





## FROM MILAN TO LECCO ALONG LEONARDO DA VINCI'S WATERWAYS

### 3rd stretch from Paderno to the city of Lecco

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#### ITINERARY DESCRIPTION

The third stretch of the route, dedicated to the Adda river, begins at Paderno d'Adda station and arrives in the City of Lecco where it's possible to return to your starting point via train. The excursion may be completed in both directions. We suggest you start in the south and pedal toward Lecco as one single itinerary of three days. In this case the tour is a full day of calm pedaling, enjoying the views and visiting all of the suggested locations. You will start with a jump into the past of areas rich with biodiversity starting with the town of Paderno famous for the historic Saint Michael's bridge and the Naviglio (a navigable canal) designed by Leonardo Da Vinci. You'll pass through the town of Imbersago where there's still the functional and famous ferry of Leonardo. A must-see stop is Brivio to visit the castle and the ex Filanda Carozzi to then continue all the way to the sanctuary of the Rocchetta di Airuno, and the monastery of Santa Maria del Lavello, and the Civic Museum of silk Abegg. Crossing the bridge Azzone Visconti with next to it the island Viscontea, you will reach Lecco to immerse ourselves in the historic alleyways of this marvelous and eclectic city.

**Return:** You may take the train from Lecco or retrace your steps. If you would like to stay in Lecco, we suggest you visit the city which offers many activities. For sustainable tourism we suggest you utilize the train. You may reserve bicycles through [www.eguidexperience.com](http://www.eguidexperience.com)

It is recommended that you arrange tours and visits with local guides through the portal at [www.eguidexperience.com](http://www.eguidexperience.com) contacting **Pro Loco** or **Lake Como Food Tours** who specialize in enogastronomy tours throughout the lake. Another alternative would be to download the **eGuideXperience app** where you will find numerous georeferences and multimedia resources not on the map.

Path developed in collaboration with **Life In Travel Adventures by Bike**

#### INFO ROUTE

**DIFFICULTY:** easy  
**TRAVEL TIME:** one day  
**LENGTH:** 26 km  
**ELEVATION:** 350 mt  
**CYCLABILITY:** 100%  
**Recommended Time:** between March and October  
**Suggested bike type:** City bikes or Mountain bikes.  
For the less trained, we suggest an e-bike.

**For more multimedia and geo-referenced information:** APP [www.eguidexperience.com](http://www.eguidexperience.com)

#### Info - Assistance - Guides:

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**Pro Loco Brivio** - Via Cesare Cantù 14, Brivio LC  
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**Info Point Lecco** - Palazzo delle Paure, Piazza XX Settembre, Lecco LC - Phone: (+39) 0341 295720

**Lake Como Food Tours** - Phone: (+39) 349 5600603  
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**Ospedale Lecco** - Via dell'Eremo, 9/11, 23900 Lecco LC



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## MAIN PLACES OF INTEREST

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**PADERNO D'ADDA**  
The Adda stretch in the territory of Paderno is one of the most evocative in the middle course of the river that runs more than 80 meters below the countryside. Paderno D'Adda is located on the border of the Brianza Lecchese with the province of Monza and Bergamo, situated on the other side of the river. The village is known for the famous Saint Michael Bridge and the hydraulic gates for pound locks designed by Leonardo called the Naviglio di Paderno. The layout of the village remains unaltered in respect to what it was in its medieval origins. There are noble villas with gardens and agricultural farmsteads that originated in the 1600s, for example Maria and Assunta built at the end of the 1800s and today perfectly restored and rebuilt.  
For more info: [www.prolocopadernodadda.it](http://www.prolocopadernodadda.it)




**SAN MICHELE BRIDGE**  
It Known also as Paderno's or Calusco's bridge, this majestic structure from the late 1800s connects the two towns of Paderno and Calusco. The bridge reminds of the Eiffel Tower and, as a matter of fact, the two structures share the same construction epoch (1887-1889) and the same construction technique (iron beams). The bridge is 266m long and 85m high.




**TRE CORNI**  
The natural beauty of this section of the cyclable path of Leonardo is breathtaking. The Adda River suddenly changes its linear course because it encounters a series of rocky outcrops that surface from the bottom. The water breaks against the rocks interrupting its silent flow and creating a playful whirling and bubbling.  
It is an interesting spot from an artistic perspective as well. This location is called "path of the Leonardian views" because it is here that Leonardo gained inspiration for the background of the painting The Virgin of the Rocks which is housed in the Louvre. It is also in this location that Leonardo planned the grandiose project of the canal of Paderno to help boats navigate the rapids of the river which were not navigable...  
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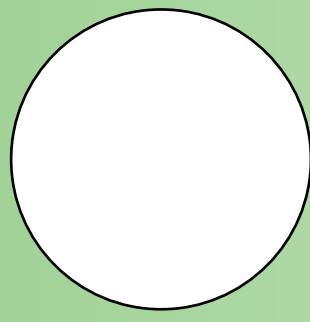
**LEONARDO DA VINCI'S FERRY**  
Crossing the Adda river is a unique experience as is one-of-a-kind Leonardo's ferry which connects the shores of Imbersago (LC) and Villa D'Adda (BG). The vessel, faithfully reproduced from Leonardo da Vinci's sketches, is the only one still working and its mechanism, minutely studied, allows it to move without help from the motor but simply from the motion of the current...  
For more info: [www.navigazionefiumeadda.it](http://www.navigazionefiumeadda.it)



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**SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA OF THE FOREST**  
Every year on May 9th the town of Imbersago celebrates the festival of the Sanctuary of the Madonna of the Forest, an opportunity for religious observance and celebration. It is said that May 9, 1617, the Madonna appeared to three shepherds keeping an eye on their flock near the Fountain of the Wolf situated in a chestnut grove. The youngest shepherd, Pietro, climbed a tree and picked some ripe chestnuts which was extraordinary for that time in the growing season...  
For more info: [www.madonnadelbosco.org](http://www.madonnadelbosco.org)

**BRIVIO**  
The town was a Roman garrison on the via Marzia, a Roman road that linked Como with Bergamo. The castle of Brivio was built in the tenth century as a defense against the Hungarians. During the medieval period, the Adda River served as a state border between the Serenissima Repubblica of Venice and the Ducato of Milan and was, for many years, a frontier city. The most important monuments, besides the castle, include: the parochial church dedicated to the saints of Sissino, Martiro e Alessandro, in the town center, the Filanda Carozzi on the riverfront..  
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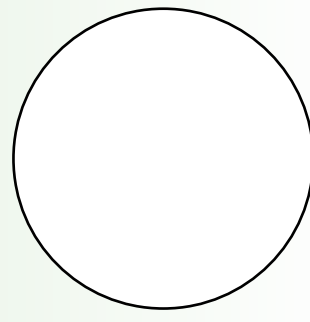


**SANTA MARIA DEL LAVELLO MONASTERY**  
This sanctuary is one of the stages of the Cloister Route (an european project that made it possible to renovate the sanctuary). The sanctuary is adorned with Renaissance and Baroque frescoes and paintings by Domenico Scaretti di Pontida. It was built, together with a castle which was destroyed in 1200, in Calolziocorte, a small town inhabited by farmers and fishers where the river Adda slowed down allowing people to cross it. The place became a pilgrimage location after the discovery of a spring to which healing powers were attributed...  
For more info: [www.monasterodellavello.it](http://www.monasterodellavello.it)

**BRIDGE AZZONE VISCONTI AND VISCONEAN ISLAND**  
Known as the "old bridge", it was built by Azzone Visconti, Lord of Milan, in 1338. It used to be a fortified bridge with a military and controlling function of the communication routes from Leo, the Valsassina and the Duchy of Milan. The bridge lost its original shape when, in the twentieth century, it went through a series of changes in order to enlarge the roadway to meet the necessities of a growing automobile traffic. On the other side of the bridge you will find the Viscontean Island, acknowledged by FAI as a cultural heritage site of great historical and cultural interest in Lombardy...  
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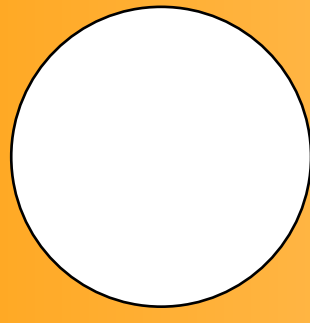


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**LECCO**  
Lecco is famous for being the town where the story of the "I Promessi Sposi" by Alessandro Manzoni is set. Lecco is an important touristic gateway to Lago di Como, Valtellina and the beautiful Grigne mountains and the Resegone that encircle it. The town has celtic origins and it has been a Roman garrison, but its importance grew during the Middle Ages, after it was annexed to the Duchy of Milan, for it became a strategic crossroads for goods transportation. In the second half of the 1800s, during the Austrian domination, the town went through a particularly flourishing period that brought to the construction of buildings and porticos in Neoclassical style...

**SAN NICOLÒ ABBEY**  
Ancient Romanesque abbey from the XIth century, it has been expanded in the next three centuries by important renovating works. It was also renovated during the XVIIth century when it took on a more Baroque appearance until 1831 when new works gave it the actual Neoclassical elegant style that you can appreciate today.  
The abbey is worth visiting for the many 1800s and 1900s paintings it hosts. The abbey's bell tower is one of the symbols of Lecco.  
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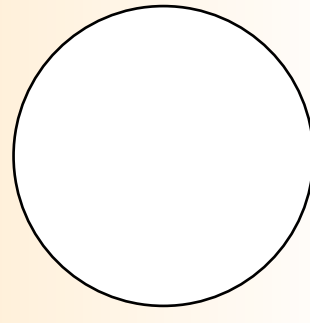


**PALAZZO BELGIOJOSO**  
This remarkable Palace of the late 1700s in the form of a U opens onto an internal garden that is now a municipal park. On the ceiling at the top of the great staircase are four medallions that date back to the second half of the 1800s that show the faces of the protagonists of The Betrothed (famous novel by Alessandro Manzoni), while on the main floor are present traces of decorations painted in the 1700s with exotic subjects and remarkably crafted. The palace which became public property in 1927, is today a prime host museum and includes: the Museum of Natural History, the Archaeological Museum and the Historical Museum...  
For more info: [www.comune.lecco.it](http://www.comune.lecco.it)

**VILLA MANZONI**  
Villa manzoni today is a house-museum, library, and photo library. It is located not far from the center of Lecco in the neighborhood of Caleotto. Author Alessandro Manzoni spent a great part of his younger years in this summer residence of the family which eventually became the inspiration for the creation of The Betrothed. The original building went through numerous renovations, but the most important were completed in the second half of the 1800s when, thanks to Don Pietro Manzoni father of Alessandro, it achieved its current neoclassical look with an added chapel first of all to be used privately...

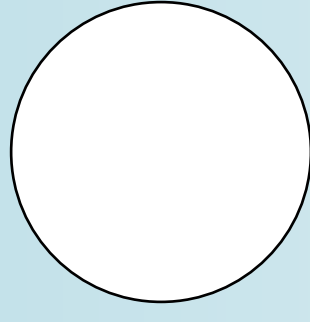


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**Attractions:**  
**Oasi dell'Alberone** - Villa D'Adda 24030 (BG) - Località Alberone  
**Civico Museo della seta Abegg** - Via Statale 490 - 23852 Garlate (LC)  
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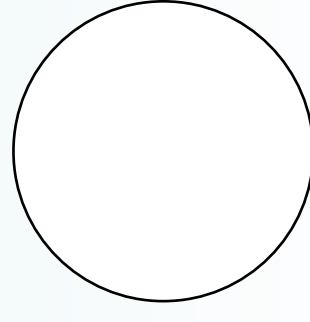
**A selection of the best enogastronomic places to visit:**  
**Al Lavatoio** - Via Alzaia 13, Trezzo sull'Adda MI - Phone: (+39) 02 909 1586  
**Pizzeria Terrazza sull'Adda** - Via Belvedere 20, Trezzo sull'Adda MI  
Phone: (+39) 02 909 0546  
**Ristorante sull'Adda Al molo 13** - Via Alzaia 13, Trezzo sull'Adda MI  
Phone: (+39) 02 9093 9710  
**Stallazzo - Ecomuseo Adda di Leonardo** - Paderno d'Adda LC  
Phone: (+39) 388 8442167  
**Al Castello** - Via Villa Paradiso 18, Comate d'Adda MB - Phone: (+39) 039 692 6131  
**Lido Ristorante** - Via Adda, 33, Imbersago LC - Phone: (+39) 039 9920197  
**La Taverna Di Leonardo** - Piazza Vittoria 13, Brivio LC - Phone: (+39) 039 532 0101  
**Trattoria Cantù** - Via Milano 97, Olginate LC - Phone: (+39) 0341 604235  
**Ristorante Barbera & Champagne** - Via alla Chiesa 37, Garlate LC  
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**Ristorante Pontile Orestino** - Lungario Cesare Battisti 5, Lecco LC  
Phone: (+39) 0341 362380  
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