



Villa d'Este
Cernobbio, Lake Como, Lombardy

“When you write of two happy lovers, let the story be set on the banks of Lake Como” wrote Franz Liszt. Here on magical Lake Como is Villa d'Este - the most wonderfully appointed hotel where guests are treasured with an ease and formality quite unique and utterly memorable.



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Villa d'Este was originally built in 1568 as the summer residence for Cardinal Tolomeo Gallio and was the favourite playground of an Empress, an English Queen and many aristocrats. In 1873 it was transformed into a luxury hotel and has been continuously updated and renovated and today provides the ultimate in modern luxury whilst maintaining its enchanting old-world charm and character and the intimacy of a private home.

For centuries the magic of Lake Como has been a fountain of inspiration to poets, artists and musicians from Shelley, Virgil and Byron to Bellini, Verdi and Puccini. Since then many famous movie stars such as Greta Garbo, Elizabeth Taylor and Gary Cooper have stayed at Villa d'Este – a place which is considered by many as so much more than a hotel with its luxury and magnificence of a bygone era perfectly combined with every modern comfort one could wish for.

Of the 152 guest rooms at Villa d'Este no two are alike in either size or décor! All are spacious and elegant with antique furniture, luxurious linens and marble bathrooms. Views vary from those looking across the lake to others onto the park and magnificent gardens but all are beautifully appointed to the very highest of standards.

The professional yet friendly service of all the staff at Villa d'Este is second to none. Guests are treated with a wonderful formality and ease which is rarely found. The terrace overlooking the lake is 'heaven on earth' and it is difficult to draw oneself away from this magical setting looking across the glistening water sipping on a glass of Pinot Grigio or chilled Prosecco from the Canova Bar with its evening piano bar in the summer months. Dining at Villa d'Este is mouth watering with a choice of venues: the Veranda Restaurant is elegant and formal overlooking the lake and gardens whilst the Grill Restaurant is more casual offering regional cuisine and the Pool Bar serves light meals and salads at lunchtime.

Activities at Villa d'Este are never-ending and one is spoilt for choice be it tennis, treatments in the award winning Beauty Centre, golf at the Villa d'Este Golf Club or water activities on the lake. If you can draw yourself away from Villa d'Este then there are plenty of sightseeing possibilities with visits along Lake Como to Bellagio, Villa



Balbanello and Villa Carlotta and further afield are Lugano, Lake Maggiore, Bergamo and much more.

A stay at Villa d'Este is unforgettable and you certainly won't wish to leave. The magic of Lake Como, the beauty of the gardens and surroundings, the enchanting and relaxing atmosphere of this stunning patrician villa and exceptional service from all the staff is legendary. As Herb Caen wrote, "The precise location of heaven on earth has never been established but it may very well be right here."

Information

Services:

- B&B
- Daily newspaper
- Mini bar
- Free WI-FI internet access
- Colour satellite TV
- Pay per view movies
- Private parking & garage
- 24hr concierge service
- 24hr valet service
- baby sitting on request

Accommodation:

- 152 Bedrooms located in Cardinal Building & Queen's Pavilion comprising double rooms, junior suites and suites – all are different in size & decor

General:

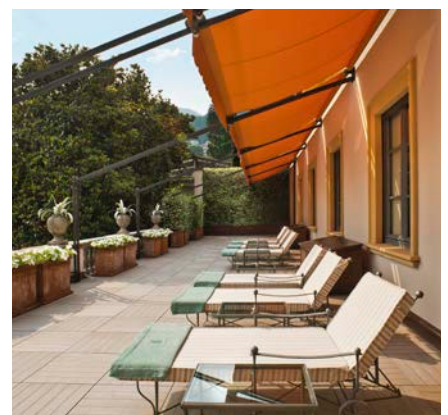
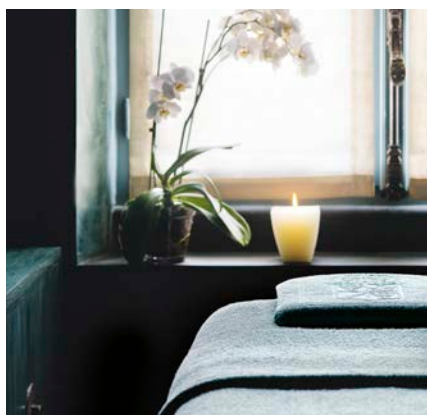
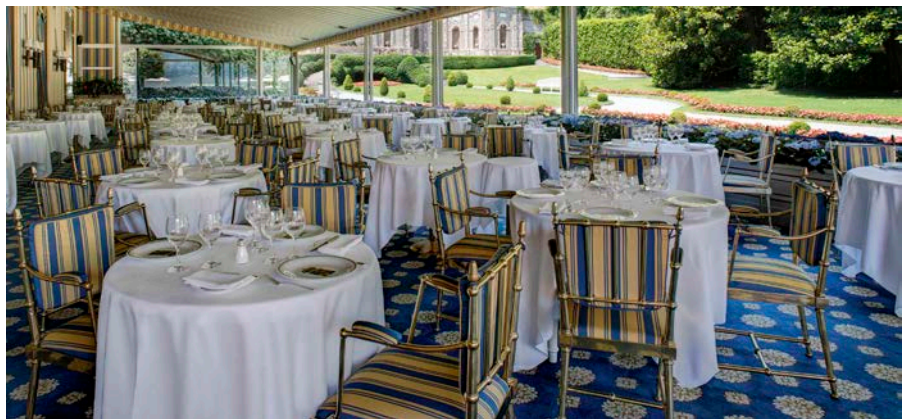
- Veranda Restaurant
- Grill Restaurant (outdoor dining available at both restaurants)
- Pool Bar
- Canova Bar
- 12 Function rooms
- Outdoor Heated pool on the lake
- Children's pool
- Indoor pool
- 8 tennis courts
- 1 squash court
- Sauna & steam room
- Jogging track
- Boat hire & Private boat trips with driver
- Windsurfing
- Sailing
- Canoeing & water skiing
- Beauty Centre
- Several 18 hole golf courses within short drive of Villa d'Este
- Cooking lessons and wine tasting available on request

Transport:

- Airports at Milan Malpensa 60 mins
- Milan Linate 90 mins
- Train station Como San Giovanni 15 mins

Local Interest:

- Como
- Bellagio
- Villa Carlotta
- Villa Balbianello
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- Varenna
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