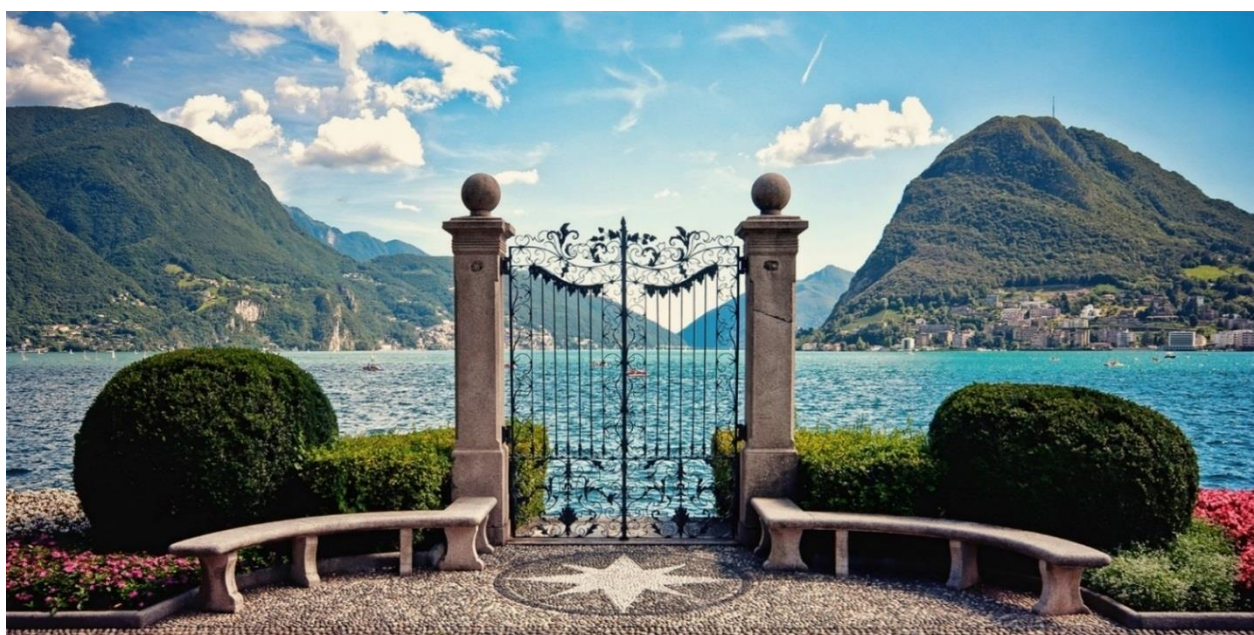




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Activities' Suggestions in Lugano Region



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LUGANO TOUR



Interesting guided walks through the city centre of Lugano offer visitors the opportunity to discover the traditional and cultural aspects of the region. The topic of the tour can be personalised for the group and possibilities include a classic tour, Lugano and its Monuments, Lugano's parks and gardens, or Lugano and Gastronomy.

Click [here](#) to discover our guided tours.

WINE TASTING



No meal would be complete without a glass or two of the award-winning “Merlot del Ticino” wine. Tastings and guided tours are offered by about 30 wineries across the Lake Lugano region. Some of them are in traditional cellars carved into the mountain rock, some in stylish new and more modern establishments, but equally enjoyable wineries. In the various wine cellars of the region, visits usually consist of a short walk through the vineyards, a visit to the cellar and its aging barrels, an explanation of the different wine-making techniques and conclude with an actual wine tasting. This activity is ideal for smaller groups or for families, while larger groups could be split into visits of different cellars.

Click [here](#) for all wineries in Lugano and surroundings.

ITINERARIES ON LAKE LUGANO



Sailing under the palm trees and clear skies around the Lake Lugano on both the Swiss and Italian territory could be a nice relaxing daily activity for families and business people.

The Lake Lugano Navigation Company offers a solution for every taste: a tour in the bay of Lugano every hour, a morning and a midday cruise, a panoramic cruise, one to Italy (Porlezza) and the Grand Scenic tour. A cruise could easily be combined with the visit of several mountains, the major highlights in the region and some typical fishing villages that have one of the 30 docks on the lake.

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MORCOTE

The shady arcades, the characteristic little alleys, the wonderful Italian villas, and interesting monuments as well as luxuriant sub-tropical vegetation all make Morcote the pearl of the Ceresio Region. A very well-known tourist centre situated on the lake's edge, Morcote is one of the most visited places in Ticino and possesses incredible artistic monuments. It has 404 steps leading up to the impressive Renaissance Baroque church of "Santa Maria del Sasso", considered to be the masterpiece of the Pre-Alps Region. From its terraced cemetery, commanding views over the Italian part of Lake Lugano as well as the Medieval "Capitano Tower" can be enjoyed.



Click [here](#) for more information about our tour in Morcote.

GANDRIA

Gandria is a romantic fishing village anchored to the steep lake side at the foot of Monte Bré. It is situated about 5 km from Lugano. The centre of the village, which is closed to traffic, is comprised of houses, built into the mountain side, which are reached by very steep steps and narrow lanes. Some of the houses date back to the 16th and 17th centuries and are decorated with frescoes and decorative stucco. In the centre of the village can be found the 16th century church San Virgilio, with its sumptuous Baroque interior and its tall medieval bell tower. Last, but not least, Gandria offers wonderful vistas and a surrounding “landscape of dreams”.



Click [here](#) for more information about our tour in Gandria.

LUGANO-CAPRINO-GANDRIA

Take the boat service across the lake to Caprino and from there walk along the lakeside to Cantine di Gandria, where you can visit the Museo Doganale (Customs Museum, free entrance). Once you have seen the museum wait for the boat which will take you to Gandria in just a few minutes. Take a stroll through this picturesque old fishing village and savour some of the delicious local cuisine in a typical restaurant. The lakeside walk from Gandria to Lugano, amidst palm and olive trees, is aptly named “Sentiero degli Olivi” (Olive Grove Path).



Click [here](#) for tour hours and further information.



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MOUNTAINS & LANDSCAPES

MONTE BRÈ



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Visitors to Monte Brè can enjoy a glorious view over the bay of Lugano, its surroundings and the Swiss Alps. The funicular, which has been restored to the original 1912 design, will take you to one of the sunniest places in Switzerland which offers a wide variety of itineraries, each one different in terms of beauty and difficulty. At the summit, visitors will find various restaurants and panoramic terraces.

Within only a short walk you can explore a charming village with its outdoor walking museum of artistic works.

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Majestic San Salvatore rises into the sky of Lugano, offering a unique view of the lake, the Lombardic plain and the magnificent range of the Swiss and Savoy Alps. This attractive place, is known for business meetings and private functions. The restaurant combines gastronomic pleasures with moments of leisure in a nature park famous for its flora. A small museum and a romantic church are also waiting for you.

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Mount Tamaro is one of the most appreciated spots of the region and supplies Alpine emotions at a stone's throw from the city with a unique view of the pre-Alpine landscape, lakes and the snowy peaks of the Alps.

The "Monte Tamaro" mountain is located in the Lugano-Bellinzona-Locarno triangle. From Rivera, which is easily accessible by car and public transport, a convenient cableway whisks you up to Alpe Foppa at 1,530 metres above sea-level. With its big restaurant, and the Church of S. Maria degli Angeli (designed by the architect Mario Botta), Alpe Foppa is also the starting point for walks with panoramic views as well as being home to an innovative play park for kids, Flying Fox and a new track for Downhill fans.

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Mount Lema is the most majestic summit of Italian Switzerland. Its natural green terrace overlooks the Southern valleys of Ticino, the Lake of Lugano, the Valleys of Luino and of Lake Maggiore.

Mount Lema offers a close view of mountain life: it's possible to meet Scottish cows along the way, discover ancient iron mines, taste fresh milk from the pastures, walk across broad pasturelands and take in the suggestive atmosphere of the characteristic villages of Malcantone. Thanks to its climate, and its natural environment, Mount Lema is the ideal starting base to experience the magic of paragliding and riding your mountain bike on uncontaminated routes, letting yourself go in free down hills.



MOUNTAIN PATHS

Lugano is at the center of a region which guarantees a wide range of excursions of all kinds in every season of the year. The efficiency of the urban and extra-urban transport system makes it very easy and fun to plan a trip.

Discover [here](#) our walking excursions.

PARKS & GREEN AREAS

PARCO CIANI

A short walk from the lively center of Lugano lies the Parco Ciani, a destination for many tourists who come there to admire what is considered one of the most beautiful Swiss parks.

Overlooking the lake and, with an area of 63,000 m², this is the Lugano green heart of the city of Lugano. Thanks to its enviable position within walking distance from the city centre, Ciani is the place where the locals and tourists relax, strolling in the shade of century-old trees. The paths meander amongst beautiful flower beds, adorned with statues and fountains, winding through well-kept English style lawns.



PARCO SCHERRER

For the visitors of Morcote a leisurely walk through Scherrer Park is an unforgettable experience. The park stretches from the gates at the waterfront of Lake Lugano, south of the village of Morcote, to the top near the forest's edge. Visitors will be enchanted by the park's typically Mediterranean plants and trees, its artistic and architectonic singularities (Siamese tea-house, Temple of Nefertiti, "Casa Araba", a sun temple, the "Palazzina" and many statues), but above all the numerous wonderful perspectives of the Lake Lugano.





SAN GRATO BOTANICAL PARK

The San Grato Park lies in Carona, between Monte San Salvatore and Monte Arbòstora, approximately 10 km from Lugano. It extends 690 meters above sea level with an exceptional panoramic view across the surroundings over the peak of the alpine chain. The entire park, with its 62'000 square meters, hosts the largest and most varied collection of azaleas, rhododendrons and conifers in the region. The park is also location for a special "art trail": 21 sculptures of local artists are spread throughout its territory. The park also boasts four thematic walks, a restaurant, a children's playground and a large grill area.



ART & CULTURE

LAC – LUGANO ARTE E CULTURA

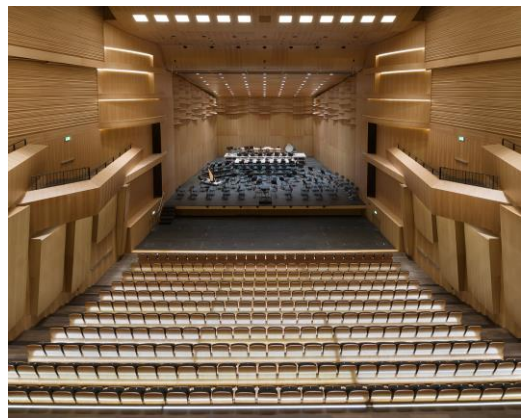
Lugano's new cultural centre, LAC Lugano Arte e Cultura was created with the aim of adding value to the cultural and artistic life of the city and the region. It is endowed with a concert and theatre hall and a museum, the first in the region designed for this purpose.



With a volume of 180,000 m³ the imposing structure rises over the site of the former Palace hotel. The strong point of the LAC's design is its proximity to the lake. The entrance hall (650 m²) which provides access to the theatre and concert hall is a huge window which makes the interface between interior and exterior almost invisible.

LAC –THEATRE AND CONCERT HALL

800 m², 1000 seats, a modular acoustic shell, a disappearing orchestra pit: here is a concert hall that can transform into a theatre and be a venue for any kind of performance, from symphonies to jazz, from opera to musicals, from dance to spoken theatre. Thanks to the collaboration between architect Ivano Gianola and Müller BBM of Munich (leader in the engineering field), the LAC's theatre and concert hall is the perfect combination between architectural aesthetics and acoustic quality.



MUSEO D'ARTE DELLA SVIZZERA ITALIANA (MASI)

The MASI Lugano born by the merging between the Museo Cantonale d'Arte and the Museo d'Arte.

It is based in the LAC and in Palazzo Reali, the historical site of the Museo Cantonale d'Arte. The Museum brings together the City of Lugano and the Canton Ticino's collections, which are complementary: they cover a period of time that goes from ancient times until this day, with a particular attention payed to the Swiss and Italian art scenes in the 19th and in the 20th centuries, making significant inroads into the international context. The new LAC exhibition site is distributed over three floors. It hosts one floor the permanent exhibition, whilst the other floors are devoted to temporary exhibitions, designed to explore modern and contemporary art.



Click [here](#) to find out more about temporary exhibitions, concerts, plays, and opening hours.

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF HERMANN HESSE



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The cemetery of the marvelous Church of St. Abbondio in Gentilino, where the worldwide famous writer/artist is buried, is the first stop of the foot tour, along which some tablets with Hesse's texts have been set.

From there starts an enchanting path, winding through the woods towards the grotti, where Hermann Hesse used to stop and where it is possible to get refreshment before continuing through the woods which lead to Montagnola. In the village, the footpath leads to the houses where Hesse lived: the Casa Camuzzi and the Casa Rossa. Along the way you can admire the wonderful view of Monte San Salvatore, Monte Lema and Monte Brè. This activity could ideally be integrated into a visit of the Hermann Hesse Museum in the Torre Camuzzi.

The Museum hosts precious evidence of Hermann Hesse's last 43 years in Montagnola up until his death. It is at the Camuzzi House that "Klingor's Last Summer", "Siddharta", "Death and the Lover", "Steppenwolf" numerous poems and short stories were written and many watercolors painted.

MUSEUMS IN LUGANO AND SURROUNDINGS

The city and the region of Lugano are a well-known hub of artistic activity between northern and southern Europe.

Find out about all the museums in the Lugano Region [here](#).

OTHER ACTIVITIES & ITINERARIES

MORCOTE AND SWISSMINIATUR

A short transfer on foot or by coach from the hotel to a funicular station, followed by an ascent via funicular to the top of one of the two mountains overlooking Lugano and its lake. There is the choice between Monte Brè and Monte San Salvatore. Return to the city via funicular, followed by a boat transfer to Melide and visit the open air Swissminiatur museum. Continue by boat to Morcote, the pearl of Lake Lugano. Lunch in one of the charming lakeside restaurants. In the afternoon, continue with a guided tour of this quaint village and its monuments, followed by a visit of the Scherrer Park. Return to Lugano by coach or by boat.



SHOPPING AND RELAX

Via Nassa, Lugano's number one shopping destination, accompanies you during your shopping outings with its elegant and sophisticated atmosphere. Shopping in ancient Ticino was rather limited. At least if compared to today's possibilities. In 1800 the basic staples were pasta, rice, oil and candles for lighting, Marseilles soap, clothing and shoes. Wool was often spun at home and produced by one's own sheep; cloth was made from hemp and flax. As to the history of clothing, experts often debate as to its origin.



A list of shops and boutiques in Lugano can be found [here](#).



INCENTIVES & GROUP ACTIVITIES

Lugano Region is the ideal destination for any kind of group program: incentives, team building activities and social programs. A world of emotions is waiting for you, from culinary delights to unspoilt landscapes, from the visit to historic sites to the possibility of cultural and sport activities.

Find out more about the activities and programs here below:

- [Incentives](#): Discover the activities to enjoy your stay in Lugano Region together with your group (e.g. Sightseeing and helicopter flight, food experiences, etc.).
- [Team Building](#): Take part in the special proposals and strengthen the relationship within your team (e.g. Cooking experience, Cruise & Cook, Raft Buildings etc.).
- [Gala](#): Spoil your group with some fancy dinner and food specialty in one of our Region's special locations (e.g. Historical or modern locations, wine cellars etc.).