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Crotto dei Platani

Il Giardinetto

La Baia di Moltrasio

Sundeck at Villa D'Este

Crotto dei Platani

<https://www.crottodeiplatani.it/index-en.html> 

Lake Side Restaurant

Daily, Lunch & Dinner 

ABOUT

If you really want to get a sense of Lake Como, make sure you get yourself on a boat. There are organized trips on the lake that depart from Como and Cernobbio and other towns, but if you can book a private boat that is the way to go. We were lucky enough to be taken out by someone my husband works with, who picked us up at the Villa D'este docks for a 6-hour, whirlwind tour. We passed by so many beautiful towns and villas that it was difficult to take it all in. We also saw villa's belonging to people like Versace and Richard Branson. And yes. We also saw George Clooney's villa. (although no George)

For lunch we docked at Crotto dei Plantani and sat on their vine covered terrace, looking out at the lake, sipping prosecco and nibbling on truffle covered fish tartare. It's an excellent restaurant and definitely at the fancier end of things. As one would expect on at a lake side restaurant on Lake Como. I'm pretty sure you can get to this restaurant from the road. But then you'd be missing the point. Pulling up in a boat, walking along the dock and taking a seat under the vine covered terrace with picture perfect views is about 50% of this experience. That said, it's not touristy (we were there with locals) and the food was worth every penny.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Day Trips, Restaurant, Open Monday, Open Sunday, Outdoor Seating

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Il Giardinetto

<http://www.ristoranteilgiardinetto.it>



East Side Of Lake Como

Tues-Sun Lunch & Dinner



ABOUT

Although most people head to the picturesque western branch of the lake we found ourselves on the Eastern branch recently. We were on our way to Cernobbio, but decided to take the more picturesque route, driving up to Varenna and then taking the ferry across. I'd definitely recommend this (not only because Varenna is itself gorgeous, but also because taking the ferry is fun!)

But the main reason we were on that side of the lake was because there is a motorcycle museum. The Moto Guzzi Museum is located halfway up the Eastern shore of Lake Como, in Madello del Lario. While I was certainly the only girl there, the stop made Domenico very happy.

I of course was more focussed on lunch and was hoping to find the perfect lakeside restaurant before we tackled the museum, and we did. We stumbled upon Il Giardinetto, and had persicofrom the lake, and a crisp cold glass of white wine with a lake view. Perfect.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Restaurant, Day Trips, Open Sunday, Outdoor Seating

ADDRESS

 [10, Piazza Giuseppe Garibaldi, Mandello del LarioMandello del Lario, Provincia di Lecco, Lombardia, Italy](#)

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La Baia di Moltrasio

<http://www.labaiadimoltrasio.com> 

Boat Club

Thurs-Tues Lunch & Dinner 

ABOUT

Ristorante La Baia Di Moltrasio is hard to get to (we had to park way up the hill and walk down) and only has a few tables. But since the tables are on a narrow terrace hanging out over the water, it's worth the effort.

The place is actually a boat club, and hangs out over a small harbor full of boats. It feels very much like the Lake Como version of a country club, with guests table hopping to say hi. But don't worry, it's open to the public. The menu isn't large, but focusses mostly on local lake fish turned into antipasti, pasta and main courses. Nothing that inventive or out there, but all well done and just what you'd expect (and want) at your local boat club on Lake Como.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Day Trips, Restaurant, Open Monday, Open Sunday, Outdoor Seating

ADDRESS

 [4, Via Vincenzo Bellini, Moltrasio](#)
[Moltrasio, Provincia di Como, Lombardia, Italy](#)

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 <https://www.facebook.com/Ristorante-La-Baia-Di-Moltrasio-115328335285711/>

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Sundeck at Villa D'Este

<https://www.villadeste.com/en/> 

Lake Side Restaurant

Open only in the warmest months (May - September) 

ABOUT

Villa D'Este if you haven't heard of it, is one of the great hotels of the world. Really. Believe me. I've stayed there in the past (oh the days of expense accounts!) Anyway, if you can't afford to stay there, eating lunch and having a walk around the gardens is the next best thing. There are several restaurants in the hotel, but the most casual is the Sundeck by the pool. It's perfect for a light lunch, or even a cocktail.

We had lunch in the garden, by the pool. I had fried fish with tartar sauce. It was kind of like country club food but in a very good way. Even though we had WAY too much wine, we decided to take a long walk up a big hill. Villa d'Este has one of the most beautiful gardens on the lake and if you see only one garden while you are there, make this the one. We walked all through the formal part, and even made it up to the faux towers at the top. The string of towers were built by a previous owner, so that her husband could play war games. Kind of like an old fashioned Xbox. We enjoyed well deserved drinks on the hotel terrace after our wa

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Hotel - Places To Stay, Drinks, Open Sunday, Open Monday,
Outdoor Seating, Restaurant

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