



Lake View Suite at Relais Villa Vittoria; a view of Lake Como from the villa.

RELAIS VILLA VITTORIA

Under the same management as its next-door neighbour Relais Regina Teodolinda, this is Como's newest boutique hotel. It is a little smarter than its sister property, with white drapes, stone walls sponged with earth hues, and the occasional zebra splash of black-and-white on cushions and bedheads. Of the 12 rooms, the affordable Cozy doubles are just that, but lack a lake view; if that is essential, the stylish Romantic Lake View Rooms, which have balconies, are better value than the spacious Lake View Suite. There's a restaurant serving regional dishes such as fried lavaret (a lake fish), with sage, and an atmospheric cellar wine bar for tastings. Use of kayaks and bikes is free, the former useful for peering into Mr Clooney's villa, a short paddle south of here. An infinity pool and a mini-spa with a Moroccan flavour add to the hotel's considerable charms. *Via Vecchia Regina 62, Laglio (00 39 031 400859; www.relaisvillavittoria.it). Open March–October. Doubles from €150*

