

With soaring mountains framing idyllic lakes, the region of Lago Maggiore and Lago D'Orta in Piedmont is a fairytale destination for weddings and honeymoons alike ...







Lago Maggiore Lago d'Orta Lago di Mergozzo Monti a Valli d'Orsol





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#### The Grand Tour

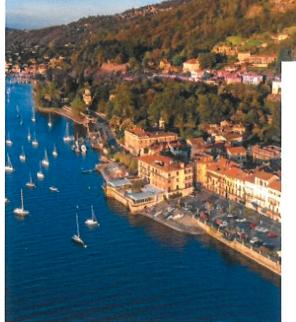
Tucked away in the northern Italian region of Piedmont, the picturesque setting of the Lakes District is a blissful destination for unforgettable stays with your love. This lake region is a scenic area just a few steps away from the Swiss border and easily accessible from the metropolitan cities of Turin and Milan, making it the perfect stop for your "love tour".

Unmissable during your journey are the shores of Lake Maggiore. If you want to experience the dolce vita lifestyle, this is where you need to be. With incredible natural and cultural richness, such as the Borromeo Islands, the delightful climate and the presence of grand hotels of the Belle Époque era, you are in for a treat. For more inspiration, the tranquil shores of Lake Orta will undoubtedly charm their way into your hearts as they did with a myriad of writers such as Balzac, Rodari, Montale and Soldati. The little hamlet of Orta San Giulio with the Island of San Giulio holds a surprising amount of beauty you won't want to miss out on. For a quieter stop, Lake Mergozzo is small but full of surprises. For centuries, it's been supplying its marvellous marble for the Duomo in Milan. Last but not least, journey across the high peaks of the Ossola Valleys, offering striking views over the lakes and the alps. This area is well known for its natural glory, and it's home to dramatic landscapes like Monte Rosa and the Toce Waterfall. With all this surrounding splendour, there's no doubt why couples from across the world flock to Piedmont to stay, tour, and of course, get married.

### Your Wedding Experience

The piedmontese Lakes District is quickly becoming one of the top spots for destination weddings. More and more couples are swept off their feet by the diverse territory and the myriad of choices for their big day. With a huge variety of unique locations equipped for weddings, everyone can have the day of their dreams. From breathtaking medieval and baroque churches to elegant shorefront

# **Gold Guide**

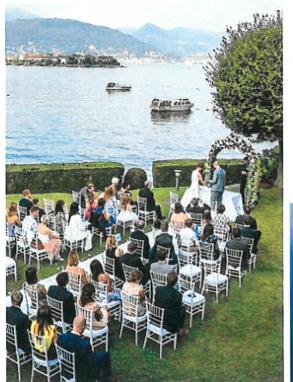




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LAKE MAGGIORE WEDDING, MARCO ARDUINO



hotels and lavish manors, you'll be spoilt for choice. And, that's not all. The varied landscape lends itself perfectly to all of those who want to enjoy a romantic break beyond their special day. Experiences of all kinds are available across the lakes and the alps. We have a seasonal selection to delve into:

### Spring in the Gardens

With everything in bloom, don't miss the chance to visit the awe-inspiring gardens and bucolic villas that dot the lakes. Here, architecture, art and history blend beautifully with the natural backdrop. Be part of this slow tourism trend and find a tranquil ambience to enjoy with your better half. Ideally positioned overlooking the shores of Lake Maggiore, the Park of the Rocca Borromea in Arona is a well-manicured garden perfect for a couple's photoshoot. Hop on a boat and tour the tantalising Borromeo islets for a day trip outdoors. The famed Isola Bella and Isola Madre are surprising gems, hidden in the deep waters of Lake Maggiore. The grandeur of the palaces leads the way to the astonishing gardens, embellished by fountains and rare floral blooms. For a more intimate experience, visit the privately-owned park of Villa Anelli in Oggebbio. The family has a stunning Camellia garden which is a sight to behold. There's no better way to spend a sunny spring day!

## A Summer Adventure

For all thrill-seeking couples, Lake Maggiore and Lake Orta are the ideal stop. Across the area, you'll stumble upon a plethora of outdoor activities to partake in, from yoga classes in the wild to ziplining, there's something that matches your pace. For adrenaline junkies, Lago Maggiore Aquadventure Park in Baveno and Adventure Park Le Pigne in Ameno are great adventure parks open all year round. Ziplining has become a popular pastime and Lago Maggiore Zipline in Aurano and Lago d'Orta Zipline in Omegna are creating the safest fun-packed activity for couples. Also offering a year-round experience, Alpyland is the electrifying roller coaster to try from the Mottarone peak.

# Fall in Love with the Ossola Valleys

As the leaves turn orange and the wind gets cooler, it's the best time to explore the stretch between Masera and Trontano. Grab your partner by the hand and venture along the romantic Prünent vineyards and make sure to sip some of the superb wine as the renowned DOC Nebbiolo. A stunning autumnal itinerary can easily be covered by train. The famous railway Vigezzina Centovalli covers it all, and it will be a delight to see the falling leaves. To see more of the spectacular colours and foliage, make your way to the Veglia Devero Nature Reserve, in particular Alpe Devero where you'll also be blessed by views of the towering alps. This area is not only a spectacular destination for natural wonders, it's also a gastronomic haven. Find an agriturismo to savour the best the region has to offer and don't forget to pack more for the road.

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