

CITIES & MONUMENTS

## Lugano's historic centre



The Piazza della Riforma claims Locarno's Piazza Grande role of Ticino's most beautiful square. It's considered the city's elegant "living room" surrounded by old buildings including the Neoclassic Palazzo Civico (Town Hall) and inviting places to take a break. Meeting point for Lugano residents (the luganesi), it hosts numerous events and is the ideal starting point to visit the city. A network of narrow pedestrian streets, where one strolls among glittering shop windows and luxurious boutiques, connects it to the main points of interest in the centre (S. Lorenzo Cathedral, church of S. Maria degli Angioli, LAC, lakefront).

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VILLAGES

## Gandria



Gandria's centre is charming and well preserved, with the facades of the houses reflected in the waters of Lake Ceresio. It is one of Ticino's most beautiful lakeside villages. The buildings, tightly aligned, can be reached via stairways and alleyways. Some of the houses date back to the 16th and 17th centuries and are embellished with frescoes and stucco decorations. The village is comfortably accessible by boat from Lugano and is connected to two very enjoyable walks: the *Sentiero di Gandria* (Gandria trail) and the route that develops from the village's opposite bank, much appreciated in the summer for its *grottos* (taverns).

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TREKKING

## Locarno Lakeside Promenade



During springtime, lawns that run along the Locarno Bay transform into a multitude of colours and the lakeshore is seized by tourists on a quest to find the sun. Leaving the Locarno pier to the South, in about 15 minutes you reach the Parco delle Camelie (Park of the Camellias). Presenting about 1000 varieties of this same plant, it offers a spectacular scene of flowers in bloom over a period of 9 months, but especially between March and April. If you go in the opposite direction from the pier, a pedestrian street along the lake leads you to Tenero through Rivapiana, where old and well-preserved fishermen's houses still stand.

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EVENTS

LUGANO

**Medea's Children**  
LAC  
21.03.-22.03.2026  
*theatre*

LUGANO

**Tisana I EspoTicino I iViaggiatori**  
Centro Esposizioni  
until 22.03.2026  
*fair*

MANNO

**Vinissima**  
Suglio Business Center  
22.03.-23.03.2026  
*enogastronomy*

LUGANO

**OSI al LAC**  
LAC  
26.03.2026  
*music*

LUGANO

**Rostia Kunovsky I Between Outside and Inside II**  
Estopia Art Gallery  
until 29.03.2026  
*exhibition*

LOCARNO

**Camelie Locarno**  
Parco delle Camelie  
until 22.03.2026  
*exhibition, botany*

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