

Sala Comacina, Lake Como

Lake Como makes a very pleasant drive for a day trip from the Lake Garda area. This area is known for its spectacular scenery, history and culture. One of the most delightful small towns along the shores of Lake Como is Sala Comacina. The small medieval town with typical Italian architecture sits at the foot of Monte Costone in the Southern Alps, one of the most popular places on Lake Como for visitors. There are many fine villas scattered along the lakeside which were built as holiday homes for famous writers and wealthy families. The beach at Sala Comacina provides easy access to the lake for swimming in the summer months. Water skiing, boating, windsurfing and kayaking can also be enjoyed along the still waters of Lake Como.

Further into the town are quaint, narrow alleys; their shops, church and restaurants just waiting to be explored. The Romanesque style church of San Bartolomeo is an interesting place to spend some time. Built in the 15th century, parts were rebuilt in the 17th and 18th centuries. Look out for the lovely fresco by Carloni dating back over 200 years. There is an interesting Baroque altar made of wood and the church also has a fine collection of paintings from the Luinesca School which are well worth viewing.

The only island on Lake Como is Isola Comacina and it can easily be reached by ferry or lake steamer from Sala Comacina. Once on the island, visit the 14th century Church of San Giovanni and the even older church of Sant'Eufemia which dates back to the 11th century.

Just a short distance further along the shores of the lake from Sala Comacina you will reach another lovely town, Menaggio. It has some pretty pastel coloured buildings, small turreted towers and has an internationally renowned golf club. Menaggio is a wonderful place for shopping and for sampling a real Italian gelato before heading back to Lake Garda.

Sala Comacina is around 150km from Desenzano del Garda.

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