

Activities & Experiences

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Be inspired by a selection of activities and experiences available in 2025.

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

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.

I remain at your disposal for any additional questions.

Kind regards,
Patricia Carminati

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NEW 2025: Chocolate fondue in a Ticino grotto



Discover the sweet side of Lake Lugano!

Embark on an evocative cruise 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.

In fact, you can choose to delight yourself with a chocolate fondue with fruit or a matching chocolate tasting. An authentic and mouth-watering experience not to be missed!

- **Available:** April - September
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Options:**
 - Chocolate fondue with fresh fruits
 - Chocolate tasting with 4 alcoholic drinks
 - Chocolate tasting with a drink at choice
- **Transportation to be added:** the location is reachable by public or private boat.
- **Optional private guide service** upon request

NEW 2025: 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 per person: on request
- **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.

Dine with a view in a traditional grotto



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.

- **Available:** April - September
- Price per person: on request
- **Included:** private boat ride and 3 course menu (no drinks included)



NEW 2025: Food & Wine Tour - LAKE



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 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!

- **Available:** April - September
- **Duration:** 4 hours
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** 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**

Bike & Cook

Lugano - Bellinzona

PLEASE ASK FOR OTHER TAYLORMADE BIKE TOURS!



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 per person:** on request
- **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:** on request

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 cold meats and cheeses

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

- **Available:** April - September
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** Tasting of 3 local wines in the cellars of Gandria
- **Transportation to be added:** the location is reachable by public or private boat. We will book it for your guests of course.
- **Additional private guide service** upon request



Castelgrande & Bellinzona Half-Day Private Day trip 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 per person:** on request
- **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 ON REQUEST

- **Wine tasting with snacks**
- **Water Tasting:** a very special and unique experience with the first Water Sommelier of Switzerland!!

Ciambella workshop



The Ticino “ciambella”, a spicy, crunchy, crumbly, ring-shaped cookie with a hole in the center, is part of the Swiss Culinary Heritage. “Not all “ciambelle” come with a hole,” goes a proverb to console oneself or someone when something fails.

During this workshop you will learn how to make ciambelle, and while waiting to take them out of the oven, you will have the opportunity to taste a good glass of local wine with salami and cheese from the region. You will then take home your ciambelle still warm!

Available: April - September

Duration: 2 hours

- **Price per person:** on request

Included: ciambella workshop, 2 glasses of wine, soft drink, local salami and cheese, your ciambella to take home

Optional private guide service upon request

The location is reachable with public or private transportation.



Cruise & Cook Lugano



During a charming cruise on lake Lugano, you will stop on the opposite shore to enjoy a drink on a terrace with a wonderful view.

Then you will learn how to cook the typical Ticinese risotto with the help of a chef!

The risotto will then be served with a typical dish of meat, vegetables and a good glass of wine Merlot del Ticino for lunch or dinner. Truly a special day or evening!

- **Available:** April - September
- **Duration:** 4/5 hours
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** apéro with local appetizers, risotto workshop, complete meal with meat, vegetables, dessert, 4 glasses of wine, water, coffee.
- **Transportation:**
 - Public boat
 - Private boat ride on request
- **Optional private guide service upon request**

OPTION RAVIOLI:

- **Available:** April - September
- **Price per person:** on request



Food & Wine Tour

Lugano - Locarno - Mendrisio - Bellinzona



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
- **Price per person:** on request
- **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.

APERIO VERSION:

- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** guided city tour with private guide, 3 glasses of wine, local appetizers, small local present



Risotto Workshop in Bellinzona



Discover the secrets to make a remarkable risotto!

Sample from an abundant aperitif of local specialities and, while sipping the delicious local wine, begin preparing the ingredients to cook the typical Risotto from Ticino. Once the ingredients are ready, with the help of the chef, it is time to start cooking. Afterwards you will enjoy your delicious meal.

- **Duration:** 3 hours
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** apéro with local appetizers, risotto workshop, complete meal with meat, vegetables, dessert, 4 glasses of wine, water, and coffee.
- **Optional private guide service** upon request

Urban Discovery with Wine and Gelato Tasting



An interesting walk discovering Lugano's highlights: LAC, Nassa street, Pessina street, Riforma square, Lakeside and Ciani park.

The guide will make you discover and enjoy the city as real locals do. Stop to taste local wine, gelato and other local specialities of the season while discovering the hidden corners of the city!

- **Duration:** 3 hours walking guided city tour with a stop to taste local wine, gelato, beer and other local specialities of the season.
- **Price per person:** on request
- **Included:** guided city tour of Lugano with private guide, gelato, local snacks, all products made in Ticino

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