



PARKHOTEL BRENSCINO BRISSAGO AND SURROUNDINGS

Parkhotel Brenscino Brissago

Relaxation begins even before you enter the hotel: in the 38,000 square metres of the hotel park, everyone will find a quiet spot, an opportunity to take a walk or admire the many exotic plants that the hotel's gardener has been planting and tending for decades. There is also plenty of time for a variety of activities. Play miniature golf, tennis or skittles and enjoy a relaxing massage!



IN THE SURROUNDINGS

Sacro Monte and hike to Ascona

[Sacro Monte and Church of S. Maria Addolorata](#) | [Ascona-Locarno](#)

Sacro Monte is a 5-minute walk from the hotel. The complex formed by the Sanctuary of the Addolorata and the Via Crucis leading up to it is still very impressive.



Hike Brissago – Ascona

[Brissago - Ronco s. Ascona - Ascona](#) | [ticino.ch](#)

For those who want to venture out on a long walk, it is possible to reach Ascona on foot from the hotel, passing places such as Ronco Sopra Ascona (the balcony over Lake Maggiore) and Monte verità. It is a linear walk of 10.5 km and takes about 2.30 hours.



Ascona e Locarno

[Ascona](#) | [Ascona-Locarno](#)

[Locarno](#) | [Ascona-Locarno](#)

As soon as you catch a glimpse of the Ascona lakefront, the fishing landscape and the colorful lakeside houses, which imbue the scenery with a Mediterranean character, will impress you. It is the ideal location for relaxation, taking walks and enjoying the splendid sunset on the lake. Known to many as the place where the "Locarno Treaties" were signed, the city on the Verbano is characterized by its picturesque atmosphere and rich history. The old part of town, known as Città Vecchia, is full of interesting surprises: do not miss the palaces, churches, the Visconti Castle and the narrow alleys in which you breathe peace and tranquillity.

Walk Locarno – Tenero

[Locarno Lakeside Promenade - TicinoTopTen](#)

From Locarno you can have a walk until Tenero (about 3.5 km) along the lake on the "small red street".

Hike Locarno Monti-Contra

[Locarno Monti - Contra: the Collina Alta](#) | [ticino.ch](#)

Falconeria Locarno

[Falconeria Locarno – Experience the world of birds of prey](#)

Experience a close encounter with majestic birds of prey at the Falconry in Locarno, where you will be able to observe and photograph eagles, hawks, owls and vultures. These beautiful birds, flying free, will lead you into a dimension where man and nature meet, in a natural and animal friendly place. Enjoy the breathtaking show!

Isole di Brissago

[Home - Isole di Brissago \(DT\) - Repubblica e Cantone Ticino](#)

The Brissago Islands constitute the botanical garden of the Canton of Ticino. The smaller island, or Isola di Sant Apollinare, is covered with spontaneous vegetation mainly of Insubric origin, left in its natural state. On the large island or Isola di San Pancrazio, which has been open to the public since 1950, plants of subtropical origin from the northern and southern hemispheres are mainly cultivated in the botanical gardens. The island is home to the Villa Emden restaurant.

Orselina and Madonna del Sasso

[Orselina: Madonna del Sasso](#) | [ticino.ch](#)

The Sanctuary of the Madonna del Sasso is an important pilgrimage site on a rocky spur jutting out above a small valley carved out by the Ramogna stream, at an altitude of 370 metres in the municipality of Orselina, just above Locarno. It can be reached by a cogwheel railway that climbs steeply up the mountain ridge from Locarno, or directly on foot along its Via Crucis.

Cardada

[Cardada Cimetta – a mountain to be discovered - Cardada Impianti Turistici SA](#)

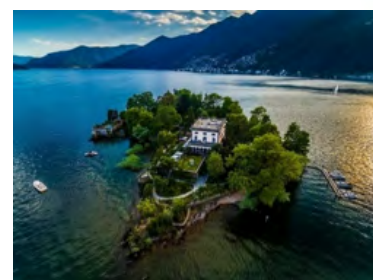
Have you ever thought that above Locarno there is a view point from which you can see at the same time the lowest point (Lago Maggiore) and the highest point (Dufour Peak in Monte Rosa) in Switzerland? On the summit of the mountain, 1671 meters above sea level, a viewing platform was built which overlooks the entire region of Lake Maggiore. To the east the view stretches from the Magadino Plain to Bellinzona. To the west the view extends over some of the most famous peaks of the Swiss Alps such as the Dufour.

Further down, a few meters away from the arrival station of the cable car a footbridge was built which winds its way across the tops of the trees of the woods below. From this unusual scenic promontory you can admire the lake, the Centovalli and parts of the Maggia Valley.

Suggested excursions: [Trail map](#)



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Bolle di Magadino

[Bolle di Magadino | ticino.ch](#)

The Bolle of Magadino, between the mouth of the Verzasca and the Magadino plain, are a precious and renowned wildlife refuge.

The Bolle di Magadino, one of nine water meadow landscapes considered by the Swiss Academy for Natural Science to be of international importance, includes the delta of the Ticino and Verzasca rivers at Lake Maggiore.

The Bolle are home to a unique fauna and flora found in areas between firm ground and water.

Thanks to the provision of nature trails it is possible to visit the Bolle without interfering with

or harming its natural inhabitants too extensively. A visit to the Bolle is pleasant any time of the year, however, snow does give the landscape a fairytale appearance! Three access points in Magadino and one in the Tenero-Gordola area leads to the nature trails.



THE VALLEYS

Valle Verzasca

[Valle Verzasca | Ascona-Locarno](#)

Discover this arduous yet inviting Swiss valley. You'll be truly amazed by the unspoilt nature and the authentic villages of this region steeped in tradition. Whether you're travelling on foot, by car or via public transport, the valley is easily accessible.

Lavertezzo – Il Ponte dei Salti

[Ponte dei Salti, steeped in history | Switzerland Tourism \(myswitzerland.com\)](#)

Not be surprised to surprise yourself: In Ticino diving enthusiasts can go underwater in lakes, rivers and alpine lakes. The bridge "ponte romano" also called "Ponte dei salti" (jump bridge) crosses the Verzasca river in Lavertezzo and is a typical medieval construction made of stone.

After its partial destruction occurred in 1868 it has been reconstructed in 1960. Close to the bridge you can admire a Chapel from the XVIII century. One of the most spectacular places to dive, is in the crystal clear waters of the Verzasca Valley, that offers different swimming opportunities.

The best-known river basins are located in Lavertezzo and in Brione Verzasca. The most famous for underwater activities are the Misura river basin, the Posse river basin and the Salti river basin. The river, with its emerald and crystal clear waters, however, can hide hazards. Therefore, pay attention to the warning notices posted locally.



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Sonogno

[Hamlet of Sonogno | ticino.ch](#)

Sonogno, with its hamlet plenty of stone houses and typical alleys, is the last village of the Verzasca Valley. The ex-Genardini house is a characteristic residential building, which hosts the Museo Val Verzasca. The ancient oven of the village is still used today, and in the "Casa della lana" (wool center) the wool is carded and dyed according to the tradition to create artisanal products.



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Sentierone della Val Verzasca

[The Verzasca Valley trail | ticino.ch](#)

For the beauty of the landscape and for the trails that unravel through the woods and along the river's emerald-coloured waters, the Sentierone (Long Trail) of the Verzasca Valley is certainly one of the most popular walks in Ticino. The itinerary follows the ancient mule track through old rural buildings, chapels, little bridges, waterfalls and pastures in bloom.

This walk is much appreciated also by groups and families because it is easy and you can interrupt it whenever you like thanks to its great accessibility and to the numerous stops offered by public transport. In summer you can recharge your batteries with a refreshing swim in the river.

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Vogorno – Diga della Verzasca

[Verzasca - 007 Golden Eye Bungee Jump | Switzerland Tourism \(myswitzerland.com\)](#)

According the global surveys it is the best stunt in film history: Bond's jump from the 220 meter high Verzasca dam in the movie "GoldenEye". And the ultimate adrenaline rush at Lago di Vogorno is also called 007 jump or GoldenEye Bungee Jump.

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Valle Maggia

[Vallemaggia | Switzerland Tourism \(myswitzerland.com\)](#)

The Vallemaggia enchants with its idyllic Ticino villages, the crystal-clear river that gives the valley its name, the lush vegetation and its wild nature.



Maggia

Maggia is an intriguing and charming small town to explore, especially by bicycle. It's easy to relax and be at peace here, where the houses have slate roofs and fences, and where you happen to be able to stroke the soft snout of a donkey or see two young piglets running on the grass along the way. Here it is traditional to stop and eat in one of the well-known Grotti, small restaurants serving local specialities, very similar to Italian trattorias or frasca osterias.

Church of San Giovanni Battista a Mogno

[Church of San Giovanni Battista | ticino.ch](#)

The church of San Giovanni Battista is in the heart of Mogno (a fraction of Fusio). Built between 1992 and 1996, it was designed by Mario Botta and rises on the remains of the original 15th century church destroyed by an avalanche. The contemporary building stands out among the traditional houses of the village because of its cylindrical shape cut in a diagonal and for the decorative use of stone. The force conveyed by the walls of the church are nicely balanced by the lightness of the glass cover.



Foroglio Waterfall

[Foroglio Waterfall - TicinoTopTen](#)

Ticino is full of waterfalls and the most spectacular is the Foroglio waterfall in Val Bavona, at the top of Vallemaggia. The water falls thunderously from a height of 110 metres amidst foam and spray in a truly suggestive natural setting. The village is also very picturesque, with its houses clustered around the little church, recalling the life of past generations.



Centovalli Verscio

[Home page - Teatro Dimitri](#)

Verscio is a half-hour drive from the hotel. Famous for Clown Dimitri and where it is pleasant to immerse oneself in the world of theatre, dance, clowns, mimes, jokes and circus. Next to the Teatro Dimitri is the Casa del Clown, where you can find books on circus art and the art of show business in general, as well as many pieces from Dimitri's private collection.



Ferrovia Vigezzina Centovalli

[Ferrovia Vigezzina Centovalli | ticino.ch](#)

Sit back and relax as you discover a region packed with surprises on this slow journey. A 52-km route spanning 2 countries, 83 bridges and 31 galleries in just under two hours. Climbing aboard our trains means enjoying a unique experience, coming into contact with a diverse landscape that features a succession of deep gorges, wild mountains, rivers and waterfalls. Unbridled nature, with characteristic little villages nestling here and there between the Centovalli and the Vigezzo Valley.



Valle Onsernone

[Valle Onsernone | Switzerland Tourism \(myswitzerland.com\)](#)

The villages in Onsernone Valley lie on high terraces which allow a view of the wild, rugged valley floor, an ideal place for those seeking authenticity and antiquity. The rustic buildings, reminders of hardship and poverty in times past, merge with the impressive, refined houses, some from the 1500's, which were built by émigrés who made their fortunes in France or Italy. Hike Loco – Intragna, La Via delle Vose: [Intragna-Loce Mule path - TicinoTopTen](#)



OTHER RECOMMENDED LOCATIONS

Castelli di Bellinzona

Discover the Fortress of Bellinzona | bellinzonaevalli.ch

For a family day, why not visit the three castles of Bellinzona?

- Castelgrande: The first human settlement on the Castelgrande hill dates back to 5500/5000 BC. (Neolithic). Today's appearance is the result of recent restoration work (1984-1991). It can be reached by climbing up steep lanes from Piazza Collegiata, Piazza Nosetto and an easy road from Via Orico. From Piazzetta Della Valle you can also climb up to the castle using the elevator (free of charge).
- Montebello Castle: It is situated on the Montebello hill about 90 metres above the level of the city, dominating Castelgrande from above. There is a nice playground outside the castle with a fountain and a grill.
- Castello di Sasso Corbaro: dominates Bellinzona at 230 metres above city level. A typical fortress, its walls are reduced to the essentiality of a geometric figure.



Gambarogno - Indemini

Indemini - TicinoTopTen

Located at 930 meters above sea level, connected to the rest of the Gambarogno region by a road only since 1917, the village of Indemini has retained its characteristic agglomerate mountain. Houses leaning against each other and arranged along the contour lines, stone roofs, narrow streets that intersect, subways, arcades exposed to the sun have survived the passage of time and witness the skill with which the inhabitants of the past have built their houses and cattle sheds.



Sentiero del Monte Gambarogno

Sentiero del Monte Gambarogno | ticino.ch

Mercati italiani

Markets on Lake Maggiore - TicinoTopTen

Brissago is the southernmost town in Ticino on the western shore of Lake Maggiore. It is therefore very close to the Italian border and its beautiful border towns, including Cannobbio, which attracts tourists with its local gastronomic specialities and those from the rest of Italy.

- The Cannobbio market is held every Sunday from 8.00 to 13.00.
- The market in Cannero, another charming border town, also relies on local food products to win the hearts of visitors. Many stalls, however, also sell clothes, underwear and many other quality goods. The market is open every Friday from 8.00 to 12.00.
- The market in Luino, on the other side of the lake, is held every Wednesday from 8.00 to 16.30.
- The market in Verbania-Intra is held every Saturday from 8.00 to 17.00.



Les montagnes de Sottoceneri

Monte Tamaro

Tamaro Park a world of emotions between wellness and nature

Monte Tamaro, alpine emotions only a few minutes away from the city. A wonderful panorama at 1530 meters: the Prealpine hills, sparkling lakes, Alpine summits covered with snow. Who wants to reach this famous touristic destination can do it from April until the beginning of November using the cable car that goes from Riviera to Alpe Foppa.

Offered services:

- Alpine coaster bobs
- Adventure Park
- Tamaro Jumping integrated in the adventure park (Big trail)
- The longest Flying Fox in Switzerland
- Mountain excursions
- Children's playground
- Restaurant with Ticino specialties
- Church of Santa Maria degli Angeli (by Mario Botta)



Monte Bre

[Funicolare Monte Brè \(montebre.ch\)](#)

The funicular connects the centre of Lugano to the summit of Monte Brè in around 10 minutes, covering a difference in height of 629 metres. Monte Brè will surprise you with its breathtaking panorama, where you can appreciate the beautiful view of Lugano and the splendour of Monte Rosa, the Bernese and Valais Alps.



Monte San Salvatore

[Monte San Salvatore | Top of Lugano | Home](#)

From the summit of San Salvatore there is a 360° view of a natural landscape. The funicular is located five hundred metres from the motorway exit Lugano-Sud, and 5 minutes from the Paradiso FFS station. The panoramic car reaches the summit in 12 minutes.



WHERE TO BATH: SWIMMING POOLS, LIDOS AND RIVERS

Lido di Brissago

[Lido Brissago](#)

The Lido di Brissago with its marvellous view of Lake Maggiore offers heated swimming pools, water slides, restaurant and much more. The Brissago beach can be reached in a few minutes by car from the hotel. The Lido is located right next to the well-known tobacco factory and invites you to have fun and enjoy yourself with its 75-metre Kamikazee slide, but also to be carefree and relaxed by the lake. In addition to the beach, the huge Lido area has a swimming pool, a restaurant, a baby club, a leisure area, an ice cream parlour, and a well-stocked cocktail bar. Opportunity to rent sun loungers and parasols.



Crodolo Palm Beach

[Crodolo Palm & Beach - Home | Facebook](#)

Your aperitif, lunch or dinner on one of the most beautiful beaches of Lake Maggiore, an honest and friendly cuisine where you can enjoy simple but carefully prepared dishes, all accompanied by a pleasant, youthful atmosphere with first-rate music, jazz, lounge, chill, ambience. They have 25 comfortable deckchairs available.



Splash & Spa

[Splash & SPA Tamaro - Wellness, Fun & Adventure in Ticino \(splashespa.ch\)](#)

Don't miss the opportunity to spend a day full of fun, action and well-being. In the splash area, you can find five breathtaking slides with special light, sound and water effects, a wave pool, heated attraction pools with jacuzzi and water jets, a Free Flow Restaurant and a pool bar where you can enjoy your favorite cocktail. For our youngest guests there is a dream playground with slides, water sprays and interactive water games.

In the fantastic SPA you will experience an exclusive atmosphere between dream and reality. Enjoy a relaxing sauna and a touch of the Orient in the hammam. Strengthen your immune system in the snowroom and relax in the salted iodized pool.



Lido di Locarno

[Piscine, Scivoli, Terme & Fitness | Ticino - Lido Locarno](#)

Lido Locarno presents itself as a true recreational, sports and well-being oasis focused on a water theme in the splendid scenario of Lake Maggiore. The new Lido Locarno is open throughout the year and in all weather conditions, with its numerous indoor and outdoor swimming pools, from the Olympic size swimming pool to the thermal pool, from the play pool, with its water effects, to the 4 fantastic chutes and represents the most complete and modern bathing facility in Ticino. Restaurant, snack bar, beach lounge, kiosk and picnic area.



Termali e Salini

Termali Salini & Spa Locarno | [Aqua Spa Resorts \(aqua-spa-resorts.ch\)](http://aqua-spa-resorts.ch)

The Termali Salini & Spa Locarno is divided into four sections: Saunas, Baths, Spa & Treatment and Gastronomy. The multi-tiered baths (all saltwater) have been set up as a bathing ritual, where guests progress from one stage to the next and can enjoy optional treatments. Immerse yourself in another world and let the pressures of everyday life slip away. Termali Salini & Spa Locarno is both a meeting point and a place of tranquility and relaxation. The facility is unique for its spectacular lakeside location and its architecture, which reflects the famous Ticino river valleys in a modern, abstract design featuring alcoves, caves and waterfalls while showcasing the magnificent panorama. Experience a surreal sense of freedom when you gaze at the breathtaking view from one of the three exclusive private spas or the terrace on the top deck. In contrast, the multifaceted sauna area on the lower deck will make you feel as though you've been transported to an underwater world. Enjoy the sensation as you become one with it.



Lido di Ascona

Lido Ascona

Nestled in the picturesque landscape of Lake Maggiore in Ascona, the Lido offers an oasis of relaxation and entertainment for all tastes and budgets. Enjoy an unforgettable day on the shores of Lake Maggiore. At the Lido your summer is more fun, more active, more comfortable, more enjoyable, more carefree!



Longlake Minusio

Along the lake (Minusio-Locarno) | Ascona-Locarno

Free access to the lake, parking in Minusio or walking distance from Locarno. Bars and restaurants close by.



Vira Gambarogno – Shaka Beach

Public beach of Vira Gambarogno | Ascona-Locarno

Free access to the beach, Shaka Beach snack bar, table tennis, paddle and swing in the lake (swingtheworld).



Rivers

- Pozzo di Tegna: The lagoon of Pozzo di Tegna with its green hills, white rocks and the clarity of the water makes a huge impression on everyone. A trip destination that is extremely popular in summer, it is nevertheless attractive at any time of year and can be reached from Tegna station.
- Merige Losone: The beach is located at the confluence of the River Maggia and the River Melezza.
- River Verzasca in Brione Verzasca



OTHER DESTINATIONS

Verbania, Lugano and Morcote, the huge Foxtown outlet in Mendrisio for bargains, the Swissminiatur miniature park in Melide for the enjoyment of young and old, or the Borromean Islands and Stresa: everything is within easy reach of the Parkhotel. In Brissago and the surrounding area there are no limits to the walks, bike rides and swims: challenges tailored to every need and level of difficulty, but always in the presence of an incredible and wonderful natural panorama.



TICINO TICKET

Ticino Ticket | ticino.ch

For the entire duration of their stay, hotel guests can also use the famous Ticino Ticket, with which they can travel free of charge on public transport and obtain discounts or reductions on ski lifts, lake navigation and all the main tourist attractions in the Canton of Ticino. Click here to find the answers to the most frequently asked questions about the Ticino Ticket and more details on all its advantages.

