From Domaso to Gera Lario



This walk, mainly on paths and cobblestone tracks. offers a splendid view of the northern lake area. You cross through some hamlets which have maintained their antique village structure.

ITINERARY: Domaso - Arbosto - Aurogna - Gera Lario TOTAL WALKING TIME: 2hrs 15min ASCENT: 220 m DIFFICULTY: Somewhat difficult passage in the valley of Vercana TRAIL SIGNS: almost absent CONNECTIONS: To Domaso hydrofoil, boat or bus line C10 From Gera Lario bus line C10

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**ROUTE:** From the boat dock at **Domaso**, turn right and follow the lakeside road about 50 m, past the bus stop in Piazza Ghislanzoni. Cross the main road, follow the indications for the church San Bartolomeo and walk along via Regina. After 200m you reach the church reconstructed in the 18<sup>th</sup> century on a previous, more ancient building. Pass in front of the church and follow the sign for **Gaggio**. After 50 m, at the fork, take the little road to the right which leads over a stone bridge over the river Livo. Walk up the cobblestone steps on the left and pass by the small oratory of San Silvestro (note the fresco on the facade). Keep left and continue uphill to a bend on the road, where you follow the indication for the Sanctuary of **"Madonna delle Nevi"**. The track leads to the church, dated 1630, and then passes under a portico between the rock face and the left side of the church. The track continue uphill among some vineyards and reaches the road again, which you cross. Follow the ascending steps on the right and then, again on the right, cross a small footbridge over a stream.

You reach **Arbosto** (alt. 354 m) near the baroque church of San Salvatore. Continue on the paved road and pass the restaurant Bellavista. After 100 m. in front of a school building (scuola materna), between two small apartment blocks, you take the track to the left. It leads steeply uphill in the middle of vineyards. Continue straight on, ignoring the various forks. Past a small chapel (ignore the forks to the right) follow a stretch of a path that can get overgrown during the summer months. You end out on a road where you turn right. After a brief stretch through the



Church of San Vincenzo in Gera Lario

woods you end onto the pastures with a wide view on the end of the lake where the two rivers Mera and Adda flow in.

You enter the chestnut woods, and pass by the ruins of some farmhouses. The cart track finishes and becomes a path that reaches the valley of Vercana, the border between the communes of Vercana and Trezzone. Cross the valley with care and then ascend the other side of the valley, where you will reach the pastures of **Aurogna** (alt. 420 m) where the path again becomes a cart track. Follow it 20 m and then take the path on the left that passes an ancient house.



Cross the bridge over the Val Vegia in order to enter the old hamlet. Walk through it till you find yourself in front of house number 7 (note the fresco of the Madonna) where you take a right; take the alley that forms the corner with house n° 5, and follow it out of Aurogna. When you reach the road continue to the right in order to reach a little chapel. Continue left in the middle of pastures and vineyards with the parish church of **Trezzone** dedicated to the Madonna delle Grazie already in sight. Just past the church you reach the road. Continue about 100 m and then take the underpass on the left which leads to the old track, which you follow left. You again reach the road which ends on the main road at **Gera Lario** near the church of San Vincenzo of the 15<sup>th</sup> century. Just past the bridge over the stream called San Vincenzo is the bus stop.



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