

Varese

- Approximately ten lakes, scattered around the province
- Its an uneven territory with mountains at the north, hills in the middle and plains in the south;
- There also are many rivers and streams, such as Olona and Ticino



What to see?

The city of Varese, unlike other Lombard cities has a series of castles that gradually expanded into bigger towns.

The attractions of the province are many, but the most important and visited ones are:

- Sacro Monte
- Campo dei Fiori
- Castelli Viscontei
- Villa Panza
- Villa Ponti
- Villa Estense, with her beautiful gardens



LAKEES

Lake Maggiore

- 212 square kilometres
- 54 km long
- glacial origins
- Lombardia-Piemonte-Svizzera



Borromean islands

- Borromean islands are Isola Bella, Isola dei Pescatori, Isola Madre



The most famous Borromeo are

- Charles Borromeo (1538-1584)
- Federico Borromeo (1564-1631)



Saint Charles Borromeo's statue (35 meters high)

Eremo di Santa Caterina

- Monastery located on a rocky ridge
- Built in 14th century
- Alberto Besozzi swore to become a hermit if Santa Caterina had saved him from the Lake



- If you want to reach it you must go down 268 steps or you can arrive by boat
- The point of the Lake under the eremo is the deepest of Lake Maggiore



It's very popular:

A lot of tourists from different countries come to visit it every year, they love spending time near the lake and swimming in it.

There are hotels and B&B in which you can see the Lake from your window.



Lake Maggiore during sunset

Lake Varese

- 8.8 km long
- 4.5 km wide
- glacial origins



Isolino Virginia

- west bank of the Lake
- pile-dwelling villages
- unesco site



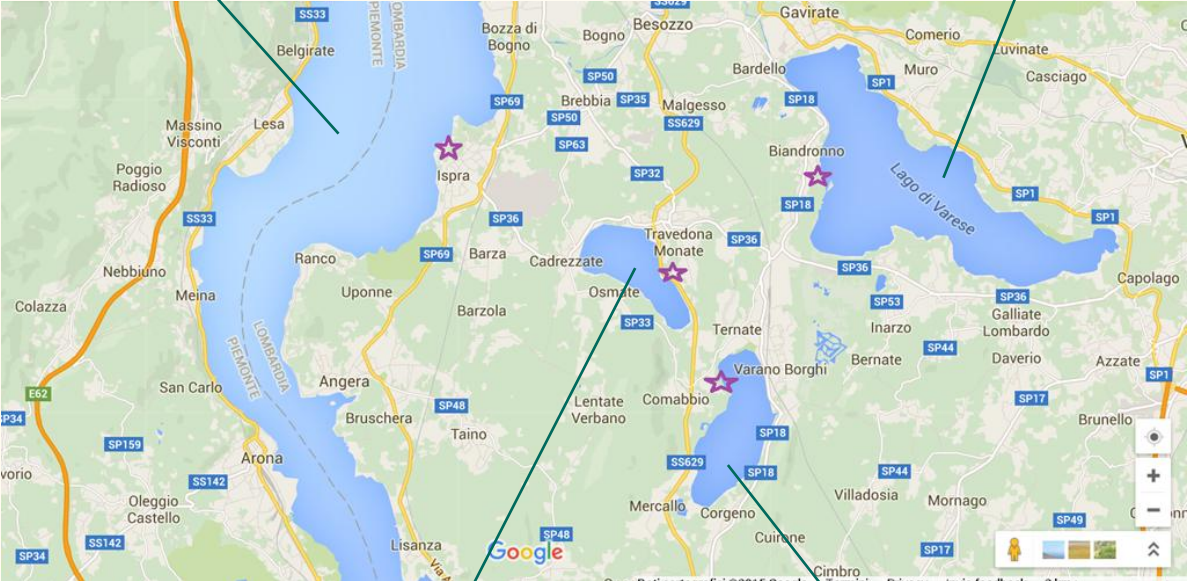
Lake Monate and lake Comabbio

- very small
- glacial origins



Lake Maggiore

Lake Varese



Lake Monate

Lake Comabbio

WHAT TO DO ?

Sports and **athletics** are an element of everyday life in Varese Province

- The most popular sports are basketball, volleyball, football, athletics;
- The various rivers and lakes are ideal for rowing, canoeing and kayaking;
- Valleys and woods are ideal for trekking and horseback riding.



What to taste?



The Province of Varese offers a wide range of local produce

- Gorgonzola, a typical cheese
- Formaggella, semi-hard cheese
- Brutti e buoni, “ugly and tasty”, a handmade small cake
- Dolce Varese, a cake made with corn flour
- Millefiori, Varese’s honey



The UNESCO sites in the province of Varese

Sacro monte di Varese

- religious complex
- built in the 15th century
- lies in the park “Campo dei fiori”



Archaeological park of Castelseprio

- originated as a Roman fort
- became a small town in the Middle Ages
- Famous for the frescoes of the Church of Santa Maria foris porta



Monte San Giorgio

- Corresponds to a mountain chain
- Lies between Switzerland and Italy
- Site on which were discovered several fossils

