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Skiing #inLombardia

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Exciting skiing on the slopes of the Lombardy Alps: blue, red or black in difficulty, scenic and with many gradient changes. Ski areas in Lombardy have slopes and fun for all tastes. Starting with modern, spectacular ski lifts that, in addition to ferrying people up to the slopes, also offer truly remarkable "flights" over the mountain. Keen ski mountaineers, or freeriders and Nordic skiers can enjoy the snow in their own favourite way. All the resorts have plenty of alternative ideas for winter fun in the mountains: from the ice-skating rinks, to indoor and outdoor climbing facilities and even a series of ideas for "wilder" snow experiences—driving a dog sled or on a fat-bike saddle. Lots of entertainment for kids too: from obstacle courses to complete on skis with the whole family, school slopes where they can perfect their technique and areas dedicated to games and fun with sledges. And the fun definitely does not stop with the last run of the day.

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Tonale pass.

Bergamo

Skiing in the Bergamo valleys



On the sunny slopes close to Presolana, the queen of the Orobic Alps and with the Schilpario circular trail to make cross-country skiers happy

Monte Pora – Presolana: snowy fun in the sun

Sunny, perfect for families, ideal for beginners and a favourite choice for ski clubs. The Presolana-Monte Pora area has 30 kilometres of ski slopes with a modern snowmaking system and offers day-long fun for all, including expert skiers. There are no fewer than 22 slopes in the Monte Pora ski area, all linked to each other thanks to 4 chairlifts, 1 platter pull, 1 double T-bar lift and 3 magic carpets. Here, down the scenic slope from the top of Monte Pora, skiers can enjoy a wonderful view out over Lago Iseo, taking in an Alpine landscape that goes from the Adamello to the Monte Rosa mountain chain. It is also popular with the Presolana ski school, with its 30 instructors and qualified ski courses for the disabled. There is a modern snowmaking system for the 12 kilometres of slopes plus 2 chairlifts, 2 ski lifts and a magic carpet.

Colere, slopes with a view of the Presolana

Meanwhile, Colere has the longest and most difficult slopes in the Bergamo area. The harsh beauty of this region, at the foot of the Presolana Massif, the queen of the Orobic Alps, is a source of excitement for fans of ski mountaineering.

Schilpario, a Nordic skiing paradise

Val di Scalve is the go-to location for Nordic skiing. Nordic skiers love the Pista degli Abeti, a circular trail totalling more than 10 kilometres that winds through a glorious pine forest close to the town centre, making it easy for skiers to choose a distance suited to their ability. There is a school slope for ski mountaineering.

Valle Brembana, all about skiing

The “queen of ski” in the surroundings of Bergamo is definitely Foppolo with its 14 slopes totalling more than 40 kilometres and 7 ski lifts. Together with Carona, San Simone, and Piazzatorre, Foppolo makes Val Brembana a very attractive ski area.

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- 1. Culture.** *In the heart of Valle Brembana, with its wonderful, picturesque early twentieth-century Belle Époque atmosphere, stands San Pellegrino Terme, the ideal spa resort, even in winter, for those who love to travel back in time and discover Liberty-style treasures.*
- 2. Tradition.** *Wide-scale renovation has restored “la Rasega”, the old Berera sawmill in Valleve, and today the turbine and mill itself are working again, albeit only for visitor demonstrations. The same building also houses a small museum of local traditions, illustrated in a collection of recovered exhibits.*
- 3. Snowshoes and food.** *“Ciaspolando con gusto” in Val Brembana, is the foodie snowshoe walk on the Piani dell’Avaro, from one mountain “baita” or hut to another, with tasting of the typical Bitto and Formai de Mut cheeses. The walk happens once a month in January, February and March.*

The ridge of Monte Grem.



Brescia

Skiing in the Brescia Valleys



From the Presena glacier to Ponte di Legno on Europe's longest ski slope

Snow and excitement in Ponte di Legno - Tonale

A glance at the Presena glacier and then off to Ponte di Legno, skiing down 11 kilometres of slope, the longest in Europe. This is one of the 42 slopes, all of them linked, that make up the Ponte di Legno - Tonale ski area, a true paradise for skiers and lovers of the mountain in winter: 100 kilometres of slopes that allow skiers to cover a difference in altitude of 1000 metres without ever taking their skis off, to ski just a stone's throw from glacier and to also try out off-piste routes following the Pìsgana, a trail that will excite ski mountaineers. There are also two cable cars on the slopes: the one in Ponte di Legno, which links the entire area and offers a panoramic ride over snowy peaks, and the Presena, which goes up to 3000 metres to the perennial snow and a welcoming bar with a view, perfect even for those who do not ski.

Lots of ways for enjoying the snow

Ponte di Legno has a cross-country ski centre and a 10-km trail that follows the River Narcanello. It is a picturesque route that winds around a large forest. Those preferring the snowboard to skis can have fun jumping and back flipping in the Passo del Tonale snow park, and for kids there is Fantasky, a snow playground, again in Tonale. There are plenty of ice-skating rinks in Ponte di Legno, Passo del Tonale and Temù and, for lovers of extreme sports, a chance to sail over the snow with kites.

Montecampione and Maniva, skiing "on the terrace"

Montecampione is in the heart of the lower Valle Camonica, a natural panoramic terrace over Lago Iseo that offers 20 slopes for skiers, a total of 30 kilometres that wind their way up to 2000 metres. The 11 ski lifts start directly from the

residential areas in Montecampione at 1200 m asl. Another ski area that is perfect for families and those wanting worry-free skiing is Maniva Ski: 17 pistes, 40 kilometres total length, with 8 ski lifts including the panoramic Dasdana chairlift, which goes up to 2100 metres and offers a wonderful view from Lake Garda to the Rosa mountain chain. On Monte Maniva, musts for beginners are the Barard chairlift slope, which offers varying degrees of steepness into and out of the woods, and the historic Zocchi slope, which takes skiers right into the beauty of nature. Some not too difficult off-piste trails with good views, snowboard slopes, a bobsled and sledge slope and snowshoe hiking complete the palette of activities to have fun on the snow.

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- 1. Free time.** *Refined and elegant, Ponte di Legno has preserved all its old mountain town appeal. The old town centre, with its large pedestrian-only zone is certainly worth a visit for shopping and a taste of local products.*
- 2. Snowmobiles.** *Fun can be had in the Ponte di Legno - Tonale area on board a snowmobile, either on a special track or taking part in organised trips, ending with typical dinners in the mountain refuges on the ski slopes. An original exciting experience on the snow.*
- 3. Sport.** *The excitement of skiing in the moonlight, in the silence of the night in wonderful surroundings. Night skiing is a must-try experience on offer four times a week in the Ponte di Legno - Tonale area.*

— Tonale pass, Caspar Diederik Storytravelers.



Lecco

Slopes with a view of the Alps



*Skiing close to Milan and the main cities in Lombardy
in an unspoilt environment*

Lecco, from city to slopes

There are 36 kilometres of slopes in the Piani di Bobbio-Valtorta area, making it the ideal choice for beginners, families and also experts who want to spend a day skiing and then enjoy a truly tasty break in one of the many refuges, all also accessible on foot, in strategic positions close to the slopes.

A single ski pass gives you access to the 12 ski lifts that lead to the various slopes in this area, letting you choose the ones best suited to your ability. For the more expert, there are plenty of difficult, thrilling slopes, even from a scenic point of view. Like Orscellera, from which, on a clear day, you can enjoy breath-taking views as far as Milan, or the Tre Signori piste, close to the mountain of the same name. While Pian delle Betulle in the Upper Valsassina has 1 black, 3 red and 2 blue slopes totalling 12 kilometres. Here skiers will be blown away by the wonderful view out over Lakes Como and Lugano and all the western Italian and Swiss Alps

Snow for all tastes

For those just starting out on skis, there are nursery slopes with magic carpets at Piani di Artavaggio, Pian delle Betulle, Cainallo and Alpe

Giumello. Meanwhile, cross-country fans can get back in touch with nature and enjoy the magic atmosphere created by the surrounding environment at Piani di Bobbio, where there is a circuit comprising two 7.5 km circular tracks in Cainallo and Cortabbio di Primaluna.

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- 1. Fun.** *Cycling on the snow with “fat” tyres. On the Piani di Arvataggio you can enjoy the experience of a fat-bike ride on the snow, accompanied by expert guides.*
- 2. Snowshoes.** *Discovering the magic of the mountain with snowshoes on your feet. Wonderful trails take you through beech woods and towards the refuges. Wall-marked itineraries that can be followed throughout the Lecco mountains.*
- 3. Children.** *Special slopes for bob-sleds and sledges in Piani di Bobbio, Piani d’Erna and Arvataggio, where the piste also has a handy magic carpet to get back up*

— The Bobbio Camosci chairlift.



Valtellina

Where skiing rules supreme



Snow, fun and fairy-tale scenery in the highest mountains of the Lombardy Alps

Bormio and Santa Caterina: vertical excitement in the Stelvio National Park

Three ski areas, Bormio, Santa Caterina Valfurva and Cima Piazzzi-San Colombano, 110 kilometres of slopes, 36 lifts on a single ski pass—all this is skiing in the heart of Valtellina's Stelvio National Park. The Bormio area has slopes for all levels and tastes: from school slopes for children and beginners to the pistes made famous by the World Cup champions. While Santa Caterina Valfurva is a paradise where the silence and natural beauty of the mountain can be enjoyed, the Bormio pistes offer vertical excitement thanks to ski lifts that go up as high as 3000 metres and an adrenalin-filled ski area covering a good 1800 metres in altitude difference. Finally, for family skiing there is Cima Piazzzi-San Colombano, where the sunny slopes aren't quite so difficult and the mood is peaceful and relaxed. Musts for experts are the Stelvio in Bormio and the Deborah Compagnoni in Santa Caterina, both also open for night skiing. Pure fun, meanwhile, especially for kids, on the "Funslope" in Bormio, a new ski area with obstacles, bridges, tunnels, parabolics and changes in direction.

Fun with or without skis

Freeriders will love the fresh snow in spectacular Vallone or magical Posto degli Sciatori. Bormio is also a true paradise for those who enjoy the snow driving a dogsled, or walking with snowshoes, skating or climbing on the ice.

Cross-country skiers are also spoilt for choice: the 5-kilometre circular trail in Alute, with its ups and downs and long flat stretches, suitable for

newbies, or the Valtellina piste in Santa Caterina Valfurva, a venue for international competitions, which winds its way through the forests of the Stelvio National Park. Pista Viola in Valldentro is also a must-try, a trail of about 25 km that takes skiers through woodland following the river of the same name, with no particularly difficult uphill parts to deal with.

Livigno, the long skiing season

The Livigno ski season never ends. Thanks to its perfect natural exposure, its 115 kilometres of trails can be skied through to late springtime. Blue, red or black; generously wide slopes with continually changing degrees of steepness, but also walls that are ideal for skiers who like to get their skis humming. For experts, but also for beginners and those wanting to learn: this area has an ideal slope for every skier and also offers the chance to reach your starting point on one of its 30 ski lifts, all active throughout the season. The snow in Livigno allows skiers to fully enjoy the mountain in Carosello 3000, Valfin, Monte Sponda and Federia, with their ski lifts and long wide slopes providing the perfect backdrop, in picture postcard winter scenery that adds a touch of magic to every descent. And for those wanting more adrenalin, the Mottolino snowpark is ideal thanks to its rails, ramps and jumps that make it one of the best in Europe. For cross country sky lovers 30 km ready from november!

Lots of things to do off the slopes

Once the skis come off, it's still time to enjoy the snow: ice or indoor climbing, or snowy tracks for

Slopes in Livigno.

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testing your ability at the wheel of a car, driving a snowmobile or go-kart or even paragliding. There are plenty of activities organised for families, on and off the slopes: Kinderclub Lupigno, the playground in the snow, the Slide&Fun area in Aquagranda Active You with waterslides for all the family, the Yepi obstacle course and much more for extraordinary experiences on the snow. After a day on the snow, there is plenty on offer: chilling in the Wellness & Relax area at Aquagranda, duty-free shopping or a wonderful après-ski.

Aprica, skiing in the heart of the Orobic Alps

The Aprica&Corteno ski area is in the heart of the Orobic Alps, between Valtellina and Valle Camonica. Its 20 slopes total about 50 kilometres and end right in the town centre. Its 16 ski lifts cover the entire area and include 2 cable cars, 4 chair lifts, 5 ski lifts and 5 magic carpets. A resort loved by both more expert skiers and newbies for its good exposure to the sun and mild climate, but above all because it offers exciting slopes for skiing, with something for every level. From the wonderful, difficult trails that wind through the woods on high such as the Benedetti, Magnolta Inferiore and Valscesa Ovest to easier, scenic ones such as the Superpanoramica, which arrives in town from the mountain top, ideal for learning and at the same time enjoying the surrounding scenery. A must-try is the "B" in Palabione and Lake Palabione which run through the traditional skiing area in the heart of this area and Piana Galli, another wonderful scenic slope in Val Belviso. In town, Zona Campetti has school slopes, ideal for learners.

Nordic or Alpine, it's all about skiing

Fans of Nordic skiing can have fun along the trails in Pian di Gembro and Trivigno. For those who prefer ski mountaineering, there is the Tumèl, which arrives at Malga Magnolta through the



wood and ensures a safe ski down on a groomed slope. There are various alternative activities on offer to complete a day of skiing. Aprica, in fact, has ice skating rinks, a swimming pool and wellness centres.

Madesimo, home to the history of skiing

The history of skiing started on the slopes and in the mountains of the Valle Spluga. One of the first Italian ski clubs was opened here in 1911 and in the thirties the first ski lift was built, for a long time a benchmark for the entire Alpine range. Still today, with its 36 slopes totalling more than 40 kilometres, plus another 20 off-piste slopes, Madesimo is a favourite ski resort. Also thanks to its modern ski lifts that link all the slopes and allow skiers to try the Sky Express, a cog railway lift that goes from Campodolcino to the Motta area. The best-loved slopes in the area are the historic Vanoni for its steep stretches, the Italo Pedroncelli and the Valsecchi, where excitement and beauty ensure fairy tale skiing. Madesimo is also perfect for freeriders and ski mountaineers, thanks to thrilling Gropper gorge, the Camosci slope or the Angeloga, which races down from 2900 metres at the top of Groppera peak to 1300 metres in Franciscio, through a truly unique variety of scenery.

Total snow experiences

In Madesimo, cross-country skiers can choose 5 kilometre circular trails in the Motta area where

the characteristic village is. Whereas the Larici-Aquarela zone has a fun snowpark and a Baby Park with bobsled and sledge slopes. Those who prefer a romantic skate on the ice can enjoy the rink in Madesimo town centre.

Skiing the high mountains in Valmalenco

The excitement of skiing surrounded by high mountains. Overlooked by Pizzo Scalino, the Digrazia and Bernina mountains, Valmalenco offers the chance of skiing in unique, enchanting surroundings. Its 20 slopes, totalling about 60 kilometres, are all linked by 11 ski lifts that include

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1. Nature. In Arnoga, Alta Valtellina, you can enjoy a magical adventure driving a sled pulled by huskies, accompanied by an instructor. Dog sledding is a must-try for old and young, a chance to be a musher, or dog sled driver: the necessary instructions, the commands to give the dogs and then off, along a safe route through the woods in the snow. And if you fall in love with this sport, you can even follow courses with qualified instructors.

2. Snow bikes. You can pedal on the snow! Fat Bikes let you pedal quite happily over snowy ground... There are

Sledding in Valdidentro

the Snow Eagle, the biggest cable car in Europe, able to transport 160 people up 1000 metres of mountain in just 4 minutes. The most beautiful slopes include the Gustav Thöni, designed by this great champion, with its breath-taking final wall having a maximum gradient of 70%, and the Dei Barchi, difficult and fun thanks to its continually different gradients, which takes skiers through a sensational variety of scenery before reaching the small town of San Giuseppe. Without forgetting the Camplungo, Nana and Sasso Nero pistes, the latter starting at 2400 metres.

The heart of freestyle

Aficionados of snowboarding and freestyle can get their thrills in Palù Park, one of the most spectacular and difficult in the Alps, managed by the organisers of "Big Air" in Milan, the Freestyle Ski and Snowboard World Cup at the foot of the Tree of Life in the Expo area. There are plenty of cross-country pistes at Lake Palù and Lanzada, an area for bobsleds and sledges and a space for children with entertainers and games on the snow.

many locations in Valtellina where you can enjoy trips with these bikes.

3. Wellness. At the end of a day on the slopes, you can enjoy a few hours' chilling in the millenary spa waters in Bormio, where different natural springs are used in three centres (QC Terme Bagni Nuovi, QC Terme Bagni Vecchi and Bormio Terme) or in Livigno in the Wellness&Relax area at Aquagranda Active You, while your children play and enjoy themselves in the Slide&Fun area.

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These mountains are the perfect ski location, their sunny slopes made famous by great champions, set in beautiful absolutely natural surroundings. The snow in the Lombardy Alps provides thrills and fun for more expert skiers, entire families and all those who love the mountains in winter, with relaxing snow shoe trails and warm, cosy refuges.

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