

# Via Castello, Brienno, Lake Como

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## Welcome!

We are very happy to welcome you to *Via Castello* Apartment and hope that you will have a wonderful time at Lake Como!



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## What to do in Brienno?

Brienno is one of the lake's most picturesque villages. It is magical to walk through the alleys and discover medieval passages that lead directly to the lake.

100 meters from the apartment (going down to the lake), you will find several lake spots/deck pontons where you can swim or relax.

The [bar / lounge / lido-beach](#) open from June to September, offers also direct access to the lake (the deck is open to the public), where you can get a drink, eat, or rent sun loungers.



Directly from Via Castello, you can go for a walk (going up on your left), with splendid views of the lake. There is also a nice hike, starting from Via Regina, at the entrance of the village towards Laglio (Il sentiero Mezza Costa). More information on [this link](#) or on the municipality website [visitbrienno.it](http://visitbrienno.it).

## Where to eat in Brienno and around?

You may want to eat at the pizzeria [Bri'en Pizza e Caffè](#) near the apartment (150 meters), open all year long (except for one month of annual leave in winter) and appreciated by the locals. From June till September, you can enjoy a beautiful spot on the lake, [La Terrazza 125](#), and grab some Italian specialties. Brienno also has a fancy restaurant [Crotto Dei Platini](#), located directly on the lake, 2 kilometres from the center.

More coffees and restaurants can be found in Argegno and Laglio villages, adjoining Brienno.

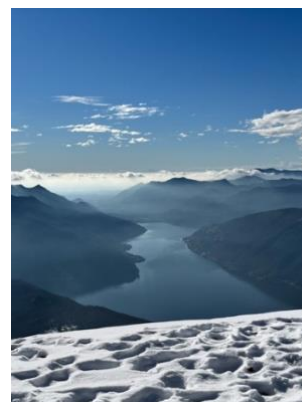
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## Preferred tourist spots around Briennio

- **Como town** – Beautiful city with numerous shops, restaurants, and coffees.
- **Villa Carlotta and Villa Balbianello** - A must do! (open from April till October).
- **Bellagio, Menaggio and Varenna** - The *pearls of the lake*. Take the boat from Cadenabbia, Argegno, and even Briennio during the season.
- **Green Way** - an easy trail across the villages, on the shore of the lake. Beautiful views! departures from Colonno or Laglio.
- **Argegno, Cernobbio** – Nice villages close to Briennio with a wide choice of coffees and restaurants. Lively all year round.
- **Lugano** - Get the spirit of Switzerland.
- **Milan** - Go by train from Como and avoid traffic headaches.
- **Cablecar of Brunate** - This ancient means of transport is an experience. On site, admire the magnificent Liberty-style villas.
- **Cablecar of Pigra** - Outstanding view – Nice activity with kids. Numerous hiking trails.

## And in Winter?

- **Briennio Christmas Market** – The first two weekends of December, Briennio hosts a beautiful market, with unique local items. Located under the arcades of the medieval alleys, it offers an extraordinary atmosphere, with illuminations, decorations, tastings, visits, and music. A must-see!
- **Città dei Balocchi**: a month of festivities taking place in Cernobbio or in Como, to celebrate Christmas and the New Year.
- **Sighignola view spot**, where you can enjoy a breath-taking panorama and a snowy atmosphere (1320 m altitude). There is even a small ski resort on site.
- If the weather is good, having a coffee or a hot chocolate by the lake in **Menaggio, Argegno, or Cernobbio** is a magical moment. Complete with a **tour of Como Lake by boat**.
- And of course, the cities of **Como, Lugano and Milan** are very lively, both summer and winter.



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## Getting around from Brienno (by car, boat or bus)

Brienno is ideally located for discovering the lake's most famous villages and sites. By car, of course, but also by **boat**.

From April to October, Como Lake Navigazione offers 3 departures per day, directly from Brienno dock, 200 meters from the apartment, near the central church.

The trip is a little longer but much more pleasant. You will have the opportunity to admire magnificent villages and villas directly from the lake.

Our recommendation during the high season is to avoid traffic jams, parking spaces, and long queue at the tickets office, **by taking the first boat of the day at around 10:00 am.** [You can check the timetable here.](#)

If you go to Como by boat, you can also come back by **bus** from San Giovanni station (approximately 30-minute ride with [bus line C25 \(which crosses our village\)](#) or [lines C10 or C20](#) which will drop you off at the village entrance.

If you **take a walk along the Green Way / Via Verde** (north sections or south sections), you can also take the bus to come back to your car or to the village.

## For more ideas

Check-out the website [visitbrienno.it](http://visitbrienno.it), [mylakecomo.co](http://mylakecomo.co), or [lakeaddicted.com](http://lakeaddicted.com) or [alltrails.com](http://alltrails.com).





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## Where to buy food?

**Macelleria Donegana:** A 5-minute drive from Brienno, on the way from Cernobbio, this Italian grocery store is one of our favorite places (fresh pasta, cheeses, meats, Italian products, ...).

**Tiny coffee place in Via Regina:** You may have seen a little coffee on Via Regina, between the church and our apartment. Open all year, you will find the essentials to start your stay (milk, butter, pasta, ...).

**Bennet or GranMercato:** Two big supermarkets are located 15 minute drive in Tavernola / Cernobbio. Our preference is GranMercato, which has excellent fresh Italian products.

**Food Truck di Brienno:** Every Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, near the church, between 7:30 and 9:00 am, Davide sells typical products directly from his van.

## Emergency numbers

**113** - State Police

**115** - Fire Brigade

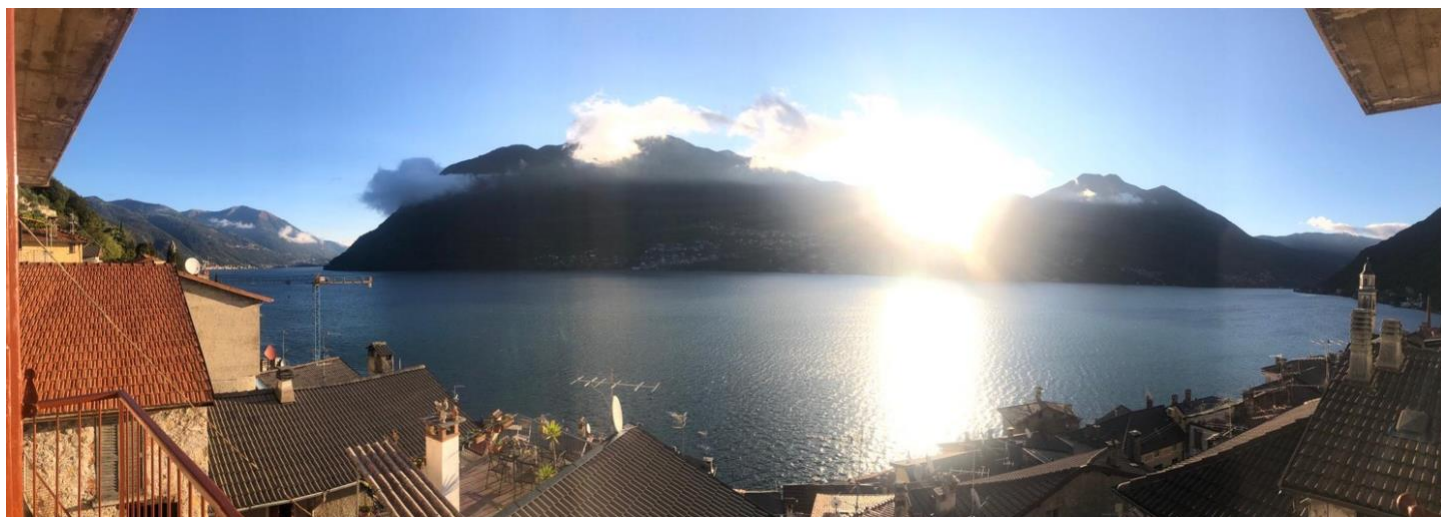
**1515** - Forest Fire

**112** - Carabineers

**118** - Emergencies

**1530** - Coast Guard - Sea Rescue

More info on [Italia.it](http://Italia.it)



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## Useful Information for your stay at Via Castello Apartment

**Contact us:** If you need any information or assistance, feel free to contact us. Elisa at +39 338 138 57 65 or Caroline at [comolakevacation@gmail.com](mailto:comolakevacation@gmail.com).


**Check-in:** 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm. **Check-out:** 10:00 am.

**Parking spaces:** You can park at any time of day in the free parking spaces marked in white along the main road (Via Regina). Yellow spaces are reserved for Brienno residents. White parking spaces in the village center fill up quickly, but you'll find more availability at the entrance and exit of the village.

**The tourist tax set** by Brienno Municipality is € 2 per person and per night (up to 7 nights). Children under the age of 7 are exempt from tourist tax.

### Internet use:

We have high speed internet with unlimited use. However, the fiber did not arrive yet in our little village, and the wifi can disconnect from time to time. In that case you just have to plug in/out the electric socket connected to the router.

<b>Wi-Fi network (SSID)</b> <b>FRITZ!Box 6850 EU</b>	
<b>Wi-Fi password (WPA2)</b> <b>5578   9000   0557   3587   7387</b>	
<b>FRITZ!Box password</b> <b>obeys3244</b>	

**Cellar:** You will have a broom, bucket, dustpan, umbrella, and a trolley (special stairs) available at your disposal in the cellar.

**Environment impact / Energy saving:** we kindly ask that you turn off the lights and the air conditioning when you leave the apartment and upon check-out. In autumn and winter, please kindly reduce the heating when you are out, and set the heating to 5 degrees upon check-out.

**Television:** With our smart TV, you can browse on youtube or watch Netflix. **On Netflix**, there is an account dedicated to our hosts named *Brienno Guests* with an **English setting**. Please kindly keep this setting and do not change the language or the password, so that future guests can also enjoy this service.

The apartment is **non-smoking**. You may smoke in the outdoor areas only. **Pets** are not permitted.

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**Cleaning protocol:** Before each check-in, we perform a meticulous cleaning using sanitation and hygiene materials recommended by the Italian Ministry of Health.

**Change of sheets and towels:** A set of towels are provided for each guest and beds are ready upon arrival. If during your stay, you would like a cleaning service or to change your sheets and towels, this will be possible, upon request:

- 8 euros per person for any new set of sheets and towels (we use a professional laundry).
- 60 euros for cleaning service.

**Dishes:** Before leaving the apartment, dishes should be cleaned (or put in the dish-washer with the cleaning program ON).

**Garbage** must be dropped down and deposited to the dedicated places upon departure. The main garbage deposit is located in the center of the village, in the parking area close to the central church (stone shed, see picture).



**Security deposit:** Before or upon arrival, a security deposit of 350 euros may have been asked. As long as no property damage or issue occurred, we will perform a full refund after your checkout.

## Enjoy your stay at Via Castello!