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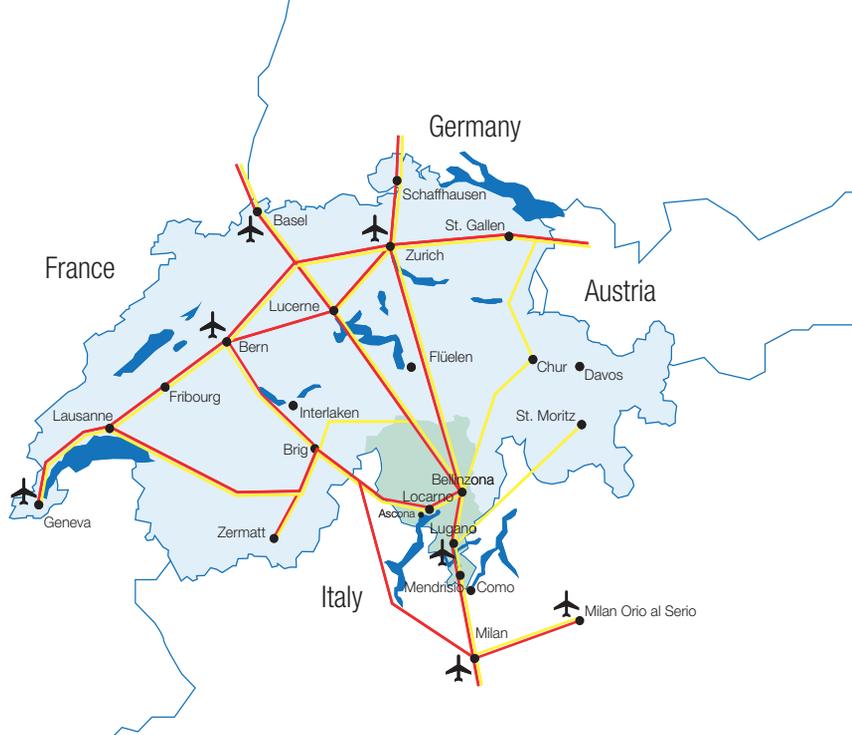
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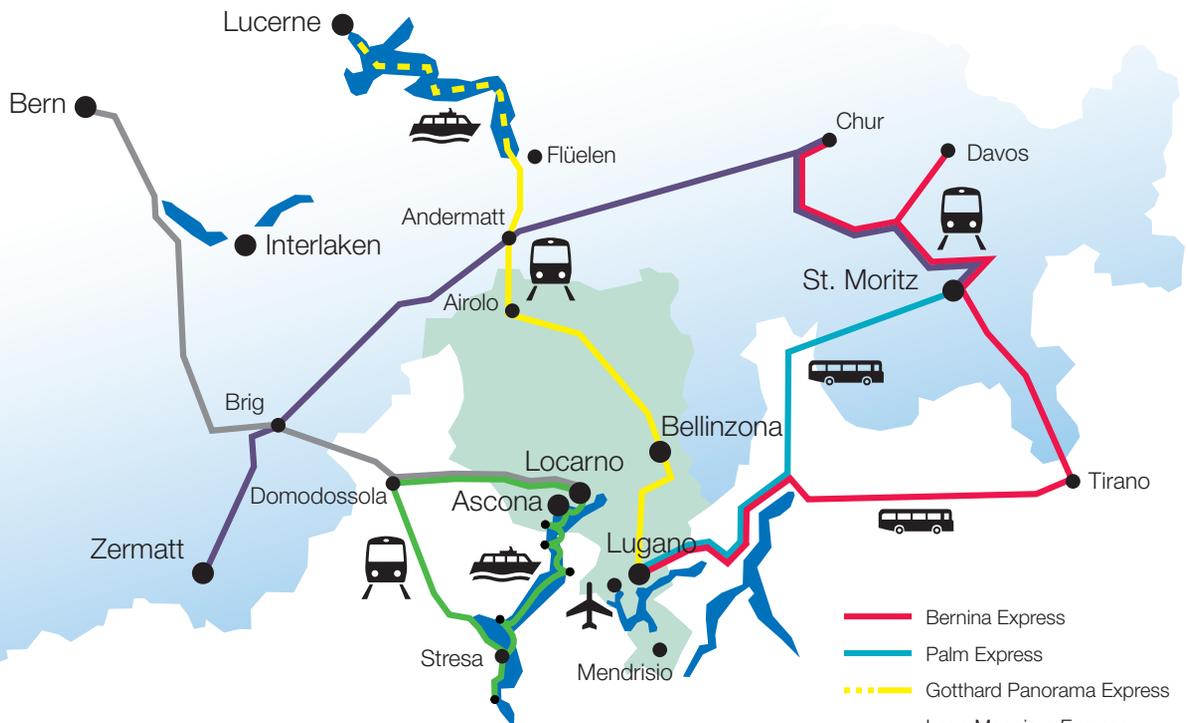


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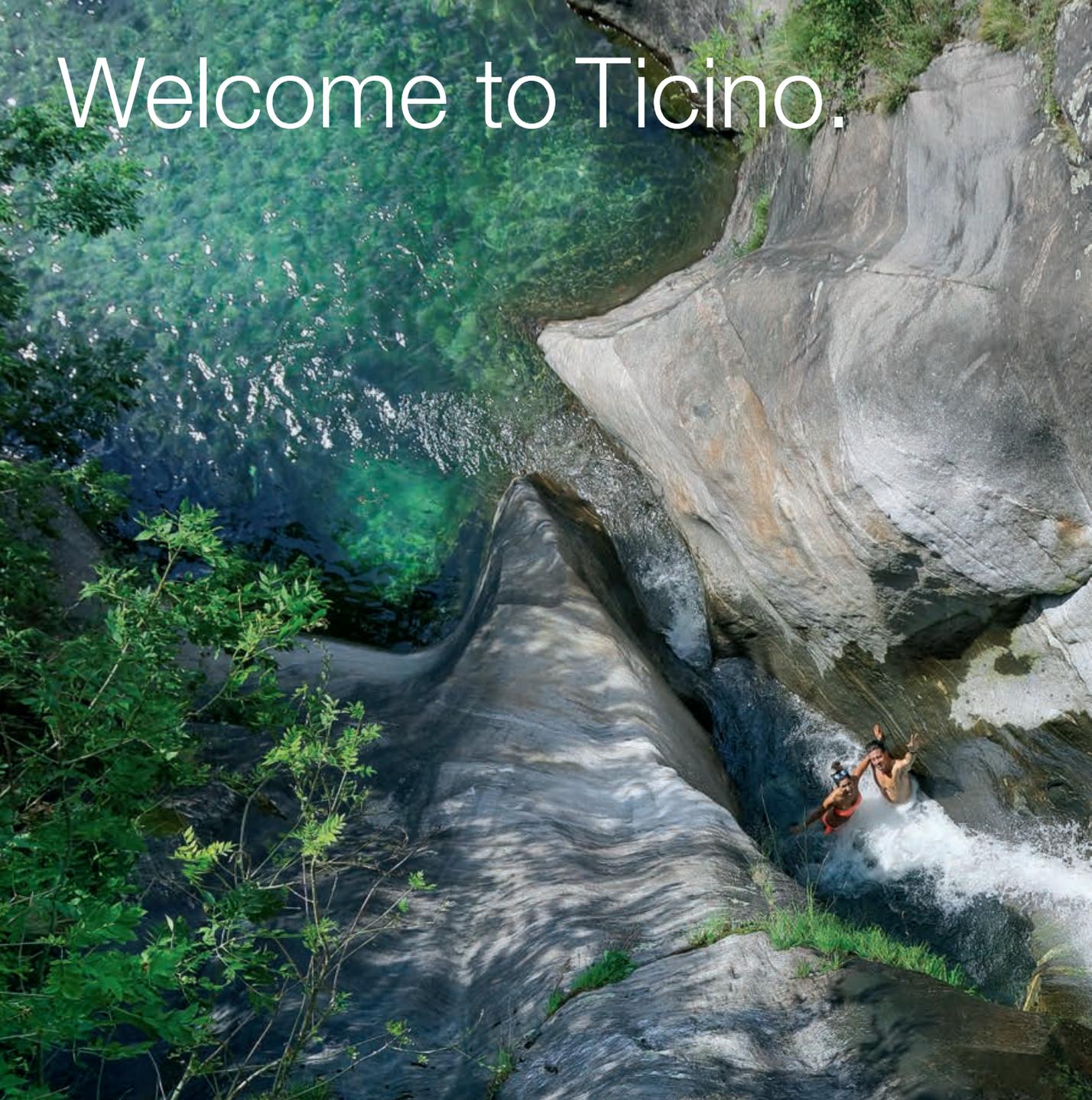
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The beauty of a precious element.





Welcome to Ticino.



Expect to be amazed! First-time visitors to Ticino are bowled over by the beauty of the two largest lakes, surrounded by mountains, woods and picturesque villages. For families wanting to laze beside the water, there is the sandy Lido at Lugano and fun and relaxation on the shores of Lake Maggiore. There are boat excursions to discover the charms of lakeside villages or visit the Islands of Brissago which astonish visitors with the botanical delights of a subtropical microclimate. In Ticino reality can surpass the imagination.

From beaches to cities that combine wellness, water sports, culture and great nightlife, there is something for every taste and budget. You can ride horseback along river banks, lie in the sun on a secluded bay of the river Maggia, or take a dip in the green waters of the river Verzasca. And while





Waterfall of Santa Petronilla, Bellinzona and Upper Ticino

waterfalls enchant the eyes of children, the river Ticino provides a challenge for fishermen, and the most daring (and hardy) can dive into Alpine lakes, oases of purity among the glaciers, where gentians are mirrored in blue waters reflecting crystal clear skies.

There is something about water that meets a subliminal need in the human spirit, whether to gaze at water crashing over rocks at a dramatic fall in a river or sitting quietly beside a glass-still lake. Water relaxes people in a different way from woods or mountains, and there is plenty of opportunity for such communion with nature in Ticino. Ticino is easy to reach: Switzerland lies at the centre of Europe,

positioned on the famous Saint Gotthard railway linking north and south Europe and on the motorway. You will find a wide range of accommodation, from well-equipped campsites to friendly and luxurious hotels, as well as holiday homes for those who prefer to be independent.

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Bellinzona and Upper Ticino.



There is something Tardis like about the Bellinzona region: in a relatively short distance of just over 60 km you can travel from glaciers to palm trees evoking the tropics, from snow-capped peaks to warm paths through lush woods. For such a small area, it encompasses an astonishing variety of habitats and landscapes.

The value and importance of looking after what we have inherited from the past are well understood in the political capital of Ticino, Bellinzona. The town itself preserves the austere grace of a medieval legacy within a lively modern context. Its castles—Montebello, Castelgrande and Sasso Corbaro—are the symbol of the city and a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

The castles' history was forged over centuries of territorial disputes, but their importance was determined by geography: lying at the approach to the



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Saint Gotthard, Lukmanier, Nufenen and San Bernardino passes, they exercised a degree of control matched by few other castles. The River Ticino runs to the west of the town and once made it possible to travel from Castelgrande to Venice by boat.

The best castle to visit for children is Montebello with its working drawbridges and lots of towers, crenellated wall-walks and staircases to explore. Some of the walls at Sasso Corbaro are 4.7 m thick, and the castle contains a fascinating museum of folk art with a beautiful 17th-century panelled room recovered from a house in the Blenio Valley. Ancient and modern are brilliantly combined at Castelgrande where

a striking passageway through the rock leads to a lift to a fine restaurant within the castle.

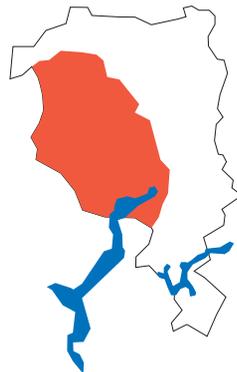
The best-known valleys and sights of the region—the Blenio Valley, the Leventina Valley and the Riviera—attract walkers to their footpaths into landscapes of lakes, Alpine pastures and majestic peaks. Tallest of the lot is Adula—Ticino's highest peak at 3,402 m high, straddling the border of Ticino and Graubünden—while Tencia is the tallest mountain totally within Ticino, at 3,071 m.

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Lake Maggiore and Valleys.



The French novelist Stendahl might have had *la dolce vita* in mind when he wrote: "If you have a heart and a shirt, sell the shirt and visit the locality of Lake Maggiore". The region of Lake Maggiore seems to vie for the award for blending the Latin love of life with Swiss excellence. Even the flora of the region seems exuberant in the subtropical climate of Brissago and its Isles, with blousy camellias and magnolias adding to the Mediterranean fragrances. The lakeshores of Locarno and Ascona are a riot of colour with bright café umbrellas echoing the flowerbeds and small boats. Breakfast on a sunlit terrace overlooking the lake, lunch on the Isles, and dinner "on the Riviera". If this sounds too sybaritic, you can work off the calories in a game of beach volley ball or get the blood racing through seriously close contact with nature by canyoning a river. Or throw yourself off a dam



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wall for the greatest adrenalin rush of a lifetime. After that you will have deserved a lazy evening in the warm waters of the spa or a soothing massage.

Ornithologists or those who simply love wild places should not miss an outing in Gambarogno to the nature reserve of the Bolle di Magadino, a delta landscape which is home to over 240 species of birds and an incredible 388 types of mushroom. An excursion departs from July to August to see the wildlife around the mouth of the river Ticino.

For those in search of solitude, quiet and rough, savage beauty, there are the Onsernone and Maggia Valleys and the long Centovalli stretching into Italy. Even in high sea-

son you can walk among the glorious woods of chestnut, beech and walnut along the Centovalli and not meet a soul. The Verzasca Valley, one of the most visited in the region, is favoured by bathers, scuba divers and the daring, because of its 220 m high dam, ideal for bungee jumping à la James Bond and reaching speeds up to 100 mph. It was here that the opening scene of *GoldenEye* was filmed when Pierce Brosnan took the plunge. A more gentle sight is the medieval twin-arched bridge across the river at Lavertezzo.

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Lake Lugano Region.



Calm or raging, Lake Lugano has its moods, and everyone takes note of its rhythms. The lake is an intrinsic part of life in Lugano, its waters overlooked by thousands of buildings rising up the hillsides. Each day thousands walk its tree-lined promenade which passes through some of the city's parks and green spaces. Many look to the lake for recreation, perhaps taking a boat trip along the shore to have a quiet lunch in a restaurant tucked away in one of Gandria's alleyways and returning to Lugano by the scenic Olive Path. Seeing the lake from a boat gives a very different perspective and helps visitors work out its complex topography. Boats call at 14 piers, many with attractions such as the Swiss Customs Museum at Cantine di Gandria, or the botanical garden of Scherrer Park at the enchanting village of Morcote. But it's hard to beat an evening dinner cruise for romance, watching the sun set over



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the mountains and the shore lights take over from the darkening blue. For swimmers the pool at Lugano Cassarate is only a few meters from the lake, and there are other man-made facilities at Carona and Melide. And then there's wakeboarding, the latest sporting thrill for surfers with feet firmly planted on a board while riding the waves made by the motorboat towing them. To the north west of Lugano lies Malcantone, with its 20 villages located between the Tresa and the Magliasina and on the mountains that back on to Lake Maggiore. Among the treasures of the Malcantone are outstanding Romanesque 13th-century frescoes and the only surviving trip hammer in Ticino, remnant of an iron industry that once flourished in

these improbably buccolic surroundings. Among the attractions at the end of the cablecar on Monte Tamaro are a 51-platform adventure park among the trees and a new 800-metre Alpine Coaster Bob on which you can reach speeds of 50 km/h. But many ascend the mountain to experience one of Switzerland's most spectacular ridge walks, south to Monte Lema for a cablecar down to Migliegla and the PostBus back to Lugano. The views in all directions are sensational.

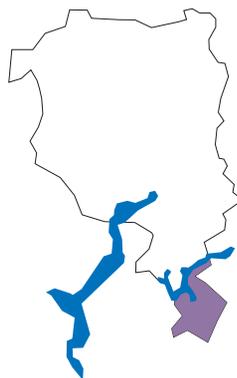
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Mendrisiotto Region.



This part of Ticino lies between the southern shore of Lake Lugano and the Italian border. Hills rise abruptly from the water's edge, providing great walks like that through chestnut woods to the top of pyramid-shaped Monte San Giorgio, which is a World Heritage Site for its fossils of fish from 230 million years ago. A cablecar to Serpiano can take you part of the way. Some of the best fossils can be seen in the Meride fossil museum.

But the region's best-known peak is 1,704-metre-high Monte Generoso, where the summit hotel and restaurant can be reached by a spectacular rack railway from Capolago. Numerous walks through the woods are signposted from the intermediate stations and the summit: there are nature and planet trails, and some of the paths take you past mills, wash-houses, bird-hunting towers and water troughs from a bygone age.



 MENDRISIOTTO
E BASSO CERESIO



A short walk from the same station is Switzerland's oldest surviving Christian building: the baptistry of San Vitale dates from about 500, and the village also boasts one of the country's finest Renaissance buildings in the catholic church of Santa Croce, built in 1588–92.

The Muggio Valley to the north of Mendrisiotto's only large town, Chiasso, is a pristine pre-Alpine valley where in the Breggia Gorge Park there are rapids, waterfalls, striking rock formations and many species of wild flowers.

Music lovers head for Mendrisiotto in June for Festate, the World Culture and Music Festival in the main square of Chiasso. This multi-ethnic journey takes you from Africa to

Latin America, from Europe to the East, through the rhythms of both traditional and innovative sounds. This is followed by Estival Jazz in Mendrisio which unites blues, pop, soul, rock and world music in a series of free open-air concerts. The festival has featured such renowned musicians as Miles Davis, B.B. King, Herbie Hancock, Van Morrison and Yousou N'Dour.

Mendrisio also has Ticino's factory outlet store: FoxTown is an enormous shopping paradise with brand-name products at factory prices.

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Did you know that in Ticino...

- you can enjoy more than 2,170 hours of sun per year? It's one of the sunniest regions of Switzerland!
- clouds are not welcome, even in winter? Between November and February the sun shines on average for 553 hours, compared to 256 hours in Zürich.
- lake shores extend over 160 km? You decide where to dive into the lake!
- you can always keep fit? There are no less than 4,000 km of hiking trails and a number of cycling paths!
- there are 2 sites registered in the UNESCO World Heritage? These refer to the Bellinzona Castles and Monte San Giorgio!
- you can make your own cheese using milk from the Ticino Alps and have it delivered directly to your door once it has matured? At the Caseificio del Gottardo Airolo dairy, in Valle Leventina!
- the famous writer Hermann Hesse resided for many years in the museum dedicated to him which is now one of the most popular in Ticino? You can visit it in Montagnola, just a few minutes away from the centre of Lugano!
- the third most important financial market in Switzerland is found here? Located in Lugano, nicknamed the "little Rio de Janeiro" thanks to its Monte San Salvatore that is reminiscent of the famous "Sugar Loaf Mountain"
- you can find the town that boasts the mildest climate in Switzerland? That very attractive and sunny town is Locarno!
- you can visit all Switzerland in less than 2 hours? At the Swissminiatur in Melide!
- you can find the world's longest and deepest rail tunnel? Through the Gotthard Base Tunnel, which is 57 km long, trains reach peak speeds of up to 250 km/h!
- you can suffer from vertigo? The Ritom cable railway is one of the steepest in the world with a maximum gradient of 87,8%!
- Lake Cadagno is actually made up of 2 lakes one on top of the other? It contains 2 different types of water which never mix!
- you can also speak German? In the Walser village in Bosco Gurin, the highest village in Ticino, situated at 1,506 m!
- you can play the part of James Bond? Practice bungee jumping from the Verzasca dam, where the famous GoldenEye 007 film was set! You can jump off from a height of 220 m: the wildest bungee jump in the world!
- Lugano-Agno airport is the fifth most important in Switzerland, but also the quickest? You can check-in just 20 minutes before your flight!
- you can visit the San Gottardo Museum, the highest in Switzerland? At 2,088 metres above sea level!
- there are over 130 Alpine lakes? Don't forget your swimming costume and fishing rod!
- you can stay at the best camping site in Switzerland? In fact, various European guides have assessed the Campofelice camping site at Tenero as being the best!
- you can go shopping in one of the best outlet centres in the world? Forbes included FoxTown in Mendrisio in its international top ten for factory outlet centres in the world!

Family.



For many families the fun to be had with water is an indispensable part of a holiday, and Ticino offers lots of ways to enjoy this natural element. Close to the lake is Lugano's lido with real sand beach and olympic-sized pool. There are also beach volley courts and a five-a-side football pitch, and many a parent has been thankful for the pedalos and their capacity to work off excess energy. As a measure of how long this stretch of lakeshore has been entertaining visitors, the original structure at the Lido di Caslano beach dates from the 18th century.

There are several ideal destinations for boat trips around Lake Lugano, such as the customs museum and especially

Swissminiatur at Melide, which children adore. Many of Switzerland's most famous buildings and features are reproduced at a scale of 1:25, all served by the ever-efficient trains of Swiss Federal Railways running over 3.5 km of track.

Locarno's constantly mild climate encourages swimming as exercise, and there is lots of space at the lido for children's games.

Banana boats hurtle whooping children through the water, all hoping it will capsize. The flower-filled shoreline is alive with colours and fragrances, encouraging leisurely promenades, perhaps to enjoy the breathtaking views along the mouth of the Maggia with its timeless charm. The eastern side of the



lake, known as Gambarogno, has typical picturesque villages with beaches where you can practise a wide range of water sports.

Children love islands and the adventure of a boat journey to them, so the Isles of Brissago make a perfect excursion. They can be challenged to detect the exotic scents of plants in the subtropical garden, such as the Himalayan cinnamon with its scent of camphor.

Turning inland, the inviting emerald waters of the river Verzasca are sometimes pooled in smooth rock basins like small swimming pools, though they sometimes have unexpected currents so care is needed and posted instructions

followed. Ascona-Locarno makes children feel at home! This is a child-friendly region, with splendid green areas to run around and play and offering many different entertainments and fun games for the whole family.

The region has been awarded with the “Family Destination” quality label by the Swiss Tourism Federation. Proof that this destination is suitable for kids of all ages!

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Castles of Bellinzona.

Bellinzona

The Castles of Bellinzona, which are UNESCO World Heritage Sites, are a magical place where young and old alike will be amazed by the history. In the past, the medieval castles of Castelgrande, Montebello, Sasso Corbaro, and la Murata made up an exceptional fortification system, completely protecting the city and closing off the valley of the River Ticino.



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Falconry.

Locarno

Allow yourself to be enchanted by the world of birds of prey in an environment that respects animals, where you can observe the flight of eagles, falcons and owls close at hand. The falconer illustrates the history of falconry during the event and explains the important role played by birds of prey in maintaining the balance of our entire ecosystem.



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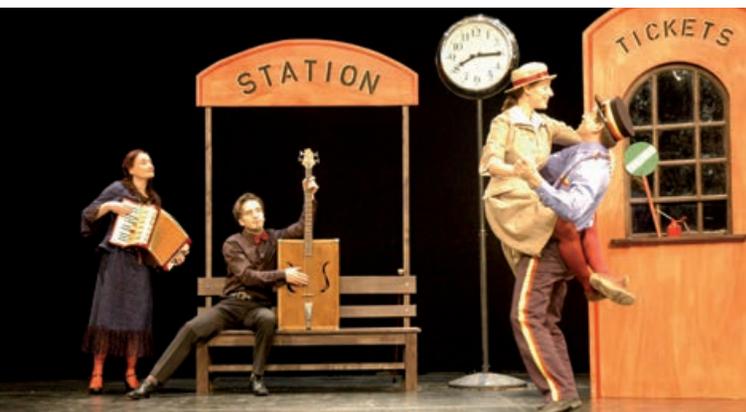
Treasure hunts.

Locarno, Cardada, Brissago Island

Not two, but actually three treasure hunts! Take part in an adventurous excursion with your family. Answer the questions which will lead you to discover all the treasures of the town of Locarno, Cardada and the Brissago Islands. Cardada, the mountain with breathtaking views over Lake Maggiore and the botanical garden on the Brissago Islands, with plants from all five continents.



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Dimitri Theatre, Comic Museum and Clown House.

Verscio

Just a few kilometres from Locarno lies an internationally renowned cultural centre: the Dimitri Theatre, which has a building with two stages, its own school, and a theatrical company. The Museo Comico (Comic Museum), which exhibits more than 600 items nearly from Dimitri the clown's private collection, is a must-see, as are the Casa del Clown (Clown House) and the Parco del Clown (Clown Park).



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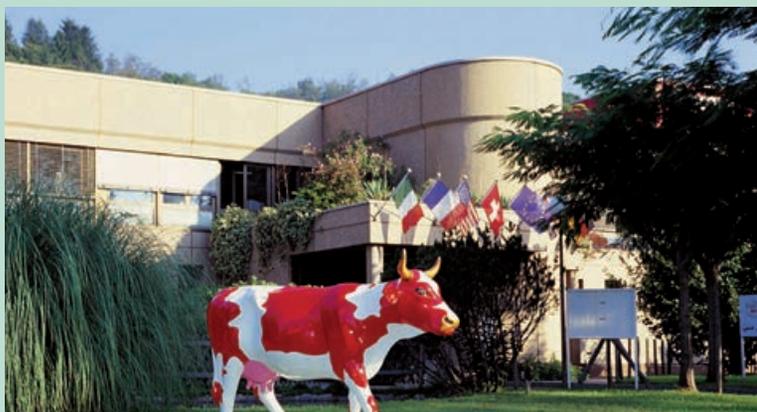
Alprose chocolate museum.

Caslano

The Alprose museum in Caslano tells the story of chocolate and gives an overview of the main stages in its production. Children can take part in its Choco Studio courses, which allow them to create their own, personal bar of chocolate. As well as the museum, on weekdays it is also possible to visit the chocolate factory and discover how the company's delicious chocolate is made in Ticino.



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Swissminiatur.

Melide

Swissminiatur is situated on the splendid shores of Lake Ceresio (Lake Lugano) and hosts more than 120 miniature monuments (scale 1:25) representing Switzerland: castles, churches and cathedrals, patrician houses and 3,560 m of rails with trains, cable railways, cable cars and boats. Recent additions include the Titanic miniature and the Asphalt mines at the Val de Travers.



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Baumgartner Gallery.

Mendrisio

The goal of the Baumgartner Gallery is to preserve private collections of model railways and other kinds of models. Among the items on display are approximately 8,000 models of locomotives and rolling stock, tin toy trains, railway models and dioramas, as well as models of ships and cars. One of the most notable toy trains in the gallery is the oldest one: a model that was made by Märklin in 1891.



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Rivers, lakes and navigation.



Water is the source of life, a precious asset to conserve. The northern part of Ticino stands at the foot of the reservoir of Europe – the alpine region of Saint Gotthard where some of the most important rivers of the Continent are born. The Rhone rises in the Furka region, while the waters of the river Ticino have their origin in the Nufenen region before passing through the Bedretto and Leventina Valleys before eventually flowing into Lake Maggiore through the Bolle of Magadino. It is fed by many tributaries, streams that descend the steep valleys they have carved out over the centuries, creating marvellous waterfalls: a prime example is the Santa Petronilla falls at Biasca which can be seen from trains on the main Saint Gotthard line. But it is the lakes that everyone associates with Ticino, and the convoluted shapes of both Lake Lugano and Lake Maggiore give them an added





interest. Views change constantly as you move around their sinuous shores, though there are some classic view-points that have encouraged the location of settlements and even hotels. The view south down Lake Maggiore from Ascona is one of them, and a luxury hotel is perfectly positioned beside the water to give sublime views along the mountain slopes that flank the lake.

The shape of Lake Lugano is even more complicated, and like Maggiore it has an arm that crosses the border with Italy. The great peninsula of Monte San Salvatore and Monte Arbostora offers dramatic vantage points to appreciate the lake's topography. A funicular takes you to the 912 m

summit of San Salvatore and a fine restaurant in an Italianate villa; sitting on the terrace with a glass of local Merlot, the panorama makes it easy to see why visitors return to Lugano year after year.

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Santa Petronilla waterfalls.

Biasca

Santa Petronilla's three main waterfalls are the most awesome of Canton Ticino. The highest is almost 100 m tall; in the lower part the water has sculpted pools in the rock which are greatly appreciated by bathers. The waterfall divides into two sections in the last stage, forming a water effect that is similar to a tie. It can be reached by walking 30 minutes from Piazza Centrale in Biasca.

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The Way of Water.

Morobbia Valley

"The Way of Water" is a route for an educational walking tour created by the local city-owned companies and the Morobbia Valley Regional Authorities. It features 9 explanatory panels complete with photographs that show how energy is produced. Walkers following the route will discover the impressive work done by humans in the area, and from the Stagno Mountains there are incomparable views of the surrounding heights and the Magadino plain.

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Tour of the three lakes.

Bosco Gurin

After sitting comfortably on a chair lift that will take you up to 2,000 metres above sea level, you will come to the start of a route through exceptionally beautiful surroundings with incredible biodiversity. After going through areas that were once settled by Walser families and a large valley with rocky cliffs, one by one you will come across three glacial lakes that lie at an altitude of 2,400 metres.

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Brissago Islands.

Lake Maggiore

Each island has its own treasure: 1,700 species of plants and flowers from 5 continents. Breathe deeply from the villa's terrace immersed in this Garden of Eden. The mild climate at Lago Maggiore is unique in Switzerland, and enables subtropical plants to flourish in the open air on Isola Grande, the large island.



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Bolle di Magadino natural reserve.

Magadino

The Bolle di Magadino are an important naturalistic heritage and are situated between the mouth of Verzasca and Magadino and represent the only river mouth in a lake that has retained its natural condition south of the Alps. The bolle have a wealth of aquatic and land biotopes in various phases of their evolution and include more than 300 bird species. The bolle host an abundant fauna and flora.



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Acqua Ripensata Footpath.

Sessa

A route that is designed to enhance historical vestiges and natural environments, the Acqua Ripensata Footpath proposes interesting observations on the relationships between water and man in the past and in the present. The footpath is accessible to everyone, this open air educational laboratory is especially appropriate for schools and families, is an excellent interdisciplinary experience.

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Astano lake.

Astano

Astano lake is one of the top tourist attractions of Malcantone and is ideal for all ages. In fact, the small waterside resort nestled in the green landscape offers something for everyone, whether for a family wanting to relax, or young people wanting to party and listen to music.



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Sailing and cruises.

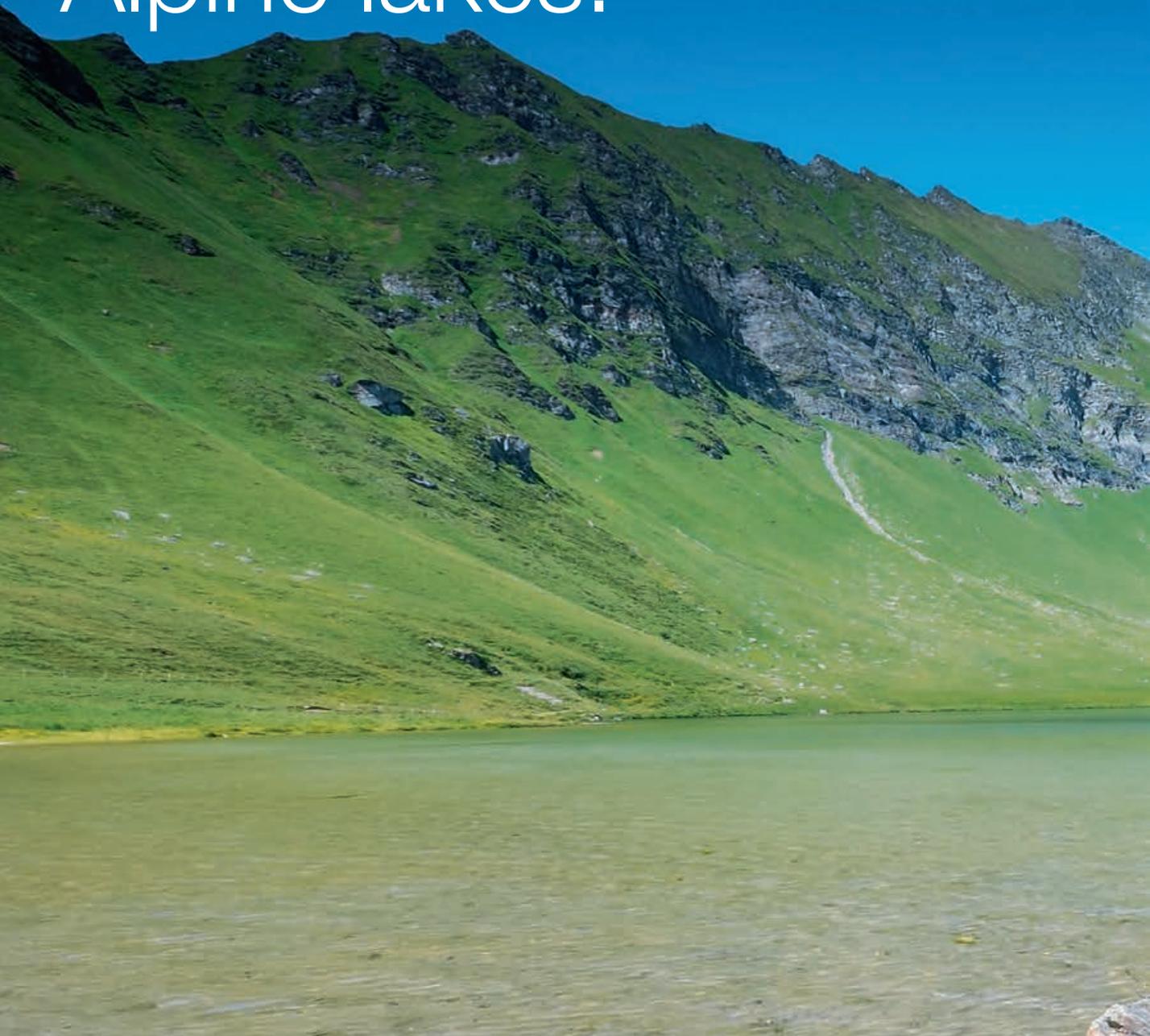
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Sailing in this area is a fabulous, unique experience. As soon as the boat leaves the shore, the landscape begins to change: there are expansive views and picturesque villages (Ascona, Bissone, Gandria, Morcote) are reflected in the water. You can enjoy this unforgettable experience with the Navigazione Lago di Lugano and the Navigazione Lago Maggiore, or by hiring one boat on offer from the many smaller companies.

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Alpine lakes.



Swiss Federal Railways can make the proud boast that its trains are powered by renewable energy, and this achievement is thanks to Alpine lakes. Their waters have been harnessed to generate hydro-electricity, and one of the earliest plants was in the Piora Valley. At 2,000 m above sea level, artificial lakes serve the power plants in the midst of mountains circled like an amphitheatre, amid gentians, crocuses, marmots and ibex. The main one is lake Ritom, a turquoise body of water formed by a dam, stocked with prized fish like trout and char. It can be reached by one of the steepest funiculars in the world, built in the 1910s and opened to the public in 1921. Further along the 8 km alpine valley you will find lake Cadagno, a great rarity because its water is stratified into two separate layers which never mix, a phenomenon known as meromixis. It is studied in the nearby Centre for





Alpine Biology, but for visitors the appeal is the lush alpine pastures which bloom with myriad colours from mid-June until the beginning of August.

From nearby Rodi-Fiesso, a cablecar takes you to lake Tremorgio at 1,850 m, which has a strange shape: it looks as if it has been formed by a giant ball—perhaps a meteorite centuries ago—and the beauty of the place is truly special. When the pastures are in bloom and marmots mount guard, tiny lake Salei in the Onsernone Valley gleams and sparkles in the sunlight in a setting of profound silence. The valley can be reached by PostBus from Locarno station or from Cavigliano station on the spectacular Centovalli railway.

The valley is punctuated with villages where time seems to have stood still, and it has become a popular place for artists who find inspiration in the surrounding chestnut woods.

Another PostBus also serves the Bavona Valley, parts inhabited only in summer, and San Carlo where a cablecar ascends to Robiei, close to the Basodino glacier, the peaks of the Marchhorn and the Cristallina and its pass into the Bedretto Valley to the west of Airolo.

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Lake Orsino, Orsirora e Valletta.

Gotthard Region

The Lucendro dam can be reached from the Gotthard Pass, following a short stretch of road and then the footpath to reach lake Orsino. From here the route climbs along extensive pastures to lake Piccolo Orsino then on to the Orsirora lake and the Valletta lake. The route descends to Lucendro from this point, where a road leads back to the dam.

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Lake Leità and lake Tremorgio.

Leventina Valley

The cablecar can be taken to reach the Tremorgio alpine lake or the demanding ascent can be tackled starting from Rodi-Fiesco or from the Mascengo-Prato Leventina waterfall. The time to complete the route is approximately 2h30'. Lake Leità is situated behind the refuge of the same name and can be reached from Tremorgio, by walking for a further 1h30'.

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Lake Cadagno, lake Ritom.

Leventina Valley

The dam can be reached from Piotta and from lake Ritom using the cable railway. The footpath begins from here and skirts around the lake and branches off through an attractive wood; you abandon the footpath at the end of the lake until you reach the refuge, then a descent leads to lake Cadagno. The route continues along the road that skirts the opposite side of lake Ritom.

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Lake Cadàbi.

Blenio Valley

The Luzzzone Dam is reached from Campo Blenio, and then the Compietto dam further along the road. From here you travel through the Carassino Valley until you reach the Adula refuge. The route climbs to the feet of the glacier's moraine, the river is crossed and then lake Cadàbi is reached by ascending broad stony ground.

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Lake Saléi.

Onsernone Valley

Follow the carriage road from Vergeletto up to Zött where the cable car ascends up to the Saléi lodge that provides refreshment and accommodation facilities. The route leads from the lodge, along broad pastures with rhododendrons and sparse larch trees, to the enchanting lake Saléi. Other destinations can be reached from here, for example, Spruga.

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Lake Cavegna.

Onsernone Valley

Follow the carriage road from Vergeletto up to Alpe del Casone, from here the footpath takes you to the Cavegna Pass passing through Alpe di Porcaresc. Lake Cavegna can be reached quickly from the pass, on the slope of the Campo Valley. It is worthwhile taking a short deviation to admire the Cavegna's upper lakes.

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Lake Barone.

Verzasca Valley

Follow the road along the Vegornèss Valley from Sonogno up to Cabiòi. The route follows a footpath that is level at first, becoming progressively steeper and leads to the Barone lodge passing through Corte di Fondo and Piodoo. The route from the lodge continues over broad grassy slopes until it reaches lake Barone set among majestic rocky walls.

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Lake Starlarèsc.

Verzasca Valley

This is one of the most enchanting spots in Ticino. It can be reached by climbing up a demanding red-white path from Brione Verzasca, either via Sgióf (4h20') or Scimarmota (4h45'). As well as the small lake, Starlarèsc is also home to an Alpine hut, where you can take a break or stay the night to enjoy the pure mountain air to the full and admire a stunning view over Poncione d'Alnasca. From Starlarèsc you can also climb the Madom.

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Shores and beaches.



Summer, blue skies, sun, luxurious plants in bloom. Everyone's ideal picture of summer in Ticino, and particularly the shorelines of the lakes. There are numerous places and beaches to spend a relaxing day, reading a book to the sound of gently lapping water. Though the beaches at Lugano, Locarno and Ascona are larger and best known, there are many smaller and quieter coves. Ascona alone has 600 m of sandy beach among its 80 km of lakefront, shaded by centuries-old trees. One of its quieter parts is the Gambarogno, lying on the east side of the lake between the mouth of the river Ticino and the Italian border. Take the boat to the colourful village of Vira and its small harbour. On the opposite side there is the walk from Ascona south to Brissago; choose a footpath above the lake and you will find agave among the dry stone walls and air scented with jasmine.





Lake Lugano has some of the most enchanting places on any European lake. The jewel of Morcote lies like a necklace around the southern tip of the peninsula beneath Monte Arbostora, overlooked by the soaring campanile of Santa Maria del Sasso. After exploring the village arcades and alleyways, have lunch at one of the restaurants beside the lake. Melide has one of the finest promenades, trees shading the stone balustraded path above the water's edge.

Many of Ticino's rivers have sandy banks and inviting pools of water for a dip after a long walk. There are lots of paddling pools for younger children alongside lidos and

Olympic-sized pools for a serious work-out.

When the sun fades, the lake shores take on a different role, becoming the perfect setting for live music and al fresco dinners, overlooking the clusters of village lights between darkening woods. And where better for a post-prandial stroll than the shores of a lake as the stars strengthen and the moon paints a new picture of the landscape.

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Public swimming pools.

Bellinzona

4 pools are available for everyone and cater to all tastes from May to September: Olympic pool, diving pool for children and adults, for teenagers and for families. A blue oasis set in a wonderful flowering garden. A paradise in which to pass your leisure time. A beach-volley court and in-line skating rink are also available.



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Lido Ascona and Bagno Pubblico.

Ascona

These two welcoming establishments on the green shores of Lake Maggiore are home to 80,000 m² of grassy areas in the shade of venerable old trees and no fewer than 600 m of sandy beaches where visitors can enjoy a relaxing swim. Both establishments have a play area and a restaurant/snack bar, and the lido also offers beach-volley courts, table tennis tables, a diving platform, a slide and a number of water sports.



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Lido Brissago.

Brissago

Located near the famous tobacco factory, Brissago lido is the ideal place to spend a few hours getting away from it all and relax. In addition to the beautiful beach, in the large grounds of the lido you will find a swimming pool, a hair-raising slide, a diving platform, a children's pool, a playground, a restaurant and a snack bar. It is easy to get to the lido by public transport and there is ample parking available.



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Lido Locarno.

Locarno

The Locarno lido presents itself as a true recreational, sports and well-being oasis, focused on a water theme in the splendid scenario of Lake Maggiore. The Locarno lido is open throughout the year and in all weather conditions, with its numerous indoor and outdoor swimming pools, from the olympic size swimming pool to the thermal pool, from the play pool, with its water effects, to the 4 fantastic slides and represents the most complete and modern bathing facility in Ticino. The exclusive wellness centre Termali Salini & SPA completes the offer.



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Public Lidos.

Gambarogno Region

Every riviera village in the Gambarogno Region has its own public bathing beach where the lake's scintillating beauty can be admired. There are numerous opportunities for practising water sports, ranging from swimming, to wake-boarding, to water-skiing, to scuba diving with the two rescue organisations present in the Gambarogno Riviera or to simply being lazy.

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Lido Golfo del Sole.

Agno

The Agno lido is a beach resort that looks out on a wide and quiet beach; it is open all week and equipped with a beautiful lush green area, a refreshment area, toilets, showers and comfortable loungers with parasols, available to customers with the possibility of supervised bathing in the lake between 10 am and 7 pm.



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Lido Lugano.

Lugano

The Lugano lido offers the visitor numerous opportunities: a wonderful fine sandy beach on the shores of Lake Lugano, heated Olympic swimming pool, a medium size swimming pool, a diving pool with trampolines up to 10 m high, a pool suitable for children with water games, a beach-volley court and a five-a-side football pitch.



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Municipal Lido.

Riva San Vitale

Families, youngsters and the elderly can all find what they are looking for in the facilities at the Riva San Vitale lido. It has a playground, a diving board, a bar and a soft grassy area, all in one of the most beautiful settings on Lake Lugano. The play area has recently been extended and it is open all year round. SonntagsZeitung included the lido in its top ten public bathing areas in Switzerland.



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Water sports.

Water skiing, wakeboarding, wakeskating, wakesurfing, skyskiing, monoskiing, funtubing, canoeing, scuba diving, canyoning, rowing, sailing, fishing, swimming—there isn't much you can do in or on water than you can't do in Ticino. They're all great fun, but some are potentially dangerous, so you'll be glad you're doing them in Switzerland, where fun is never at the expense of safety and a sense of responsibility.

Canyoning is a great way to be in close touch with nature, and participants are prepared and properly equipped to tackle the natural slides, rocks and waterfalls, using ropes or simply by taking a jump! For those who prefer a calmer flow of adrenaline, there are canoe tours on the clear waters of the river Ticino, perfect for those who prefer to enjoy nature rather than negotiate rapids.





Or try mounting a surfboard to ride the waves generated by the motorboat towing you.

Scuba divers head for the Verzasca Valley for the Misura, Salti and Posse natural pools. The river, with its emerald and wonderfully clear waters, can hide hazards, so go with an organised group and pay attention to the warning notices posted locally. With over 70 lakes and hundreds of kilometres of river covered by a single permit, Ticino is a great place for fly fishing between April and September.

The main fish are brown trout, rainbow trout and grayling. For children, what could be better than the much-loved

experience of the doughnut or banana boat on Lake Maggiore and Lugano, with all the fun of falling off!

sports.ticino.ch



Fun rafting.

Osogna – Bellinzona

On the River Ticino for 15 km from Osogna to Bellinzona in a rubber dinghy. The Mediterranean climate and the excellent water temperature make this excursion an ideal adventure for a school outing or for families seeking a unique experience. You will discover wonderful landscapes and you will feel safe thanks to the guidance of an expert and the appropriate equipment that will be supplied to you.



Info: www.ticino.ch 116304



Ticino Canoe Tour.

Cresciano – Arbedo

Canoeing in Ticino is a unique experience. Here the mediterranean climate meets a steep mountainous landscape. The crystal clear waters of the river Ticino have carved out branched routes in a broad gravel bed, creating islands and extensive beaches. The most emotional part of the tour is represented by the Arbedo rapids, where you ride the waves through a thousand sprays of water. The itinerary can be booked via the following web site: www.swisstrails.ch



Info: www.ticino.ch 97361



Canyoning.

Lake Maggiore and Valley – Bellinzona and Upper Ticino

Canyoning represents a discipline in contact with nature that foresees descending rough sections of waterways on foot. The obstacles along the route consist of natural slides and waterfalls which are overcome using ropes or by diving. Canyoning is not an individual sport, appropriate equipment and good training are necessary.



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Sub Verzasca Valley.

Verzasca Valley

The Verzasca Valley offers different swimming opportunities. The best-known river beds are in Lavertezzo. The most famous for underwater activities are the Misura river basin, the Posse river basin and the Salti river basin. The river, with its emerald and crystal clear waters, however, can hide hazards. Therefore, pay attention to the warning notices posted locally

Info: www.ticino.ch 96758



Sailing schools.

Ticino

In Ticino, there are a large number of internationally renowned sailing clubs and schools which offer both lessons and the chance to hire boats. The organizations on Lake Maggiore and Lake Lugano have everything that sailing enthusiasts might need and they can offer a range of bareboat and skippered sailing vessels to hire.

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Stand up paddle.

Ticino

"Stand up paddle surfing" is just what it sounds like – surfing with a paddle – and is the new trend in this sport. There are various hiring places both on Lugano Lake and Lake Maggiore. The aim is wellness for body and mind, all through contact with nature, far from everyday life, and a stone's throw from the city.

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Wakesurf & Wakeboard.

Ticino

Fun for everyone. Wakeboarding is a sport that was created from the fusion of water skiing and snowboarding. You are pulled along by an adapted motorboat and perform jumps and acrobatics using the waves created by the boat. The sport is very popular at both the national and international levels, and has an increasingly broad fan base. You can do both wakesurfing and wakeboarding in Ticino on Lake Maggiore and Lugano Lake.

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Enjoy it but beware.

Ticino

Most of the rivers in the Canton of Ticino – which are highly appealing to tourists due to their natural environments and landscapes – are ideal places for recreation and for a number of sports, such as swimming, canyoning, canoeing and scuba diving. However, the nature of the watercourses means that there can be hidden dangers for even the most expert people. There are numerous risks, which should not be underestimated and require the utmost caution, especially if there are children around.

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Public and tourist transport.



For many first-time visitors to Switzerland, it comes as a revelation to discover just how good public transport can be when it is well organised and adequately funded. The Swiss Travel System is a joy to use: efficient, reliable, clean and kind to the environment. And it allows you to concentrate on the beauty of the landscape rather than other traffic.

You can reach Ticino by air at Lugano-Agno airport, close to Lugano, or by rail or A2 motorway through the Saint Gotthard. The canton is served by a network of trains, buses, boats, funiculars, cablecars, chairlifts and a rack railway; their timetables are integrated so that you have easy and

quick connections between them. And there is a range of national and regional passes which offer excellent value for money.

Some of the journeys are so spectacular that many visitors come simply to experience them. The Centovalli railway between Domodossola in Italy and Locarno is one of Europe's finest railway lines, clinging to the steep slopes above the river Melezza. There are dizzying drops in the gorges and impressively engineered bridges over the largest of the 100 side valleys that join the Melezza. Lugano is the start of the famous Palm Express PostBus



to St. Moritz, passing through Italy on the way, and the mountainous San Bernardino Route Express links Chur in Graubünden and Bellinzona.

Even the smaller lines are impressive: you almost need a head for heights on the Ritom funicular which climbs at 87.8% to make it one of the steepest in Europe! The rack railway up Monte Generoso is a great experience, especially on days when its steam locomotive is propelling the train.

Another opportunity for time travel is aboard the horse-drawn Saint Gotthard mail coach along the old road north

of Airolo, which gives a genuinely unique insight into how our forebears travelled through some of Europe's most difficult terrain.

[transports.ticino.ch](https://www.transports.ticino.ch)



Saint Gotthard horse drawn mail coach.

Andermatt – Airolo

From Andermatt, via the Gotthard Pass up to Airolo with the horse-drawn mail coach. Once, this crossing experienced by merchants, scientists, ambassadors and travellers, was an exhausting trial, today this journey represents a unique and exclusive pleasure. Take the elegantly upholstered coach and enjoy the fantastic Gotthard landscape for one day.

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Gotthard Panorama Express.

Lucerne – Flüelen – Bellinzona – Lugano

Gotthard Panorama Express links two of the most spectacular and attractive regions of Switzerland: Ticino and central Switzerland. The excursion includes travelling by train in a panoramic carriage and the magnificent cruise across the Lake Lucern where guests can savour an excellent lunch.

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e-Bike Park Ticino.

Ticino

The e-Bike Park provides the perfect way to discover the natural beauty and picturesque landscape of Ticino. The electric motors mean that even those of us who are not in great shape can join in, allowing fitness fanatics and less sporty people to go on a bike ride together. Thanks to the highly flexible system, electric bicycles for individuals and groups can be reserved at any point between Airolo and Chiasso. The start and finish points can also be chosen freely.

e-bike.ticino.ch



Lago Maggiore Express.

Locarno

The Lago Maggiore Express offers you an unforgettable rail and boat journey. You will travel in Italy and in the southern part of Switzerland, in Ticino. You travel across a barren and romantic territory with the Centovalli railway, where staggering bridges, woods and villages alternate. The excursion ends with the boat crossing of Lake Maggiore.



Info: www.ticino.ch 42673 

Bernina Express.

Chur – Davos – Tirano – Lugano

The Bernina Express (UNESCO World Heritage Site) is the most attractive link between north and south and travels from Chur, the oldest town in Switzerland, to Lugano. The route includes 55 tunnels, 196 bridges and differences in level of up to 70% overcome without a rack and pinion. Glaciers and palm trees, natural monuments and picturesque landscapes, tunnels and viaducts be can observed from the comfortable panoramic carriage.

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Palm Express.

St.Moritz – Lugano

Mountains, passes and lake fronts from St. Moritz to Lugano: the Grisons, Northern Italy and Ticino are on display in all their variety and beauty. The Palm Express is a romantic and attractive journey in a post bus along the Engadina lakes, over the staggering hairpin bends of the Maloja Pass and through the sub-tropical vegetation of Lake Como.

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A Trip in a steam train.

Mendrisio – Malnate

The trip from Mendrisio to Valmorea/Malnate in Italy is much more than a nostalgic journey in an old steam train: it is a truly extraordinary experience. The Club del San Gottardo is delighted to offer people the opportunity to travel on trains with vintage carriages, such as the "Gottardo 1903" with its steam engine that dates back to 1910, and the "FNM 1924", which is pulled by an electric locomotive from 1920.

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Discover Ticino by train!

SBB RailAway

Do not miss the numerous RailAway offers. For example, the combined tickets will take you to Cardada, one of the most attractive panoramic mountains, offering you a 20% reduction on public transports fares and supplementary services. Proposals can be obtained at the station, at the RailService 0900 300 300 (CHF 1.19/min. from the Swiss fixed-line network) or online.

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Wellness.



The ancient Greeks and Romans knew a thing or two about the power of water to relieve the stresses of daily life. Ticino has dozens of wellness centres using a thousand miraculous recipes for the purification of the body and its ailments.

Fancy a Kiso Sweet Scrub Special using hot honey and cane sugar to smooth, nourish and regenerate the skin? Or a wonderfully soothing cranial massage? Whether you are in search of a Turkish hammam, reflexology, an ayurvedic massage or a simple detox, a magnetic body scrub with diamond powder or an aromatic whirlpool with Yin-Yang body wrap, you will find a centre for your tastes.

There are therapy showers, saunas, tropical showers, nutrition clinics, and many other dreamy treatments at stylishly designed centres that





you'll be reluctant to leave. For those wishing to practise a little sport, there are exercise pools, or what about a day of pure fun amid the waves in the aquatic park on the border with Italy, with hints of the sea in the artificial wave pool.

There is also the natural alternative of the curative hot springs at Stabio which offer physiotherapy, fitness or simple relaxation—Ticino has also been offering natural hot springs for a century and a half.

Centres attached to hotels offer complete packages with a menu of treatments, massages, manicures and pedicures, as well as complementary nutrition and drinks during the

sessions, at attractive prices, especially in the low season. With a call or the click of a mouse, you can easily book a treatment that will invigorate you before returning to the challenges of modern-day life.

wellness.ticino.ch



Parkhotel Delta.

Ascona

If your idea of luxury encompasses nature, space and calm, then Parkhotel Delta is the right choice for you. The DELTA RELAX is a place of pure pleasure, an oasis of peace where all the guests look after themselves, improving their well-being and overall balance of mind, body and soul. The brand new Fitness & Wellness center of ca. 600 m² on three levels, completes the existing offer for a total of ca. 3000 m².



Info: www.ticino.ch 139321



Hotel Eden Roc.

Ascona

This extremely modern spa is full of colours, flowers and tranquillity. It has indoor and outdoor pools, hydro-massage facilities with a number of water massage beds, a sauna, a Turkish bath and a Kneipp trail featuring stones from the nearby river Maggia. You will be pampered in the seven treatment rooms with a variety of massages, healing baths and beauty packages. In addition, sailing and motor boats lessons and cruises on luxury yachts are available at the Eden Roc.



Info: www.ticino.ch 13734



Hotel Giardino.

Ascona

The spa at the Giardino Ascona is called "dipiù" and can be roughly translated as "more". More innovation, more professionalism and more Mediterranean dolce vita. Sink into a world of equilibrium, beauty and vitality with the lifestyle therapies, sauna oases, gym facilities and variety of rest and relaxation areas. All wrapped up with professional consulting and premium treatment products.



Info: www.ticino.ch 13740



Hotel Villa Orselina.

Orselina

Immerse yourself in an environment where you can enjoy the sweetness of doing nothing at all: at hotel Villa Orselina, which has a breath-taking view of Lake Maggiore, you'll find a place where you can relax. It offers 28 rooms and suites, each decorated individually, the La Spa wellness centre, a gastronomic restaurant and bars where you can feel at ease and enjoy an unforgettable stay.



Info: www.ticino.ch 13666



Hotel & Spa Cacciatori.

Cademario

The Hotel & Spa Cacciatori is 4-star establishment about 15 minutes by car from Lugano. The peaceful, Ticino-style wellness oasis offers a rose quartz vapour bath, a herbal bath, a salt water swimming pool (32°-34°C) with hydro-massage, a fresh water swimming pool, a fitness suite, and various massages and beauty treatments.



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Swiss Diamond Hotel.

Vico Morcote

A centre richly decorated with mosaics and marble, reminiscent of the ancient Roman thermal baths. Swimming pool with counter-current swimming, "jet waterfall", sauna, hammam, Turkish steam bath, tropical shower with atomised hot water, solarium, Jacuzzi, massage service, and hot stone peeling. Welcome to Diopside Swiss Med&Spa!



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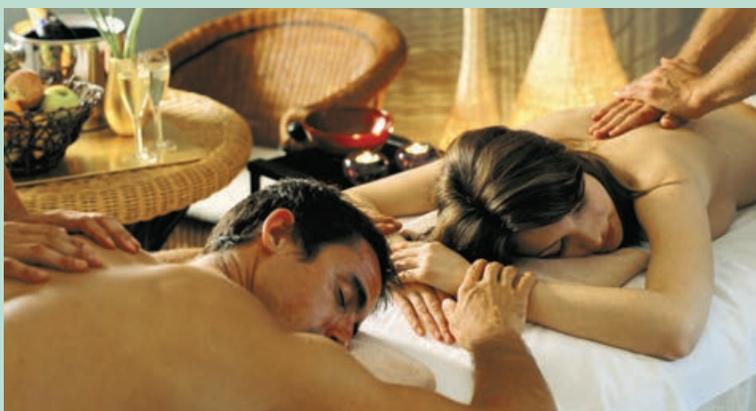
Villa Sassa Hotel & SPA.

Lugano

Lugano's light, love for nature and the desire to create a perfect environment where guests can pamper themselves all combined to inspire Aurum SPA & Wellness Club Sassa, a 3,000 m² haven of wellness. A refined, sophisticated location built using natural materials where guests can find a restful, discreet ambience with naturopathy and ayurvedic treatments, 2 swimming pools and a modern gym—a temple of carefree idleness.



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Al Serpiano Hotel & SPA.

Serpiano

The wellness centre offers a broad variety of treatments in an environment of extraordinary relaxation, for example: classic and sports massages, ayurvedic treatments, baths, compresses, complete and customised face and body beauty treatments. The spa centre includes a swimming pool, whirlpool, sauna and steam bath with spring water.



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Camping and vacation homes



For some, a holiday means rest and being indulged by others, and Ticino offers top-quality pampering in some of Europe's finest hotels. But it caters equally well for those who prefer to recharge the batteries by getting closer to nature and staying in a beautifully located and well-equipped campsite. Roughly forty campsites are available throughout the canton. Many are located directly on the lake, while others are in the valleys, reaching up to 1,750 m at Acquacalda in the Blenio Valley. Our campsites are judged among the best in Switzerland and boast top rankings in guidebooks. One example is Tenero on Lake Maggiore, which is renowned for the quality of its camping facilities. For confirmation, just look at the compliments on the numerous web forums where tourists pass on their experiences.





If, however, you don't feel cut out for a sleeping bag under a tent, or if you are looking for a home from home where you can be completely free and independent, there are holiday houses and apartments. These are often ideal for parents with young children who want to maintain a similar regime and menu to home, which is not always easy in a hotel.

Holiday accommodation in the mountains, valleys and on the plain can be rented by the week, month or even a year, giving you a chance to get to know Ticino really well. Or write that book you've been mulling over for years. If you have the luxury of a long stay, you will hopefully

return home with memories of the hospitality and warmth of the Ticinese, ready to share anything, even their own homes!

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Centro Pro Natura Lucomagno.

Acquacalda

The centre is 5 km south of the Lukmanier Pass, in the Acquacalda area. It stands at 1,750 m above sea level, in one of the most enchanting locations in the whole of Switzerland: the Lukmanier Pass is included on the Swiss Confederation's list of landscapes of national importance. The centre is the starting point for a large number of hiking trails that cross this appealing alpine region.



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Cento Rustici.

Intragna – Centovalli

Do you desire a complete holiday experience? Cento Rustici of Intragna has the right solution for you. The offer ranges from accommodation in a holiday home or in typical country-style cottages (rustici) to guided visits in the Lake Maggiore Region, from the sale of regional products to the organisation of events for small groups.

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REKA Villages.

Ticino

In general, REKA tourist resorts offer an experience aimed at families. The REKA holiday resort in Brissago, which is situated on the magnificent shores of Lake Maggiore, is made up of 8 houses with a total of 10 apartments. The one in Magadino, on the other hand, offers 7 holiday homes with a total of 17 apartments, while the REKA tourist resort in Albonago is made up of 43 holiday homes. Rekalino is a holiday paradise for families.



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Holiday Houses.

Ticino

The digital facilities include the possibility of consulting a website that will enable you to book your country style cottages (rustici), holiday homes and flats throughout Ticino directly online. You can plan your holiday at your leisure using the online booking system to choose your ideal accommodation. The vast choice ensures that your needs can be met throughout the year.

houses.ticino.ch

Relax in the nature.

Ticino

If you can no longer contemplate the idea of a holiday without your beloved motor home or your trusty old tent, Ticino is the place for you. There are around 50 campsites in the region, many of which have been named among the best in Switzerland by international guides. They are usually located in relaxed, stress-free settings in the valleys or right on the shores of the lakes.

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Special offers.

Ticino

Take advantage of the large number of offers and come to Ticino for an unforgettable, great value holiday. Give in to temptation as you look through the pages of the website. The vast range of outstanding offers is sorted by location, date and category. Whether you are looking for something in the mountains or in a town, a trip for two or a family holiday, you will find the right offer for you here.

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Local agencies.

Ticino

ACAV Ticino (Holiday apartments and Homes Association Ticino) promotes tourism in apartments and holiday homes, representing approximately bookable 4,000 beds in Ticino. Select your ideal holiday home, country-style cottage or flat and book it directly through a local agency.

acav.ticino.ch



Farmhouses.

Ticino

A stay in an "agriturismo" is the ideal way to enjoy the woods, valleys, flower-filled meadows, vineyards and snow-capped peaks of Ticino. These beautiful rural farmhouse locations are perfect for nature lovers: they offer relaxing holiday experiences which are also stimulating, fascinating and bring you into contact with authentic farming life. Everywhere you go, you will find that the people are friendly and happy to help you, because visitors are always given a warm welcome in Ticino.

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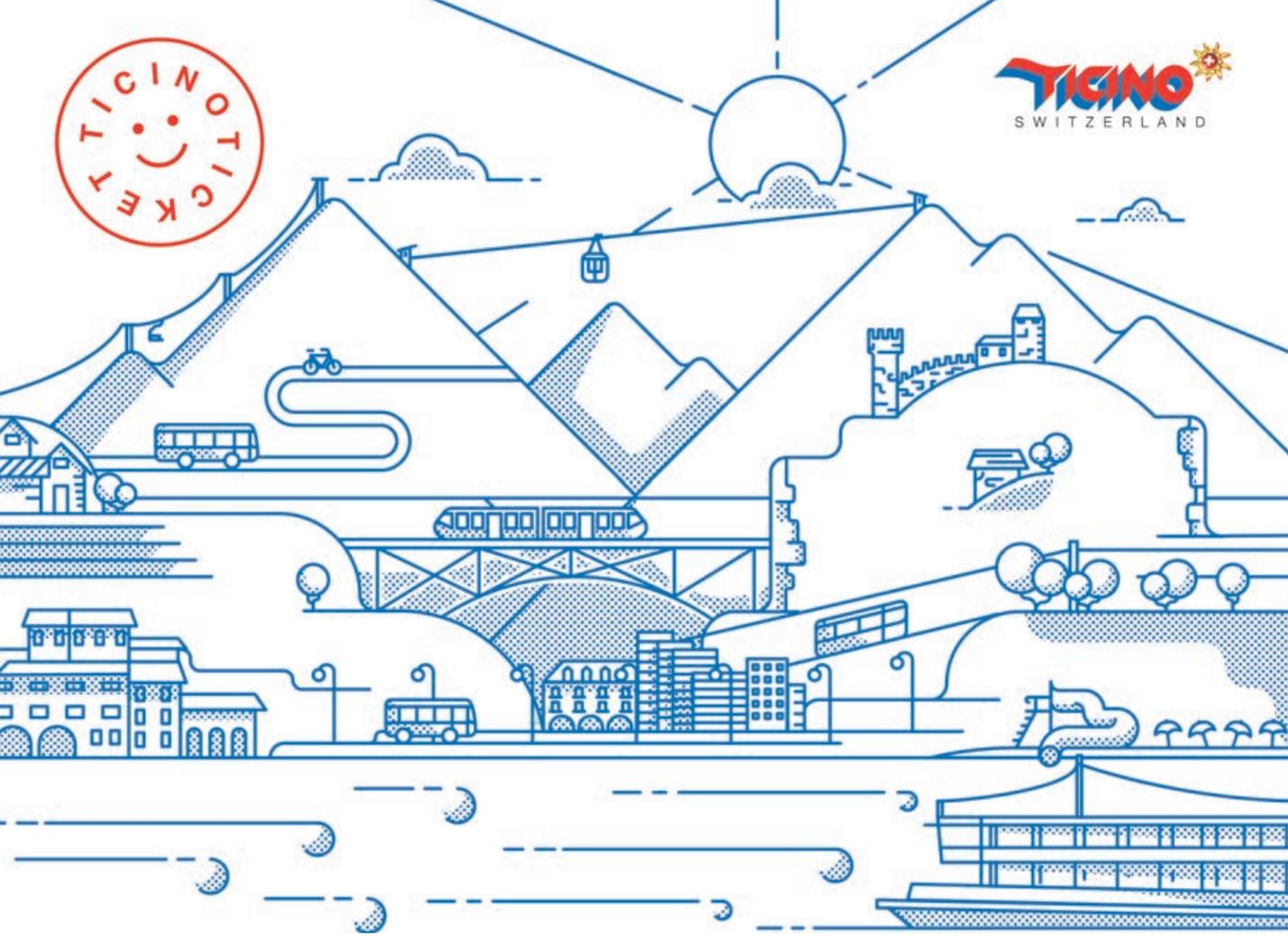
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hike.ticino.ch



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Ticino Ticket: Travel within Ticino for free!

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The new Gotthard tunnel has opened, allowing transit of speed trains travelling from north to south. The trip to Ticino is faster and more convenient. To emphasize the importance of this historical moment and highlight the sustainable mobility, tourists staying in the destination benefit of a new product: the Ticino Ticket. In fact now tourists are able to get around for free in the whole

Canton by using public transport during their stay in 2017. The Ticket offers additional advantages such as discounts on different lifts and tourist attractions. The offer is proposed to guests who stay in hotels, youth hostels and camping site only. Everyone will receive the Ticino Ticket at the arrival upon check in and it can be used until the end of the departure's day.

FREE!



-30%*



* limited, see: ticket.ticino.ch/partner

-25%*



* 1-day travelcard