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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO

Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como offers five-star lakefront splendour on the shores of Lake Como. Coupled with its serene setting, nestled between luxuriant botanical park and lake, the resort represents a seductive blend of Italian style, Oriental charm and natural beauty.

An iconic landmark with a rich history spanning two centuries, Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is a sanctuary of calm, located on the sunlit shores of Lake Como, where guests can relax and enjoy unforgettable moments with family and loved ones. The resort is ideal for those seeking a relaxing getaway or an active break alike. Surrounded by lush botanical gardens, panoramic hiking trails and the rustic towns of the Lombardy region, guests have a wide array of activities to choose from. A dedicated concierge team is available around the clock to arrange bespoke experiences for all resort's Guests and make their stay truly memorable.

Housed within nine separate villas, guest accommodation includes 21 guestrooms, 52 suites and two private villas. Acclaimed interior designer Eric Egan was commissioned to create a new design for Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como to enhance the existing elements while paying homage to Mandarin Oriental's eastern heritage. The result is an elegant style that blends elements of a 19th century Neoclassical Villa with modern décor and a subtle oriental flavour.

The décor of rooms and suites is calm and stylish, offering a relaxed environment and stunning views of the lake and garden, that can be enjoyed from generous balconies and terraces. Public areas are decorated in a modern and clean style, with contemporary furnishings that recall early 20th century Italian designs. Original details have been preserved wherever possible, including inlaid wood floors, marble columns and coffered ceilings.

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Harbouring over 50 species of plants, trees and flowers, including rhododendrons, camellias and magnolias, the botanical garden surrounding the resort exudes tranquillity, relaxation and privacy. The layout and materials used aim to recreate its original design, with walkways and lanes as signature elements of Italian Neoclassical gardens.

The resort's beating heart is Villa Roccabruna, the former residence of Italian soprano Giuditta Pasta built in 1799. Today, Villa Roccabruna houses ten beautiful suites, as well as guest services, with large windows drawing the eye outside to the garden and lake. Upon arrival, guests are subtly made aware of the brand's oriental heritage, with six panel reproductions of antique Chinese screens located in the reception area by the Concierge desk. While understated oriental elements are present throughout the property, the décor has a distinctive modern Italian flavour. Careful attention has been given to fine details and expert craftsmanship, with high quality materials selected throughout.

Villa Roccabruna is also home to *CO.MO Bar & Bistrot* and its extension, the beautifully decorated *Sala Mandarin*, where guest can enjoy the resort's exquisite afternoon tea, and *The Spa* at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como.

The restaurants and bars of the resort offer an authentic cuisine, based on traditional Mediterranean dishes and inspired by local seasonal products.

CO.MO Bar & Bistrot, with its spacious terrace overlooking the lake, is the place to go for an informal bite at any time of day, a traditional Italian Aperitivo or after-dinner drinks, created by expert mixologists.

Tucked away in a modern lakefront building in the botanical park, the Michelin-starred restaurant *L'ARIA* has a distinctly contemporary look. Floor-to-ceiling windows offer panoramic lake vistas and views of the surrounding landscape.

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Extending out from the shoreline, the resort's swimming pool and spacious sundeck float on the lake. Guests can bask on sun loungers by the pool from mid-morning to sunset and enjoy refreshing drinks and snacks at the *Pool Bar* throughout the day.

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is a wellness destination in itself. Inspired by the pristine water of the lake, it offers its own distinctive selection of heat and water experiences and Mandarin Oriental's recognised holistic approach to wellbeing. The spacious facility includes two private spa suites, two treatment rooms, a beauty studio and a fully equipped Technogym® fitness centre.

The romantic backdrop of tranquil lake, majestic hills and beautiful gardens, provides the perfect setting for weddings, celebrations and private events. The resort's venues include a Greenhouse, a lakeshore classical Amphitheatre shaded by an expansive tree canopy, and a building with four function rooms that combine to offer an impressive 315 sqm ballroom. Alternatively, guests can decorate a marquee to their style and imagination in the garden of Villa Del Lago, one of the resort's private Villas, set within its own grounds to provide guests with plenty of privacy.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – ROOMS, SUITES & VILLAS

Immersed in a centuries-old botanical park on the eastern shore of Lake Como, Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como offers 75 guestrooms, suites and private Villas set amongst nine distinguished buildings, allowing for more privacy. The majority of the Villas are named after plants and trees that grow in the resort's lush botanical garden. The beating heart of the hotel is the historic 18th century Villa Roccabruna, the former private residence of Italian soprano Giuditta Pasta, which houses ten of the hotel's sophisticated suites as well as public spaces. Two of the Villas, namely Villa del Lago and Villa della Rocca, are available exclusively for private hire.

Balancing Italian elegance and comfort, the rooms are decorated with classic materials and feature gentle earthy hues that lend a light and summery feel. The décor has deliberately been kept essential to allow the eye to drift outside and focus on the beauty of the lake and the surrounding landscape.

Thanks to their secluded location, rooms and suites provide guests with plenty of privacy. Accommodations are exceptionally spacious, ranging from 25 to 343 sqm, with oakwood parquet floors and cream-coloured furnishings. The colour palette of the furnishings, from the lamps and curtains to the sofas and armchairs, spans shades of cream and beige to create a contemporary and airy feel. Here and there, gentle shades of green and deck-egg blue recall the colours of the lake. Walls are embellished with delicate works of art on Japanese cotton paper made by Shuhei Matsuyama, a Japanese artist who resides in Milan. The delicacy and soft colouring of the works exude a sense of calm and recall the group's eastern heritage.

Bathrooms are particularly spacious, offering the perfect space to relax, with a comfortable yet unpretentious décor creating an understated look. Precious details as marble showers or other features add a touch of luxury and elegance.

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Rooms are equipped with modern amenities, including HD Smart TVs, multi-socket adaptors, Wi-Fi, and HDMI cables to connect additional devices as well as Bose speakers.

La Residenza

In an enviable lakefront location, La Residenza is a 90 sqm two-bedroom private apartment sleeping up to four people, offering stunning panoramas and plenty of outdoor space. The large private terrace and garden command scenic lake views, making the apartment ideal to relax and entertain. With its peaceful waterfront location and comfortable interiors featuring a kitchenette and living room, this apartment truly feels like a home away from home, making it ideal for families and extended stays.

Penthouse Suite

Located in the resort's historic Villa Roccabruna, the 97 sqm Penthouse Suite offers the most romantic views of Lake Como. Its large outdoor terrace looks out onto the water, while large windows offer fabulous views from both the living and the sleeping areas. Characterised by high ceilings, the suite has a spacious lounge, a master bedroom and a large marble bathroom with bathtub and walk-in shower.

Panoramic Terrace Suite

Located in historic Villa Roccabruna, the Panoramic Terrace Suite features a spectacular private terrace that offers sweeping views of the lake. Thanks to its prime rooftop position, the terrace is one of the best spots in the resort to enjoy the sunset in total privacy. This one-of-a-kind suite also features a master bedroom, an elegant living area, a marble bathroom and large windows that allow plenty of light to flood in, with interiors seamlessly blending in with the surrounding lake scenery.

Panoramic Suite with Private Pool

Located in Villa delle Palme and immersed in the botanical park, the Panoramic Suite with Private Pool has an exceptionally large terrace with sundeck and private swimming pool offering unparalleled lake views. French doors allow plenty of natural light to flood into the expansive interiors, lending a bright and spacious feel. Rich textiles and delicate colour schemes combine, reflecting traditional Italian elegance. Featuring an elegant bedroom, a spacious bathroom, a large living area, a private kitchen with dining area and a guest

bathroom, the suite spreads over an area of 116 sqm, offering contemporary interiors with parquet floors, bespoke Italian furnishings, and modern comforts.

Villa della Rocca

Spread over 102 sqm and two floors, this intimate Villa offers a romantic retreat on the lakefront. It has a stylish contemporary design, featuring fine New Zealand oakwood boiserie. The ground floor features a guest bathroom, a kitchen with dining area and a living room that opens up onto a panoramic lakefront terrace. The first floor houses an elegant bedroom with floor-to-ceiling windows providing abundant natural light. The en-suite bathroom has a walk-in shower and a large round bathtub commanding panoramic lake vistas. Offering spectacular views from every corner, the villa is the perfect place to soak in the romance of Lake Como.

Villa del Lago

Built in the Neo-classical style typical of villas around Lake Como, Villa del Lago has three bedrooms, a verdant garden, a terrace with an open-air whirlpool tub and a private dock on the lake. Spread over 343 sqm and four floors, this private villa offers both children and adults alike plenty of entertainment, with a games room, cinema area, table football and drinks bar to prepare beverages for guests. Floor-to-ceiling windows allow for wonderful lake views, with a private kitchen, separate dining area, living room and library with fireplace located on the ground floor. On the first floor are two en-suite bedrooms featuring a lake view terrace, whilst the second floor houses a cosy attic bedroom with compact lake-facing balconies and an en-suite bathroom with bathtub and walk-in shower.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – SPA & WELLNESS

Located in Villa Roccabruna, The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is a wellness destination in itself. Inspired by the pristine water of the lake, it offers a unique choice of heat and water experiences and a holistic approach to wellbeing.

From the ground floor of the historic Villa, a grand neo-classical staircase leads down to the state-of-the-art Spa, which offers a heated indoor pool, fitness centre, relaxation lounge and treatment rooms. Seemingly floating on the waters of the lake, the resort's 16-metre outdoor heated swimming pool is a major draw. Guests can sit back and unwind on sun loungers from mid-morning to sunset while enjoying impressive lake views.

Guests wishing to purely relax and rejuvenate can enjoy the healing and cleansing properties of the Himalayan salt room, indoor pool with massage stations, Mediterranean bath, chromotherapy showers, Finnish sauna, Kneipp footbath and aromatherapy steam bath.

The two spa suites and two treatment rooms are sanctuaries of private pampering, complemented by a modern and cosy beauty studio.

Every visit to The Spa begins with a traditional welcoming ritual and a private in-depth consultation performed before every treatment. At the end of each session, therapists offer lifestyle recommendations to prolong results and enhance the benefits of each treatment.

Treatments and Products

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como offers rituals and treatments that blend oriental philosophy with a Western approach, with the aim of achieving the perfect balance of “Qi”, the circulating life force or energy that runs through the body.

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Developed in collaboration with Chinese Medicine specialists and aromatherapy experts, the Spa menu includes renowned Mandarin Oriental Signature Spa Therapies, and a unique



selection of treatments inspired by the lake and the surrounding landscape. “Your Personal Oriental Qi”, for example, is a special one-day programme designed to help the reconnection with the inner self inspired by the five elements of Traditional Chinese Medicine.

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como uses paraben-free Aromatherapy Associates products, together with Mandarin Oriental’s own bespoke products.

Fitness Centre

The Fitness Centre is equipped with latest generation of Technogym equipment, with treadmills and cardiovascular equipment that provide the perfect workout.

Guests can enjoy a scenic jogging route that winds through the resort’s leafy botanical park, while the wider area also offers some fine hiking trails commanding panoramic views of Lake Como. Personal trainer, runner and hiker sessions can easily be arranged through the resort’s spa team. Making the most of the stunning and graceful view of Italy’s iconic lake, guests can enjoy relaxing yoga and tai chi and Wellness Workout sessions, once a week in small groups on a complimentary basis, or privately at their convenience.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – RESTAURANTS AND BARS

The restaurants and bars at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como serve dishes created by a very talented team. The hotel's Michelin-starred restaurant L'ARIA serves refined cuisine in an elegant lakefront setting, while the all-day dining CO.MO Bar & Bistrot offers a selection of more informal dishes. The Pool Bar serves snacks and refreshing drinks by the hotel's iconic floating swimming pool.

CO.MO BAR & BISTROT

Open daily from 10 am to midnight, CO.MO Bar & Bistrot is located in Villa Roccabruna, the resort's main Villa. A tranquil spot for an informal bite during the day, in the evenings, it is the perfect location to enjoy an aperitivo or an after-dinner drink.

CO.MO Bar & Bistrot features original architectural elements that have been preserved, including a historic fireplace, original coffered ceiling and parquet flooring. A contemporary marble-topped bar with leather panels and brass details provides a mellow contrast to the classic decor of the room. The cosy interiors are adorned with reproductions of ancient watercolours that depict Lake Como, while the spacious terrace offers al fresco dining in a gorgeous lakefront setting immersed in greenery.

The “bistro” menu

Available for lunch and dinner at CO.MO Bar & Bistrot, the menu features a selection of traditional Italian dishes and international hotel's classics. Prepared using seasonal produce, the dishes aim to bring out ingredients' true flavours.

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At the bistrot, guests can also enjoy state-of-the-art pizzas baked in the unique “Ape Pizza”, an unprecedented three-wheeler van with a built-in pizza oven. The pizza dough is left to ferment for 48 hours, creating a tender and airy pizza base that is perfectly paired with premium toppings sourced from Italy, with mozzarella and organic tomatoes from Campania, and oregano from Sicily. For those seeking an authentic experience, our chefs can organise private pizza-making lessons, to share all the secrets of the perfect Neapolitan pizza.

Afternoon Tea

Served daily between 3 pm and 6 pm in the bistrot’s *Sala Mandarin* or on the glorious lakefront terrace, the traditional Afternoon Tea offers a variety of finger sandwiches, patisserie and handmade sweet and savoury delights that reflect the seasons. An expansive range of both local and traditional tea blends complements the food.

The Villa’s *Sala Mandarin* has been beautifully preserved and enhanced, with custom-made wallpaper by Fromental and artworks inspired by Chinese and East Asian artistic traditions. A typical feature of opulent lake villas, Chinese Rooms were once used to display works of art and decorative items that noblemen and aristocrats had acquired from their travels in the Far East.

Aperitivo and after-dinner

In the early evenings, lights are dimmed while laidback lounge tunes set a lively informal ambience. Traditional Italian aperitivo is served to stimulate the appetite, with a selection of expertly crafted nibbles that change daily. Expert mixologists prepare a range of cocktails, from classics to creatively presented drinks.

L~ARIA

Immersed in the botanical park, L~ARIA, the resort’s Michelin-starred restaurant, is set in a lakefront building featuring floor-to-ceiling windows that allow inner and outer spaces to merge. The modern design blends with traditional Italian architectural features such as terrazzo floors and elegant handmade Fortuny fabrics inset into the wall panels. An open-plan kitchen allows diners to watch the chefs at work, while al fresco meals can be enjoyed on the restaurant’s open-air terrace that commands wonderful lake views.

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Our Michelin-starred restaurant promotes a refined and authentic cuisine based on traditional Mediterranean dishes – with a creative twist. Thanks to high-quality ingredients, different techniques, inspiring flavours and aromas the final experience is a multi-sensorial. Each dish brings the excitement of a creative Mediterranean cuisine to life.

Italian olive oils play an important role in his culinary creations. Organically produced on small family-run farms, the olive oils used have a great variety of character and taste, ranging from full-flavoured and fruity to delicate and buttery. Ingredients are sourced from small Italian producers that follow the principles of the Slow Food Movement, that is, providing healthy flavoursome food that preserves local food culture while promoting sustainability and responsible consumption.

At the end of the meal, guests can choose from a selection of Italian cheeses. The dessert menu includes a range of mouth-watering sweet delights prepared using both local and exotic ingredients.

Complementing the sophisticated dishes that comprise the menu, the extensive wine list champions small and medium-sized producers, with an emphasis on Italian wines. The list also includes a selection of French reds and whites, along with fine sparkling wines from regions of Franciacorta, Champagne and beyond.

The restaurant is open for dinner from Tuesday to Sunday, welcoming both hotel Guests and non-residents.

THE POOL BAR

With its stylish lakefront setting by the hotel's iconic floating swimming pool, the Pool Bar offers a relaxed and casual atmosphere that is perfect to enjoy an informal bite. The menu includes light dishes such as sandwiches and salads, while refreshing drinks are served at the Pool Bar from 9 am to 7 pm.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – WEDDINGS & EVENTS

With its impressive lakefront location, world-class facilities and innovative Michelin-starred cuisine, Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is the perfect venue for weddings, private celebrations, and corporate events. As one of the very few venues on Lake Como licensed to hold civil wedding ceremonies with a legal value in Italy, the resort offers bespoke wedding services, combining ceremony and reception. Several dining options are available, while at The Spa, dedicated treatments, programmes and activities can be tailored to both wedding couples and corporate groups.

The hotel offers both indoor and outdoor spaces suitable for all type of events, with stunning lake and garden views. A team of dedicated Event Planners ensures that every wedding and event held at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como receives detailed and personalized attention.

Function Rooms

Elegant and versatile, the four function rooms are named after Lake Como's most beautiful destinations: Blevio, Menaggio, Comacina and Bellagio. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, the function rooms are located in Villa della Quercia, one of the nine villas nestled in the verdant botanical park.

Filled with natural light, three of the rooms look out towards the lake and can be divided into smaller spaces with retractable walls. A neutral colour scheme allows guests to privatise each of these intimate spaces to best suit their individual requirements.

The largest of the rooms is Bellagio, which holds up to 100 guests seated, while the smallest is Menaggio, which holds up to 70 guests seated. For added flexibility, the four versatile rooms can be combined to form Sala Lario, occupying a total area of 315 sqm, hosting a total of 270 guests.

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Dining venues

Both *L~ARIA* restaurant and *CO.MO* Bar & Bistrot can be rented out for private events, with ad hoc menus.

Located in the majestic Villa Roccabruna, *CO.MO* Bar & Bistrot has a large terrace offering al fresco dining in a wonderful lakefront setting. Interiors are welcoming and cosy, adorned with reproductions of ancient watercolours depicting the lake, making this an ideal venue for intimate events and private parties.

The elegant Michelin-starred *L~ARIA* is immersed in the botanical park in a lakefront building with large floor-to-ceiling windows that allow for wonderful lake views. Interiors can be divided into sections or enjoyed as a whole, and both indoor and outdoor areas can be personalised for any occasion for up to 50 guests. With its enviable lakefront location, the spacious terrace is the ultimate setting for exclusive cocktail parties and elegant dinners.

The Greenhouse

Immersed in the verdant park on the first floor of the restaurant building, the *Greenhouse* is the perfect venue for lunch or dinner for up to 50 guests. Natural light floods in from all corners of the all-glass structure, creating a bright space commanding lovely garden and lake views. The Greenhouse and ground floor *L~ARIA* spaces can be joined together for private events.

Amphitheatre

Immersed in the verdant botanical park that surrounds the hotel, the classically designed Amphitheatre is a wonderfully atmospheric spot on the lakefront to host wedding celebrations, private events and corporate functions. Holding up to 120 guests, the Amphitheatre benefits from natural shade thanks to its location beneath the canopies of ancient cedar trees.

Villa del Lago

Spread out over four floors, spacious Villa del Lago is the perfect venue to host private events, from corporate parties to wedding receptions. Hosting up to 180 guests, the Villa is set within its own grounds, providing guests with plenty of privacy. Small to medium events, such as corporate meetings and intimate cocktail parties, can be hosted in the villa, with larger events held under a luxury marquee in the leafy garden, which offers sweeping views of the lake and the surrounding snow-capped mountains. The villa offers a prime spot to watch the sunset, thanks to its enviable location on the southeastern shore of the lake.

Additional areas

The floating pool deck and boat dock can be used for private events and transformed into enchanting settings for glamorous ceremonies and stylish cocktail functions. The spacious terrace of the Panoramic Suite with Private Pool, with its own private pool, can also become an ideal backdrop for unforgettable events.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – FACT SHEET

Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is a sanctuary of calm, nestled on the sunny forest shores of Lake Como. The resort comprises of 21 rooms, 52 suites and two-stand-alone private Villas that have been skilfully renovated to create a sense of modern Italian elegance with a subtle oriental charm.

The resort is ideal for those seeking a relaxing getaway or an active break alike. Featuring an iconic floating pool and surrounded by lush botanical gardens, the resort offers guests the opportunity to relax in its wide spaces or explore the surroundings, thanks to panoramic hiking trails, walks in the picturesque towns on the shores of the lake or dynamic water sports.

The Spa at Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is also a wellness destination itself. Inspired by the pristine water of the lake, it offers a unique choice of heat and water experiences and a holistic approach to wellbeing. With two private spa suites, two treatment rooms, a beauty studio and a state-of-the-art Technogym fitness centre, it is also recognised to be the largest spa on the lake.

The resort's Michelin-starred restaurant L'ARIA features traditional Mediterranean dishes with a twist, while CO.MO Bar & Bistrot serves regional cuisine from all over Italy, sourcing high-quality ingredients from local Italian producers. With idyllic lake views from every venue, events will be nothing short of magical, making the resort ideal for the most cherished of occasions.

Location and Transportation

- 55-minute drive from Milano Malpensa International Airport.
- 70-minute drive from Milano Linate Airport.
- 45-minute drive to Milan city centre.
- 5-minute drive to Como's town centre.

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- 60-minute drive or boat ride to charming towns such as Bellagio, Menaggio, Tremezzo, Varenna.
- Lake Como offers a wealth of recreational water activities, such as boating and kayaking, and can be explored by seaplane. Around the lake are scenic viewpoints, hiking trails and cycle routes.
- Self-parking is available at the resort.

Guestrooms & Suites

- The resort has 21 guestrooms, 52 suites and junior suites and two private villas with an additional four bedrooms, a total inventory of 75 accommodation units.
- Guest accommodation is housed within nine separate buildings, strategically placed to provide the best views and access to the resort's expansive grounds and lakeside setting.
- All guestrooms offer lake view, partial lake view or garden view.
- Most guestrooms have private balconies, terraces or gardens.
- Two private villas, Villa del Lago and Villa della Rocca, offer the ultimate stay experience.
- Villa della Rocca is a one-bedroom duplex Villa perched on a cliffside overlooking the lake, which gives a serene sensation of it appearing to "float on the lake".
- Villa del Lago has four floors accommodating three bedrooms, a spacious living room, a dining area, kitchen, a library and an entertainment room. It has a private dock for a small boat, outdoor Jacuzzi and large private garden.

Restaurants & bars

- *L'ARIA* – Michelin-starred restaurant serving traditional Italian gourmet cuisine with a modern twist. Opens for dinner from Tuesday to Sunday, its lakeside terrace opens for alfresco dining.

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- *CO.MO Bar & Bistrot* – all-day dining selection of Italian favourites, international hotel’s classics and signature cocktails.
- The *Pool Bar* – refreshing drinks and snacks to enjoy on the floating dock and pool deck.

Spa & Wellness

- Two spa suites, two treatment rooms and a beauty studio.
- Heat and Water experiences include vertical Kneipp circuit, indoor pool with massage stations, Finnish sauna, steam bath, Mediterranean bath, chromotherapy showers and Himalayan salt room.
- Fitness Centre with latest generation Technogym® equipment.
- A 16-metre heated outdoor swimming pool, Jacuzzi and sun deck that float on the lake.

Wedding & Event Venues

- Against a romantic backdrop of tranquil lake and majestic hills and its own beautiful gardens and architecturally stunning buildings, the resort offers a setting that is little short of magical for any event.
- Five indoor and three outdoor venues available.
- Sala Bellagio, Comacina, Menaggio and Blevio are four versatile indoor salons that can be used separately or combined into one large space (315 sqm).
- The Greenhouse (70 sqm) resembles a beautiful plant house, with views of the lake and garden, making it a pleasing venue for lunch or dinner for up to 50 guests.
- The classical Amphitheatre (400 sqm), an atmospheric outdoor venue on the lakeshore, where events for 120 guests can take place under the shade of century-old cedar trees.
- The garden of Villa del Lago is the most private area of the resort but also the most panoramic, especially at sunset. It can host up to 160/180 guests for corporate events, cocktail party or unforgettable celebrations.

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- Other venues include the boat dock and the floating pool deck adjacent to majestic Villa Roccabruna which can be transformed into dazzling settings for ceremonies or cocktail functions.
- Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is one of the very few venues in Lake Como licensed to hold civil ceremonies, with legal value in Italy.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – SAMUEL PORRECA, GENERAL MANAGER

Samuel Porreca, General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como, is at the helm of Mandarin Oriental's first resort in Europe. An experienced and charismatic leader, he brings over 20 years of experience in the hospitality industry.

Samuel began his career in Rome, with management roles soon following at Villa La Vedetta, a Relais and Châteaux property in Florence, and at J.K. Place Capri. After four successful years at J.K. Place Capri, in 2012 Samuel was involved in the opening of J.K. Place Roma, which received a string of awards under his leadership, including Best Hotel in Rome 2016 by Travel & Leisure.

In spring 2019, Samuel was appointed General Manager of Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como to guide the new hotel towards its opening and positioning as one of Lake Como's best hotels. Samuel directs all of the resort's strategic operations, building upon Mandarin Oriental's solid foundations and working towards establishing the hotel as one of Italy's leading resorts.

Educated in Italy and the United States, Samuel speaks fluent Italian, English and Spanish. He enjoys football, horse riding, travelling, and spending time with his family.

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MANDARIN ORIENTAL, LAGO DI COMO – TOP HOTEL FACTS

SIGNATURE FAN

The symbol of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group is an eleven-bladed fan that ties together the Group's hotels into a single identity. Each of the Group's hotels has its own fan, chosen to reflect the hotel's unique personality.

Dating back to 1880, Mandarin Oriental, Lago Di Como's unique fan is reflective of the sophistication and elegance of the hotel. Its striking design, with garlands of golden flowers and silver foliage, is a reference to the beautiful shores of Lake Como.

THE BOTANICAL GARDEN

Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is surrounded by a magnificent botanical garden where guests can enjoy a stroll and unwind in shaded grounds home to 54 species of plants and flowers. Landscape designer Patrizia Pozzi took inspiration from the luxurious gardens of famous villas around the lake, including Villa Carlotta, Villa Melzi and Villa del Balbianello, to recreate a lush oasis where guests can relax amidst rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias.

Six of the nine Villas are named after plants that grow in the park: Villa Oleandro is named after the beautiful oleanders that grow at the resort entrance; Villa Abete takes its name from a fir tree that looms over the Villa; Villa Alloro comes from the Italian for 'bay tree'; Villa delle Palme takes its name from the palm trees that shade the Villa; finally, Villa del Cedro is named after a 200-year old Lebanese cedar tree where Giuditta Pasta is said to have spent hours admiring the lake views.

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THE HISTORY OF VILLA ROCCABRUNA

Villa Roccabruna, the beating heart of Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como, has a rich and varied history. Dating back to 1799, it was originally owned by Madame Ribier, an eccentric

French dressmaker from Paris who made a fortune while in Milan designing outfits for the top echelons of high society.

In 1827, opera singer Giuditta Pasta acquired the property and asked her uncle, architect Filippo Ferranti, to renovate the villa. Nicknamed Villa Roda, the property became a meeting point for artists, composers and singers, including Gaetano Donizetti, who is said to have completed his opera *Anna Bolena* here. Italian composer Vincenzo Bellini was a regular guest and developed a close relationship with Pasta (Bellini's *La Sonnambula* and *Norma* are both thought to have been written for the soprano). Legend says Pasta would lean out of the windows of Villa Roda to sing to her heart's content, while on the opposite shore in the small town of Moltrasio renowned composer Vincenzo Bellini would listen intently, enchanted by her beautiful voice. Pasta hosted many other illustrious guests at the villa, including Italian composer Gioacchino Rossini, writer and poet Alessandro Manzoni, French novelist Stendhal, and artist Maria Cosway. At the beginning of the 20th century, the property was purchased by the Wild family, cotton industrialists of Swiss origin from the nearby city of Turin.

GREEN INITIATIVES

Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is fully supportive of Mandarin Oriental Hotel Group's pledge to eliminate all single-use plastic across its global portfolio and is busy sourcing viable eco-alternatives. Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como limits its water and energy consumption by harvesting water from the lake, making the most of the water's temperature regulating properties to heat or cool down the interiors of the building. In addition, the resort has two electric Tesla X cars on the property. The vehicles are available for short-distance transfers, exploring the surrounding towns and villages, or quick trips into the city of Como.

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UNFORGETTABLE SUNSETS

The resort is located on the eastern shore of the lake, allowing the property to capture plenty of sunlight throughout the day. The sun rises behind the resort, resulting in wonderful sunsets that can be viewed and enjoyed from all corners of the property. During the golden hour, guests can also experience a romantic and intimate aperitif with their loved ones onboard an exclusive Venetian taxi.

LAKE COMO

Considered to be one of the most beautiful destinations in Italy thanks to its breath-taking natural scenery and its rich cultural legacy, Lake Como is home to picturesque villages, beautiful churches, and sumptuous historical villas. The lake area is a truly scenic delight, its discreet atmosphere and understated elegance further adding to its charm. That is why Lake Como has been the background of many films, different in genre, setting and characters: from the romantic comedy *A Month by the Lake* to *Star Wars: Episode II Attack of the Clones*, without forgetting the 007 action of the *Casino Royale* and *Ocean's Twelve*.

Mandarin Oriental, Lago di Como is the ideal starting point to discover this cinematographic scenario with its splendid villas, renowned UNESCO World Heritage sites and lakefront towns such as Menaggio, Tremezzo, Varenna and Bellagio, all located less than a one-hour car journey or boat ride from the resort. In addition to a transfer service and water taxi, guests are given the opportunity to rent luxury Venetian-style boats for excursions and guided tours on the lake. Small motor boats can be rented on site to be driven independently without the need for a boat license.

The lake area offers a wide array of sports and adventure activities, including climbing, fishing, golfing, parachuting, watersports and horse-riding, to name a few. Guests can enjoy gentle relaxing walks as they explore the resort's botanical park or hike panoramic trails through the surrounding mountains.

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An in-house rental service provides guests with an iconic 1959 Alfa Romeo Giulietta convertible to enjoy a stylish experience along Lake Como's enchanting roads and panoramic routes.

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