. A rare jewel of Lombard Romanesque architecture, this is an unmissable destination for anyone who wants to be immersed in a place of peace and meditation surrounded by the beauty of the lake.



Since 1921, **MANDELLO DEL LARIO** has been the home of Moto Guzzi, one of the most important Italian automotive manufacturers: a visit to the **MOTO GUZZI MUSEUM** is not to be missed, where it is possible to discover the history of the company, admiring the historic models and the latest innovations.



Scan the QRcode and discover all the experiences that can be enjoyed on the lake!

Experiences to be enjoyed ON THE LAKE

There are many experiences to enjoy on the lake! When the weather permits, water sports can be enjoyed even in the autumn, hiring **KAYAKS, CANOES** or **WINDSURFS**: excitement and adrenaline that only our operators can give you the chance to experience!

You can also try **SPORT FISHING**, book a comfortable boat tour or **BOARD A BOAT** to explore the shores of the lake and visit the most beautiful hamlets, or book a boat all to yourselves and spend a fun, unusual day out!



The **MOUNTAINS** of the province of Lecco, lying between the Bergamo or Orobic Alps and the shores of Lake Como, are an unmissable destination for those who love nature: magnificent peaks that offer extraordinary panoramas, perfect for hiking, trekking, climbing or outdoor trips in every season! Those “*varied summits*” that inspired Lucia’s *Farewell to the Mountains* in *The Betrothed* were also the natural training ground of legendary mountaineers of the last century like Riccardo Cassin, Casimiro Ferrari and Carlo Mauri

MONTE RESEGONE is the king of the mountains of Lecco, the symbol of the city and the territory, described by Manzoni as the mountain “*with its many summits in a row that, in truth, make it resemble a saw*”.

LECCO IS

ITS MOUNTAINS: MAJESTIC PEAKS, CHALLENGING TRAILS AND EXTRAORDINARY PANORAMAS

MONTE SAN MARTINO, with an altitude of 1090 metres, can be recognised by the vertical wall that soars above Lecco, as if it were the city’s guardian.

Further north lies the Grigne group, made up of the **GRIGNONE**, or Northern Grigna, and the **GRIGNETTA**, or Southern Grigna. This area has a rich geological history and is an internationally renowned destination for mountaineering lovers.

The **MONTE BARRO NATURAL PARK**, located in the municipal area of Galbiate, is a precious natural reserve of biodiversity and an unmissable destination for lovers of sport climbing.



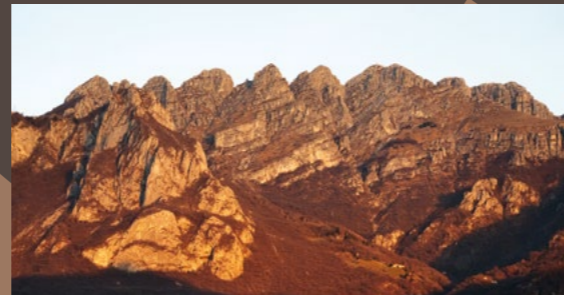


The mountain districts in the Lecco territory are perfect for experiencing nature all year round, even in winter, thanks to the magic of snow, on snowshoes, skis or with boots and crampons, be you winter sports lovers or just seeking moments of relaxation in the fresh air.

If you love winter sports, head for the **PIANI DI BOBBIO** in the municipality of Barzio, one of the most renowned ski resorts in **VALSASSINA**. Lying at an altitude of

1,600 – 2,000 metres, it is easily reached by cable car from Barzio and offers 35 km of pistes suitable for all levels. As well as skiing, you can go snowboarding, cross-country skiing or snowshoeing to reach the many refuges in the area.

The **PIANI DI ARTAVAGGIO**, located between the provinces of Lecco and Bergamo, make up a very beautiful mountain location easily reached by cable car from Moggio in Valsassina. Here, you can enjoy the mountain in every season on skis or snowshoes, in boots or on a mountain bike.



The **ALPE GIUMELLO** in Alta Valsassina is also a snow-covered paradise in winter, perfect for hiking with incredible panoramas of the lake: the right location for those who seek a slow pace in the mountain and genuine contact with nature.



Nearby is **PIAN DELLE BETULLE**, a ski resort that is very popular in all seasons thanks to its spectacular panoramas of the lake. Reached by cable car from Margno, it offers pistes that are suitable for everyone in winter, as well as numerous paths and off-piste tracks for snowshoeing and ski mountaineering. On clear days, the view from here is extraordinary and you can even admire the Monte Rosa massif and, sometimes, Monte Cervino, also known as the Matterhorn!

Scan the QRcode and discover the most beautiful experiences to enjoy in the mountains!



Experiences to be enjoyed IN THE MOUNTAINS



Local professionals, medium mountain guides, Alpine guides and environmental hiking guides will accompany you on **EXCITING EXCURSIONS** in the mountains of Lecco: plunge into the colours of autumn and admire the **FOLIAGE** in the woods along the Sentiero del Viandante or head for the Castle of the Unnamed; undertake short climbing or trekking courses in Valsassina to discover the magic of the **WINTER PANORAMAS**; trek along

historical and nature trails towards timeless places, such as the Romanesque Abbey of San Pietro al Monte in Civate or the Sasso di Preguda in Valmadrera.

In winter, let yourselves be transported by the magic of snow and discover the most beautiful routes in the **LECCO MOUNTAINS**: from snowshoeing through silent woods to the most beautiful skiing and snowboarding pistes, breathing in pure air and enjoying the wellbeing that only the mountain can offer.

The **VIE DEL VIANDANTE**, or the Wayfarer's Routes, are a series of twelve trails along an international historic walking route of around 220 km, enriched with history, culture, nature and incredible panoramas. This group of trails connect the San Bernardino Pass to Milan, crossing Valle Mesolcina, Valchiavenna, the shores of Lake Como and the banks of the Adda River.

Walking along the Vie del Viandante means following the thread of history along trails that wind through Switzerland and Italy: a

series of routes linked to trade and the passage of humans and goods from north to south that, over the centuries, were followed by pilgrims, wayfarers, smugglers and soldiers who slowly defined their historic and cultural features.

Departing from Lecco, you can discover part of the Vie del Viandante by following the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** and the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE**, two unmissable routes for anyone seeking wellbeing and connection with nature in all seasons!

LECCO IS

THE VIE DEL VIANDANTE: A SERIES OF TRAILS THROUGH LANDSCAPES OF GREAT CULTURAL VALUE



THE SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE

Of the twelve Vie del Viandante, the Sentiero del Viandante stands out for its importance and renown, one of the most beautiful and panoramic routes in Lombardy that retraces an ancient mule trail along the eastern shore of Lake Como, from Lecco to Sorico, which can be walked in both directions.

The entire route is around 60 km long, with a total difference in altitude of 2,470 metres and, by convention, it is divided into four or six stages:

Lecco - Abbadia Lariana (7 km)
 Abbadia Lariana - Lierna (10.5 km)
 Lierna - Varenna (8.5 km)
 Varenna - Dervio (9.6 km)
 Dervio - Colico (13.5 km)
 Colico - Sorico (11.5 km)

Some stages have significant altitude differences with high slopes and,



sometimes, uneven surfaces, while others are less technical and shorter, suitable for families and children for day trips. The history of this route is full of changes and different names over the centuries, the result of the combination of different tracks created over time. Popular with wayfarers and pilgrims, evidence of **ANCIENT STRUCTURES FOR HOSPITALITY** and refreshments can still be found along the Sentiero del Viandante.



THE SENTIERO DI LEONARDO

The Sentiero di Leonardo is an easy cycle and pedestrian route, mostly flat or with a slight altitude difference, on a mainly tarmac or slightly uneven surface that runs along the bank of the **ADDA RIVER** and connects Lecco to Milan.

Along the route, you will find traces left by the Renaissance genius **LEONARDO DA VINCI**, who actually conducted some of his studies in this area: one example is the famous Leonardo's Ferry, of which a copy



can be admired today in Imbersago. Moreover, by following the Sentiero di Leonardo, you will come across many sites of artistic and historical interest: the **MONASTERY OF SANTA MARIA DEL LAVELLO** in Calolziocorte, the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** and the **SANCTUARY OF SANTA MARIA DELLA ROCCHETTA** in Paderno d'Adda, the **TACCANI HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION** in Trezzo sull'Adda, the **WORKERS' VILLAGE OF CRESPI D'ADDA** and many other sites of cultural interest.

The Sentiero di Leonardo can be covered on foot or by bicycle, including with children, and is mostly accessible for wheelchairs.

Experiences for "WAYFARERS"

Our environmental hiking guides will accompany you along the most beautiful stages of the **SENTIERO DEL VIANDANTE** as you discover together the most interesting sites and most beautiful landscapes of Lake Como and the surrounding mountains.

What's more, with our mountain bike instructors, you will also be able to cover part of the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO** by bicycle to enjoy exciting and fun experiences on two wheels that will make your stay in Lecco unique!



Discover the experiences to be enjoyed along the Vie del Viandante!

What is the best way to visit the territory of Lecco, if not by bicycle?

Cycling tourism is a **SUSTAINABLE AND RELAXING** way of exploring an area: a slow and environmentally aware form of mobility that will keep you active during your holiday along routes replete with nature and history, from the lake to the mountains. Every ride allows you to experience the beauty of the territory in an authentic way, respecting the environment and the local inhabitants.

LECCO IS CYCLING ROUTES FOR SLOW AND SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

In the province of Lecco, you will find **CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ROUTES** suitable for all, from cycling enthusiasts looking for peaceful trips to sportier cyclists and experts seeking tougher challenges. With routes that vary from simple “waterside” rides to more technical climbs in mountain areas, every cycling tourist will find the perfect ride for their needs with the guarantee of an experience rich in excitement and fun!





One lakeside cycling and pedestrian route runs from the centre of the city towards the north to **ORSA MAGGIORE**: it is a particularly panoramic cycling tourism that offers unique views of the lake and the surrounding mountains.

If you head south, on the other hand, you could continue beyond the **AZZONE VISCONTI BRIDGE** to the Manzoni district of Pescarenico, past the Addio Monti Park in the direction of Milan, following the **SENTIERO DI LEONARDO**: a 79 km cycling and pedestrian route

along the **ADDA RIVER**, made up of historical and cultural sites like the historic hamlet of **BRIVIO** with its riverside path, **LEONARDO'S FERRY** in Imbersago and the **SAN MICHELE BRIDGE** in Paderno d'Adda, a masterpiece of iron engineering.

Another simple cycling tourism route suitable for all is the **ANELLO DEI LAGHI**, or the Ring of Lakes, a route of around 20 km that surrounds the lakes of Garlate and Olginate, with a marvellous view of the mountains, starting right in the heart of the city of Lecco: it can be done in a day



as a family or with friends, spending time in the fresh air in a fun and relaxing way!

On the other hand, if you are looking for a route at a higher altitude, the trail for you is the **CYCLE ROUTE OF VALSASSINA**, a simple, very pleasurable and clearly signposted journey of 13 km that departs from Barzio and offers a peaceful ride alongside the **PIOVERNA RIVER**, immersed in the very beautiful landscapes of the valley.



Experiences to be enjoyed ON A BICYCLE

CERTIFIED MOUNTAIN BIKE GUIDES will take you on a journey of discovery of the territory of Lecco along exciting routes with different altitudes, degrees of difficulty and journey times suitable for every level of training.

Challenging slopes, adrenaline-charged climbs and descents amidst nature and woods, at least as long as the autumnal weather permits: we await your visit with many experiences that will take you on a journey of discovery of Lecco and its territory from a perspective that is always new!



Scan the QRcode and discover all the experiences that can be enjoyed on the saddle of your bike!

Lecco seeks to promote **SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE TOURISM**, attentive to the needs of people and families.

In this way, in synergy with a number of associations that operate on the territory, **EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE** are promoted that enable anyone to experience a peaceful and safe holiday without neglecting excitement and fun.

Many different activities are promoted for all tastes and needs: treasure hunts for **FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN** in the city or in the woods; workshops to learn about nature through wild animals and plants; botanical and naturalistic routes for adults and children; cultural and hiking trails equipped for **PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES**, such as the blind, visually impaired or those with motor disabilities.

LECCO IS HOLIDAY AND LEISURE TIME EXPERIENCES, FOR EVERYONE

A territory that seeks to “break down the barriers”, making its beauties available to as many people as possible.



Scan the QRcode and discover
all the experiences awaiting you!

A territory cannot exist without its people and you will meet all of us in Lecco! We are tourist, mountain, environmental and cycling tourism guides but, first and foremost, lovers of and experts on our territory.

Every day, we create **EXPERIENCES SUITABLE FOR EVERYONE** for you to discover the wealth of the territory of Lecco: cycling routes by the lake and in the mountains, naturalistic and educational treks in our Alps and Alpine foothills, artistic and cultural tours of the city, lessons on the lake to learn the basics of water sports.

LECCO IS
**ITS PEOPLE, WHO WILL
 TELL YOU ABOUT AND HELP YOU
 EXPERIENCE THE TERRITORY**

All designed to make your stay in Lecco entertaining, exciting and, above all, unforgettable!

Come with us and discover the history, the anecdotes, the curiosities and the marvels hidden in the unmissable panoramas of Lecco. **UNIQUE EXPERIENCES OF NATURE AND CULTURE** to be experienced in the territory of Lecco in all its aspects!



GET INSPIRED - ART AND CULTURE

A DAY AT THE MUSEUM: DISCOVERING THE LECCO AREA THROUGH HISTORY AND SCIENCE!

THE TERRITORY OF LECCO IS AN EXPLOSION OF COLOUR AND NATURE THAT CAN BE ENJOYED IN EVERY SEASON. BUT WHAT TO DO WHEN THE TEMPERATURE DROPS OR WHEN IT RAINS ALL DAY? THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE: A TRIP TO THE MUSEUM!



THE MAGIC OF THE CELESTIAL VAULT IN PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO

Palazzo Belgiojoso houses the Natural History Museum, the Archaeological Museum, the Historical Museum and the city Planetarium: a journey through human knowledge for all tastes and all ages! The Planetarium, in particular, is an unmissable experience for anyone who wants to learn about the marvels of the sky: during the year, events are organised for both adults and children, such as projections in the dome and observation



THE BOND WITH THE MOUNTAIN IN PALAZZO DELLE PAURE

In Palazzo delle Paure, contemporary art merges with local history: the section dedicated to the mountain celebrates the profound bond between Lecco and its majestic peaks and rocky walls. And inside the Osservatorio Alpinistico Lecchese, you will find a climbing wall where children can test their skills as “little spiders”!



A JOURNEY BACK IN TIME ALONG A SILK THREAD

Lecco's past is closely linked to silk spinning. In Garlate, the ABEGG Silk Museum is housed in an eighteenth-century spinning mill on the shore of the lake immersed in a mulberry garden while, in Abbazia Lariana, you can visit the Monti Civic Silk Museum in an imposing mill dating from the start of the nineteenth century. In the two museums, you can discover equipment and machinery once used to process silk, from the silkworm to the fabric, with teaching workshops for all ages.

GET INSPIRED - THE TYPICAL PRODUCTS

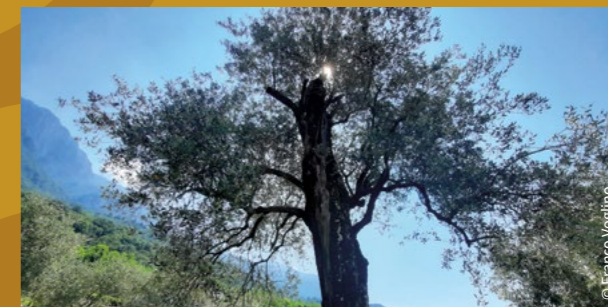
A FOOD AND WINE JOURNEY TO DISCOVER LOCAL PRODUCTS

THE LECCO BRANCH OF LAKE COMO IS RENOWNED NOT ONLY FOR ITS SPLENDID PANORAMAS BUT ALSO FOR ITS TYPICAL PRODUCTS, MADE UNIQUE BY THE REGION'S EXTRAORDINARY BIODIVERSITY AND THE COMMITMENT OF LOCAL PRODUCERS TO PRESERVING TRADITIONS.



Winegrowing for the production of the **PROTECTED GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATION WINE "TERRE LARIANE"** around Lake Como and on the Brianza hills has ancient roots, with two main production areas: the Brianza hills in the Montevecchia and Curone Valley Park and the Upper Lake. Thanks to renewed interest, local productions have obtained major acknowledgement, such as the "Terre Lariane" Typical Geographical Location label in 2008.

EXTRA VIRGIN OLIVE OIL D.O.P. "LAGHI LOMBARDI - LARIO" has a tradition of quality stretching back to the Lombard era. Today, the municipalities of Varenna, Perledo and Bellano produce a highly-esteemed oil thanks to a microclimate that protects the plants from frosts and summer



heat, while harvesting by hand and cold pressing preserve the taste and aromas. The bright green coloured oil with low acidity has enjoyed Protected Origin Denomination status since 1998. The Biosio mill in Bellano is the only one on the eastern shore of the lake and uses advanced technologies to ensure a high quality product.

Lake Como **HONEY** has unique characteristics due to the climate, mitigated by the lake, and the rich biodiversity of the territory, which offers bees a wide variety of flowers during the entire growing season. The honeys produced include acacia or black locust, chestnut, lime, millefiori and honeydew or more niche products, such as raspberry, rhododendron and ailanthus, with acacia one of the most popular for its delicate scent and its vanilla-like and ephemeral aroma.

LECCO IS

EVENTS THAT ENLIVEN THE CITY AND ITS TERRITORY

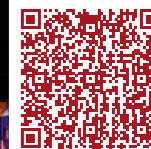


IN LECCO, CHRISTMAS IS... MAGICAL!

Why visit Lecco at Christmas time? Because the city becomes magical! At **CHRISTMAS**, Lecco is transformed: illuminations and sparkling decorations line the roads, the shop windows are dressed festively and the atmosphere is filled with joy and warmth. The historic centre comes to life and the main squares become meeting points for adults and children, thanks to attractions and events to entertain the whole family: concerts, traditional events, Christmas shows, stalls and activities for children.



Scan the QRcode and
discover all the events!



The city is coloured with the by now famous **LIGHTS ON LECCO**: a display of video mapping projections on the palaces of the historic centre that create a fairy tale Christmas atmosphere that delights adults and makes children dream!

Moreover, in Lecco, a popular nursery rhyme accompanies the celebration of **SAN NICOLÒ**, patron saint of the city, celebrated on the 6th of December: "*San Nicolò porta i pomm. Sant'Ambroeus i ha fa coeus, la Madonna i ha pelaa; el Bambin i ha mangià!*", in English, the rhyme goes: *Saint Nicholas brings us apples, Saint*

Ambrose cooks them, the Virgin Mary peels them; Baby Jesus eats them! This nursery rhyme celebrates the **TRADITION OF THE APPLES** of Saint Nicholas. According to the legend, in the fourth century Bishop Nicholas gave three apples to three poor children who had nothing to eat. During the night, the apples turned into gold, saving the families from poverty.

Still today, on the night of the 5th of December, the children of Lecco wait excitedly for an apple "dressed" as Saint Nicholas, an omen of prosperity and hope for the future!



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LOCAL EVENTS AND TRADITIONS: THE CULTURAL SOUL OF THE TERRITORY OF LECCO

The traditions of the territory of Lecco unveil its cultural and historical soul.

These events are more than simple celebrations: they are times of festivity and sharing that bring people together, keeping community roots and local stories alive.

One of these great traditions is the **LECCO CARNIVAL**, which originated in 1884 and is an explosion of gaiety, colour and music. The festivities include the coronation of King Resegone and Queen Grigna, chosen from among the outstanding members of the community: these “rulers”, symbols of the local mountains, receive the keys to the city from the mayor and take part in a procession on board a horse-drawn carriage.



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“PREMANA RIVIVE L'ANTICO”

(Premana brings the ancient back to life) is a traditional event that goes beyond a simple historical re-enactment: it is an authentic journey into the collective memory of Premana, a small Valsassina hamlet. Every two years in October, the whole community is transformed as it showcases local traditions and ancient crafts. During the event, Premana truly becomes a place outside time, where artisan and cultural traditions come back to life, drawing in every corner of the village.

In **BELLANO**, on the 5th of January every year, celebrations are held to mark “**PESA VEGIA**”, rooted in a centuries-old tradition. In 1605, the people of Bellano asked the Spanish governor to restore the old unit of measurement, the ‘Pesa Vegia’ or old weight, which was more advantageous for local trade. Since then, the community has commemorated that episode every year with a historical procession that includes the Three Wise Men. Bonfires light up the pier and scenes of ancient life that mix the sacred and the profane. This tradition is so deeply rooted in the hearts of the people of Bellano that not even the pandemic could stop it.

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