

Recommendation:

We stayed at a fabulous place on Lake Como. It's called Villa Matilda, and it really is a villa! It's also away from the hustle and bustle of the bigger towns but easily accessible to the lake with all its charm.

Villa Matilda is in the town of Torno (about a 15 minute drive from the city of Como). It is a lovely, primarily 18th Century structure, with beautiful original frescoes, charming reception area and beautiful pieces of furniture (antique and handmade). The villa is accessible by car and has parking.

We spent 8-days in one of Villa Matilda's two, family friendly, spacious 2 bedroom 2 bath units including a modern, fully-equipped kitchen. In addition to the views of Lake Como from the unit, there was also a roomy outside terrace that was ideal for alfresco dining or just enjoying the view.

In addition to the two, 2 Bedroom /2 Bath apartments, there are also 3 roomy 1 Bedroom/1 Bath apartments available....all have incredible views of Lake Como and most have their own terraces . We understand that a pool (which was under construction when we were there in October '14)) is now completed. All the apartments have recently been renovated and all are equipped with modern kitchens and washer/dryers. We were pleasantly surprised to find availability of cable television with many shows in English and also great WIFI connectivity.

While we drove to several places during our stay, on many occasions we also took a short 15-minute walk down a historic Roman road to the Lake Como water taxi dock in the heart of the village of Torno. The taxis have a schedule that is amazingly prompt and from Torno you can venture anywhere on the Lake you might like to go. The water taxi is reasonable in price and available throughout the day and evening. We recommend taking a day pass that allows you to stop at several of the villages around the lake.

The best thing about staying at Villa Matilda – your host and hostess, Tony and Shirley Cardinali. They, along with their 8 year old son, Antonio, live in an apartment in the Villa, and have incredible knowledge of the Lake Como area. Whether you want to visit other lakes in the region – Lago Maggiore, for example, dine in any of the many towns and villages around the lake, tour vineyards in the area, or just learn about the many “must see” sights....Tony and Shirley are only too happy to help out.

Can't wait to go back.

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