

# Activities & Experiences 2026



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## 2026

Be inspired by a selection of bespoke activities and experiences available in 2026.

**For your convenience, we have divided the offers by duration: 1-2 hours, half day and full day.**

Each of the proposals in this document is fully customisable on request, according to seasonality and client's needs, interests or diet.

Thanks to long-standing relationships with local suppliers and friends, I am able to present superior quality products, allowing guests to benefit from an authentic experience.

I am also happy to create unique and exclusive tailor-made activities for your clients, please do not hesitate to contact me for more details.

*All prices (VAT 8.1% included) are net and confidential.*

I remain at your disposal for any additional questions.

Kind regards,  
Patricia Carminati

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## If you are looking for 1 or 2 hours activities:

### Apéro cruise on lake Lugano

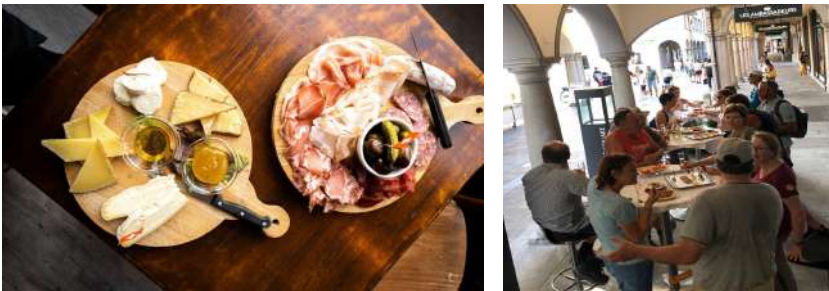


Breathe the air of Lake Lugano while enjoying a delicious apéro on board.  
The genuine flavors and landscapes of Ticino at your fingertips!

- Duration: 1.5 hour.
- Price: 2 pax CHF 218 pp/ 3-5 pax CHF 152 pp / 6 or more pax CHF 86 pp
- Included: 90' private boat ride, local cold meat and cheese, one bottle of wine every 3 pax
- *Vegetarian option available*

### Food & Wine Tour - Apéro (walking tour)

Lugano / Locarno/ Mendrisio/ Bellinzona



A guided tour through the historical city center of Lugano, Locarno, Bellinzona or Mendrisio during which we will discover the hidden corners of the town. At the end of the tour we will enjoy the delicious specialities from Ticino, including our delicious white Merlot.

- Duration: 2 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 185 pp / 3-4 pax CHF 155 pp / 5-6 CHF 119 pp / 7-8 CHF 109 pp / 9 pax or more CHF 99 pp
- Included: guided city tour with private guide, 1 stop with 3 glasses of wine, local appetizers, small local present

## NEW 2026: Orientation tour - simplify your stay!

Lugano/ Locarno/ Ascona/ Mendrisio/ Bellinzona



If you are travelling on your own but don't know the area and don't have time to gather information, ask for an individualized Orientation Tour.

Your personal guide will take you around the city and show you the most interesting places, provide all the necessary directions, and make additional suggestions to enjoy your stay!

The tour will be tailor-made to your needs. Discover hidden corners of Ticino. Familiarize yourself with the area just as the locals. Maps and brochures are provided if requested from the client.

Save time and fully enjoy your stay with insider tips!

- Duration: 1.5/ 2 hours
- Price: CHF 270
- Included: local host/guide assistance, maps and brochures
- Available also as "meet & greet" at the hotel

## If you are looking for Half day activities:

### Boat ride and wine tasting



The classic way to have fun and try different wines from small producers in a 1700s village that can only be reached by lake! It is not a technical experience but a convivial one. An aperitif to approach Ticino's wine culture with a small tasting of typical snacks.

A truly unique experience: arrive by boat in an area with no roads, and taste delicious Ticino specialities surrounded by a landscape that takes you back to the 1700s. Are you curious? Try the experience, we will amaze you!

- Duration: 2.5/3 hours
- Price: CHF 75 pp
- Included: Tasting of 3 local wines in the cellars of Gandria, snacks
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat 39.60 CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valido
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250 round trip (for max 4 pax, each extra pax CHF 20 pp)
- Additional private guide service upon request: CHF 300

### City Tour Bellinzona & its Fortress from Lugano



Leave Lugano together with your guide. After a 20 min train trip you will reach the capital of Ticino, Bellinzona, with its medieval atmosphere. Discover Castelgrande, the most impressive of the three famous UNESCO castles of the Fortress of Bellinzona, soaring above the beauty of the historic town center. Walk into the intimate heart of Bellinzona and enjoy!

- Duration: 4 hours
- Price: 2 pax: CHF 245 pp / 3-4 pax CHF 170 pp / 5-6 pax CHF 110 pp / 7 and more CHF 85 pp
- Included: pick-up at hotel, private guide service, visit of Bellinzona and its UNESCO fortress.
- Transportation to be added: public transportation free of charge with the Ticino Ticket if you overnight in a camping, hotel or hostel in Ticino, or we can organize a private car/minivan.

**OPTIONAL ADD-ON:**

- Wine tasting with snacks: CHF 65 pp
- Water Tasting: CHF 270. A very special and unique experience with the first Water Sommelier of Switzerland!!

## NEW 2026: City tour & panoramic boat ride

Lugano / Locarno/ Ascona



A guided tour through the historical city center Lugano, Locarno or Ascona followed by a panoramic boat ride on the lake. The perfect way to start your holiday discovering the city from two different perspectives.

- Duration: 3.5 / 4 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 215 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 169 pp, 6-8 pax CHF 125 pp, 9 pax or more CHF 110 pp
- Included: guided city tour with private guide, regular boat ride
- Private boat upon request

## NEW 2026: City Tour Lugano & Monte Brè



Meet your local guide and start to discover the highlights of the city: Lungolago, LAC, St Mary's Angels Church, Nassa Street, Pessina Street, Piazza della Riforma and Parco Ciani. Then you will take the funicular to reach Monte Brè, opened in 1908, in just over 10 minutes the funicular will enable you to reach the top of the mountain, famous as the sunniest in Switzerland, and enjoy the full view of the lake, the city and the surrounding mountains.

- Duration: 4 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 225 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 175 pp, 6-8 pax CHF 135 pp, 9 pax or more CHF 115 pp
- Included: private guide service, funicular tickets, 1 soft drink

## NEW 2026: City Tour Lugano & San Salvatore - the top of Lugano



Meet your local guide and start to discover the highlights of the city: Lungolago, LAC, St Mary's Angels Church, Nassa Street, Pessina Street, Piazza della Riforma and Parco Ciani. Then you will take the funicular to San Salvatore, the top of Lugano! After the year 1200 it became famed for the pilgrims who walked to the top to to pay home aged to the Son of God who, according to ancient legend, rested there during his ascent to heaven.

But above all, it was the unsurpassable 360° view from the top of Lugano's mountain, in the past as well as presently, which drew visitors. The view takes in the wonderful Lugano Lake area, the Lombardy plains and the stupendous chain of the Swiss Alps and the Savoy Alps.

- Duration: 4 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 225 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 175 pp, 6-8 pax CHF 135 pp, 9 pax or more CHF 115 pp
- Included: private guide service, funicular tickets, 1 soft drink

## Chocolate fondue in a Ticino Grotto



Discover the sweet side of Lake Lugano!

Embark on an evocative boat ride on Lake Lugano and admire the city and its magnificent landscapes from a different perspective. Once you arrive at the famous Cantine di Gandria, built in the 17th century to store local products and later converted into Grotti, you will have the chance to relax and enjoy the beautiful panorama while tasting the famous Swiss chocolate fondue with fresh fruits. An authentic and mouth-watering experience not to be missed!

- Price:
  - Chocolate fondue with fresh fruits: CHF 69 pp
  - Chocolate tasting with a drink at choice: CHF 73 pp
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat: 39.60 CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valid
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250 round trip (for max 4 pax, each extra pax CHF 20 pp)
- Optional private guide service upon request: CHF 300

## Cruise & Cook Lugano



During an enchanting boat trip on Lake Lugano, you will disembark on the opposite shore at a traditional Grotto to enjoy a drink on a terrace with a wonderful view. Then you will learn how to cook a typical Ticino risotto with the help of the cook!

The risotto will then be served with a typical dish of meat, vegetables, the local Ticino Merlot wine, dessert and coffee. A truly special authentic experience!

- Duration: 4/5 hours (available for lunch or dinner)
- Price: 2 pax CHF 228 pp / 3-9 pax CHF 180 pp / 10 pax or more CHF 159 pp
- Included: apéro with local appetizers, risotto workshop at a local grotto, complete meal with meat, vegetables, dessert, 4 glasses of wine, water, coffee.
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat: 39.60 CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valid
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250 round trip (for max 4 pax, each extra pax CHF 30 pp)
- Optional private guide service upon request : CHF 400 + guide's meal CHF 35

## Cruise & Grotto - Ticino Tradition



You cannot leave Ticino without having been to a “Grotto”!

Simply a lunch or dinner by the lake in a historic location that can only be reached by boat in approx. 25 min, leave the city for a relaxing moment with excellent food made as in the past, the flavours of yesteryear, the Ticino tradition.

- Price per person:
  - with private boat: 2 pax CHF 200 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 180 pp , 6 pax or more CHF 160 pp
  - with public boat: CHF 140 pp - Half price CHF 130 pp - Swiss travel pass/ AG CHF 100 pp
- Included: boat ride and 3 course menu (no drinks included)

## NEW 2026: Easy hike - Olive tree Path Gandria



Enjoy the picturesque "Olive Tree Path", a haven of tranquility boasting narrow alleyways and marvelous glimpses over Lake Lugano.

This easy 5.5 km route, without any significant elevation changes, will take you from Lugano to the picturesque fishing village of Gandria in about 1.5 hours. Discover the hidden streets of this village perched on the shores of the lake and board a boat for a relaxing panoramic return trip across the Gulf of Lugano.

- Duration Half Day: 4h
- **Start time 9.30 am, End time 13.30**
- Price HD: 2 pax CHF 200 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 155 pp , 6 pax or more CHF 110 pp
- Included in the price: local guide HD, hand made ceramic gift of the Gandria artisans.
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat 19.80CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valid
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250

- Duration Full Day: 6/ 7h
- **Start time 9.30 am, End time 16.00 ca**
- Price FD: 2 pax CHF 330 pp, 3-5 pax CHF 255 pp , 6 pax or more CHF 180 pp
- Included in the price: local guide FD, hand made ceramic gift of the Gandria artisans, 2 courses lunch included, 1 soft drink or glass of wine.
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat 39.60 CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valid
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250
- Lunch for the guide to be added: CHF 30

## Food & Wine Tour (walking tour) - Lunch or dinner included

Lugano/ Locarno/ Bellinzona/ Mendrisio



A guided tour through the historical city center of Lugano, Locarno, Bellinzona or Mendrisio during which we will make several stops to enjoy various specialities from Ticino, including our delicious white Merlot. Along the various stops the participants will learn of the many curiosities of the most characteristic inns.

**More than a tasting tour, the walk is a real traveling menu!**

- Duration: 4 hours. Suggested start time for lunch at 11 am, for dinner at 5 pm
- Price per person: 2 pax CHF 279 pp/ 3-5 pax CHF 230 pp / 6-9 CHF 198 pp / 10 pax or more CHF 178 pp
- Included: guided city tour with private guide, complete traveling menu that covers lunch or dinner, 3 glasses of wine, liquor, water, small local present. Soft drinks available.
- Guide's meal to be added: CHF 35

## Food & Wine Tour Grotti - LAKE LUGANO



Sail off to discover Lake Lugano, its picturesque villages and delicious flavors. This do-it-yourself tour departs from the city center for a fascinating cruise, during which you will have the opportunity to make 3 stops (Gandria, Grotto Descanso and Grotto San Rocco) to compose and enjoy a delicious itinerant menu. Hand over the first voucher to the captain and set off to discover the treasures of Lake Lugano!

- Duration: 4 hours
- Price per person: 2 pax CHF 318 pp/ 3-5 pax CHF 265 pp / 6-9 CHF 200 pp / 10 pax or more CHF 168 p
- Included: private boat ride, 3 culinary stops, 3 glasses of wine, small local present
- **Departure time: Lunch: 10:15 am / Dinner: 5:15 pm**
- The tour can be self guided or we can also add private guide service upon request: CHF 400 + guide's meal to be added: CHF 35

## NEW 2026: Food & Wine Tour - LAKE MAGGIORE (boat ride + walking)



Sail off to discover Lake Maggiore, the fascinating boutique town of Ascona, and the city of Locarno. This tour departs from the city center of Locarno or from Ascona. You will enjoy an apéro on board, then you will stroll through the city and 2 stops will compose a full menu. Perfect combination of lake, city and local gastronomy!

- Duration: 4 hours
- Price per person: 2 pax CHF 308 pp/ 3-5 pax CHF 255 pp / 6-9 CHF 190 pp / 10 pax or more CHF 158 pp
- Included: private guide, private boat ride Locarno-Ascona with apéro on board, 2 culinary stops in the city, 4 glasses of wine, small local present
- Guide's meal to be added: CHF 35
- **Suggested departure time: Lunch: 10:00 am / Dinner: 5:00 pm**

## NEW 2026: Raclette Cruise



Enjoy a delicious Swiss Raclette while cruising on the beautiful Lake Lugano. Between bites, admire the breathtaking view, from the mountains overlooking the lake to the villages perched on the mountainsides and the beautiful city of Lugano—an experience to savor with all your senses!

- Duration: 3 hours
- Price: 1 to 7 pax CHF 920, every extra guests CHF 120 pp
- Included: Snacks, raclette, surprise dessert, 1 bottle of Ticino wine every 4 guests, water

## Seven Wonders Exclusive Tasting Experience



A journey of tastes and flavors on the banks of Lake Lugano. Discover meats, fishes, cheeses and wines from the region. An enchanting cruise on the lake and the cozy atmosphere of a grotto for a distinctive meal combining past and present. This is a tour for real foodies! Taste a menu with 7 wines and 7 specialities and meet the local people at the grotto, they will be happy to explain about wine, food and other curiosities about the region. An exciting experience that comes from my desire to try to translate my passion for food paired with wines. In the simplicity of a Grotto, 7 surprise dishes paired with 7 Ticino wines. Games of taste and sensations on the palate involving even the most demanding guests! The 7 Wonders!

- Duration: 3.5/4 hours
- Price: CHF 185 pp (min 6 pax)
- Transportation to be added:
  - Public boat 39.60 CHF (rate 2025 - rate 2026 tbc), Swiss travel pass, AG, HP valid
  - Private boat ride: CHF 250 round trip (for max 4 pax, each extra pax CHF 20 pp)
- Optional private guide service upon request : CHF 400 + guide's meal CHF 35

## Urban Discovery with wine tasting and gelato

Lugano/ Locarno/ Bellinzona/ Mendrisio



An interesting walk discovering the city's highlights. The guide will make you discover and enjoy the city as real locals do. It is always a good idea to taste local wine and gelato while discovering the hidden corners of the city!

- Duration: 3 hours
- Price: 1 pax CHF 416/ 2 pax CHF 118 pp / 3-4 pax CHF 168 pp / 5-6 CHF 132 pp / 7-8 CHF 118 pp / 9 pax or more CHF 108 pp
- Included: guided city tour of the city, private guide, 2 glasses of wine, local snacks and gelato.

## Visit a local wine/ honey producer



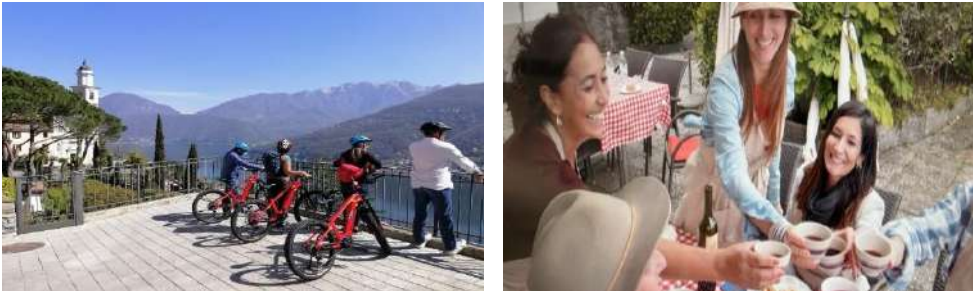
A family, a story, a great wine ... and much more! Come to discover how the Bianchi family works, a certified Bio farm Suisse of the canton of Ticino. You can visit the farm, the cellar, the apiary (if weather conditions allow it) and at the end naturally taste their delicious wines and honey. A real experience only 20 min from Lugano!

- Duration: 3 hours
- Price: CHF 80 pp
- Included: 3 Wine tasting, honey tasting and visit of the wine cellar.
- Additional guide service: 4 hours: CHF 400.
- Transportation to be added: the location is reachable by public or private transportation. I will book it for your guests of course.

## If you are looking for Full day activities:

### Bike & Cook

Lugano /Bellinzona



Meet with the Swisscycling guide, hand over your e-bikes and helmets, some time to get used to them, and off you go! Start a fascinating e-bike tour through the vineyards and reach a typical grotto, where you will enjoy an aperitif with a wonderful view of the lake and the city of Lugano.

You will experience cooking yourself the typical Ticinese Risotto with the help of the chef and you will learn about the curiosities of the region, its people and its cuisine.

Really a special experience!

*Bikes will be left at the grotto, you will go back to Lugano by boat, this will allow you to drink our delicious wine staying safe!*

- Duration: 6 hours
- Price: 1 pax CHF 820 pp / 2 pax CHF 600 pp / 3 pax CHF 500 pp / 4-6 pax CHF 465 pp / 7-15 pax CHF 400 pp
- Included: E-bike rental, helmet, Swisscycling certified guide, apéro, risotto workshop, complete meal with meat, vegetables, dessert, 4 glasses of wine, water, coffee, regular boat ride, bike delivery/transportation. Soft drinks available.

#### OPTION IN BELLINZONA (boat and bike delivery not needed):

Fascinating E-bike tour to visit the Fortress of Bellinzona (Unesco Heritage) and the old town, before cooking the risotto.

- Price per person: 1 pax CHF 590 pp / 2 pax CHF 465 pp / 3 pax CHF 400 pp / 4-6 pax CHF 370 pp / 7-15 pax CHF 335 pp

## NEW 2026: Day tour discovering the cities of upper Ticino - Bellinzona, Locarno and Ascona



This day trip will allow you to visit the three main cities of the north of our Canton Ticino: Bellinzona, our political capital with its Unesco Heritage fortress; Locarno, famous for the Film Festival and Ascona, small exclusive boutique town on the shore of the Swiss side of Lake Maggiore.

- Duration: 6/7 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 1'990/ 4 pax CHF 3'010/ 6 pax CHF 2'230
- Included: private local guide, private transportation Mercedes S or V class, lunch (drinks not included), one drink or gelato to enjoy on the lake shore of Ascona
- This tour can be also organized for groups of more than 10 pax

## Discover the countryside, the agricultural reality and its producers



This guided tour begins in the morning with a walking tour of the town of Locarno and then we will immerse ourselves in the discovery of the region's agricultural world.

We will take the Centovalli train to Intragna and Cavigliano and then proceed on foot to discover the chestnut forest, fruit trees, vineyards and animals. We will meet the farmers who will tell us stories, including the one about the energy point where the farm is located! Afterwards, all together we will eat a good plate of local polenta with cold meats and cheeses. Of course all accompanied by an excellent local wine before returning to Locarno.

- Duration: 7 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 399 pp / 3-4 pax CHF 230 pp / 5-7 pax CHF 180 pp / more than 8 pax CHF 135 pp
- Included: private guide, visit of Locarno and Intragna, visit of the farm, 2 glasses of wine, water, polenta, cold meats and cheese.
- Train ticket to be added. Free of charge with Ticino Ticket, Swiss Travel Pass, AG

## Dolce vita E-bike tour - LAKE MAGGIORE



This wonderful guided e-bike tour is a unique opportunity to discover the beauty of Locarno, Ascona, Porto Ronco, Ronco Sopra Ascona, and the fascinating Lake Maggiore and Terre di Pedemonte.

- Duration: 5.5 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 467 pp/ 4-5 pax CHF 264 pp/ 6 or more pax CHF 169 pp
- Included: Premium E-bike, Swiss Cycling Certified Guide, Coffee Break
- The location is reachable by public transportation. Free of charge with the Ticino Ticket if overnight in a camping, hotel or hostel in Ticino.

## NEW 2026: Verzasca Valley and Ascona



This wonderful day trip will take you to enjoy the contrast of one of the magic valleys with tiny towns made of stone, clear waters, delicious lunch in a local “grotto” and the glamour of the city of Ascona, you will be surprised about how the landscape and atmosphere changes in short time.

- Duration: 6/7 hours
- Price: 2 pax CHF 1'980 / 4 pax CHF 3'000/ 6 pax CHF 2'220
- Included: private local guide, private transportation Mercedes S or V class, lunch with 1 glass of wine or soft drink, gelato
- This tour can be customized full day Verzasca Valley without Ascona
- This tour can be also organized for groups of more than 10 pax

## NEW 2026: Blenio valley



This valley is nicknamed the “sun valley” for its position and it is a wonderful place for those who love nature that is all to be discovered. The valley has a varied range of cultural offers that you can find in the old ruins of the castle of Serravalle, the Napoleon militias, or in the Church of Negrentino considered a masterpiece of the Lombard Romanesque period and the small museum of Lottigna that in globes the history of the valley and the way of living back in the centuries.

- Duration: 6/ 8 hours
- Pick-up at 9:00 at the hotel
- Price: 2 pax CHF 1'560 pp/ 3 pax CHF 540 pp/ 4 pax CHF 415 pp/ 5 pax CHF 340 pp/ 6 pax CHF 290 pp/ 7 pax CHF 345 pp/ 8 pax CHF 230 pp
- Included: FD private guide service and private transportation + surprise after lunch
- Lunch in a typical grotto not included

## Cancellation terms

- With notice more than 10 days from tour date: no penalty
- With notice 9 to 5 days from tour date: 50% penalty
- With notice less than 5 days from tour date: 100% penalty

## Information and bookings

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