

Weekend cycling along the Adda cycle route

A 4-day cycle trip

Tour code: ITLOM04C

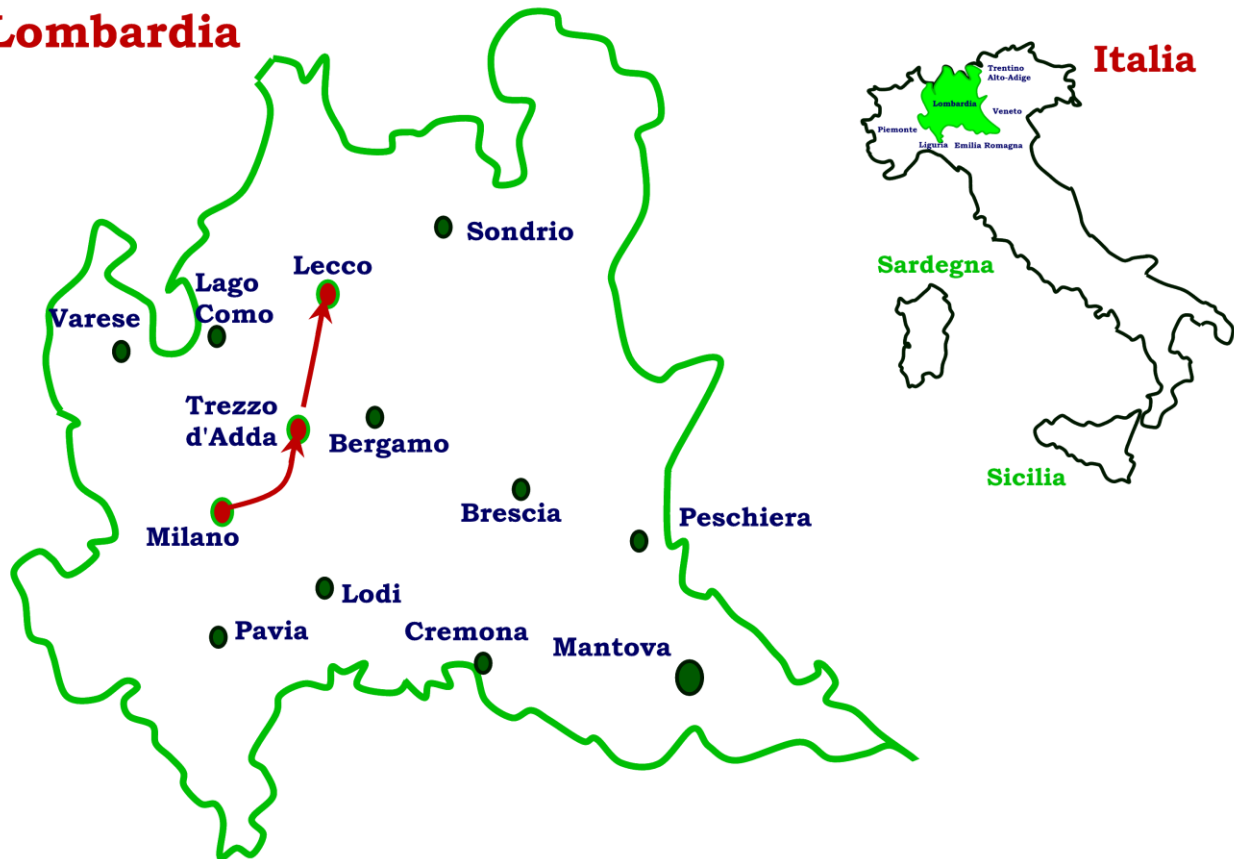


The Leonardo Greenway cycle route is an easy cycle tour that starts from Milan, at the famous Navigli canals, and ends in Lecco, on the shores of Lake Como. The entire route will be almost entirely on bike paths surrounded by greenery of the river landscape. In addition to the green, this tour will also 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 Crespino d'Adda, considered the best-preserved working-class village in all of Europe. Founded in 1877 by Cristoforo Crespi alongside his textile industry, Crespino 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, where you can still breathe the "Manzonian" air.

This itinerary is a perfect proposal for a long weekend in history, culture, spirituality and good food: among the local products, a special mention to rice and excellent wines.

Lombardia



Tour dates: daily from March to November 2024

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 are mostly paved but with some dirt sections suitable for all types of bikes.

Bike paths: about 90%

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

Total kilometers: 76km

Program in brief 4 days:

Day 1 Arrival in Milan

Day 2 Milan - Trezzo d'Adda (40 km / 25 mi)
Day 3 Trezzo d'Adda - Lecco (36 km / 22,4 mi)
Day 4 End of the tour

Day by day program

Day 1 Individual arrival in Milan

Arrival, setting into your 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 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 symbolic monument of this northern Italian metropolis.

Overnight stay and 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, a link between the city of Milan and Lake Como dating back to 1496. Along the route, you will admire the navigation locks, exceptional works of hydraulic engineering. You will pass by castle, small villages and Renaissance villas. You will not be able to miss the working-class village of Crespi d'Adda, to take a plunge into an industrially virtuosos past. Final stop of the day the small village of Trezzo d'Adda, do not miss its castle surrounded by a park covered with flowers.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Trezzo d'Adda
Distance: 40 km / 25 mi

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.

Overnight stay and breakfast in Lecco
Distance: 36 km / 22,4 mi

Day 4 End of the tour

Breakfast and end of our service. 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 2024:

In a double room € 399

In single room € 518

Supplement to the season (June 1 - September 15) € 50

Trekking bike € 59

E-bike € 109

Guided tour Milan (2,5 hours) per person € 45

Price on request:

- Triple / Quadruple room
- Half board

Included in the price:

- 3 night accomodation with breakfast
- Luggage transport
- Detailed documentation (maps, places to visit, itinerary description)
- Costumer service
- 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 (to be paid locally)
- Anything not specifically mentioned under "Included in the price"

Start/End tour: Milan / Lecco



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