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## **Guest Guide**



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## Introduction

What amazes the visitor of Brissago, the small vacation village situated in the South of Switzerland, is the abundance of palm trees in a non-Mediterranean country, the blue water of Lake Maggiore, and the magnificent mountains that rise directly from the lake.

This Brissago4U Guide was written after years of exploring the area, it is trying to give you some hints on what to expect, plan better your vacation and to show you what is available in the area and give you a clear picture of the amenities of this wonderful three-bedroom apartment has to offer. **You do not rent "just an apartment"**, you get way more things: *a wonderful roof-top with an amazing panorama view and eating outside possibility is included*. We tried to set up the place with all quality equipment and beds to make you feel at home. We are sure you will be pleased with our offerings.

We live in Zug, but we are in love and travel often to Ticino and we try to make sure you have everything you need in our beautiful place. While the guide is getting bigger every year, we try to publish it as an eBook for you to print out the sections of interest or if you need a reference to the apartment or the area. If you see any sort of information outdated, please let us know.

We wish you an amazing vacation in sunny Ticino.



Figure 1 -Brissago views in late spring (from Bellavista viewpoint-20 minutes stairs walk from the apartment in Casa Fortuna)



## Facts about Brissago

Brissago is the last Swiss village before the border with Italy. It is directly located on the shore of Lake Maggiore (Lago Maggiore) and has the lowest altitude point in Switzerland, just 197 meters above the sea. The climate in Brissago is mild, being considered one Swiss village with the sunniest days per year.

Brissago village climbs the steep mountains rising from the lake. The village is being separated by three main valleys that descent from the above mountains.

As in the whole canton Ticino, it has Italian as an official language, but you will hear German, French, and English very often.

Closed by the village are the **Brissago islands** (twin islands) offering a great escape from daily stress and noise. The islands have beautiful gardens, a huge collection of plants and trees, astonishing views, silent places, and pleasant pathways. The main island of the Brissago islands has a fantastic, planted botanical garden that was mainly built between 1885 and 1928 by the Baroness Antonietta Saint-Léger and continued later by other owners. The islands have a special climate, being the only spot in Switzerland where the temperature never goes under 0°C in the winter allowing to grow several warm-climate plants and trees. Today the neo-classical villa contains a restaurant and the administrative offices of the Botanical Park of Canton Ticino.

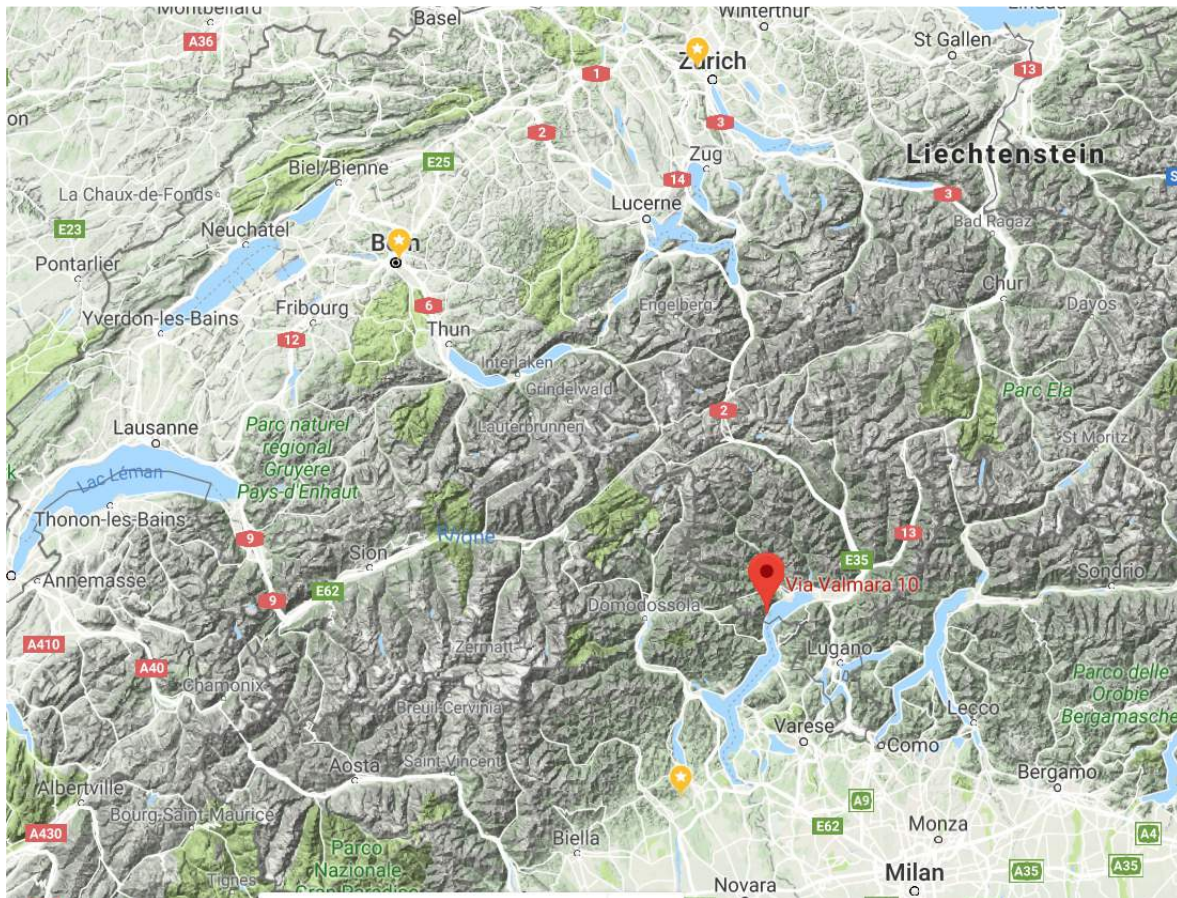


Figure 2 - Overview map to locate Brissago, in the southern part of Switzerland

## How to reach Brissago

You can reach Brissago by car, bus, or by boat directly from Locarno/Ascona or from Italy (the last town is Cannobio).

To get a feeling of where Brissago is located here are some reference distances:

- 9 km to Locarno (well known for Locarno Film Festival) (reachable in 20 minutes by public bus or 10 minutes by car),
- 5 km to Ascona (reachable in 10 minutes by public bus or car)
- 93 km to Milano (Italy), Malpensa Airport (by car in 1h38' or train or airport special bus)
- 166 km from Bergamo (Italy), Orio Airport (by car in 2 hrs or by train)
- 271km from Zurich (by car in 2hr45' over Gotthard Tunnel, or scenic routes of Gotthard Pass or San Bernardino Pass, or by train from Zurich HB to Locarno, then by bus to Brissago in about 3hr)

## Brissago Area Maps

Below are a few maps of Brissago and his surroundings to get an overall context.



Figure 3 - Brissago is the last village before the border Swiss with Italy





Figure 4 - Brissago's three valleys spread across the commune.



Figure 5 - An overview map of Brissago and the location of the condominium "Casa Fortuna" where is Brissago4U apartment.



## The Apartment Address

The address of the apartment is: **Via Valmara 10, Apartment 6 (2nd floor), 6614 Brissago, Switzerland**

Name of the building: **Condominium "Casa Fortuna"**

Name of the apartment: **Brissago4U**

Email: [brissago4u@gmail.com](mailto:brissago4u@gmail.com)

Mobile/WhatsApp: **+41 78 837 8100** (alternative +41 78 942 6668)

Website: <http://www.brissago4u.ch>



### Notes:

1. To get important updates, please register on our website.
2. On the website, you will find the latest updates for the proposed tours that you can make in and around Brissago.

Below are some detailed maps to help you easily locate "Casa Fortuna". The building is just across from the historic stone church.

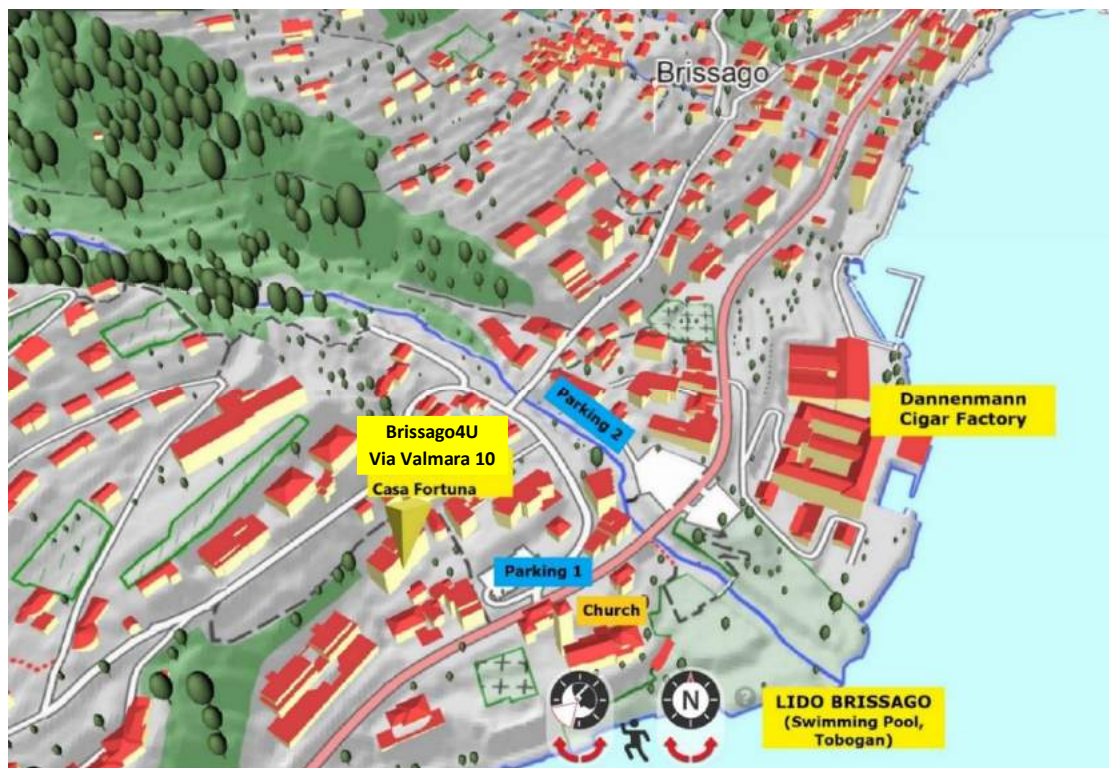


Figure 6 – Brissago4U apartment in the building Casa Fortuna on Via Valmara 10, Brissago



Figure 7 - Aerial view with Casa Fortuna and some key places (i.e. recycle area)

The apartment is reachable by car, public bus, or boat.

The bus station is very close. When you arrive in Brissago please descent at Piazza del Sole. Also, the port of Brissago is 5-6 min walking from the apartment.

Spacious newly renovated 3-bedroom apartment ~92m2 (incl. balcony) with an unobstructed view towards Lake Maggiore. You will be thrilled when you see the sun rising and the lake views with its changing colour.

The apartment has:

- **Three bedrooms** each with comfortable beds for two
- Two Bathrooms
- Large living room
- Balcony - South facing balcony with 180-degree direct lake view.
- Rooftop terrace (>300m2) with pergola, built-in BBQ, shower, toilet, patio umbrellas, sun loungers, etc.
- Large Party Room - Grotto (in style Ticino rustic with wet-bar, toilet, direct access to the outside patio, fireplace)

## Booking Fees

To give you an overview of our booking fees here is a sample weekly booking fee for 2021. While the apartment has upscale equipment and because of the cleaning effort, we have a minimum stay.

Write to us about your exact dates and we can provide you with accurate fees and availabilities.

*Current fees are subject to change without any notice.*

The below prices are for a full week. Cleaning is extra, as well as the mandatory tourist tax.

Seasons		Period	Minim Stay (Days)	Price per week (CHF) (*)	Extra Fees (CHF)
High		July, August	7	1500 CHF	Cleaning 120 CHF +Tourist Tax
Medium		June, September, October	5	1450 CHF	Cleaning 120 CHF +Tourist Tax
Low		March, April, May, November	5	1400 CHF	Cleaning 120 CHF +Tourist Tax
Off-Season		December, January, February	5	1000 CHF	Cleaning 120 CHF +Tourist Tax

(\*) Fees subject to changes.



For high season (for example during the Locarno film festival in early August) we recommend booking well in advance.



## The Amenities



Figure 8 - Google Maps overview of Brissago

The apartment is very well situated and is very close to many amenities:

- **1 min walking** from **Lido Brissago**, one of the nicest lake beach/swimming area (Badi/Lido) incl. open-air heated swimming pools for adults and separate for small kids.
- **6-7 min walking** from the **central Brissago promenade walk**, away from traffic lake walking area with many plants, restaurants, bathing entrance in the lake, kids' playground, etc.
- **2 min walking** to **Centro Dannemann** – a modern and versatile event location on the banks of Lake Maggiore, a well-known cigar factory that you can visit – you may know one of their brands, “Sweet” cigarillos, available at many airports, with great palm garden and large areal for concerts and food events. They host quite a few events over the year.
- **5 km** to **Cannobio in Italy** (access to the large beach, lake fantastic promenade, large Sunday market, many restaurants and quality Italian grocery shopping + sausage, cheese, wine)
- **Brissago restaurants** are within walking distance from the apartment. The restaurants at the lake or on the upper hills are just amazing.

- ✚ **Osteria Boato**, Viale Lungolago, 6614 Brissago (lunch, dinner by the lake, fish, and BBQ)
- ✚ **Restaurant Kalea**, Viale Lungolago 2, 6614 Brissago (new modern restaurant at the lake)
- ✚ **Gabietta**, Via Gabbietta 6, 6614 Brissago (good pizza and local food)
- ✚ **Parkhotel Brenscino Brissago**, Via Sacro Monte 21, 6614 Brissago – up the hill, great view and amazing garden (lunch)
- ✚ **Osteria Borei** -Via Ghiridone 77, 6614 Brissago – 5km on a high and narrow mountain road with breathtaking views, amazing local Ticino food, book a place outside on a sunny day.
- ✚ **Bar Bahia di Brissago**, via al Lago 4, 6614 Brissago – our favorite bar is right at the lake with Brissago islands view. and many more

## Apartment Rules

- **Come and have a beautiful vacation in our Brissago4U apartment.**
- Relax and enjoy the lake and mountains views in Mediterranean scenery and climate.
- No smoking inside is permitted
- Smoking is permitted on the balcony or rooftop.
- No parties or events are permitted inside the apartment or rooftop.
- Please keep the normal Swiss silence rules (between 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM) please **care** about other guests and owners, do not be loud in late evenings or night on the balcony or rooftop
- Leave the apartment tidy when you depart.
- Always put the rooftop lounge beds back at our box and always clean after you eat on the rooftop.
- Do not leave things outside the apartment (i.e. shoes or towels hanging – it is the condominium policy)
- **Lock the door and fully close or keep the windows flipped** whenever leaving the property – it can get very windy suddenly and they could be damaged.
- Wash the dishes, pots, and pans, cutlery, glasses and put them back in their place.
- Remove and dispose of garbage from the kitchen outside, bathrooms and dispose of/recycle at the nearby facilities (you can recycle carton, glass, metal, PET, the rest will go in official paid purple garbage bags that you have to buy at gas stations)
- No pets are allowed in the apartment.
- Please send us via WhatsApp any damage report you may have caused, incl. a picture
- Please send us feedback after your stay with what you find well done and what could we improve.

## Arrival Information

Address:	Via Valmara 10, Apartment 6 (2nd floor), 6614 Brissago, Switzerland
Name of the Building:	Condominium "Casa Fortuna"
Name of the Apartment:	Brissago4U
GoogleMap to Parking:	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/VvvrEyqdPPjNC3zt8">https://goo.gl/maps/VvvrEyqdPPjNC3zt8</a>
GPS Coordinates:	46°06'44.7"N 8°42'16.7"E (46.112421, 8.704641)

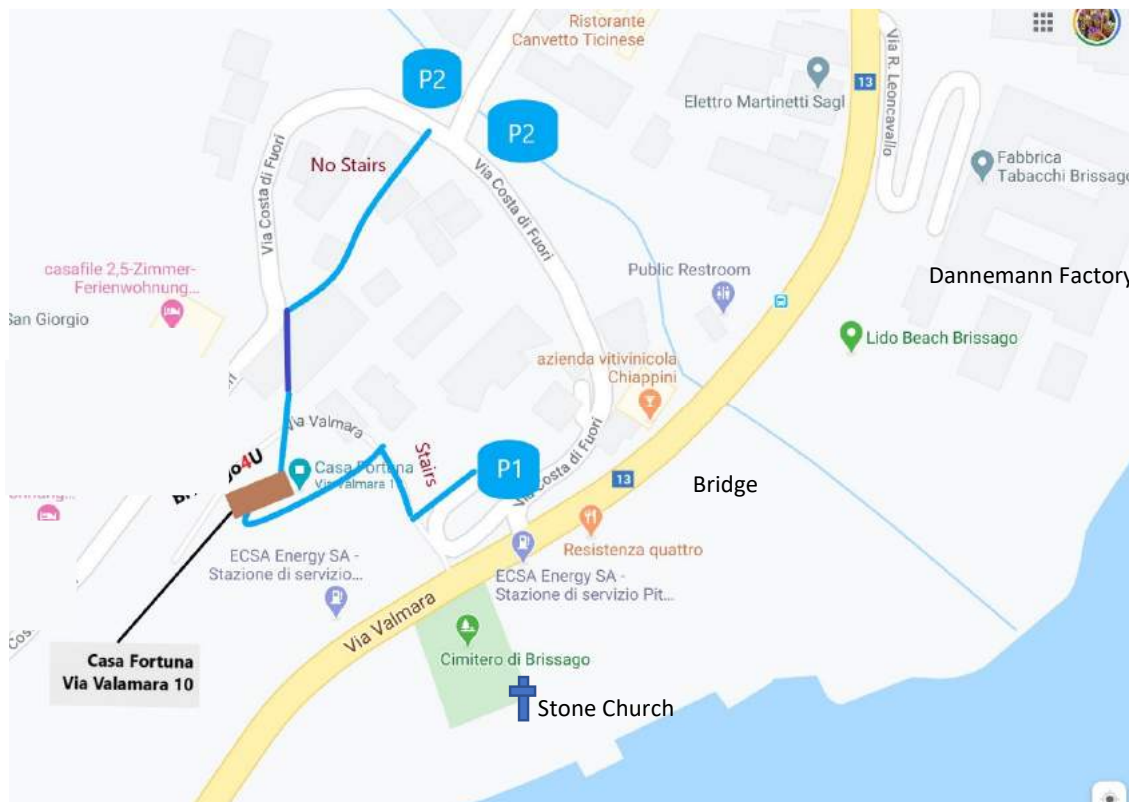


Figure 9 Area map and parking

The building has a front and a back entrance.

- **The front entrance**, the main entrance is reachable via ~25 stairs from below parking (P1).
- **The back entrance** is reachable from the side parking (P2) via a small pathway and a ramp/bridge, with **no stairs at all** until you reach the apartment. It is suitable for a wheelchair or a stroller.

At arrival, please use the **Front Entrance (Main Entrance)**!

Getting to the main entrance is made from **parking P1** (see above map and Figure 2 with a picture)

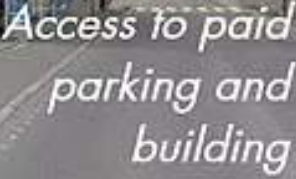
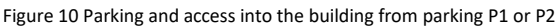
When you come **from Locarno** towards Italy on the main road, after the Dannemann Cigar factory (*big burgundy building on the lakeside*), cross the bridge, and via Valmara will start, then at the stone church with a gas station in the front (on the lakeside) turn sharply to the right on via *Costa di Fuori*. Then immediately **in five meters turn sharply** to the left and drive up the curving road to the parking P1, just above the main road.

You can park here at an hourly/daily rate. You can pay cash or with "ParkingPay" mobile phone app (info available on-premises or [www.ParkingPay.ch](http://www.ParkingPay.ch)). We suggest that you install the app before.

Parking is free 12:00-14:00 and 19:00-08:00 and on Sundays and public holidays. (*check for any changes*)



- **Parking P1** is an *hourly/daily/weekly* based parking. Parking is it free 12:00-14:00 and 19:00-08:00 AM, on Sundays and public holidays. (see details below)
- **Parking P2** is a *blue zone* parking with free parking (with arrival blue disk) one hour after your arrival.



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## Long Term Parking: Parking P1

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GPS Address: **Via Valmara 10, 6614 Brissago** will be closed by, but not so exact as the ling above.

When you come **from Locarno** towards Italy on the main road, after the Dannemann Cigar factory (*big burgundy building on the lakeside*), cross the bridge, and via Valmara will start, then at the stone church with a gas station in the front (on the lakeside) turn sharply to the right on via *Costa di Fuori*. Then immediately **in five meters turn sharply** to the left and drive up the curving road to the parking P1, just above the main road.

- Normally one-hour parking does cost 0.50 CHF or 4.50 per day. You can pay via the iOS or Android apps that are listed on the parking automat. The zone codes are listed on the premise. Always verify all parking details directly at the parking lot
- You can pay in cash or with "ParkingPay" mobile phone app (info available on-premise).
- The parking meter is near the entrance in the parking (North-West corner of the parking).



**Note:** Parking is free 12:00-14:00 and 19:00-08:00, on Sundays and public holidays.

You can also inquiry about long-term parking permits that must be done in person only, at Casa Comunale (City Hall) at the Brissago center. The weekly cost is ~50-60CHF.

## Short term: Parking P2

GoogleMap to Parking:	<a href="https://goo.gl/maps/vjwxMLHNscMayVJe7G">https://goo.gl/maps/vjwxMLHNscMayVJe7G</a>
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GPS Address: **Via Costa di Fuori 2, 6614 Brissago**

GPS Coordinates: **46°06'48.0"N 8°42'16.6"E (46.113336, 8.704617)**

- Set the time when parked using a blue parking disk or at least write on a piece of paper until you get from any tank station a blue parking disk. Put it on the car dashboard. On current conditions, you can park max 2 free hours (check always latest conditions, they may change).
- Blue disc parking is a system of allowing time-restricted free parking through the display of a *parking disc* or *clock disc* showing the time at which the vehicle was parked.



Figure 12 - Blue disk parking

More: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disc\\_parking](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disc_parking)

## Other Parkings

**GPS Address:** Lido Beach Brissago, Via Valmara 1, 6614 Brissago  
**GoogleMaps Link:** <https://goo.gl/maps/o2RfZgXvyzcPNJ1D6>

You may park at Lido Brissago (swimming area) or across from Lido in the blue zone (disk parking) as well.

## Building Access



Figure 13 - Entrances Map into Casa Fortuna

The building has a front and a back entrance.

- **The front entrance** is the main entrance and is reachable via stairs from below parking (P1).
- **The back entrance** is reachable from the side parking (P2) via a small pathway, with **no stairs at all** until you reach the apartment. It is suitable for a wheelchair or a stroller.



**Note:** At arrival, please use the Front Entrance (Main Entrance). Getting to the main entrance is made from parking P1 (see above the map)



## Front Entrance (Main Entrance)

From parking P1, climb the stairs situated near the parking machine in the front of Casa Flavia (the northwest corner of the parking).

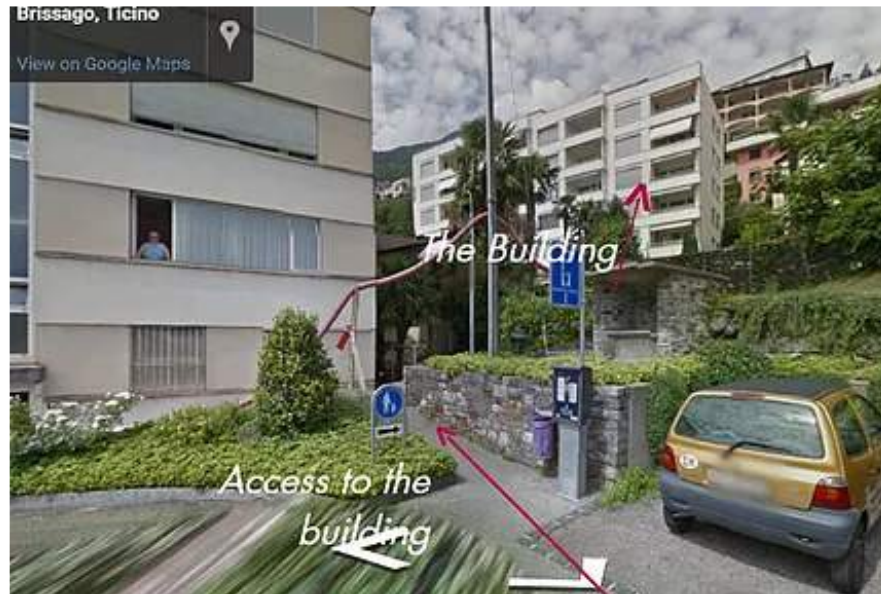


Figure 14 Stair Access to the building, from Parking 1

At the parking meter, climb the ~25 stairs to our building, Casa Fortuna.

Take the first way to the left, pass in the front of one old house and go towards the entrance of "Casa Fortuna".

Take the lift to the second floor, exit to the right, then turn immediately left and go to the last apartment, the number 6.



Figure 15 - Front building view - Casa Fortuna



Figure 16 - Main Entrance in Casa Fortuna is at the end of the building

## Back Entrance

To reach the parking P2 you can use GPS Address: 2 Via Costa di Fuori, Brissago, *Switzerland*

From side Parking 2 (Blue Zone Parking), the entrance is on the small pathway across the bridge. Go about 100m on that pathway, go under the pink building, then descent to the right over a small bridge at the back entrance of the building. This pathway has no stairs at all. You arrive at the back entrance on the second floor directly, the proper floor. Turn to the right inside the building and go to the last door, apartment 6.

This side parking - “blue zone” – offers two hours after arrival free parking with a dashboard “blue parking” card – if you do not have one, please write arrival time on a piece of paper until you get one in a tank station.



Figure 17 Parking and back entrance in the building (GPS Address: 2 Via Costa di Fuori, Brissago, Switzerland)





Figure 18 - Back entrance via a ramp (no stairs)

- **The back entrance** is reachable from the side parking (P2) via a small pathway and a ramp/bridge, with **no stairs at all** until you reach the apartment. It is suitable for a wheelchair or a stroller.



## How to get the keys

After you book an apartment with us, we will give you full instructions about the key and how to get it. You will be able to get the key at any desired time.

The first main door is never locked, the second one is locked from approx. 20:00, sometimes even earlier.

The same key (master key) is to be used for the apartment and the building's entrance.

When checking out at 10:00, please leave the keys in the same way you got them for the cleaning lady and for the next guests who come the very same day in the afternoon.

Please leave the apartment in good standing, i.e remove the garbage and all recyclables, wash the dishes, pots and pans, cutlery, glasses and put them back at their place, so the cleaning lady can focus more on cleaning and disinfecting the apartment.

Thank you in advance and hope to see you again!

## (Un-)Locking Building Entrance

You can use the apartment key for the main entrance (that usually closes at 8 PM) and the same key is to be used for the apartment. The building is locked at night. This is because it only has vacation homes and very few people leave in the building the whole year.

To unlock the main entrance door from upstairs, you can press the button situated at the entrance on the left side after entering the apartment under the key support.

At the main entrance, you can ring upstairs from the dial situated at the outside main entrance (look for family Ban).

## Apartment Details and Infrastructure

The newly renovated, fully equipped holiday apartment is right across from Lido Brissago (open-air swimming pool), with amazing views of Lake Maggiore. It is very easily accessible by public transportation, only 200 m from the bus station. The Italian border is minutes away. Its large (>300m2) rooftop terrace has a granite table & chairs, pergola, BBQ, WC, shower, and the most incredible views. Lounge chairs are available.

## Apartment Plan



Figure 19 -Apartment floor map

## The Three Bedrooms

The apartment can host a maximum of 6 people (incl. children), two persons in each of the three bedrooms.

- All beds are equipped with a very good mattress and should provide good comfort.
- In each room, there are freshly washed bedsheets and towels.
- The drawers are left empty for you to use them.

### Master Bedroom

**Master Bedroom:** Very comfortable bed/spring mattress width 180cm x length 200 cm, frame covered in natural leather, direct lake view, South oriented, direct access to the balcony. **Spacious master bedroom** with direct access to the balcony and large windows with a beautiful lake view.

In the master bedroom, there is a comfortable bed in natural leather, with a frame bed, spring coils mattress, size 160 x 200 cm.

Nicely decorated and very pleasant, with direct natural light.



Figure 20 - Master Bedroom - with leather bed and direct access to the balcony, excellent lake view

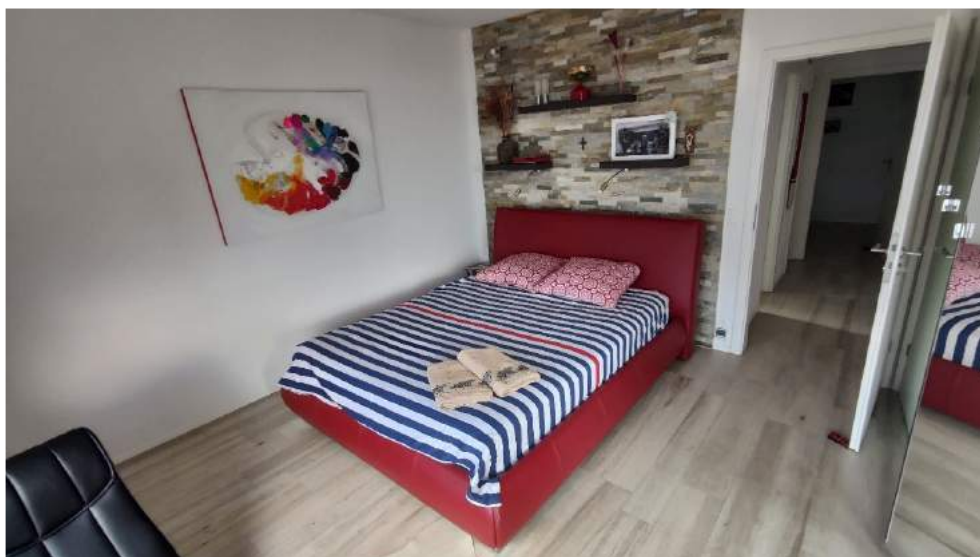


Figure 21 Master Bedroom, different angle



## Second Bedroom

The second bedroom is for two people it has West orientation, very sunny, with lake view, overlooking the palms garden of the nearby exquisite property. The bed has a solid oak frame, with a new Swiss quality mattress 140 x 200 cm. The wall has a Gibson Les Paul guitar decoration with LED lights. Wardrobes have mirror doors for extra comfort.



Figure 22 - Bedroom #2 has good light and lake view



Figure 23 - Bedroom #2 with cool wall decoration

## Third Bedroom

**Third Bedroom:** spacious 3rd bedroom has a high-end sofa bed that can comfortably accommodate 2 people. The sofa bed is 180 x 200 cm. The room has a West orientation with large windows and views over a palms' garden and the lake.

*Note:* If are 4 or fewer people that rent this place, we do not prepare this bed. If you need you can open the bed.



Figure 24 - Bedroom 3 with a comfortable sofa bed



Figure 25 -Bedroom#3 has a large and high-quality sofa bed.

## Living Room

Spacious **living room** with high-quality hand-made Italian leather sofa, TV, the doorway to the balcony, and open space kitchen. South facing apartment with wonderful views over the lake and surrounding mountains.



Figure 26 - Livingroom with lake view



Figure 27 - Livingroom view



## The Kitchen

The kitchen is modern, fully equipped, it has new appliances, an induction plate, oven, a dishwashing machine, a Nescafe machine, toaster, granite countertop, new drawers, a large fridge, and a freezer, new good quality pens and pots, utensils and kitchen boards and extras.



Figure 28 - Open concept full kitchen with quality appliances, induction plate, electric stove

The kitchen is fully equipped:

- All cutlery is being provided.
- All type of glasses
- Cutting boards, bread box, all kitchen utensils we thought are useful.
- There are enough pots and pans and containers.
- A full-size fridge and freezer are available.
- The full-size cooking induction plate and a full-size cooking stove
- Nespresso coffee machine
- Electric water heater (Bodum)
- Toaster
- Bamix Mixer
- Spices



Figure 29 Water heater, Nescafe machine, Bamix mixer, toaster, cutting boards, tea, spices etc.



Figure 30 Small bar in the kitchen



Figure 31 - Pots (WMF)



Figure 32 - Pasta Pot, Plastic Holders



Figure 33 – Plates and red underplates



Figure 34 - Designer Pasta Plates and Cups



Figure 35 - Cuttlery

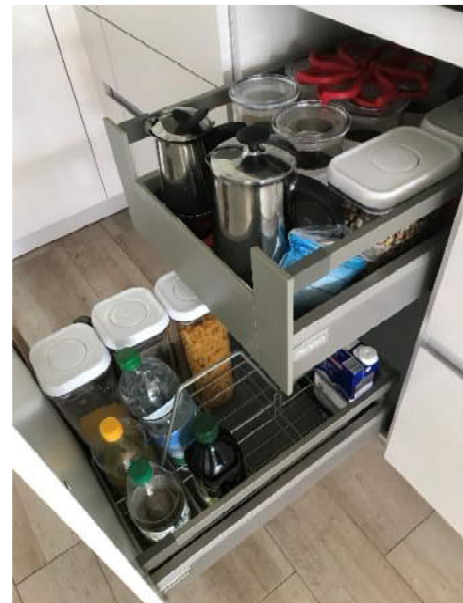


Figure 36 - Oil, vinegar, flakes and pasta containers and an Italian Espresso maker





*On the left drawer, close to the window, you have a toaster (600W) and several spices*



*In the middle dormitory in the left drawer on the bottom, you have plastic (stable) plates for usage on the rooftop.*



*Wine and drink glasses, including plastic wine glasses for the rooftop (bottom right)*

#### **Warning/Todos:**

- We kindly ask you to **cut always against the cutting boards** that are near the coffee machine. Please do not fun on the granite counter-top or directly on the table.
- If the sink test is stuck, please use the pump that is under the boiler in front of the toilet.
- Please use plastic glasses and plates (from the middle room drawer) if you go to the rooftop.
- When you leave the apartment make sure the garbage gets disposed

## Dining Area

**Dining Area** – glass table can be extended to seat 4, 6, or 8 people. It has 4 chairs plus two ceramic ones to be used for more people.



Figure 37 - Dining Area

You can extend the table on both sides. If you need to move the table, please pick it up from the frame. Pull the extension out and then lift it.



Figure 38 - Dining Table

**Warning:** Please do not cut directly on the table glass because it will scratch it. Please use a cutting board.

## Bathrooms

The apartment has two bathrooms, a master bathroom, completely new, includes a large bathtub, WC and bidet, and Service Bathroom, with a designer WC and sink.

### Towels

You can find towels for two persons in each room in the wardrobe.

### Toilet Paper

We usually provide one toilet paper (min two rolls) for each bathroom.

### Soap & Shower-gel

We usually provide one refill of hand soap in each bathroom and shower gel in the shower/bathtub.

### Bathtub & Shower

- In the main bath, there is a bathtub combined with a shower.



- You can regulate the water flow and temperature from the water mixer situated on the wall.
- Nearby there is a switch that you can pull/push to switch between shower water flow or filling the bathtub.
- Water will come from the bathtub side wall - there is not tap.
- By rotating the ring where the water is coming from you can move the plug for the bathtub.



Figure 39 - Bathroom #1 - Master bathroom, completely new, includes a large bathtub, WC, and bidet.



Figure 40 - Bathroom #2 - Service Bathroom, with designer WC and sink

## Balcony

The apartment has a cute balcony with a direct lake view.



Figure 41 - Direct lake view balcony, with eating table and



Figure 42 - The main view from the apartment's balcony



## Roof-Top Terrace

A beautiful large roof-top terrace is situated on the 6th-floor, it is accessible directly by the elevator or the stairs.

You can enjoy a great unobstructed lake view, relax, and sip a good drink, have great meals with panorama, and enjoy the sun.

There is a classic Ticino granite eating table with a shaded pergola, there is a toilet, a new shower, garden chairs, umbrellas, we also provide two relaxing sunbath beds.



Figure 43 - Rooftop Casa Fortuna



Figure 44 - Roof Top Terrace and Pergola





Figure 45 – Rooftop storage room with common and private chairs, cushions, umbrella

You can use the sharable chairs and umbrella, cushions provided plus our two lounge beds that you can take from number 6. Downstairs in the first bedroom, you have special cushions for the chairs in the drawer.



Figure 46 - Special cushions for the private lounge chairs

#### Roof-top amenities:

- The view is amazing from roof-top, full lake view.
- Rooftop patio with a nice grill, granite table and banks
- The roof-top is equipped with a toilet and sink, a new modern shower and storage for lounge chairs, several umbrellas for shadow, and several common plastic chairs.
- In the drawer on the first bedroom closed to the entrance are the pillows to lay down in the sun.



Figure 47 - Pergola, BBQ, and Granite Table.



Figure 48 - Rooftop Casa Fortuna with all facilities



Figure 49 - Granite Table and Pergola

## Operations Info

This guide is to be used to operate the apartment. Most things are standard usage and do not need any extra information.

### Manually Start Boiler - Warm Water for the shower/kitchen

- When you arrive in the apartment, please start the boiler situated inside the drawer in the hallway in the front of the small service bath (right side when you enter)
- You have the switch for power situated under the water container and seen in the picture below.
- Switch ON by moving to the right in the upper position.



Figure 50 - Boiler switch

- Please **power off** the boiler when you are leaving at the end of the apartment (switch to the left – anti-hourly sense).

### Apartment Heating

- We did recently an upgrade on thermostats in each room allowing remote control of them via Wifi.
- Each room radiator has an electronic thermostat that can be used to raise/lower the temperature by pressing the arrows up and down from the thermostat dial face.
- Only the bathrooms heating elements must be manually turned on and off.
- Make sure when you leave the apartment that you turn off the radiators in both bathroom.

**Warning:** Warm water flows into the radiator unit only if the outside temperature is below a certain level and is set by the building's main heating room.



## Cleaning

- You can find a small hand broom and a scoop under the kitchen sink.
- You can find a longer broom in Bedroom 2 on the left side of the drawer, behind the room entrance door.
- Under the boiler the water-heater
- *When you leave the apartment, please vacuum the apartment, and leave it tidy.*
- Please remove all your garbage and properly dispose of it.

## Vacuum cleaner

In the middle of Bedroom 2, in the rightmost drawer, between the drawer and the wall, you will find a Dyson cordless stick vacuum cleaner, charger, adaptors, a broom, and a stepper.

After you vacuum the apartment, please recharge it.

## Wet Mop

Behind the sofa bed on the balcony, there is a wet mop if you need to wipe wet the floors., including a foldable water bucket. Special cleaning products are under the boiler.

## Manage Garbage

Waste disposal in Switzerland is organized at the local level by the communes and is very strict.

The non-recyclable garbage in Brissago must be disposed of in purple plastic bags that you have to buy at any tank station.



Figure 51 - Special paid non-recyclable garbage bags for the Brissago community



Figure 52. Garbage and recycle locations close to Casa Fortuna

- You will have a generic garbage bin under the sink in the kitchen.
- Glass, cardboard, PET bottles, metal cans can be recycled **for free**, and we use the white container at the main apartment entrance. We store recycling items here, then we dispose of them at the Recycle station at the upper-level o parking 2 of Parking P2. Sundays the station is closed.
- The rest of the garbage needs to be disposed of in purple garbage bags.
- You can dispose of them in the middle of Parking P2 or close to the stairs that descended to Parking P1, near the main street, marked with garbage on the above map.



Figure 53 - Apartment outside recycle bin



- Also, a larger white metal white recyclable-bin should be just outside the entrance or on the balcony where you can collect your recyclable and go when needed to the free recycle containers (explained below). Recycling to be stored outside, in the round container with lid, until disposal

## Free - Recyclable garbage

- In Brissago, just above Parking 2, there is a recyclable unit, where you can recycle the carton, PET-Plastic, and glass bottles, aluminum dozen. etc.



Figure 54 - Recycle area (do not use it on Sundays)

## Paid (non-recyclable) garbage bags.

- In any kiosk in a gas station, you can buy rolls of paid official garbage bags (violet colour) where you can throw all not recyclable garbage.
- We usually provide one.
- Carton recycle has limited operation time (Sunday is closed) but the rest of the recycling is always opened.





Figure 55 - Purple bags recycle bin.

## WI-FI

WIFI NAME: **Guest\_Brissago4U**  
Password: **Brissago2020**

Scan the QR code for WIFI:



Figure 56 - Wifi details

- We will mark any Wi-Fi code updates above the kitchen bar.

## Landline Phone (Fix Net)

- This is for you to use in CH only or for emergencies. Please do not use it for international calls.
- Only we can call you on this one, so please answer if you can.

## Roaming

- While you are close to the Italian border sometimes you get an Italian network.

## Tourist tax in Switzerland

- Anyone staying a night in Switzerland is required to pay a tax. The tax is being used to pay for tourism infrastructure such as transportation, information services, cultural performances, etc. Swiss people staying in a town where they don't have permanent residents pay the tax too.
- The tourist tax needs to be paid per person and night, and the amount is slightly different per town. The amount is determined by the local authorities, not by the accommodation owner. A typical amount is CHF 2.50 per person per night.
- The accommodation offers usually do not include the tourist tax and are usually charged as a separate amount. The tax can be paid for separately, which is common for holiday homes. You'll pay the tax to the apartment owner (or the local tourist agency).

## What to bring with you

Bring your IDs (passport, country ID so you can freely travel to Italy back and forth).

Bring an inflatable boat, a SUP, tennis racquet, good hiking shoes, hiking poles, beach towels.

## Food Items to Bring

While you can cook in a well-fitted kitchen you can bring:

- Bring all the vegetables, dairy-milk products, bread, and meat products you need.
- Nespresso coffee capsules, cocoa drinks, tea bags, and sugar
- Cooking oil, olive oil for salads and other food items like eggs, cheese, vegetables
- Any other food you may want.
- No beverages are provided, so please bring them with you.
- Sink water is potable, but let it flow a few minutes at first usage on the first day.

You can bring meats to cook in the kitchen or enjoy the rooftop BBQ (works with charcoal)

You can book the rooftop table by writing the apartment number on the granite table.

**Note:** *We usually have a small number of condiments for you to use first days like salt, sugar, flour, oil, some coffee capsules, and tea bags.*

## Where to buy food



Brissago has a small convenience store in the center across from the city hall.

A few tank stations, mainly on the Northside of the main street provide small convenience stores with food and beverages. (BPSshop across from Dannemann, Migrolino at Shell station, etc.)



Figure 57 - Food Markets around Brissago

For more food offerings, you can go to:

- **Losone (CH)** – Coop, Aldi, Denner (good for drinks, sometimes they are cheaper than Cannobio, Italy :-)
- **Locarno (CH)** – Coop, Denner, Aldi
- **Cannobio (Italy)** - has a decent supermarket store on the first street right after the bridge  
*Careffour Market* - Via Francesco Magistris, 70/71, 28822 Cannobio VB, Italy



**Tip:** Sundays is a huge market in Cannobio, and a large section is dedicated to food.

- **Verbania (Italy)** - has an Esselunga supermarket store with high-quality Italian food products (incl wines). The nice 30 km drive is very scenic directly by the lake.

Address: Esselunga- Viale Giuseppe Azari, 94, 28922 Verbania VB, Italy



## What to do in Brissago and around

### Trip 1. Swim and relax near the Brissago Port at Bahia Bar

Address: Bar Bahia, Via al Lago 4, 6614 Brissago

Map: <https://g.page/BahiaBrissagoSnackbar?share>

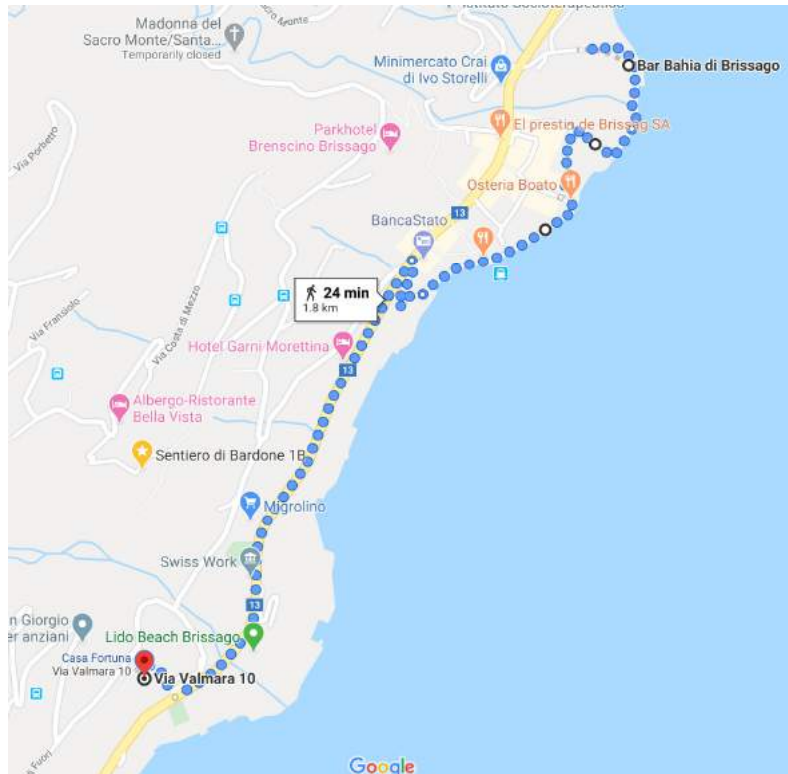


Figure 58 - Walking Map from Casa Fortuna to Bahia Bar

Walk to the snack-bar "**Bar Bahia di Brissago**", 1.8km away from Casa Fortuna. Half of the walk is on the lake promenade.



This is our favourite place in Brissago to get a drink at the lake.

Since 2018 has new management that is very pleasant. From the bar garden, you have direct access to the lake to swim.

You can do some sunbathing and swimming, you can relax by laying down on the massive warm granite stairs, on the well-maintained park grass, or in the comfortable chairs, especially the egg ones.



Tip: Bring a towel to sit on it by the lake, there is direct official water access and toilettes/change rooms nearby.



Figure 59 - Relax at Bahia Bar on these two egg-chairs, swim in the lake or lay in the sun on the rocks or directly on the grass.

You can seat, eat or drink at the Bahia bar, use their egg chairs to enjoy a drink while you watch the lake or the Isole di Brissago (Brissago islands).

There is also a public tennis court well maintained and recently renovated. Bring your tennis equipment with you.

The lake promenade walk is very pleasant, it is a car-free zone. The port of Brissago is offering beautiful views. Boat rental is also possible to do.





Figure 60 - Bar Bahia, Tennis Court, and swimming area



Figure 61 - Brissago Promenade, Port, Bar Bahia



**Tip:** *There is a newly renovated public toilet right behind the Bar Bahia and a brand-new tennis court that you can rent (they do not rent equipment).*





Figure 62 -Swim and relax in the sun near the Brissago Port at Bahia Bar, play tennis, or try a SUP.



Figure 63 - SUP launch in front of Bahia Bar

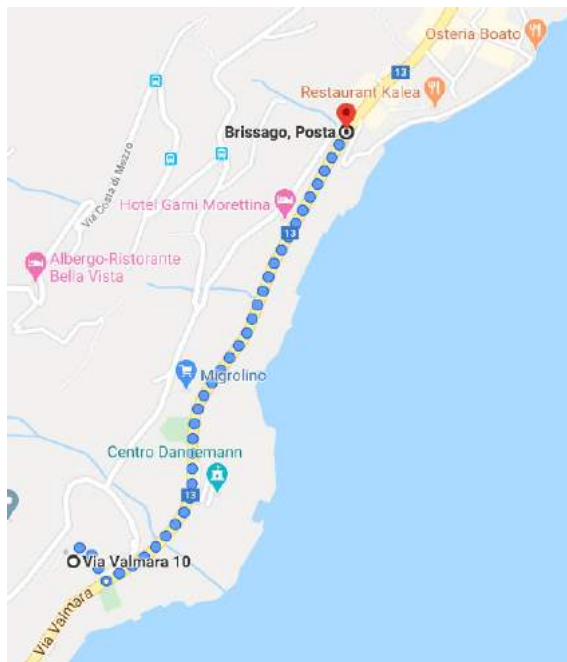


## Trip 2. Brissago: Lake Promenade - Discover Brissago on foot

Easy and relaxing stroll by the Lago Maggiore in Brissago, from port to Dannemann Cigars Factory or vice versa.



Figure 64 - Brissago Lake Promenade



**Walking:** Descent from the building towards the main road, via Valmara and go East (turn left - the opposite direction to the Italian border) towards the Lido Brissago, continue towards Brissago center. Walk for 5 to -7 minutes, about 800m, an easy comfortable walk.

Descent the stairs that are behind the bus station "Posta Station" and go toward the street that goes to the lake to the address [2 Via Debarcadere, Brissago, Ticino](#) (there is parking as well close to the lake) and then walks left to the Brissago Port.

See the walking map here <https://goo.gl/maps/Bd4vM9x8WCn>

**Hint:** if you want to the right you can adventure on the planned boardwalk to be completed sometime and you can arrive close to the Dannemann Cigar Factory.

[-https://www.dannemann.com/en/our-company](https://www.dannemann.com/en/our-company)

**By Car:** If you arrive by car in Brissago park your car near the school. Address: [1 Via al Lago, Brissago, Ticino](#)

Figure 65 -The Brissago walking





Figure 66 -Brissago promenade is car free



Figure 67 - Great table by Boato Restaurant





Figure 68 - Brissago Promenade - Enjoy the stroll and the restaurants.



Figure 69 Newly renovated buildings at the promenade





Figure 70 -Brissago promenade restaurants



Figure 71 - Brissago newly renovated promenade





Figure 72 - Brissago renovated promenade



Figure 73 - Brissago Promenade - with great vegetation





Figure 74 - Beautiful villas on the Brissago Promenade



Figure 75 - Brissago promenade and fisherman port



Figure 76 - Newly opened restaurants (opened summer 2018)



## Trip 3 – Swim at newly renovated Lido-Badi Brissago

Brissago has a beautifully situated Lido (swimming area) that has been recently renovated and re-opened in June 2018. A new building has been added to the Lido, a new easy entrance into the lake, a new restaurant, a new water pool for small kids, and the grass area/grass beach enlarged by removing the old unused storage boxes.



Come and enjoy a very nice Lido/Badi with direct access to Maggiore lake, a heated 28C pool, a small pool for babies, high speed and long **toboggan**, several jump towers of different heights, and the floating pond. The area has beautiful palm trees and well-trimmed grass.

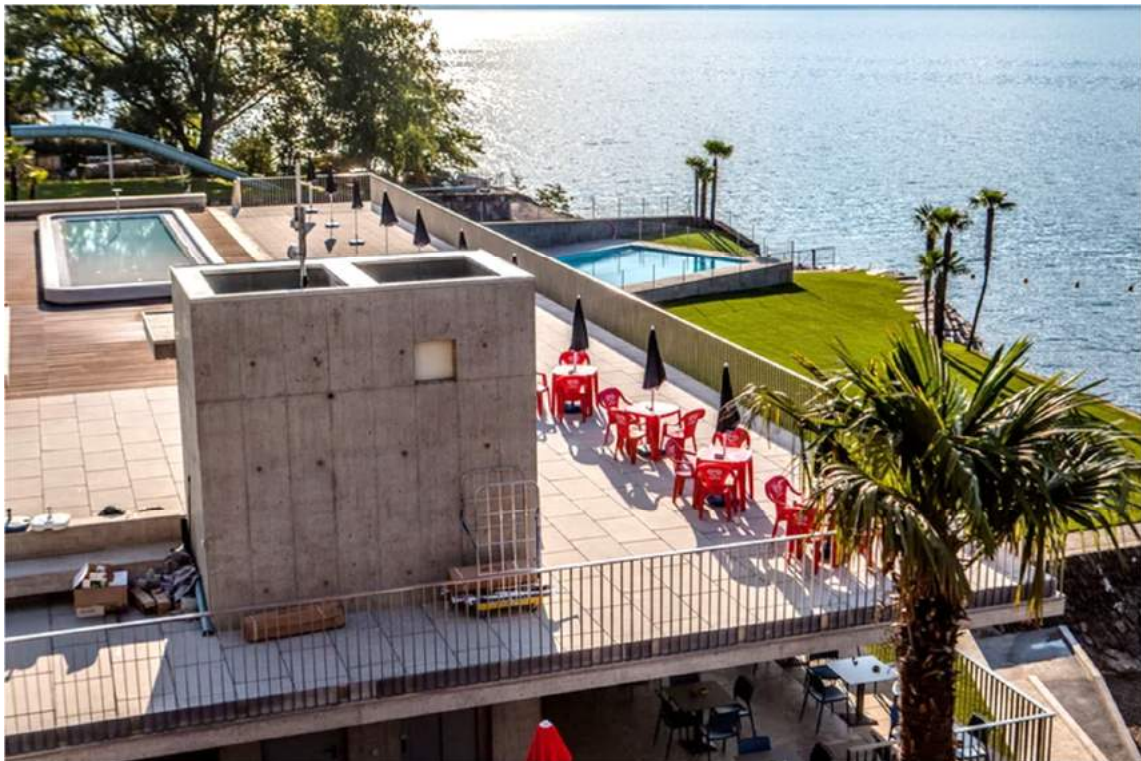


Figure 77 - Lido Brissago – renovated 2018 - swimming, tobogganing, beaches, restaurant, etc.





Figure 78 - Lido Brissago and the main pool area



Figure 79 -Lido Brissago and the water slide



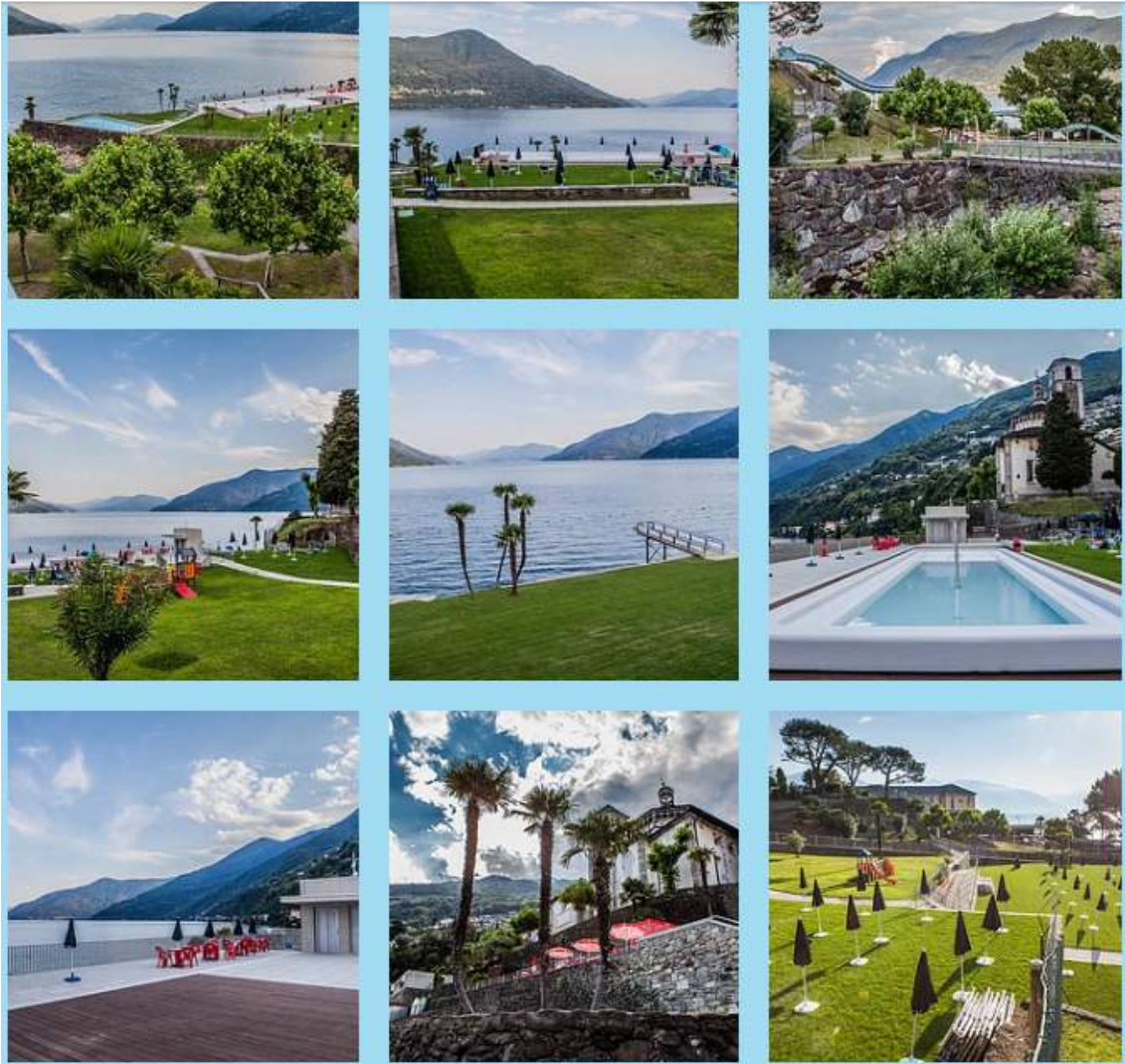


Figure 80 - Lido Brissago – fully renovated 2018 has two heated pools (open for babies)



## Trip 4. Porto Ronco: Visit Brissago Islands by boat

**Brissago Islands: 1/2 day or a full day tour-** Close to the shore are two wonderful islands, **Isole di Brissago**. On the main island, there is a nice villa and a botanical garden. The garden was designed as an earthly paradise, a place to relax and be away from daily stress. The islands have the mildest climate in Switzerland, never under zero Celsius. When you arrive on the island a sign sticks with a great message - *"close your mobile phones and enjoy nature!"*

The islands of Brissago are easy to reach by boat, usually leaving the little village Porto Ronco under 2 km away from the end of Brissago.

The islands can be best seen and admired from the village Ronco sopra Ascona (Ronco s/Ascona) – from the church is a great view - just up the hill across from Porto Ronco (~2km away from Brissago). There is also a public bus service from Porto Ronco to Ronco sopra Ascona.



More info about Brissago Island (in Italian, Isole di Brissago) is here:

<http://www.isolebrissago.ch/en/>



**Tip:** In Summer, during the high season take the public bus that has a station in the front of boat departure by Restaurant Posta in Porto Ronco, or walk, take a bicycle to Porto Ronco from Brissago Center (~3km) to avoid parking stress.



Figure 81 -Isole di Brissago – Botanical Garden

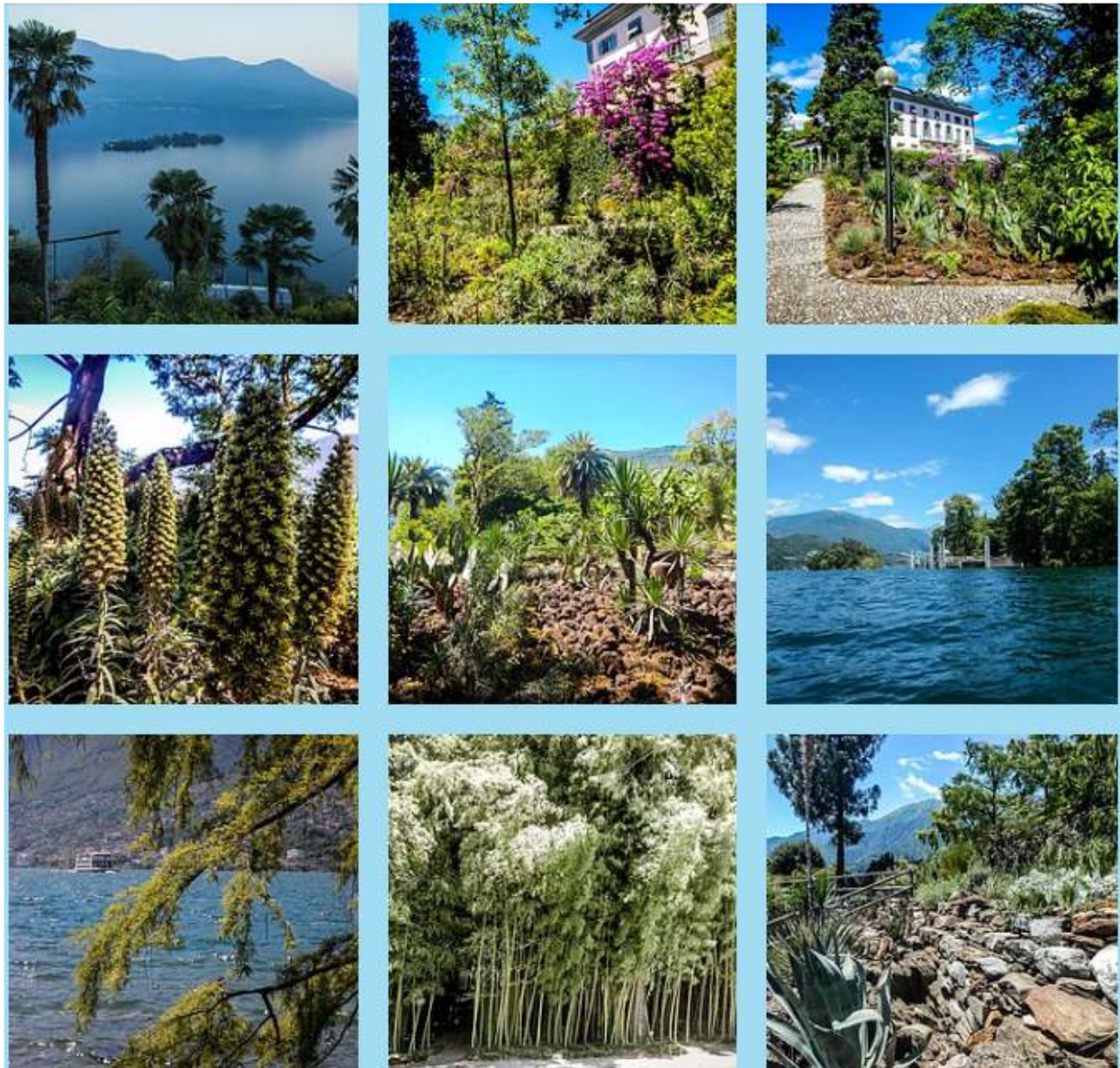


Figure 82 -Isole di Brissago – Botanical Garden



## Trip 5 - Visit "Lido Porto Ronco" beach, near the port of Port Ronco village

The Beach – "Lido Porto Ronco" is very close to Brissago Center (1-2 km away), it is reachable easy by public bus, bicycle or on foot. It is only one station away before entering Brissago from Locarno.

Porto Ronco village has a nice beach near the port of Porto Ronco with a direct view of Isole di Brissago (Brissago islands).



The beach "Lido Porto Ronco" has direct access to the lake, has a restaurant, shower, toilets, small parking just above the place.



Figure 83 - Lido Porto Ronco – has a cool atmosphere, good beer, food and often DJ music

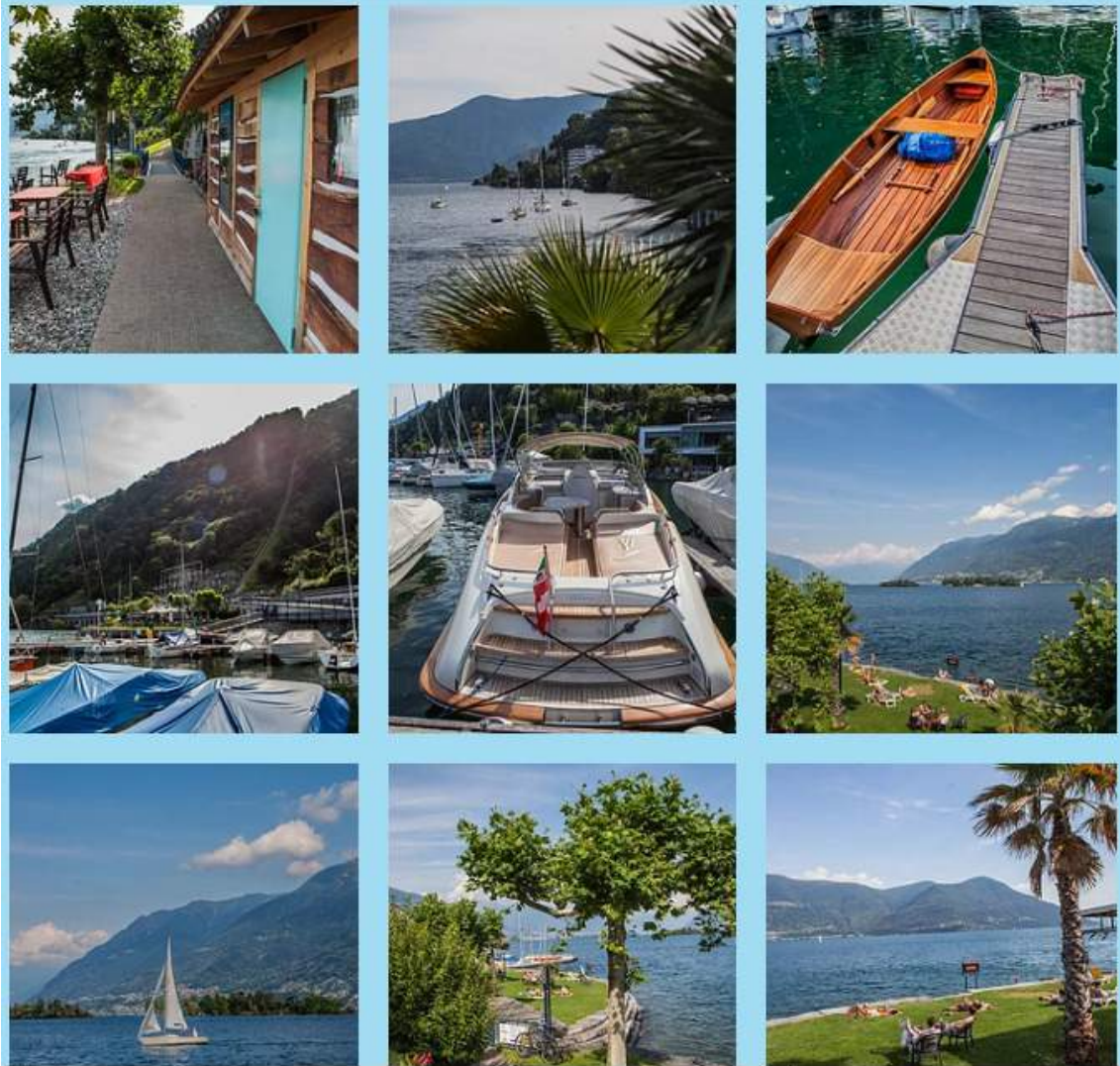


Figure 84 - Lido Porto Ronco – relax at the beach.



## Trip 6. Gridone Mountain, Refugio al Legn (1802m) is right above Brissago, a fantastic hike experience

Refugio Al Legn - Altitude - 1804 m  
Coordinates: 694.900 - 108.600  
6614 Brissago

**Capanna Al Legn (1,785 m)** [ <http://www.legn.ch> ](46°07'20.57"N 8°40'01.8"E) is a great 2 floors mountain-hut, maintained in excellent conditions, located just above Brissago in the Lepontine Alps - steep side of the Gridone Mountain. From this Alp's hut, there is a beautiful view of Lake Maggiore, Brissago Islands, and Brissago town. The hut is operational from May to September, occasionally it is fully serviced. If you book you can have bunk beds in a large dorm to stay overnight as well.



Figure 85 - Mountain Hut "Capanna Al Legn", above Brissago – it is in full operation in the summer and fall.

### How to get there?

The main mountain peak of the area is “Gridone”. On the way, there is the mountain hut “Capana Al Legn”.

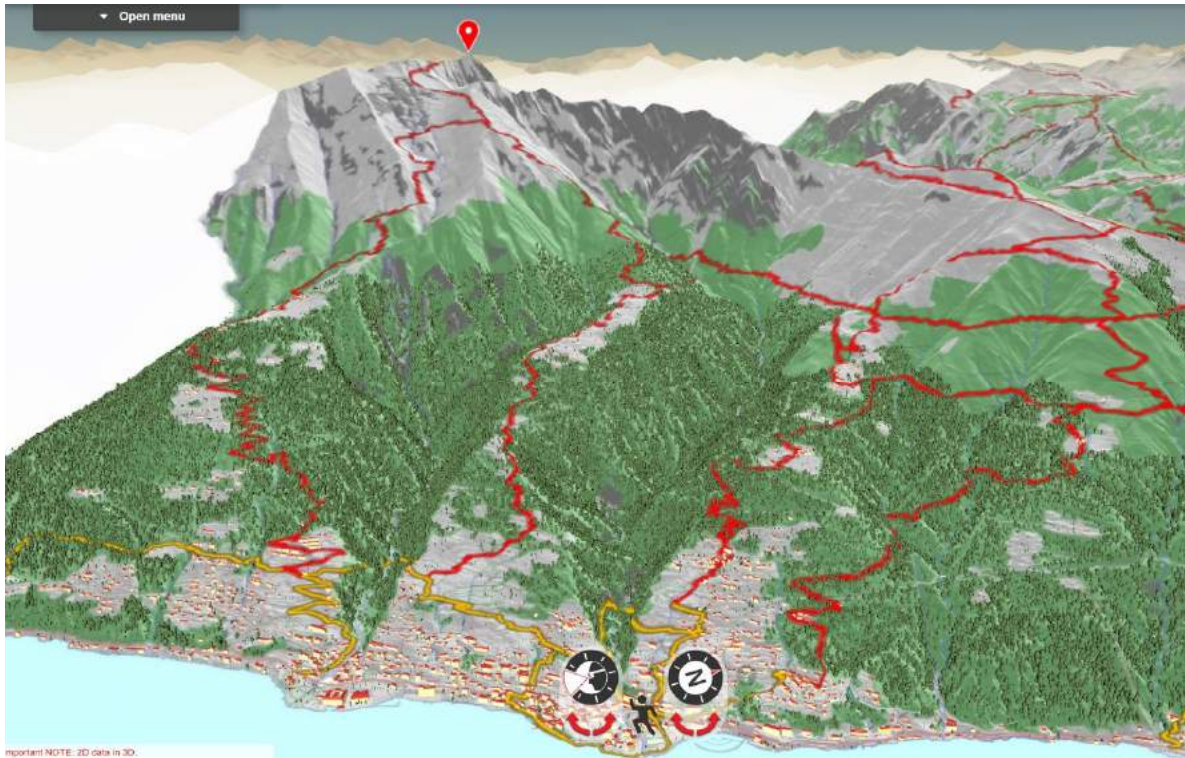


Figure 86 - Hiking paths to Gridone Mountains



The access to the hut “Capana al Legn” can be done using several pathways:

- from the village of Brissago, from the Port (altitude 215 m) - is about 4 hours
- from Cortaccio (1067 m.) - is about 1.40-2.00 hours
- from **Mergugno** (1050 m.) - is about 1.40-2.15 hours (it is our favourite)
- from Palagnedra (657 m.) - is about 3:30-4.00 hours
- from Cannobio/Italia (220 m.) - ore 6.00-7.00hours



The **simple way** to reach the "Capana al Legn" hut (~ 1.45-2.15 hours) on foot from Mergugno (alt. 1050 m). The drive from Brissago center to Mergugno is about 15-20 minutes it is only 8km on a very windy road. There is no bus service on this road. A taxi can be ordered if wanted.



Figure 87 - The hiking trail from Mergugno to "Al Legn" hut

The modern hut situated at 1800m with an astonishing view over Maggiore Lake, offers 12 beds, toilet, and shower, wood, and gas kitchen. A common dormitory for 12 people is situated in the attic. Up to 20 people can eat on the main floor in the dining area or on the outside terrace. The kitchen is fully equipped with all utensils. The hut has running water and toilets inside. Solar panels provide electrical power for the hut.

Sample Rates (2017): (more info <http://www.legn.ch>)

- members: adults 9. -
- members: children 6. -
- non-members: adults 15. -
- non-members: boys 9. -
- fee wood/gas 4. -

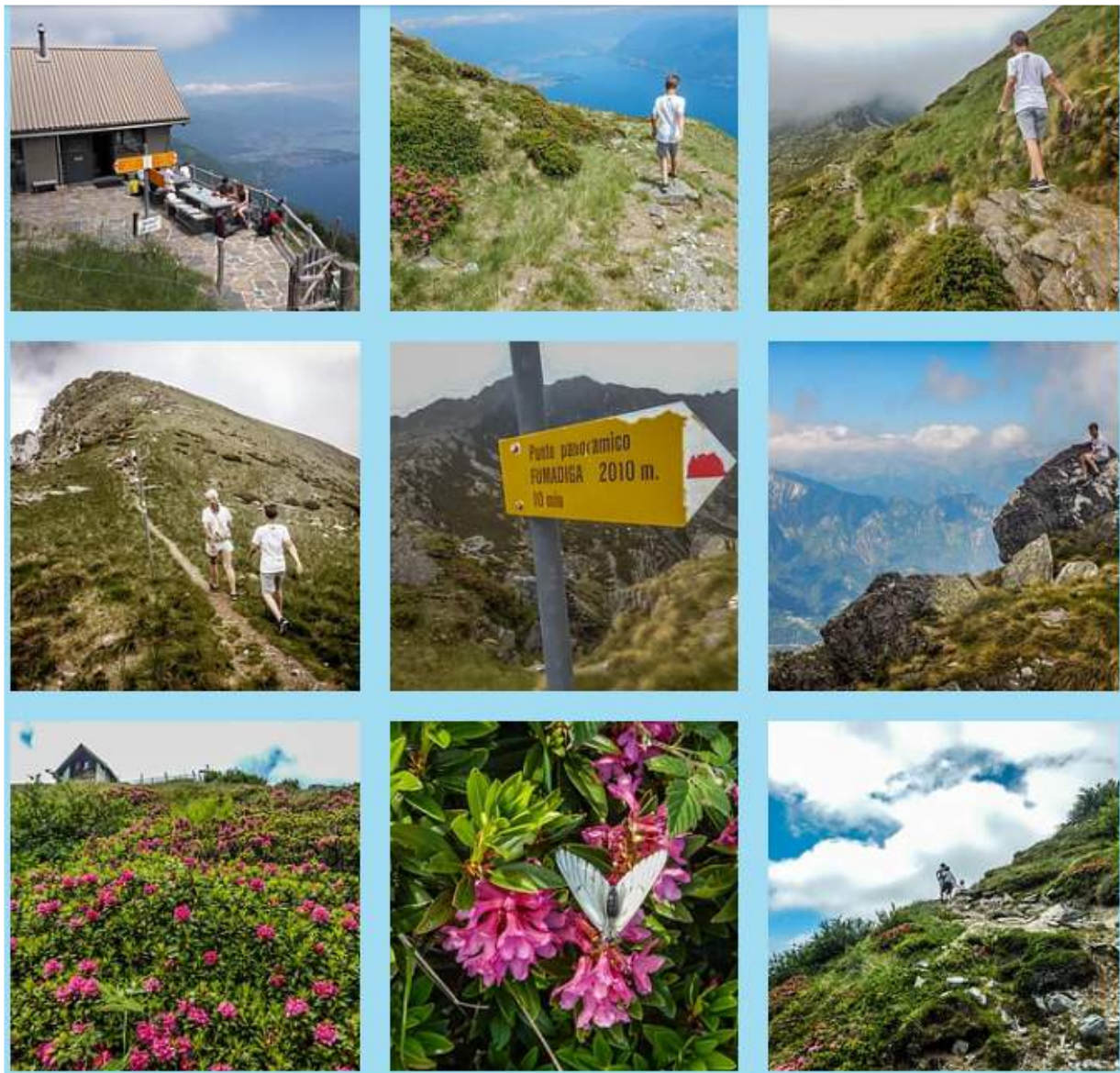


Figure 88 -Refugio al Legn (1802m) - Gridone Mountain and view over Maggiore lake



Figure 89 -View from Capana Al Legn





*Gridone Mountain, mountain hut Capanna-Refugio al Legn (1802m)*

## Trip 7 - Brissago: Get lost in Brissago! Stroll and discover old small streets and buildings

Travel in time, relax, take time for yourself!

Brissago is quite a large municipality, is being spread on hills raising from water that contains three main valleys. There are plenty of small pedestrian streets made of granite stone. Many, many to choose from. And a lot of stairs. Just get lost in the labyrinth. They are full of stories and history.

You can enjoy great views and amazing historical heritage of Brissago's village sections:

- Piodina
- Incella
- Porta



Figure 90 -Brissago Bellavista view from Belavista Restaurant.

We like a lot the view from the point called **Bellavista** – just on the west side of Albergo-Ristorante Bella Vista at the address **Via Costa di Mezzo 77, 6614 Brissago**. You can also enjoy a great lunch/dinner/coffee at one of the tables with a fantastic view. (reservation is needed if you want to eat at phone: 091 793 12 22.

For actual information please use [www.bellavista-brissago.ch](http://www.bellavista-brissago.ch)



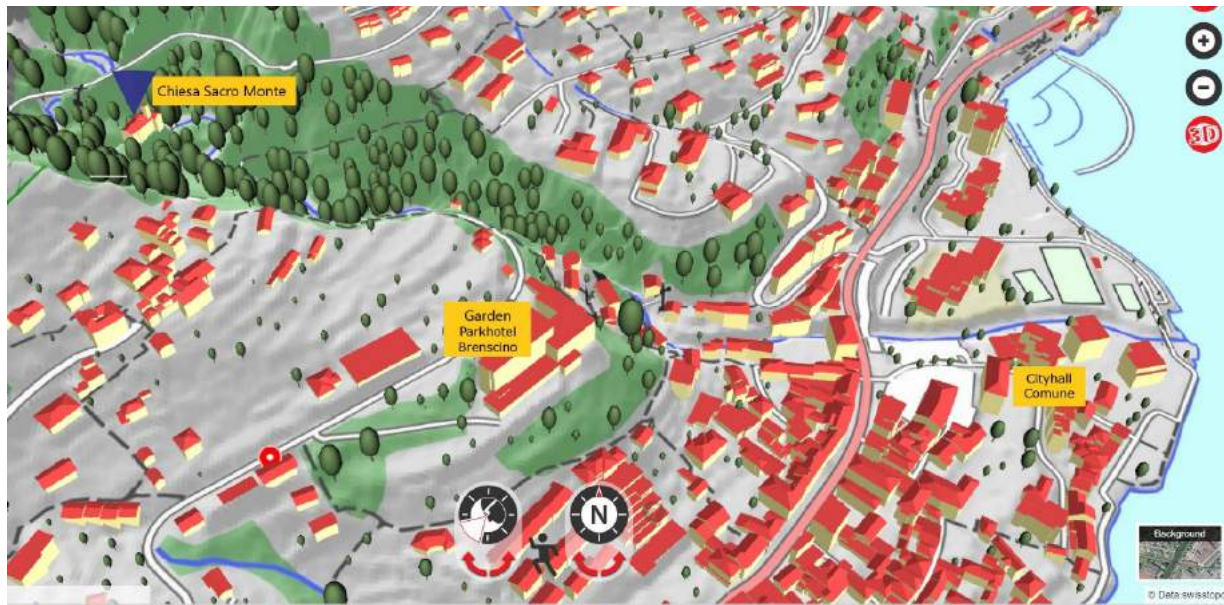


Figure 91 -Church on Sacro Monte & Garden from Parkhotel Brenscino



Another nice walk is to walk up to the Church on *Sacro Monte e Santuario di S. Maria Addolorata* (Via Sacro Monte, Brissago 6614) and stroll in the fantastic public gardens (inclusive the minigolf) of Parkhotel Brenscino Brissago (Via Sacro Monte 21, 6614 Brissago) with a great view over the lake.

In the summer there are free guided tours every Thursday from May until October.

More information <https://www.ticino.ch/en/commons/details/Hidden-places-of-Brissago/140804.html>

You can check the tour on the GPS tracker map:



Figure 92 - Walk from Casa Fortuna go to via Chiesa Sacro Monte, descent to the mountain river and go back to Brissago Port





Figure 93 - Walking path - old streets of Brissago (Address: Sentiero di Bardone 1B, 6614 Brissago)



Figure 94 - Sacro Monte e Santuario di S. Maria Addolorata - Address: Via Sacro Monte, Brissago 6614, Switzerland





Figure 95 -Coming down the small river from Sacro Monto to Brissago Center (GPS coordinates 46.120966, 8.708279)



Figure 96 - Hike in Brissago near Sacro Monte



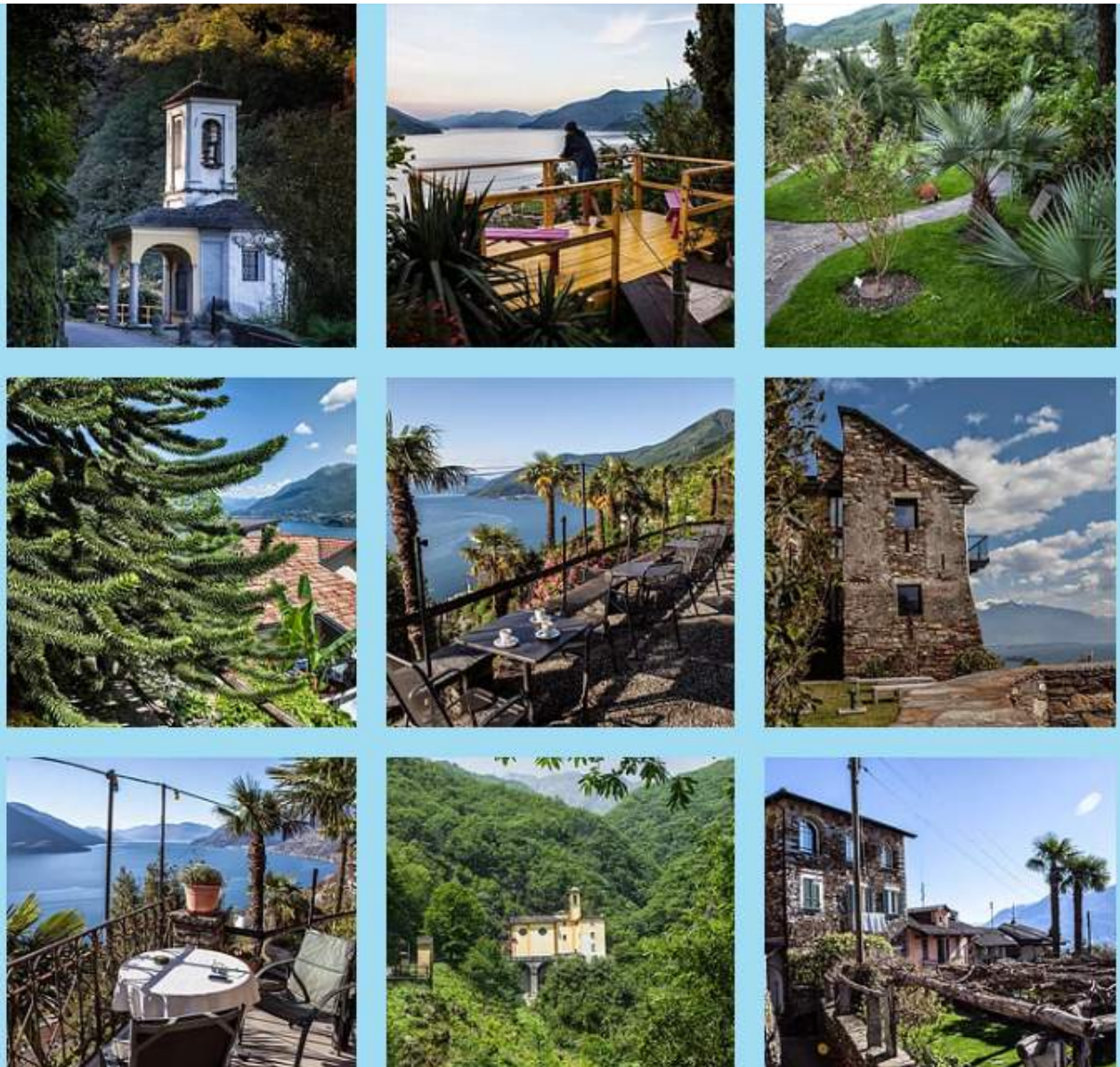


Figure 97 - Brissago views

## Trip 8 - Locarno and the Locarno International Film Festival - Pardo (August)



Figure 98 - Locarno, city center

**Locarno**, a nice Italian-speaking Swiss city with about 16.000 inhabitants, that is close to Brissago (9km away) reachable by car, public bus, or bicycle. More info <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Locarno>

**For Parking** put in the GPS: Viale Verbano, in Muralto (Muralto is directly linked to Locarno). There you can find parking near the lake, East side of the Locarno Boat Terminal. From there you can walk 5-10 min to the square “Piazza Grande”, the main pedestrian-only city center. From the parking, in Muralto you can go east and stroll at the lake promenade. Another nice place to visit is the modern “Lido Locarno”, a very nice swimming and salted water SPA facility.

Locarno hosts also the well-known international film festival in August, called the “Locarno Festival” which takes place in a well-known old square “Piazza Grande” and has one of the largest outdoor screens ever installed worldwide.

More information: <https://www.locarnofestival.ch/>







Figure 99 - Film Festival Locarno – called also Pardo



Figure 100 - Locarno Piazza Grande during Film Festival



Figure 101 - Lido Locarno-outdoor heated swimming pool



Figure 102 - Lido Locarno

In Locarno go to the new lido for an amazing experience – great pools indoor and outdoor, places for small and older kids. Nearby is a great SPA with salted water. All are newly built with a great design.





Figure 103 - Locarno - Madonna Del Sasso Monastery

Visit the monastery **Madonna del Sasso** and admire the view over Locarno and the mountains.

One way is to go above the monastery and descent to Locarno.

Parking: You can park at funicular/ Orselina CIT (gondola/cable car) on Via Santuario 4, 6644 Orselina, and descent to Madonna del Sasso. Go inside the sanctuary "**Santuario della Madonna del Sasso**", and the 15th-century church on the peak. Admire the magnificent views.

The descent on foot to Locarno you can make it via a small train or on foot on stairs.

Another possibility is to take the Locarno Funicolare (Inclined Railway Station) from the Locarno center and go up to the monastery. More <https://funicolarelocarno.ch/>





Figure 104 - Locarno, views from the monastery "Madonna Del Sasso"



Figure 105 - Locarno, Madonna del Sasso monastery





Figure 106 - Descent on foot from Mandona del Sasso



Figure 107 - Locarno, the Lake Promenade

Visit the old city center where they host the film festival, go to the port, and stroll to the East on the lake promenade.



In Locarno, there is an international flower show, “**Camelie Locarno**” at the end of March each year.

More info: <https://www.ascona-locarno.com/it/Cosa-fare/Eventi/camelie>



Figure 108 - Flower show “Camelie Locarno” (March)

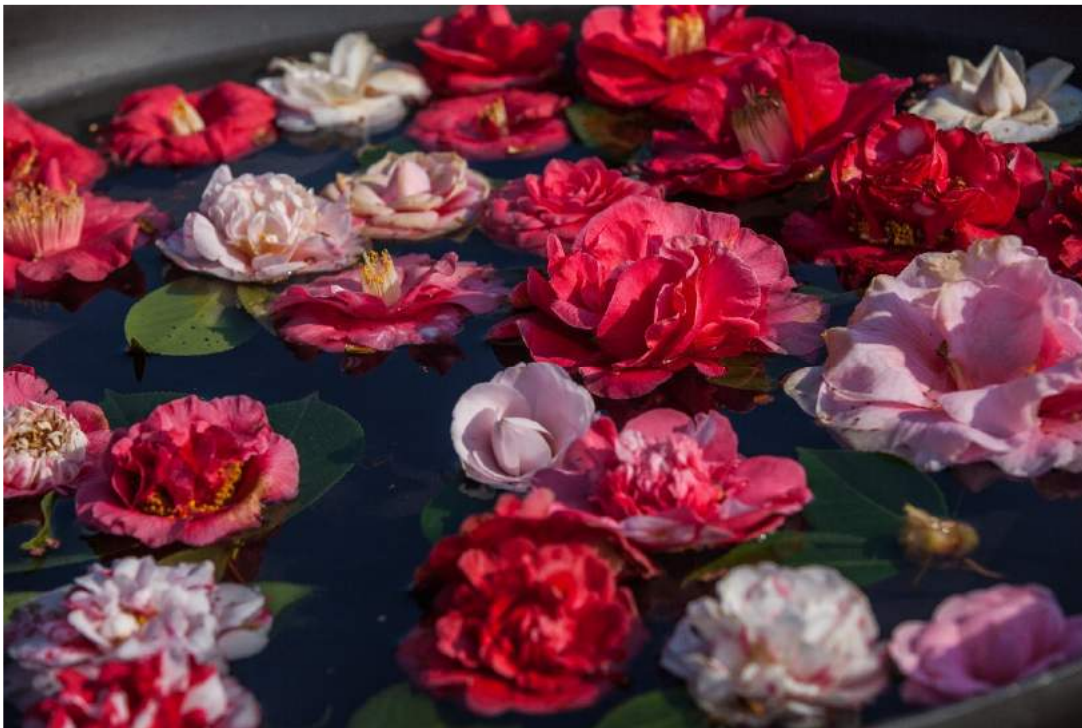


Figure 109 - Figure 97 - Flower show “Camelie Locarno” (March)





Figure 110 - Locarno, Parco della Camelie - Flower show "Camelie Locarno" (March)

### *Parco delle Camelie*

Most flowers are in the Camellia Park (Parco delle Camelie - was inaugurated 2005), Locarno at Via Respini – more info [www.camellia.ch](http://www.camellia.ch)

Another nice destination is **Cimetta (Cardada) Mountain**. You can take the cable car/gondola from Orselina CIT to **Cardada** (Cimetta) and enjoy great mountain views and great hikes. You can do a tour right at the peak and you can descent on foot back to Locarno. More info: <http://www.cardada.ch/en>

**Market:** Every Thursday (every 2 weeks in winter) in Piazza Grande there is a large market with all kinds of products.

## Trip 9 - Ascona, a chic village with fantastic sunsets and a great view of the Brissago Islands



Figure 111 - Ascona promenade

Ascona is a chic and popular touristic municipality, located on the shore of Lake Maggiore at about 4-5 km away from Brissago. Ascona has a great promenade where you can walk near restaurants with great views towards the lake, Brissago islands, and mountains.



Figure 112 - Ascona Lake Promenade – the classic and fancy Ticino's walking strip





Figure 113 - Jazz Festival Ascona (June) and many concert stages



Figure 114 - Jazz Festival Ascona (June)

Ascona hosts a very nice yearly Jazz Festival – in June.  
More <https://www.jazzascona.ch/en/>

There are plenty of other events in Ascona during the year. More info: <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/ascona.html>



Figure 115 - Ascona's sunset over lake Maggiore



Figure 116 - Ascona at sunset





Figure 117 - Posh Restaurant/Bar (called Seven) on Ascona main promenade



Figure 118 - Ascona port



Ascona hosts many very well-organized events:

- June (more or less last week) - very nice yearly jazz festival - the Ascona Jazz Festival -
- More info and dates: <https://www.jazzascona.ch/en/>
- Ascona Classic Car Award: <https://www.a-cca.ch/it/program.php>
- Mid-October - Chestnut Festival: <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/chestnut-festival.html>
- Early Sep-Mid Oct - Settimane Musicali di Ascona, with its rich program of symphony concerts, chamber music evenings and single instrument recitals - [www.settimane-musicali.ch](http://www.settimane-musicali.ch)
- Other Ascona events: <https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-ch/ascona.html>



Figure 119 - Ascona Jazz Festival



## Trip 10 - Val Bavona: One of the magic valleys in Vallemaggia region, a place to do a time reset.

Put "San Carlo" in your GPS.

### Driving Info:

Go to Ticino, the Italian part of Switzerland, to the city of Locarno. Then drive to the north towards Vallemaggia, about 10 minutes' drive outside of the Locarno city.



### Travel Hints!

**Stop 1: Ponte Brolla** (our guide of [Ponte Brolla is here](#))

Map Ponte Brolla: <https://goo.gl/maps/oTVUEF8HFVLjtuAU8>

You can stop right at Ponte Brolla after the intersection that goes towards Maggia valley -300m after the intersection. Descent to the valley for an interesting view - Maggia keys ( *Orrido di Ponte Brolla* ).

Parking is more like a side street parking or directly at the restaurant closed to Ponte Brolla.

You can stop right at Ponte Brolla after the intersection that goes towards Maggia valley -300m after the intersection. Descent to the valley for an interesting view - Maggia keys ( *Orrido di Ponte Brolla* ).

Parking is more like a side street parking or directly at the restaurant closed to Ponte Brolla. Access is not always well maintained.



Figure 120 - Ponte Brolla .

### Continue the drive on Vallemaggia.

Go upwards the river Maggia and turn on Val Bavona, the steepest and rockiest valley in this Alpine region.



**Stop 2: Ritorto** Parking to view this house is here: <https://goo.gl/maps/t8pqcGHqasALXYc27>



Figure 121 - Ritorto just before Foroglio and beautiful old houses carved in huge stones (<https://goo.gl/maps/t8pqcGHqasALXYc27>)

From Ritorto drive 2 minutes to Foroglio. Park at the village entrance, cross the bridge over Bavona river and go to Foroglio village.

**Stop 3: Foroglio Falls** Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/NcV6uE7iwiMWAmn16>



Figure 122 - Foroglio Falls on val Bavona





Figure 123 - Val Bavona, one of the beautiful affluents of Valemaggia

## Trip 11 – Hiking around Lake Robiei, Zott, Cavagno and climb to the Basadino glacier in Ticino, at the end of Vallemaggia (val Bavona – village San Carlo)

If you are driving, enter “San Carlo”, Ticino in your GPS. Or take the public bus from Locarno. Or you can use a bicycle/motorcycle to go there.

**Directions:** Drive or go by bus on Vallemaggia, then turn on Val Bavona and go until the end of the valley in San Carlo village.

Take the Robiei Funivia cable car, a private company that operates the water dams. Usually the cable car ascent/descent each hour. The cable fare journey takes about 15 minutes.

Info about the cable car schedule: <http://www.robiei.ch/index.php/de/seilbahn/informationen>

Cost Cable: ~25CHF/Person

On a sunny day, you will have magnificent views over the Alps and numerous lakes.

**Google Map:** <https://goo.gl/maps/3n8K6zS4eyn>

Drive time from Brissago: **1hr**

Distance from Brissago: **47km**



Figure 124 - Lake Zott near the Robiei





Figure 125 -Lake Zott and the Basadino glacier above

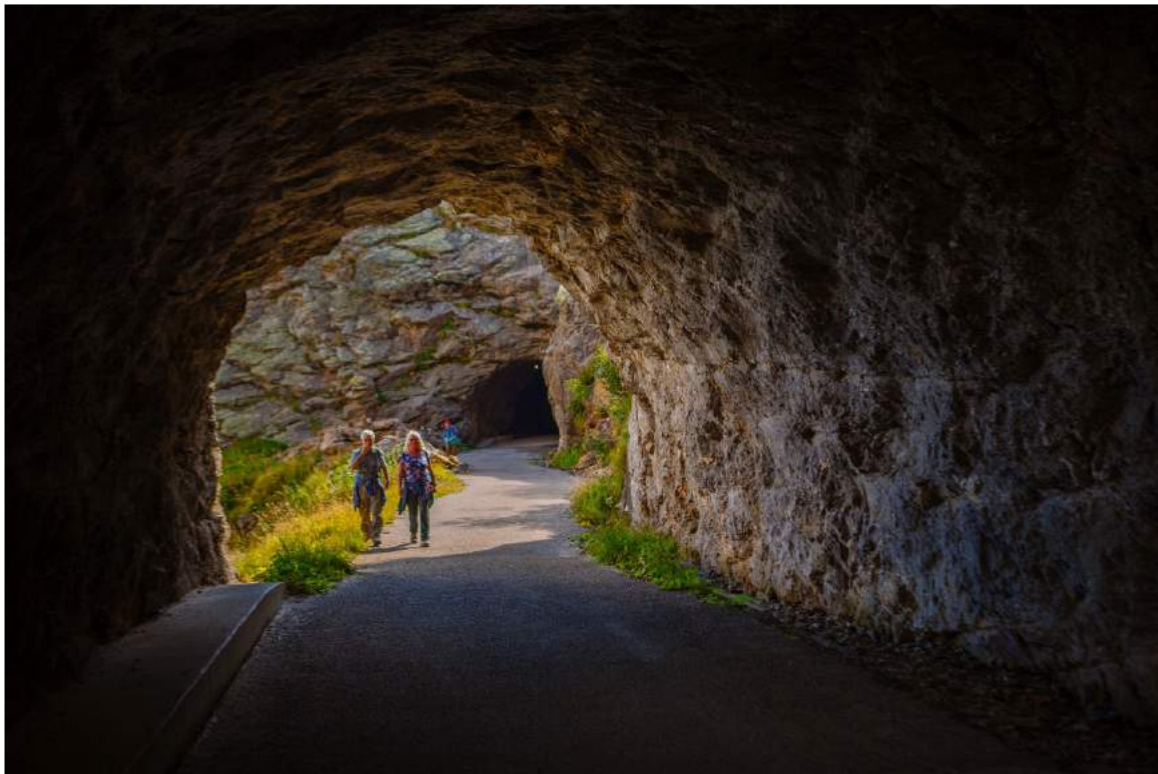


Figure 126 - The hike from the cable car to lake Zott via a tunnel

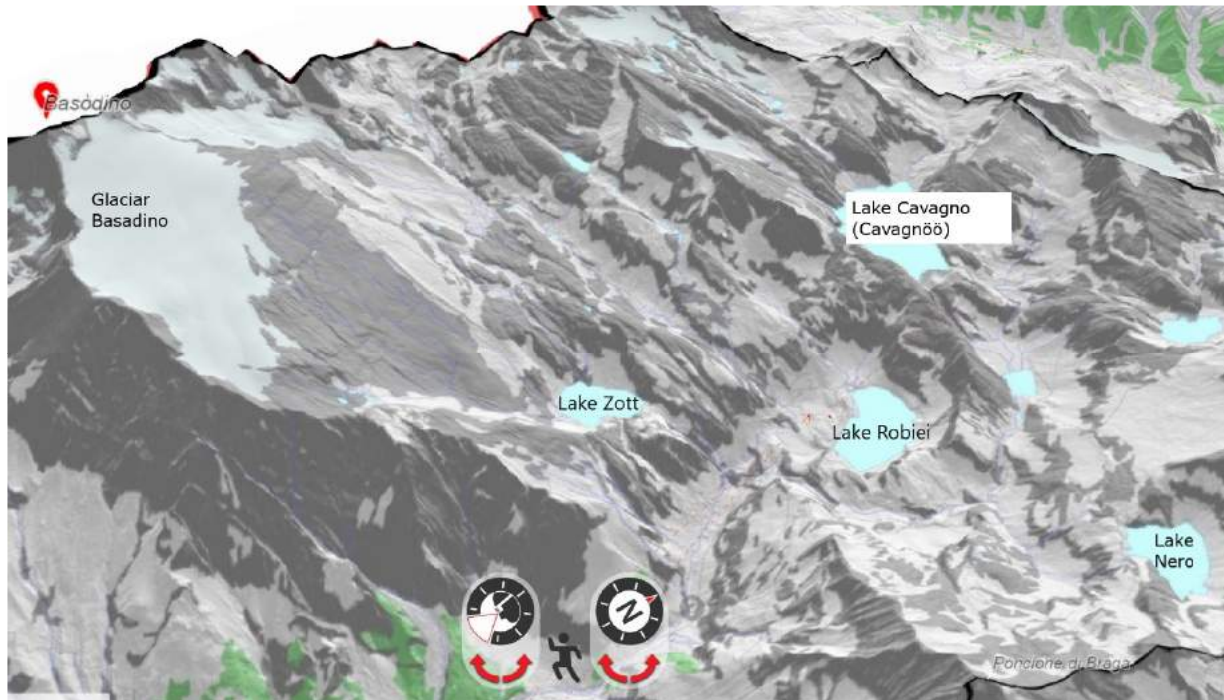


Figure 127 - Robiei Lake Region and Basadino Galcier

**Activities:** mainly hiking that ranges from hiking on a paved road to ice climbing. The wild glacier panorama is breathtaking.

**Lake Hiking** close to the cable car station:

- **Lake Robiei:** Hike from cable car arrival station to North East - to Lake Robiei and the water dam – you can see the dam from the station - 5 Min walk on the paved road. Then go around the lake, walk on the dam, to be able to see it. (easy tour)
- **Lake Zott:** easy walk from the cable car to the South-West on the comfortable paved road via a tunnel to Lake Zott - 30 min easy walk each way. You can then walk around the lake on a marked path – on the left side of the dam. There is no pathway to go fully around the lake.

From here you can climb the glacier Basadino – a more difficult hiking/ice walking.

- **Lake Cavagno (Cavagnöö):** medium difficulty walks from the cable car to the lake of Cavagnoo (1.40h each way) **Fishing:** you can fish lake trout in this area.



## Trip 12 - Valle Lavizzara: on Vallemaggia Region, go to Mogno to visit the modern church(architect Mario Botta)

Drive from Brissago to Locarno, to Vallemaggia, pass the village of Cevio, then in a few km turn right on to the road that climbs to Mogno and Fusio.

The drive from Brissago to Mogno takes about 1 hour and is about 50km.

The church history: in April 1986, an avalanche destroyed the old church from the village of Mogno. The Swiss star architect Mario Botta was commissioned to build a new church. He came up with a controversial project that is well known in the architecture literature.

More info at <https://www.ticinotopten.ch/en/monuments/church-mogno-botta>

**Fusio** is at the end of the valley, a picturesque village where the architect Dazio did renovate multiple old houses into new bijoux. More info at <http://www.gld-dazio.ch/it/>



Figure 128 -The beautiful Church of Mogno, Ticino – Architect Mario Botta



Figure 129 – Inside the beautiful Church of Mogno, Ticino – Architect Mario Botta



Figure 130 – Inside the beautiful Church of Mogno, Ticino – Architect Mario Botta





Figure 131 - Village of Mogno and the beautiful Church of Mogno, Ticino – Architect Mario Botta



Figure 132 - Valle Lavizzara villages: Fusio and Mogno



## Trip 13 - Bosco Gurin: On Vallemagia go on the west side, to visit an authentic Alp's village, Bosco Gurin

**Bosco Gurin** can be reached from Vallemagia turning to the left in Cevio and going up until the end of Valley of Bosco Gurin, near the Italian border.

It is situated at 1500 m and the village at the highest altitude in canton Ticino. In this village the official language is German, it is the only municipality where German is spoken.

In the winter is an interesting ski resort.

Official website: <http://bosco-gurin.ch/>

Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/vbn5jja699u>

**Distance from Brissago:** 50km ~1hr drive (last part on a very steep and curvy road)

More info: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bosco/Gurin>



Figure 133 - The pitoresque Bosco Gurin village





Figure 134 - Bosco Gurin village - Ticino



Figure 135 - Bosco Gurin has many building traditions from the Valais (Wallis in German)



## Trip 14. Visit Stresa(Italy) and the Borromean Islands: Isola Madre, Isola dei Pescatori, Isola Bella

We suggest taking one full-day trip to Stresa (IT).

Drive from Brissago to Italy, Verbania, then to Stresa. The drive is about 44 km and will take you about 1 hr.

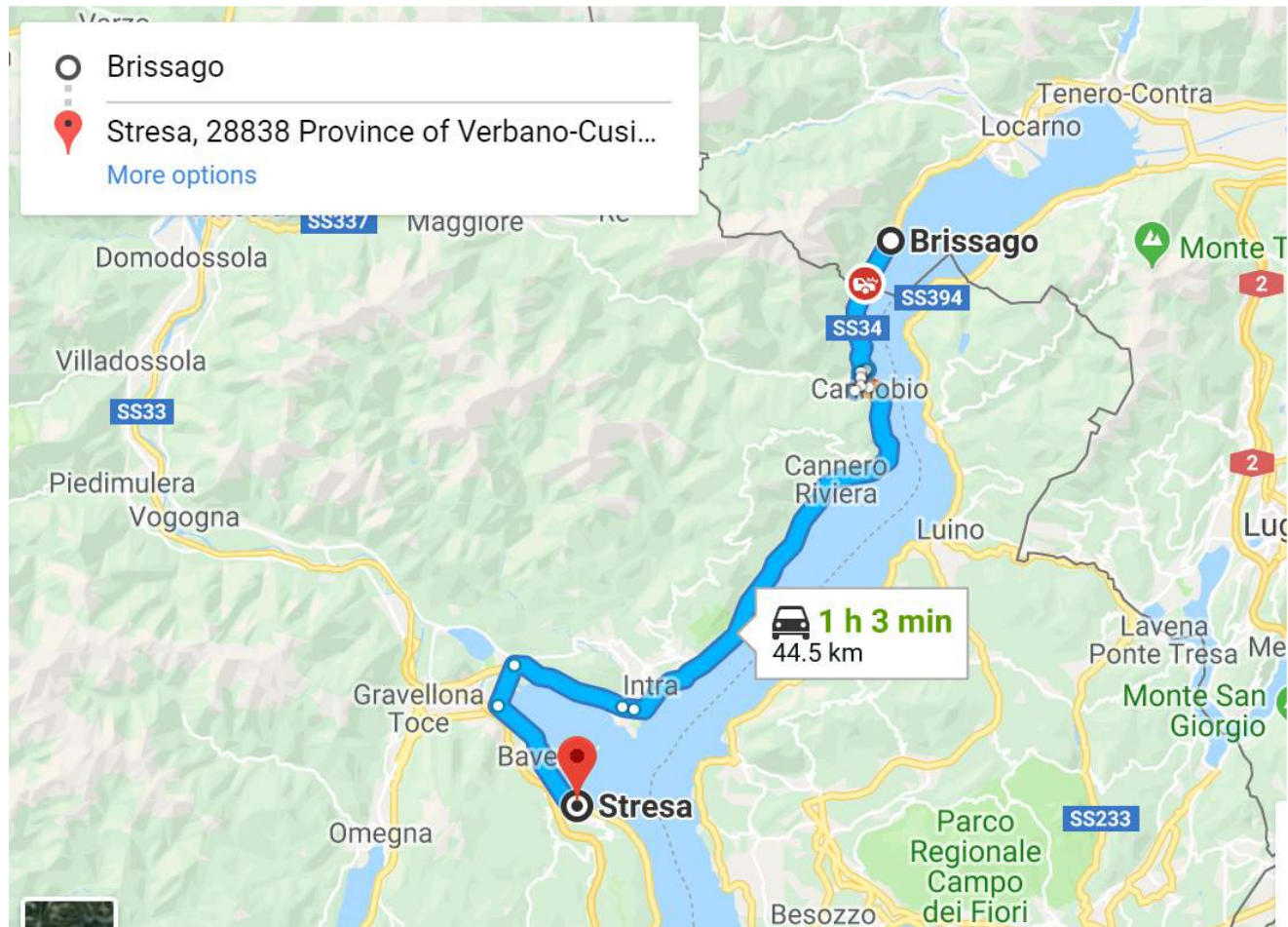


Figure 136 - Driving map to Stresa

The whole drive is near Maggiore lake and has fantastic views.

ToDo's in Stresa:

- Go to the city center and walk to the nearby lake park.
- Visit the promenade with fantastic hotels and their gardens.
- Then cross with the boat to the three islands. Each of them has its particularities.
- Isola Madre is the largest of the three islands has a nice palace and a great garden.
- Also, you can make a stop at Isola Bella, with its enchanting gardens.
- Do not forget to disembark at the island «Isola dei Pescatori» for strolls on the small streets and the promenade.
- Sip a good drink or eat at one of the good restaurants.

More Info:

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/travel/destinations/europe/italy/italian-lakes/lake-maggiore/articles/Lake-Maggiore-Italy-readers-tips-recommendations-and-travel-advice/>



Figure 137 - Stresa (Italy) and her islands

We have way more trips documented online at:

<https://brissago4u.wixsite.com/holiday/do-in-ticino>



## Copyright Note

All the pictures were done by us using Canon Mark with L professional lenses in the Ticino region. We are going to maintain a larger website with many travel hints and pictures at <http://brissago4u.ch>

More Pictures you can find here: <https://www.instagram.com/brissago4u/>

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## Other Info

### Don't be afraid of European Scorpions in Switzerland



There are around 1,500 different scorpions worldwide. Three of them are also found in Switzerland.

Scorpions in Europe are not usually dangerous. An engraving of the European scorpions is roughly comparable to a **bee or wasp sting**. Initially, there is a short, stabbing pain that can lead to a small itchy swelling. A strong swelling does not usually happen. It usually stays with swelling lasting several hours, nothing else. Problems only exist for people who are allergic to insect bites.

Scorpions are reported from France, Monaco, Spain, Portugal, Italy, San Marino, Malta, Switzerland, Austria, Cyprus, Greece, Turkey, Russia (North Caucasus), Ukraine (Crimea only), and the Balkan countries.

Because the sting of the most dangerous scorpion species in the world can kill within a few hours, the **harmless scorpions in our area** have their bad reputation. Only *about 25 of the 1400 scorpion species* in the world are so poisonous that a sting can be fatal to humans.

It is rare to experience these harmless animals in Switzerland. I saw it once in 10 years. If you get lucky and see one in the apartment, just bring it back outside. They are quite simple and unproblematic to catch. You can put a glass over it and pushing a solid plastic or paper (i.e. postcard).

The largest scorpion species in Switzerland with a body length of up to five centimeters is called Scorpion Euscorpium Italicus.

In case you step on one at night barefoot, follow these steps:

- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Pack a cold compress on the affected area.
- Raise the affected limb.
- Take a painkiller.
- Pediatric bites or more severe symptoms should be examined by a physician.

Most information on this page is from:

- <http://www.skorpione.de/forum/viewtopic.php?t=8336>
- <http://m.tierwelt.ch/?rub=4495&id=41336>
- [https://www.ntnu.no/ub/scorpion-files/european\\_scorp.php](https://www.ntnu.no/ub/scorpion-files/european_scorp.php)



## Emergency Numbers



Ambulance	<b>144</b>
Rega	<b>1414</b>
Police/Polizia	<b>117</b>
Firedepartment	<b>118</b>
Intoxication	<b>145</b>
Dogana/Zoll	<b>+41 58 480 50 10</b>
Doctors	Search in Google.com

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