

## HOW TO REACH COMO

Como is easily reached by plane, being close to both the Milan Airports of Malpensa and Linate. Como is also very well connected by trains to all of the major European Cities. Frequent and fast train service connects Como to Milan or to Switzerland daily. Driving to Como is also very easy and pleasant, either by fast highways or by scenic mountain roads.

For visitors arriving by plane, Lugano airport is only a 20-minute drive from Villa Erba, and Malpensa, Bergamo, and Linate airports are roughly 30-45 minutes away.

Motorists will find their journey just as easy; the "Como Nord" exit on the A9 motorway from Milan takes them virtually to the gates of Villa Erba, parking facilities surround the area.

Villa Erba is served by two railway lines Ferrovie Nord Milano, with a station at "Como Lago", and Italian State Railways, whose Como S. Giovanni station is on the international Milan-Chiasso line.

### By Air:

**From Milano—Malpensa Airport** (<http://www.sea-aeroportoimilano.it/eng/>)

A) **Bus SPT (Line C-250)** from Milano-Malpensa airport to Como (1 hour approx).

Time-table: from Monday to Saturday: 8.30-13.30-18.30

You can find further information (notes and fares) at the web page [www.sptcomo.it](http://www.sptcomo.it) (click "Altri Servizi" and then "Speciale Malpensa").

B) **1. Malpensa EXPRESS** from Milano-Malpensa airport to Saronno station and change for Como Lago FNM Station (1 hour approx. - see time-table below). You can find further information at the web page <http://www.ferrovienord.it/webmxxp/index.html>

**TRAIN TIME-TABLE (to/from Malpensa Airport)**

<b>Malpensa</b>	<i>dep</i>	07:45	08:45	09:45	10:45	11:15	12:15	13:45	15:15	16:45	17:45	19.15
<b>Saronno</b>	<i>arr</i>	08:05	09:05	10:05	11:05	11:35	12:35	14:05	15:35	17:05	18:05	19.35
<b>Saronno</b>	<i>dep</i>	08:33	09:33	10:29	12:04	12:04	13:04	14:29	16:04	17:23	18:23	20:04
<b>Como</b>	<i>arr</i>	09:02	10:02	10:52	12:43	12:43	13:43	14:52	16:43	17:53	18:53	20:43
<b>Como</b>	<i>dep</i>	07:14	08:14	10:14	11:14	12:14	13:14	14:14	15:14	16:14	17:44	18.14
<b>Saronno</b>	<i>arr</i>	07:53	08:53	10:53	11:53	12:53	13:53	14:53	15:53	16:53	18:22	18.53
<b>Saronno</b>	<i>dep</i>	08:09	09:09	11:09	12:09	13:09	14:09	15:09	16:09	17:09	18:39	19.09
<b>Malpensa</b>	<i>arr</i>	08:30	09:30	11:30	12:30	13:30	14:30	15:30	16:30	17:30	19:00	19.30

Last train leaving Como is at 20:14, change in Saronno at 21:39, and arrive in Malpensa at 22:00

C) **Taxi** from Milano - Malpensa airport to Como (Euro 95,00 maximum; approx. 40/60 min.; please ask the fare to the taxi-driver before leaving!)

**From Milano—Linate Airport (<http://www.sea-aeroportimilano.it/eng/>)**

**A) 1. Bus STAM** from Milano - Linate airport to Central Railway Station (30 min. approx.; frequency: every 20 min. from 6.00 to 7.00, every 30 min. from 7.00 to 23.00; price one way Euro 1,81 available on bus) or Taxi from Milano - Linate airport to Central Railway Station (30 min. approx.; price max. Euro 18,50);

**2. Trains** from Milano Central Station to Como San Giovanni Station (see time-table below). You can find further information at the web page <http://www.trenitalia.com/>

**TRAIN TIME-TABLE (to/from Milan Central Railway Station)**

Milano Centrale	dep	0:30	07:15	08:25	09:25	11:10	11:25	12:25	13:25	14:25	15:25
Como S.G.	arr	1:37	07:47	09:07	10:07	11:47	12:07	13:07	14:07	15:07	16:07
Milano Centrale	dep	16:25	17:30	18:25	19:15	19:25	20:25	21:25	21:35	22:34	
Como S.G.	arr	17:07	18:20	19:07	19:48	20:00	21:07	22:07	22:17	23:35	
Como S.G.	dep	06:22	07:02	08:07	08:55	10:13	11:49	12:09	12:55	13:55	14:55
Milano Centrale	arr	07:05	07:45	08:55	09:35	10:45	12:35	12:45	13:35	14:35	15:35
Como S.G.	dep	15:29	15:55	16:13	17:55	18:55	19:55	20:55	22:13		
Milano Centrale	arr	16:30	16:35	16:45	18:35	19:35	20:35	21:35	22:45		

Time-table valid till December 2003.

**B) Taxi** from Milano - Linate airport to Como (Euro 90,00 maximum by motorway, approx. 1.30 h.; please ask the fare to the taxi-driver before leaving!).

**From Bergamo – Orio al Serio Airport**

The easiest way is that of reaching Milan first, and then Como.

**FROM ORIO AIRPORT TO MILAN – CENTRAL RAILWAY STATION FS (AIR TERMINAL)**

(operated by AUTOSTRADALE – info tel. +39.035 318472)

Mondays to Sundays:

8,30 – 9,00 - 10,00 – 10,30 - 11,00 – 11,30 – 12,00

12,30 – 13,30 - 14,15 – 15,00 - 16,00 - 17,00-

17,30 - 18,15 - 19,30 - 20,00 - 20,30 - 21,00 - 21,30

22,15 - 22,45 - 23.30 - 0,00 - 0,30

Fare: 6,70 euro – Children (2-12) 3,35 euro

For connections between Milan Central Railway Station and Como, see the indications above.

**By Train:**

**International railway line** North Europe - Basel - Chiasso - Como or North Europe - Zurich - Chiasso – Como.

**By Car:**

**From Milano:** motorway A9, exit Como Monte Olimpino or Como Nord

**From Switzerland:** motorway A9, exit Como Nord

## **HOW TO REACH THE VILLA ERBA**

Special transportation services will be organized from the main hotels in Como to Villa Erba conference centre. Further information will be available in your hotel or at the registration desk.

Those who decide to use public transportation have two different options:

1. by boat: from the main Piazza Cavour they can take a boat, every 30 minutes from 7.35 a.m. until 7.45 p.m. In 13 minutes they will be in Cernobbio and can reach Villa Erba by walking a short distance. Ticket costs Euro 1,30.
2. by bus: from the Bus Station in Piazza Matteotti in Como they can catch bus n° 6 and reach Villa Erba (bus stop "Tavernola Breggia", just in front of Villa Erba) in 10 minutes. Buses run from 6 a.m. until 11.30 p.m.; ticket costs Euro 1,20.