

# Maccagno – Sightseeing and Excursions

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## In Maccagno

Tourist information: [Pro Loco Maccagno](#)

Best gelato (ice cream – all natural) in town: [Laghee](#)

## Borgo Maccagno Imperiale

Stroll through the fortified medieval town of Maccagno Inferiore and enjoy the picturesque narrow alleys and the views over the roof-scape and the lake. Have a coffee at the bar at Piazza Roma. Don't miss the vista point of Chapel La Madonnina (Madonna della punta) if you are planning a wedding.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/KycGXcSQxWAbAFea8> northern starting point

## Market

This is the place to shop your groceries on *Friday Morning*: Fresh Italian fruits and vegetables, local cheeses and sausages, cloths and shoes (sometimes only for women).

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/H2m1RaS7JWPesh9j7> Market near river Giona

## Hiking around Maccagno

### Monte Venere

Short and steep loop trail to chapel Madonna delle Grazie and [ecovillage Monte Venere](#) with great lake view. About 40 minutes walk.



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/yUDh2XaxTNieprMN9> Monte Venere

## Chapel San Rocco

Loop trail with rewarding view at the chapel San Rocco. For ascending follow preferably, the path in red via Pianca for descending the path in yellow. Each path takes about 95 minutes.

This is also a nice bike excursion (using the road). Going up 45 minutes and rushing down 15 minutes. Check your brakes!



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/9F59SqPhVenawJPA9> Chapel San Rocco

## Mule Track to Colmegna

Start at the Borgo Maccagno Imperiale and follow the signs to Colmegna. Enjoy the shade in the forest and the splendid view up and down the lake at the vista point. Reward yourself at the noble Tiffany's with a beer right at the lake. About 2 hours walk. Return to Maccagno using the old road along the lake, about 15 minutes.



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/QtPg8e47e1jknhef7> Colmegna

## Excursions around Maccagno

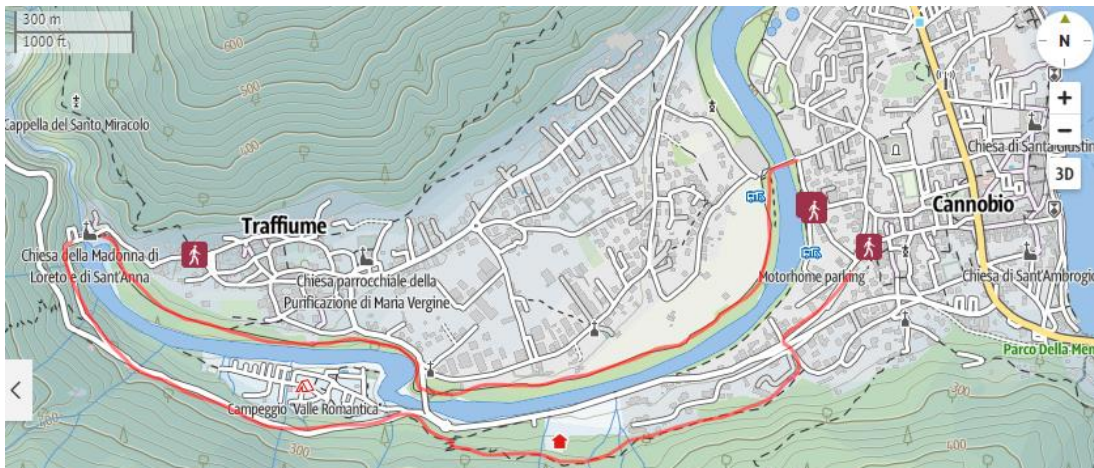
### Cannobio by boat

Take the boat to Cannobio – the “better off” Maccagno. Traditional grocery stores, souvenir shops and many restaurants and tourists. There is a big market on *Sunday 8 am to 3 pm*. North of the city there are nice beaches that invite for swimming. You might stop for a bite to eat or a good glass of wine at the grotto [Scurone](#).



### Hike Cannobbio – Sant’ Anna

Easy hike along river Torrente Cannobino about 1.5 hours each way. Don’t forget your bathing suit. You can swim into the very impressive gorge at Sta Anna. I’m sure you’ve never done such a thing before. If you prefer fine dining above the gorge – give yourself a treat at the [grotto Sant’ Anna](#).



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/HWZUztutshrFJigw6> bathing spot and entry to the gorge

### Market in Luino (Wednesday)

The biggest market around Lago Maggiore takes place on Wednesday in Luino. If you like crowds or need a new leather handbag or just another belt for your helm – you will find it there (besides delicious Italian groceries, cloths, shoes and electronic (junk) goods). You may want to practice your negotiation talent there. You can get to Luino by train, bus or boat.

If you need parts for your fireball or clothing check out the well assorted shop [Nautica Luino](#) (phone: +39 332 531558)

## Hike Cannero – Cannobbio

Take the boat to Cannero, enjoy the opposite bank of the lake in a nice restaurant and then hike to Cannobbio (2.5 hours). It goes up and down. The path leads through shady forests. There are many scenic outlooks over the lake. Get back to Maccagno with the boat.



## Going further

### Alpe Fattoria Roccolo (by car and foot)

Have lunch outside in the flower garden at the place where the tourists don't go: the [farmer's inn at the alp farm Roccolo](#). This is the place to show newbies. Notification/reservation is recommended and necessary for groups (phone: +39 332 56847). It is possible to drive up to the alp, but it is recommended to hike the last 1.6 km (narrow and steep). *Half day trip*



<https://maps.app.goo.gl/iXPa5eHqHgxhm7Ff8> Fattoria Roccolo

## Sacro Monte of Varese

The [Sacro Monte of Varese](#) is a religious complex built on the mount of Velate. When the air is clear you can see Milano (and Maccagno, of course). A two km pilgrims' trail with 14 chapels dedicated to the mysteries of the Rosary leads to the top of the Sacro Monte.

If you are looking for a place to eat with great view: [Al Borducan](#) is the special place. You will probably afford a coffee or a desert. *Daytrip*



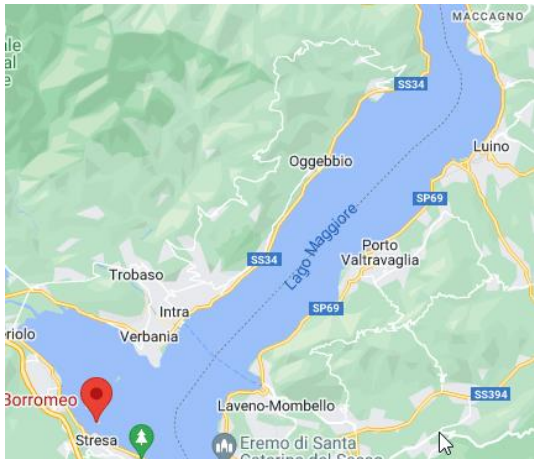
## Isole di Brissago (Switzerland)

The paradise on earth, especially during springtime when the plants are blooming. The bigger isle is a [botanical garden](#). You can get there by boat (via Cannobio). Stay there overnight when you'll visit next time. *Half day trip*



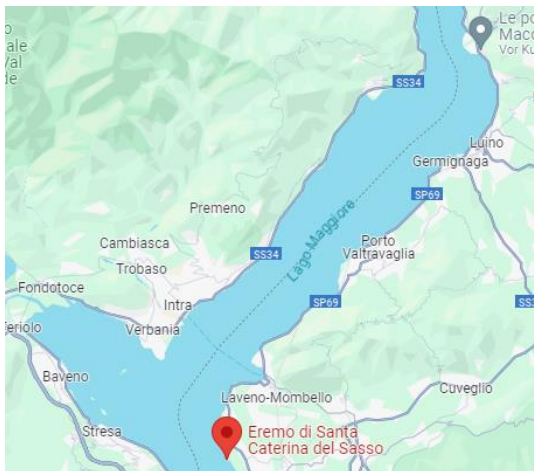
## Borromean Islands (Isola Bella, Isola Madre, Isola dei Pescatori)

A full day trip to the [four Borromean Islands](#). You can take the boat from Maccagno or drive by car to Laveno and use the ferry boat to Intra to cross the lake and head up to Stresa. *Daytrip*



## Sanctuary of Santa Caterina del sasso

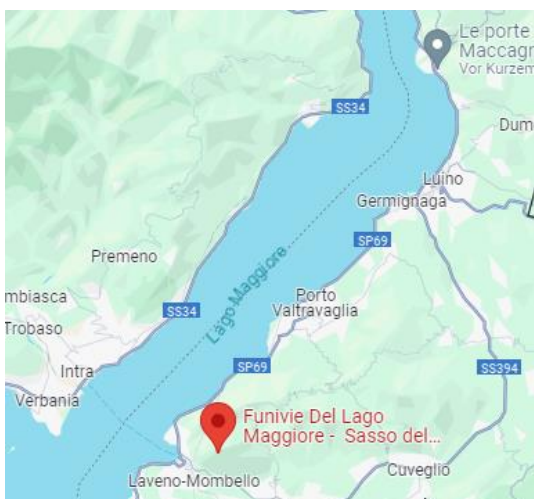
Built on the rocky lakeshore, the hermitage of Saint Caterina is surely one of the most suggestive sceneries of the lake. *Daytrip*



<https://www.isolelagomaggiore.com/en/navigation-the-hermitage-of-santa-caterina-del-sasso.html>

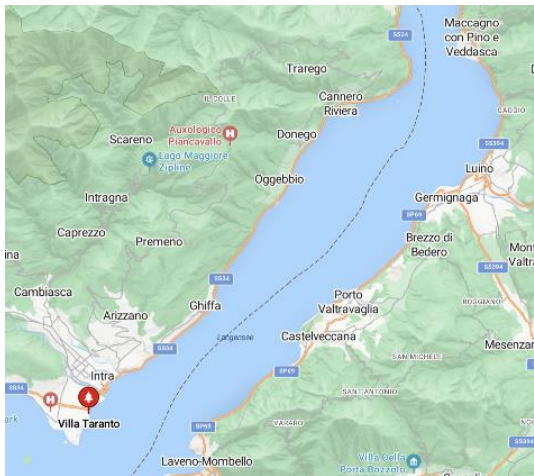
## Cabel car to Sasso del Ferro in Laveno

The main attraction of Laveno Mombello is undoubtedly the [cable car to Sasso del Ferro](#), from which there is a spectacular view of the entire Lake Maggiore and the mountain range of the Alps, thanks to the considerable height of over 1000 meters above sea level. *Daytrip*



## Villa Taranto

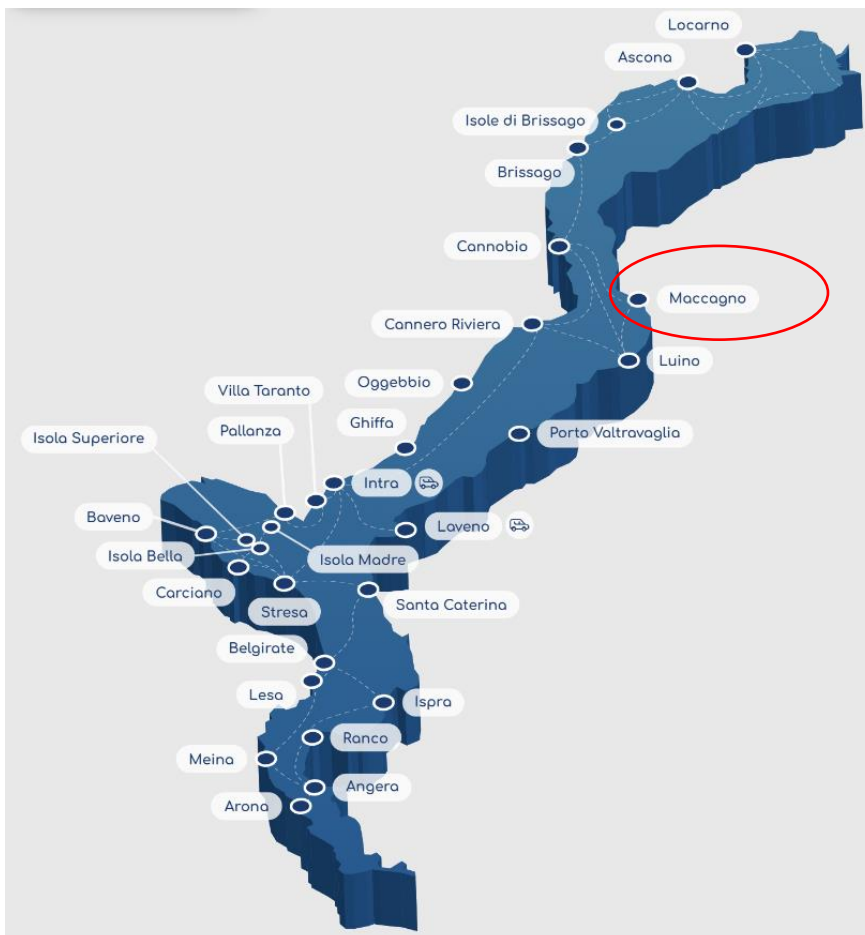
The [Gardens of Villa Taranto](#) invite for dwelling. You get there by boat from Maccagno or by car to Laveno and using the ferry boat to Intra. *Daytrip*



## Public boat riding

<https://www.navigazioneelaghi.it/en/tickets-and-timetables-lake-maggiore/>

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## Timetables

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