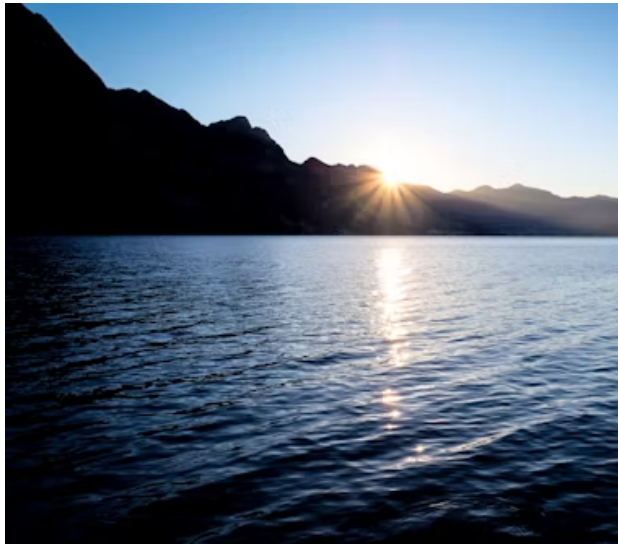


Mini-Guide: The Secret Lakes of Lombardy: Lake Iseo & Monte Isola

Quiet Waters, Floating Villages & Artisan Wine



- **Why Lake Iseo Is the Lake the Crowds Forgot**

Nestled between Lake Garda and Lake Como, Lake Iseo offers lush scenery, peaceful shores, and fewer tourists—making it a perfect retreat. [The GuardianTravel + Leisure](#)

- **Where to Stay: Vineyard B&Bs & Lakeside Inns**

The Franciacorta region—just east of Iseo—is renowned for its exquisite sparkling wines and charming vineyard estates offering cozy stays and tastings. [The TimesArchitectural Digest](#)

- **How to Explore Monte Isola by Foot or E-Bike**

Monte Isola is Europe's largest lake island, car-free and ideal for exploring on foot or by bike. Electric and traditional bike rentals are available, with scenic 10 km perimeter loops and climbs to panoramic viewpoints like the Sanctuary of Madonna della Ceriola. [WikipediaVisit Lake Iseoforestamontisola.itTravel Hacker Girl](#)

- **Franciacorta Wine Tastings**

Tour vineyards and enjoy sparkling wine tastings crafted using the traditional Champagne method at estates like Ca' del Bosco and Al Rocol. [The TimesArchitectural Digest](#)

- **Local Trattoria Guide**

Charming lakeside eateries and wine bars (e.g., Bar Ripasso and Due Colombe) offer traditional Lombard cuisine and relaxing lake views. [Architectural Digest](#)

- **Market Days & Ferry Schedules**

Ferries run regularly—every 15–20 minutes—between Sulzano or Sale Marasino and Monte Isola. Bicycle transport is usually allowed for a small additional fee (~€2.60). [Visit Lake Iseo+1Navigazione Lago d'IseoTravel Hacker Girl](#)

- **Ideal Weekend Itinerary**

Begin with a lakeside stroll in Iseo, take a ferry to Monte Isola for hiking or biking, return for vineyard tastings in Franciacorta, and dine in authentic local trattorias for a

relaxed 48-hour escape.

events, visit the *official tourism portal*: **Visit Lake Iseo.** [Visit Lake Iseo](#)

Official Tourism Website:

For full planning tools, ferry timetables, accommodation ideas, and seasonal

Pocket Card

Five Useful Italian Phrases for Visiting Lake Iseo & Monte Isola



1. Dove posso noleggiare una bicicletta/e-bike?

(DOH-veh POHS-so no-lej-JAH-reh OO-nah bee-chee-CLET-tah / ee-byk?)
“Where can I rent a bicycle / e-bike?”

2. Quanto costa il biglietto del traghetto?

(KWAHN-toh KOH-stah eel bee-LYET-toh del trah-GET-toh?)
“How much is the ferry ticket?”

3. Vorrei fare una degustazione di Franciacorta.

(Vohr-RAY FAH-reh OO-nah day-goo-stah-TSYO-neh dee Fran-cha-COR-tah.)
“I’d like to do a Franciacorta tasting.”

4. A che ora parte l’ultimo traghetto per Monte Isola?

(Ah keh OH-rah PAR-teh L’UL-tee-mo trah-GET-to per MON-teh ee-SOH-lah?)
“What time does the last ferry to Monte Isola leave?”

5. Questo posto è tranquillo e bellissimo.

(KWES-toh POHS-to eh tran-KEEL-loh eh bell-LEE-see-moh.)
“This place is peaceful and beautiful.”