

History

Varese is a business and holiday resort with a long standing tradition. From the hills surrounding the city a magnificent view opens up on the lake and the Alps. In this territory, Varese aristocracy built beautiful villas in the 18th century. When tourism started during the *Belle Epoque*, Liberty villas, cable railways and richly decorated hotels were built. The original city centre, which has the features of an ellipsoid, is in a small intermorainic valley. Around the centre, various groups of houses known as *castellanze* were built, and were kept clearly separated from the city until the 18th century. At that time (1766-1773), the Ducal Palace was built; this favoured the construction of a number of buildings and the growth of the characteristic garden-city which is still clearly visible. Economic growth was associated with a notable expansion of the city. In 1900, industry based on already flourishing artisan activities significantly grew along the river Olona. Today, Varese is an important centre active in many sectors (mechanical, electro-technical, food processing, wood, textiles, clothing, shoes, leather, paper, graphic arts-publishing and plastic materials). In the tertiary sector, business is particularly brisk also due to adequate road, highway and railway connections to Milan. In

the area surrounding Varese landscapes are magnificent. The border with Switzerland is nearby, and affords great advantages. The view of the Pre-Alp lakes is indeed unique.

Museums

Musei Civici - Castello Di Masnago

The historical castle is decorated with Lombard frescoes dating back to the 15th century. Today, the castle hosts the Varese Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, where contemporary sculptures and paintings are exhibited.

Tipology:

Art Museum

Services:

guided visits, promotional items and publications, multimedia library.

Address:

Varese - Via Cola di Rienzo
phone 0332/820409

Opening hours:

from Tuesday to Sunday,
10.30-12.30 a.m. and 2.30-6.30 p.m..
Closed on Mondays.

Entrance ticket: euro 4,00
reduced-rate ticket euro 3,00.

Musei Civici - Villa Mirabello

Archaeological Section

The archaeological section of the Villa Mirabello Museum exhibits ancient local findings dating back to pre-history and to the Roman Age. Of special interest are the *diatretra cagnola*, a

Roman transparent glass cup for ointments, the *bambino di Varese* (Varese child), one of the best preserved Italian mummies, and the warrior's tomb" of Celtic origin.

Tipology:

Archaeological Museum

Services:

guided visit, historical archives, photographic archives, library, promotional items and publications, canteen.

Address:

Varese - Villa Mirabello,
P.zza della Motta, 4
phone 0332/281590

Opening hours:

10.30-12.30 a.m. and 2.30-6.30 p.m.
Closed on Mondays.

Entrance ticket: euro 2,00

reduced-rate ticket euro 1,00

Museum "L. Pogliaghi"

This house-museum had been the home of the Milanese artist Lodovico Pogliaghi (1857-1950) from 1885 until he died. This villa shows clear features of end of 19th century eclecticism, and hosts archaeological findings, some sculptures by Giambologna, two paintings by Magnasco, an important collection of ancient tapestries, and Pogliaghi's works.

Tipology:

Art-Archaeological Museum

Services:

guided visit, promotional articles and publications, multimedia library.

Address:

Varese - loc. Santa Maria del Monte, Via Beata Giuliana, 5
phone 0332/226040
Currently being refurbished – not open to visitors.

Museo Baroffio e del Santuario del Sacro Monte sopra Varese

Exhibits include works from different collections, which were donated to the Museum at different times, and were kept in two different museums.

This Museum acquired eight new exhibition rooms (currently only five may be visited). Exhibits are shown in three different stores, and include a great number of paintings and sculptures, findings dating back to early stages of the Sanctuary, and a room devoted to contemporary artistic interpretations of the Holy Virgin, including works by Bodini, Buffet, Cantatore, Carrà, Carpi, Guttuso and many others.

Tipology:

Art museum

Address:

Varese - loc. Santa Maria del Monte, Piazzetta Monastero
phone 0332/212042

Opening hours:

April-September
Thursday, Saturday and Sunday
9.30-12.30 a.m. and 3.00-6.30 p.m.
Booking: from Monday to Friday,
9.00 a.m. - 6.00 p.m.
phone or fax 0331/777472;
Saturday, Sunday and festivities,

10.00 - 12.00 a.m.,
phone 340/6793636.
Guided visits may be booked at
least 15 days in advance - this
ensures priority over other
groups; visits without a guide
may be booked at least 7 days in
advance.

Entrance ticket: euro 3,00
reduced-rate ticket euro 1,00
(reserved to groups of more than
10 people, to visitors aged up to
18 and over 65 and university
students). Guided visit euro 85,00
for a group of 25 people, also in a
foreign language (plus 10%).

Fondazione Russolo-Pratella

This Foundation has a rich collec-
tion of tapes, films, photographs,
materials by futurist directors,
musicology studies. The whole
collection is the result of the stu-
dies conducted by the futurist
artist Luigi Russolo (1885-1947), a
painter and a musicologist.

This Foundation organises the
International Competition Luigi
Russolo for young composers of
electro-acoustic music and com-
puter music.

Tipology:

Specialised Museum

Services:

multimedia library

Address:

Varese - Via Bagaini, 6

phone 0332/237245

May be visited only by appointment
Free Entrance.

Sala Veratti

Sala Veratti, which was built in
1599 when the refectory of the
ancient monastery devoted to
S. Anthony, was purchased by the
Varese Municipality in 1986.
It currently shows its ancient
splendour due to the restoration
work completed in 1995. Here, the
Authorities responsible for Varese
Museums organise temporary art
exhibitions, which also favour a
visit to this magnificent hall.

Tipology:

Art Museum

Services:

guided visit, promotional articles
and publications.

Address:

Varese - Via Veratti
phone 0332/281590

Opening hours:

Tuesday and Friday, 2.30-6.30 p.m.,
Saturday and Sunday, 10.30-12.30
a.m. - 2.30-6.30 p.m..

Entrance ticket: euro 2,00

reduced-rate ticket euro 1,00

Museum of Contemporary Art at Villa Panza

This Museum is hosted in a typi-
cal suburban villa of the 18th
century. Exhibits include 21 items
of primitive African and Pre-
Columbian art and a contempo-
rary art collection, and 113 works
of art dating back to the '60s
through the '90s collected by
Conte Giuseppe Panza di Biumo.

Tipology:

Tipology: Art Museum

Address:

Piazzale Litta – Biumo, Varese
phone 0332/283960

Opening hours:

from Tuesday to Sunday:
10.00 a.m.- 6.00 p.m.

Entrance ticket:

Villa and garden euro 7,50

Cinema and Theatre**Cinema Teatro Impero** (2 halls)

Via Bernascone,13
phone 0332/284004.

Hours:

week, Saturday and Sunday 3.30
p.m., 5.45 p.m., 8.00 p.m., 10.20 p.m.

Cinema Nuovo

Via dei Mille, 39
phone 0332/289480

Hours:

week 20.00, 22.30. Saturday and
festivities: 3.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m.,
8.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

Tuesdays:**Cineforum Spazio Cinema 2000****Cinema Politeama**

Piazza XX Settembre, 4
phone 0332/284289.

Hours:

week 8.00, 10.30. Saturday and
festivities 3.00 p.m., 5.30 p.m.,
8.00 p.m., 10.30 p.m.

*On Wednesdays films in original
language*

Cinema Vela

Via Sanvito, 105
phone 0332/225275

Hours:

week 7.30 p.m., 10.20 p.m..
Saturday and Sunday 4.30 p.m.,
7.30 p.m., 10.20 p.m.

Cinema Vittoria

Via Bagaini, 10
phone 0332/285744

Hours:

week 4.30 p.m., 6.20 p.m., 8.20
p.m., 10.20 p.m. p.m. Sunday 3.00
p.m., 4.45 p.m., 6.30 p.m., 8.20
p.m., 10.20 p.m.

Varese Theatre

Piazza Repubblica
phone 0332/284224

Library

In Varese, there is a municipal
library where an inter-library
lending service is available.

Hours:

from Monday to Saturday, 10.00
a.m. - 12.00 a.m., 2.00 p.m. - 6.30 p.m.

Biblioteca Civica

via Sacco, 9 - 21100 Varese
phone 0332/255273

Shopping

Shops are open from 9.00 a.m.
to 12.30 a.m. and from 3.00 p.m.
to 7.30 p.m., and are closed on
Sunday and Monday morning.
On Monday, Thursday and
Saturday there is a market in the
open air.

On the first Sunday of the month
there is a street market of antique
objects, books and prints.



Emergency numbers

Polizia Stradale (Traffic Police): 0332/281030

Questura (Police Head Office): 0332/233333

Polizia Municipale (Municipal Police): 0332/283000

Transportation

The best way to get around Varese is by bus. A number of lines connects the various areas of the city. The ticket costs euro 0.90, and has a validity of 75 minutes. Extra-urban buses connect the city of Varese to the surrounding area. The easiest way to reach Milan is by train. Two lines are operating: the State Railways (F.S.) and the Ferrovie Nord Milano (F.N.M.).

Useful numbers

Varese Municipality

phone 0332/255299
<http://www.comune.varese.it>

Railways

Ferrovie dello Stato (F.S.):
phone 0332/286705
Ferrovie Nord Milano (F.N.M.):
phone 0332/284174

City Transportation

A.V.T. information: 0332/330220
A.V.T. service to handicapped people: 0332/331248

Car Renting Companies

Autoderbi: phone 0332/33.20.90
Autoespo: phone 0332/22.24.83
Avis: phone 0332/81.16.45
Eurodollar: phone 0332/81.01.92
Europcar: phone 0332/33.34.37
Gumirato: phone 0332/28.80.11
Hertz: phone 0332/31.28.18
Pelanconi: phone 0332/26.44.24
Salerno: phone 0332/24.25.01
Talamona: phone 0332/23.91.92
Trafi: phone 0332/23.62.82

Hotels

*Da Nino **

Viale Aguggiari, 69
phone 0332/283932

*Stadio Meublé **

Via Bolchini, 24
phone 0332/224069
fax 0332/212840

*Italia Meublé ***

Viale Belforte, 114
phone 0332/333045
fax 0332/330100

*Mira Meublé ***

Via Walder, 45
phone 0332/286465
fax 0332/286625

*Schiranna Mariuccia ***

Via Macchi, 141 (Loc. Schiranna)
phone 0332/329330
fax 0332/329920

*Albergo La Samaritana ***

Via Conventino, 40
phone 0332/225035
fax 0332/225036

Hotel Stelvio **

Via Tonale, 10
phone 0332/334800
fax 0332 335080

Ungheria Meublé ***

Viale Borri, 98
phone 0332/264325
fax 0332/264256

Varese Lago Meublé ***

Via Macchi, 61
phone 0332/310022
fax 0332/312697

Vecchia Riva ***

Via G. Macchi, 146
phone 0332/329335
fax 0332/329300

Acquario ***

Via Giusti, 7
phone 0332/811600
fax 0332/811780

Albergo Ristorante Bologna ***

Via Broggi, 7
phone 0332/232100-
0332/234362-0332/264325
fax 0332 287500

Europa ***

Piazza Beccaria, 1
phone 0332/280170
fax 0332/234325

Hotel Plaza ***

Via Sanvito Silvestro, 107
phone 0332/223537-821039
fax 0332/223636

Sacro Monte ***

Via Bianchi, 5 (Loc. Sacro Monte)
phone 0332/229879
fax 0332/224099

City Hotel Meublé ****

Via Medaglie d'Oro, 35
phone 0332/281304
fax 0332/232882

Colonne ****

Via Fincarà, 37 (Loc. Sacro Monte)
phone 0332/224633
fax 0332/821593

Crystal Hotel Meublé ****

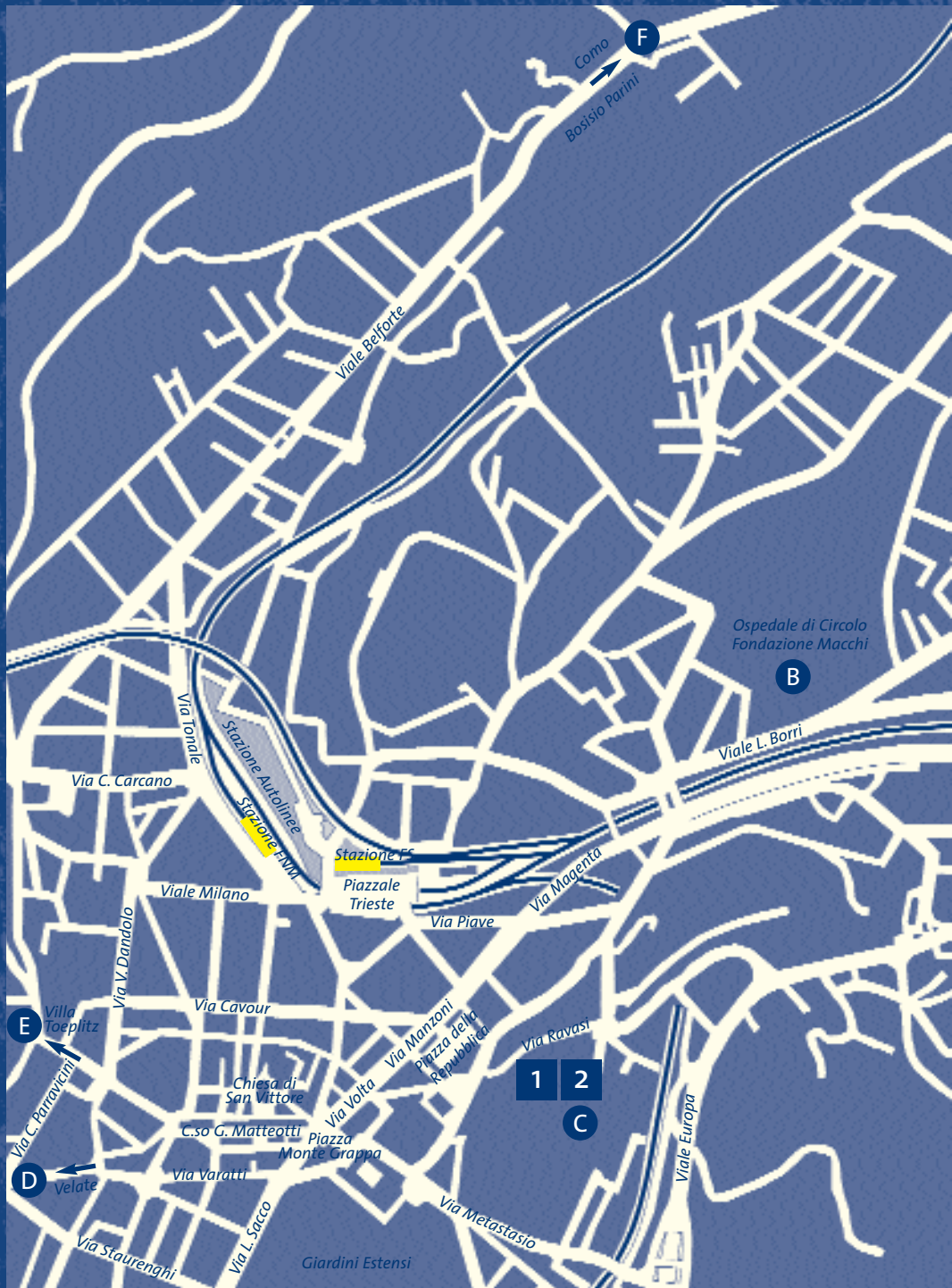
Via Speroni, 10
phone 0332/231145
fax 0332/237181

Palace Hotel ****

Via Manara, 11
phone 0332/312600
fax 0332/312870

Real Estate Agencies

Click on the following web site:
there you will find a list of links
to the major real estate agencies
in Lombardy:
[http://www.homy.it/
elagenzie2.asp](http://www.homy.it/elagenzie2.asp)





UNIVERSITAS
STUDIORUM
INSUBRIAE

Varese

- 1** **Rettorato**
Segreterie Studenti
delle Facoltà di Varese
Via Ravasi, 2
- 2** **Facoltà di Economia**
Via Ravasi, 2
Segreteria di Presidenza
- 3** **Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia**
Viale Ottorino Rossi, 9
Segreteria di Presidenza
- 4** **Facoltà di Scienze MM.FF.NN.**
Via J. H. Dunant, 3
Segreteria di Presidenza

Didattica:

- A** • *Padiglione Antonini*
Padiglione Morselli
Aule Seppilli
(Facoltà di Medicina e Chirurgia,
Facoltà di Scienze MM.FF.NN.)
- B** • *Ospedale di Circolo*
Fondazione Macchi
- C** • *Via Ravasi, 2*
(Facoltà di Economia)
- D** • *Velate*
(Igienista Dentale, Odontoiatria)
- E** • *Villa Toeplitz*
(Scienze della Comunicazione)
- F** • *Bosisio Parini*
(Educatore Professionale,
Fisioterapia)
- G** • *Busto Arsizio*
(Infermieri - Fisioterapia,
Biologia Sanitaria)

