

### **Mandello Del Lario**

Picturesque and colourful village, Mandello del Lario rises between the water of Lake Como and the slopes of the rocks of Grigna. A magic place, where you can feel the authentic culture of **Lario**, the gourmet cuisine, appreciate the wind on a sailboat and immerse yourself into the Italian History. Of course, Mandello del Lario is the home of Moto Guzzi, the motorbikes with the eagle. Everywhere you can see a piece of history, like an openair museum.

### **Sentiero del Viandante – (“Wayfarer Track”)**

A green itinerary through history and nature: the “Wayfarer Track” is what you are searching for!

The route connects Abbadia Lariana to Perledo following the footsteps of ancient Romans, who opened this track to reach the small and isolated towns on the lakeshore. Starting from Mandello del Lario, you can reach Varenna and Perledo, or get back to Lecco.

### **Moto Guzzi Museum**

The museum shows the Moto Guzzi history and culture, bringing together a rich collection of over 150 exhibition pieces of production motorcycles, sport bikes, prototypes and experimental engines. Every year Mandello del Lario hosts some motoring events linked to the famous Moto Guzzi. The most awaited and appreciated event is certainly the Guzzi Motorcycle Meeting in September.

### **Starting the engines (Moto Guzzi)**

Every year, thanks to the Moto Club GP, the Municipal Administration and the many enthusiasts, rare examples of Moto Guzzi can also be seen in action. The event is organized every year on the weekend following the date of birth (15 march). In fact, it was precisely on 15 March 1921 that the "Società Anonima Moto Guzzi" was established in Genoa. Hundreds of spectators can see and listen to the sound of the motorbikes of the golden years, when the brand participated and won on all the circuits.

## **Sailing**

For lovers of sailing, Mandello del Lario hosts, since 1965, an important section of the Italian Naval League (LNI). Every summer, the Mandello section offers sailing courses for adults, teens and children. The local club is located at the southern entrance of Mandello del Lario, a few steps from the sports hall; there is ample availability of parking, as well as functional services for racing and pleasure. A few steps from the club there is a large port with numerous berths.

## **The Resinelli Plans**

The Resinelli Plans reach an average altitude of 1300 meters and can be reached in about 40 minutes by car from Mandello del Lario, following the signs for Valsassina. The first refuges were built at the end of the 19th century and in 1917 the small church was built which still today represents the meeting and reference point for residents and holidaymakers. In past years the Resinelli Plans have had an appreciable tourist development with the construction of hotels, restaurants, holiday homes and ski facilities (no longer functioning today).

## **The Orrido di Bellano**

The Orrido di Bellano is the main tourist attraction of the town and one of the most important of Lake Como. This is a natural gorge created 15 million years ago by the erosion of the River Pioverna and the Adda glacier which, over the centuries, have shaped the rock into gigantic caves, dark ravines and suggestive caves.

## **The bell tower of San Nicolò**

The bell tower of San Nicolò, in Lecco, is the second tallest bell tower in Italy, and one of the tallest in all of Europe. It has recently been possible to visit it, climb the 400 steps to the top, to enjoy a spectacular view of the city, the lake and the surrounding mountains.

## **Vezio Castle**

At the center of Lake Como, on the promontory overlooking Varenna, stands the Vezio Castle, dated more than a thousand years ago, an ancient military outpost of medieval origin built to defend and control the lake and the surrounding villages by the Lombard queen Teodolinda. Situated in a militarily and commercially strategic place, and for this reason inhabited since the Iron Age, the Castle protected the town of Varenna and its inhabitants in the frequent wars which devastated the territory during throughout the Middle Ages.