

Dear Friends of Barolo,

This is a list of hotels and restaurants on the lakes of Northern Italy that I love. The lakes are listed from west to east; Lago Orta, Maggiore, Como, Isola and Garda.

Lago d'Orta

One of the smaller lakes and one of our favorites.
Also this is only about 45 minutes from Milan Malpensa airport.

Hotel San Rocco (hotel and restaurant)

Via Gippini 11
Orta San Giulio
info@hotelsanrocco.it
0322 911977

A beautiful property right on the water, with a view of the Island of San Giulio. The town is pedestrian only with fun shops and restaurants. Also miles of walking trails. Ask for the Gippini rooms that are air conditioned in the hot summer months.

Villa Crespi (hotel and restaurant)

Via Fava 18
Orta San Giulio
(0322) 911 902

The hotel restaurant and 1 star Michelin restaurant. The hotel is modeled from an old Moorish Palace on a park overlooking Lago d'Orta. Very good Sicilian chef and extensive wine list. Elegant.

Al Sorriso (Restaurant with rooms)

Via Roma 18
Soriso
(0322) 983228

This is one of only four three-star Michelin restaurants in all Italy. Classic great kitchen. Be ready for a big experience on all levels. They have 8 rooms if you think driving after dinner is not such a great idea.

Castello di San Giorgio (hotel and restaurant) 30 Minutes south of Lago Orta

Via Cavalli d'Olivola 3
San Giorgio Monferrato
0142 806 203

The property is located in a park at the top of the hill with a formal antique dining room. Very good Piedmont kitchen and wine cellar.

Lago Maggiore

The big lake that is north of Milan Malpensa airport. The north end of the lake goes into Switzerland

Il Sole di Ranco (hotel and restaurant)

Ranco

(0331) 976 507 www.ilsolediranco.com

Spectacular water front restaurant. Very modern Italian cuisine and an unbelievable wine cellar. Not to be missed. 2 star Michelin restaurant. Nice small hotel with swimming pool. Go there to eat and relax.

Grand Hotel des Iles Borromees

Lungolago Umberto 1, 67

Stresa

www.borromees@borromees.it

Classic old world quality hotel. You might think you have gone back in time. Stresa is a wonderful lake town on Lago Maggiore with shops and restaurants. A couple of nice golf courses overlooking the lake.

Lago di Como

The elegant lake. Movie stars with expensive mansions line the lake. (Padme's lake palace in Star Wars)

Villa d'Este

Via Regina 40

Cernobbio

(031) 3481

sales@villadeste.it

considered to be one of the greatest hotels in the world on a private park with restaurants, pools built from a 16th century Villa. Top tier. (take your wallet)

Grand Hotel Tremezzo

Via Regina 8

Tremezzo

info@grandhoteltremezzo.com

Built on a park further up on the lake, this is one of our favorites. An elegant refined property on the lake across from Bellagio. Nice restaurant serving classic Italian dishes.

Grand Hotel Villa Serbelloni

Via Roma,1

Bellagio

Inforequest@villaserbelloni.com

Incredible views of mountains and lake. This grand hotel sits on the promontory of Lago di Como in Bellagio. Old world first class property with a great classic

restaurant on a balcony overlooking the water. "Leave me here and come back and get me at the end of the trip" was a direct quote.
One of our top 5 greatest hotels experiences ever.

Lago Isleo

L'Albereta

Via Vittorio Emanuele 11, 23

Erbusco

info@albereta.it

A very refined property that sits about 5 km inland from Lago Isleo. The park like setting is very relaxed. The Suites in the new wing are incredible. The Champagne winery Bellavista is also on the property. Be sure to book a visit there.

The restaurant Gualtiero Marchesi is a gastronomic Disneyland in the hotel (2 michelin stars)

Also near by, the restaurant La Mongolfiera dei Sodi is one of our favorites built in an old stone farmhouse with wood ovens and great regional cuisine.

Lago di Garda.

This lake is only minutes from Verona and has many fine hotels. One of the best towns to stay in is Sirmione. Which is town on a promontory with an old Roman fort. For Vinitaly every year we stay in Desenzano del Garda on the south end of the lake. The town has great restaurants and shops and is convenient to the Milan Venice train line that runs throught Verona.

Park Hotel

Lungolago Cesare Battisti 19

Desenzano del Garda.

park@cerinhotels.it

Hotel Desenzano.

info@hoteldesenzano.it

Viale Cavour 40/42

This is where we stay each year. Near the train station and very well run small property. The hotel is designed for business travelers, not vacationers.