

LAKES

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The Italian lakes have plenty to offer visitors and residents alike. Here is a selection of properties to buy in Italy's most **picturesque lakeside destinations**

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Italy is home to some of Europe's nicest lakes. Lombardy, Veneto and Piedmont are all known as the lake regions of Italy, but the popularity of these areas has seen

property prices soar. Therefore, it is also good to take a look at other areas where there are several stunning lakes that have breathtaking views and attract Italians and foreign visitors alike. One is Lake Iseo, the fourth largest lake in Lombardy. Here a two-bedroom apartment with lake views can be picked up for €120,000. Nearby, the sweet Lake Endine is popular with locals from Bergamo, which is just 30 minutes from the centre. Further west, Lake Maggiore has breathtaking views and offers great entertainment for anyone who loves watersports, trekking, sightseeing and arts. Property prices vary depending on the resort but you can ensure you will get your money back if you decide to rent your home out as there is a high demand all year round. For those looking for a more tranquil lake resort, Lake Orta and Lake Lugano are both good options.



€75,000-€250,000

PARZANICA

This newly-built apartment is situated in Parzanica, a characteristic village on Lake Iseo. Part of a new development, the apartments are due to be finished in autumn 2010. One- and two-bedroom apartments with a bathroom, plus lounge and kitchen are available. Some apartments also boast a lake-facing terrace or garden with patio. The complex features a communal swimming pool.

Price from €99,000

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€100,000-€250,000

TOSCOLANO MADERNO

This apartment lies in the centre of Toscolano Maderno, a charming town on Lake Garda with ferry services available to discover the lake. It has recently been restored and is ready to move into. The apartment faces the lake, so all rooms have plenty of light and there is also a large panoramic terrace. The apartment consists of a spacious lounge, a kitchenette, a double bedroom and a bathroom.

Price €200,000

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€100,000-€250,000

ARGEGNO

This property is a recently built villa divided into three apartments. It is situated just 500 yards from Lake Como, boasting a panoramic view of the lake. The apartment has two storeys and its own entrance. On the ground floor there is a lounge, kitchenette and bathroom. On the first floor there are two bedrooms and a second bathroom. It also comes with a garage and 100sqm garden.

Price €190,000

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