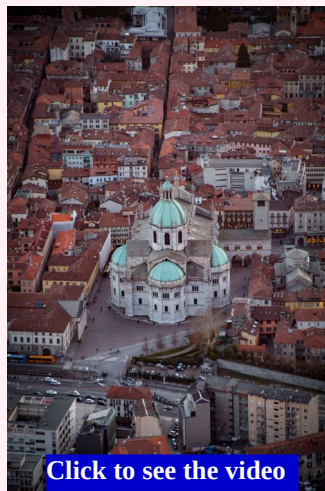


<b>COMO</b>	Region :	Lombardy
	Population :	85.000
	Municipal Website:	<a href="http://www.comune.como.it/it/">http://www.comune.como.it/it/</a>
	School Website:	<a href="http://www.setificio.edu.it/">http://www.setificio.edu.it/</a>

Como is famous worldwide for its lake, its natural beauty and also for the scientist Alessandro Volta.



Lake Como is one of the biggest lakes with a surface of 145 km<sup>2</sup> and the deepest lake in Europe with a depth of 410 m.

It is located in the northern region of Italy, near Milan. The lake has a bizarre “Y” shape with three extremities: the northern with Colico, the southeast with Lecco and the southwest with Como.

The Alps protect Lake Como area from the cold winds, giving to the inhabitants and the numerous visitors, a fine and favorable climate. This place representing tranquility and grace has a big attractive force since the oldest times.

Alessandro Manzoni, native of the city of Lecco, has glorified Lake Como, thanks to his novel “I Promessi Sposi” with an opening sentence that for centuries has been kept in the memory of readers and drawn the attention on our lake: – That branch of the lake of Como which extends southwards between two unbroken chains of mountains... –

Alessandro Volta, a famous scientist born in the city of Como, has created the first battery. In honor of him the name “Volt” has been given to the unit of measure of tension.



Lake Como is rich and attractive by the historical and cultural heritage.

This beautiful city which is more than 2000 years old will show to the visitors how constructions and monuments of last eras can successfully be combined with the current manifestations of culture.

The old quarter of Como is closed inside medioeval walls that have different towers. Inside the walls there are the most important buildings of the town, the Duomo and the Broletto.

The small town of Brunate can be reached from Como in 5 minutes using the funicular and achieving a quote of 800 m above the sea level.

From the top of the Volta lighthouse you can enjoy a panoramic view and especially if you're lucky enough to be the only one there the special sensation is even stronger. You can see from the madonnina of the Duomo of Milan to the Swiss Alps, from Mont Blanc to the mountains over Bellagio. It is 29 meters high, has a spiral staircase with 143 steps and emits a tricolor light that can be seen up to 50 kilometers away and lights the Como's nights.

Inside the lighthouse you can find a plaque dedicated to the genius of Alessandro Volta in which there is a bust of him in his old age.

For Christmas, in Como there is a unique Festival "La Città dei Balocchi", from 26 years. This event transforms the city of Como into a playful and magical Christmas location. Originally intended for local families and children, the event has opened up to a broader audience offering a variety of activities: from entertainment to shopping, from sacred music to childrens' labs and shows.



## ISIS P. CARCANO (SETIFICIO)

The "I.S.I.S Paolo Carcano" was born in Como as a municipal school for workers in 1868.

In 1903 it became a National State Institute for the interest of the Como senator Paolo Carcano, to whom the institute was named in the following years; in 1963 it became an industrial technical institute with three addresses: chemical dyer, textile design, weaving.

In 1975 the Institute moved to its new location - the current one - at the center of the textile technological center and near the University of Insubria.



The Carcano now offers two distinct training courses, of a technical and high school, characterized by the common purpose of transmitting an in-depth technical-scientific and humanistic training, in line with the indications of the European Union.

