

**Weekend cycling along the Adda cycle route**  
A 4-day bike trip

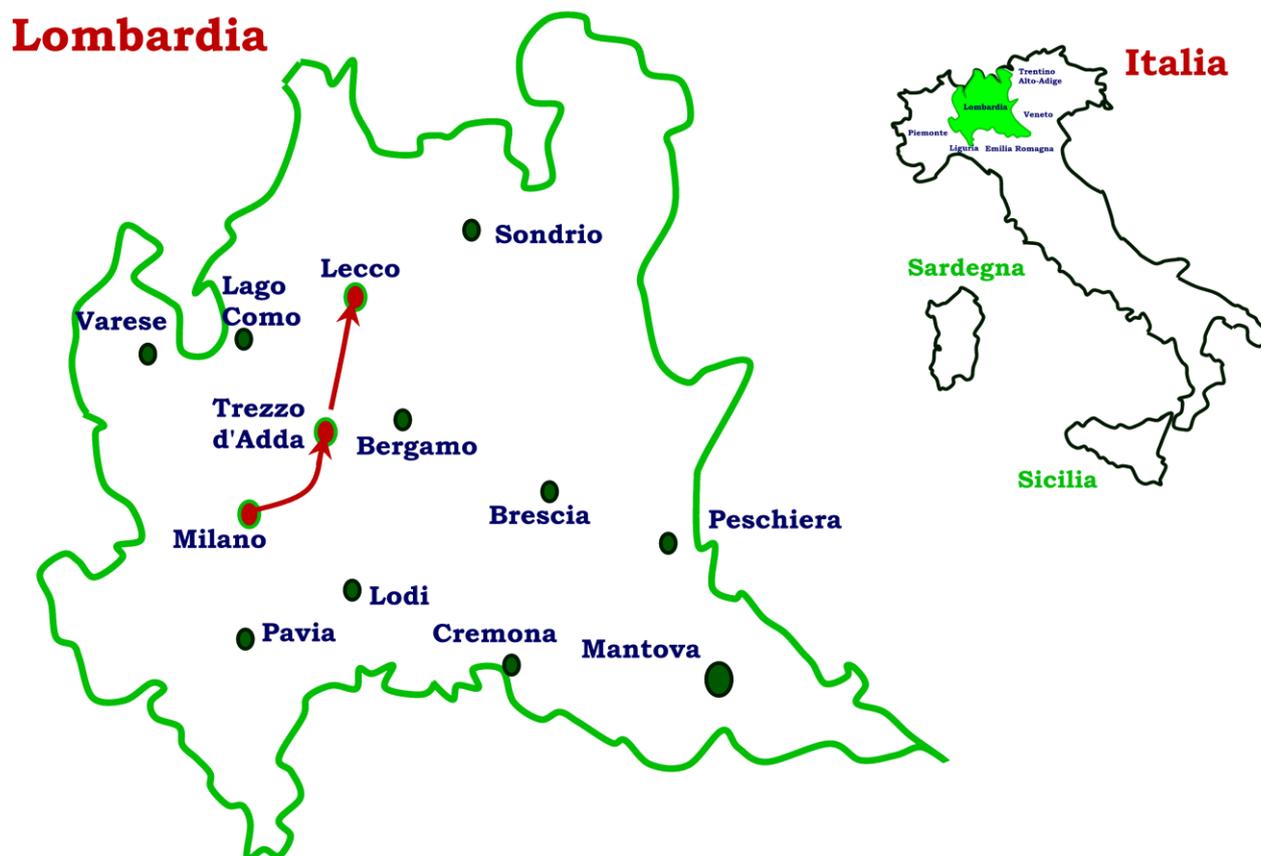
**Tour code:** ITLOM04C



The Leonardo Greenway is an easy cycle tour that will start from Milan, at the Navigli canals and ends in Lecco, on the shores of Lake Como. The route follows almost entirely bike paths surrounded by greenery. In addition to the intense green nature, this tour will also feature the blue of the lakes and the many waterways along the route, which exude ancient and recent history. Indeed, during these days of cycling, you will be able to admire glorious and elegant villas, ancient artifacts by the genius of Leonardo da Vinci, and, not to be overlooked, the breathtaking views of the rapids of the Adda River.

Definitely not to be missed is Leonardo's Adda eco-museum, an open-air museum spanning the provinces of Milan, Bergamo and Lecco. Within this vast area you can admire valuable historical evidence: such as Celtic, Lombard and Roman vestiges, hydraulic works of the early medieval Benedictine reclamation, medieval and Renaissance castles, churches, shrines and hydroelectric power plants. We also cannot fail to mention the splendid working-class town of Crespi d'Adda, considered the best-preserved working-class village in all of Europe. Founded in 1877 by Cristoforo Crespi alongside his textile industry, Crespi d'Adda has been on the UNESCO site list since 1995. The final destination of this wonderful tour will be the city of Lecco, which stands on a branch of Lake Como, the town of the 'Promessi Sposi', a famous work of the Italian writer Manzoni.

This itinerary is a perfect proposal for a long weekend in history, culture, spirituality and good food: among the local products, a special mention the risotto, cheeses of Valsassina and the delicious wines of Montevvecchia.



**Tour dates:** daily from March to November 2023

**Participants:** minimum of two people

**Level:** 1,5

Easy also suitable for inexperienced cyclists and families with children. The route will be flat; it will be on bike paths and less-traveled back roads. Some cycling experience is required for children.

The road surface will be mostly paved but with some dirt sections, however suitable for all types of bikes.

Bike paths: about 90%

Daily kilometers: min. 36km – max. 40km

Total kilometers: 76km

### **Short program 4 days:**

Day 1 Arrival in Milan

Day 2 Milan – Trezzo d’Adda (40 km)

Day 3 Trezzo d’Adda – Lecco (36 km)

Day 4 End of the tour

### **Program day by day**

#### **Day 1 Individual arrival in Milan**

Arrival, setting into the hotel and briefing: handover of information material and bicycles. Milan is the capital of Lombardy, a city that always amazes with the emotions it can give you, a city that is cultured, modern, lively, and rich in beauty and artistic works. The Duomo, with its luminous Candoglia marble facade and late-Gothic architecture, is the symbol of this northern Italian metropolis.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Milan

#### **Day 2 Milan – Trezzo d’Adda**

The bike route will take you out of Milan, passing through North Milan, following the route of the Martesana Canal, that links the city of Milan and Lake Como and dates back to 1496. Along the route, you will admire the navigation locks, exceptional works of hydraulic engineering. You will pass castles, small villages and Renaissance villas. Don’t miss to make a stop at the working-class village of Crespi d’Adda, to take a plunge into an industrially virtuosos past. Final stop of the day is the small village of Trezzo d’Adda, don’t miss its castle surrounded by a park covered with flowers.

Overnight stay with breakfast in Trezzo d’Adda

Distance: 40 km



### **Day 3 Trezzo d'Adda - Lecco**

After breakfast, saddle up to resume the route along the Adda River. Today you will enter Leonardo's eco-museum, where you will take a ride on the historic Leonardesque ferry to experience a cruise through history. You will admire along the way the Taccani hydroelectric power plant, with its unmistakable neo-Romanesque style. Just before reaching Lecco you will have the opportunity to take a lunch break in the small village of Brivio, or near two beautiful small lakes. Once in Lecco, you can admire the little houses of Pescarenico, mentioned in Manzoni's Promessi Sposi (The Betrothed), the Villa Manzoni, the Palazzo Belgiojoso, and the splendid lakeside with its wonderful beaches. On your last evening of this tour, be sure to sample the delicacies of Lecco's cuisine in one of the many restaurants in the city center.

Overnights stay with breakfast in Lecco

Distance: 36 km

### **Day 4 End of the tour**

Breakfast and end of our services. Return to Milan by train, or you can extend the tour with an extra overnight stay in Lecco for a boat tour to Bellagio/lake tour, or an extra overnight stay in Milan

### **Hotels:**

\*\*\*\* and \*\*\* stars

### **Prices per person 2023 in Euros or Swiss Francs\*:**

In a double room € 359 / CHF 359

In single room € 459 / CHF 459

In triple room € 299 / CHF 299

Supplement to the high season (June 1 - September 15) € 35 / CHF 35

Trekking bikes € 50 / CHF 50

E-bike € 105 / CHF 105

Guided tour Milan (2,5 hours) per person € 39,00

### **Price on request:**

- Quadruple room (not available in all hotels)
- Half board

### **Included in the price:**

- 3 nights' in \*\*\* or \*\*\*\* hotels with breakfasts
- Luggage transportation
- Detailed documentation (maps, places to visit, itinerary description)
- Clients assistance
- App with Gps Tracks to use even offline (a code is provided to download maps, itinerary and places of interest to your smartphone)
- Return transfer by train to Milan

**Not included in the price:**

- Transfer to/from airport
- Lunches and dinners
- Tickets to cultural attractions, museums, etc.
- Tourist tax (payable locally)
- Anything not specifically mentioned under “Included in the price”

**Directions:**

Start/End tour: Milan / Lecco



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