

880 M ABOVE THE LAKE

Pigra

*Mountain tranquillity. Lake vivacity.
5 minutes apart.*

880 m

ALTITUDE

5 min

CABLE CAR TO THE LAKE

~240

INHABITANTS

35 km

TO LUGANO

Pigra is a medieval hamlet of around 240 inhabitants sitting on a natural terrace high above Lake Como. Its stone houses, centuries-old church and sweeping views have made it a favourite retreat for those seeking **authentic mountain atmosphere without giving up access to the lake.**

IN PIGRA — ON FOOT

Le Lanterne di Pigra · Restaurant & bar, Via Funivia 1

Il Capannone di Pigra · Restaurant & pizzeria

Il Baretto da Davide · Café & bar, Via Funivia

Il Circolo & Co. · Café & village shop, Via Roma 1 — fresh bread, fruit & vegetables every morning

Poste Italiane · Via Verdi 25 · Mon/Wed/Fri 8:20–13:35

B&B La Finestra sul Lago · Via Blessagno 35

Sports centre · football, tennis, bocce court

Church of Santa Margherita · 16th century

Cable car station to Argegno · 500 m from centre

QUICK FACTS

Altitude	880 m
Population	~240
Cable car	5 min to lake
San Fedele	~10 min by car
Como city	~40 km
Malpensa	~85 km
Lugano	~35 km

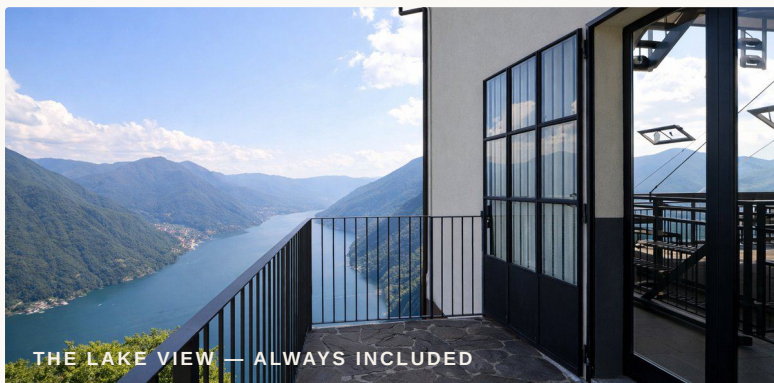
Summer temperatures at Pigra are typically **5–8 °C cooler** than the lakeside — a welcome relief in July and August.

Restaurants fill up on weekends — **book ahead at Le Lanterne**. The village shop at Il Circolo & Co. has fresh bread every morning.

A DISCREET ADDRESS

Pigra is quietly known as one of the most discreet addresses on Lake Como. Among the wooded slopes above the village stand some of the lake's most exclusive private estates — historic Liberty-style villas with infinity pools and panoramic terraces. Their owners chose Pigra for a single reason: **genuine seclusion is almost impossible to find on the lakeside**, yet here, just 5 minutes above it, it exists in abundance. The silence, the altitude, the uninterrupted view to the Swiss Alps — with the ferry pier at Argegno a cable car ride away.

The **Funivia Argegno–Pigra** is one of the steepest cable cars in Italy, covering a 653-metre drop in just 5 minutes with breathtaking views over the lake — the ultimate expression of Pigra's formula: mountain serenity meets lakeside vivacity.

**CABLE CAR DETAILS**

Return ticket	€ 5.50
One-way	€ 4.10
Summer (Jun–Sep)	every day
Summer hours	8:30 – 18:30
Off season	Fri–Sun & holidays
Off-season hours	10:00 – 18:00
Argegno station	031 821 344
Pigra station	031 810 844

IN ARGEGNO — 5 MIN CABLE CAR + 5 MIN WALK

Alimentari Rosati Santina · Via Cacciatori delle Alpi 20 · minimarket, Mon–Sat mornings

Farmacia Colzani · Piazza Testi 12 · 031 821 155

Bistrò Argegno · bar, wine bar & café on the lakefront

Banca Popolare di Sondrio · ATM, Piazza Conti Persini

Weekly market · every Monday 8:00–13:00 · produce & clothing

Pescatore Rodolfo Carisi · fresh lake fish: missoltini, carpione · Tue–Sat 8:00–12:00

Ferry to Como, Bellagio & Varenna · Argegno pier · navigazione.laghi.it

On weekdays outside summer, access by car via SP13 (~20 min). For daily shopping, **San Fedele Intelvi** (~10 min by car) is the most practical option.

03 NEARBY SERVICES

Everything you need is close at hand. Distances are from Argegno (after the cable car) or from Pigra by car.

San Fedele Intelvi

~5 KM · ~10 MIN BY CAR

Supermarket · Butcher & bakery · Pharmacy · Tobacconist · Bank/ATM · Post office · Bars · Restaurants. **Best option for daily shopping from Pigra by car.**

Argegno

CABLE CAR 5 MIN · ~20 MIN BY CAR

Grocery · Pharmacy · Bar · ATM · Weekly market Mon 8–13 · Fresh lake fish · Ferry pier · Boat hire.

Lenno

~7 KM FROM ARGEGNO · ~10 MIN

Supermarket (Carrefour / Conad) · Villa del Balbianello · James Bond & Star Wars filming location.

Cernobbio

~30 KM FROM ARGEGNO · ~35 MIN

Bennet hypermarket — **open also on Sundays.**

Como city

~35 KM FROM ARGEGNO · ~45 MIN

Full city services · Silk & shopping · Cathedral · Train to Milan (30 min).

5–8 °C

cooler than the lakeside in summer. Pack a light layer for the evenings — even in August the mountain air stays fresh.

04 DAY TRIPS — VILLAS & DESTINATIONS

From Argegno the entire western shore of Lake Como is within easy reach. These are the unmissable destinations — all accessible by ferry, car or bus.



Villa del Balbianello — *Lenno*

~7 KM BY CAR (10 MIN) OR FERRY + 1 KM WALK

One of the most dramatic villas on the lake — filming location for *Casino Royale* and *Star Wars Episode II*. Built in 1787 on a wooded promontory; the sculpted gardens were created by explorer Guido Monzino. Guided tour of the interior highly recommended.

fondoambiente.it · Via Comoedia 5, Lenno



Bellagio

~30 MIN BY FERRY, DIRECT FROM ARREGNO PIER

The "Pearl of Lake Como" — stepped cobblestone alleys, lakeside promenade and celebrated gardens. Visit Villa Serbelloni (panoramic gardens, guided tours) and Villa Melzi (neoclassical gardens, Apr–Oct). Go mid-week to avoid weekend crowds.

navigazionelaghi.it



Villa Carlotta — *Tremezzo*

~25 KM BY CAR (28 MIN) OR FERRY · C10 BUS STOPS IN FRONT

A wedding gift to a Prussian princess in 1847, and top of every must-see list. 8 hectares of botanical gardens blaze with colour in spring — rhododendrons, azaleas, camellias, a bamboo grove and a Zen rock garden. Inside, sculptures by Canova.

villacarlotta.it · Via Regina 2, Tremezzo · Open Apr–Oct



Como City

~35 KM BY CAR (45 MIN) OR FAST FERRY (~1H)

The elegant city at the southern tip of the lake. Unmissable: the Duomo, the silk museum Museo della Seta, and the grand lakefront Villa Olmo. The Brunate funicular climbs to a hilltop village for panoramic views. Trains to Milan every 30 min.

villaoIMO.it · como-brunate.it

Complete mountain tranquillity at 880 m, with Lake Como's sparkling waters just a cable car ride away. Argegno gives instant access to beaches, boat hire, water sports and ferry connections.

BEACHES

Argegno beach	5 min cable car + 2 min walk	Pebble beach at the cable car landing. Clear water, views of Isola Comacina.
Lido di Argegno	5 min cable car + 5 min walk	Lakeside promenade with sunbathing, bar service and lake views.
Colonno & Sala Comacina	~5 km · 8 min by car	Quieter coves among olive trees. Far fewer tourists.
Lenno beach	~7 km · 10 min by car	Wider public beach near Villa del Balbianello. One of the most scenic spots on the lake.

ON THE WATER

Sailing & Windsurfing

The reliable *brevia* (afternoon south wind) and *tivano* (morning north wind) create ideal dinghy and windsurf conditions. Hire in Argegno.

Boat Hire & Private Tours

Self-drive motorboats, private guided tours with aperitivo on board, sunset cruises, transfers to lakeside restaurants.

Kayak & SUP

Hire at Lido di Argegno. Guided tours explore hidden coves and the Isola Comacina — the only island on Lake Como.

Ferry Connections

From Argegno pier: Bellagio, Varenna, Tremezzo, Lenno, Como city. Slow ferry recommended — sit on the upper deck.

Swimming & Snorkelling

Lake water reaches 24–26 °C in July–August. Clear and shallow near shore around Argegno; snorkelling near the Isola Comacina.

Car Ferry

Connects the western shore with Varenna and Bellagio. Departs Cadenabbia–Griante, 5 min by car from Argegno.

Arrive early at Lenno on summer weekends. Ferry timetables: [navigazione.laghi.it](https://www.navigazione.laghi.it)

The mountains around Pigra offer some of the finest walking in the entire Lake Como area — from leisurely alpine meadow strolls to demanding ridge hikes with views over three countries.



Monte Galbiga

MEDIUM-HIGH · 3-4 HRS RETURN

The classic Pigra walk. A well-marked trail climbs through beech forests to the summit at 1,695 m — a 360° panorama over Lake Como, the Swiss Alps and, on clear days, the Po plain. Start: village centre.



Alpe di Colonno

EASY-MEDIUM · 2-3 HRS

A gentler walk through summer pastures and alpine farms, with beautiful wildflower meadows in June–July. Ideal for families with children. Start: Pigra village.



Tellerio Ridge

HIGH · BEST MAY-JUN & SEP-OCT

A demanding traverse along the ridge between the Intelvi Valley and the lake. Outstanding views of the Lario and the Swiss Prealps. Start: Pigra or Blessagno.



Pigra → Argegno mule track

EASY · 1.5 HRS DOWN

Descend on foot via the old mule track through chestnut woods with continuous lake views. Far more rewarding than the road — ride the cable car back up. Start: Pigra cable car station.



Greenway del Lago di Como

EASY · 10 KM

The celebrated lakeside path between Colonno and Cadenabbia, through villages, olive groves and historic villas including Villa Carlotta. Accessible from Argegno by ferry or bus. greenwaylagodicomo.com

SPRING

Wildflowers, snow-capped peaks, quiet trails

SUMMER

Long days, alpine meadows in bloom

AUTUMN

Golden beech forests, crisp air, spectacular colour

WINTER

Snow at altitude, snowshoe trails

07 HOW TO GET AROUND

FERRY

Navigazione Lago di Como (navigazione.laghi.it) — from Argegno pier to Bellagio, Varenna, Tremezzo, Lenno and Como. The car ferry departs from Cadenabbia–Griante (5 min by car). The slow ferry is a scenic experience — sit on the upper deck.

TRAIN

Nearest stations: Como S. Giovanni or Como Nord Lago (~45 min from Argegno by bus or ferry). Direct trains to Milan every 30 min. Also via Varenna–Esino (ferry from Argegno, then train north).

BUS

ASF Autolinee (sptlinea.it) — Line C10 connects Argegno with Como city and Menaggio. Stop: Argegno Stazione Funivia. Tickets at tabacconists (cheaper) or on board.

BY CAR

Pigra via SP13 from San Fedele Intelvi (~10 min). Free village parking. Milan Malpensa: ~85 km (~1h 30). Lugano Airport: ~35 km (~60 min).

FERRY & TRANSPORT MAP



EMERGENCY & USEFUL NUMBERS

Emergency (all services)	112
Cable car – Argegno	031 821 344
Carabinieri Argegno	031 821 025
Cable car – Pigra	031 810 844
Farmacia Colzani, Argegno	031 821 155
Le Lanterne di Pigra	347 354 7665
Guardia Medica	116 117
Ferry info (free)	800 551 801

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