



NON-GUIDED WALK



Brissago - Rifugio al Legn

1804 m a.s.l.

An insiders' secret! A walk on a well-signposted path from Mergugno through the woods and past old "golden rain" laburnum trees to the Al Legn mountain hut. With a cross that can be seen from far away, the compact building with its large terrace and steep roof is very spectacular.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

You can start the walk from the hotel and it takes about 4 hours. Alternatively you can drive to Mergugno (30 minutes) and walk from there through the woods to the Rifugio al Legn (2 hrs).

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 **DURATION: 4 HRS**

 **FITNESS**



APRIL - OCTOBER



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Brissago - Pizzo Leone

1659 m a.s.l.



What a view! Even though the Pizzo Leone is not the highest mountain in Ticino, it offers incredible panoramic views. You can start the walk in various places, but the real starting point is in Porera. Porera is easy to get to, by car or on foot from Ronco/Ascona. The footpath begins by the little church in Pozzuolo, at 1181 m a.s.l.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The walk up to the Pizzo Leone (1659 m) takes about two hours. The Alpe Naccio (1395 m) is a good place for a break on the way.

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 **DURATION: 4 ½ HRS**

 **FITNESS**



MARCH - OCTOBER



NON-GUIDED WALK

Brissago - Laghetto dei Salei

(ONSERNONE VALLEY) 1923 m



If you love the mountains, you won't want to miss the beautiful little alpine Lake Salei! The walk starts at the top of the Funivia Salei cable car (1783 m a.s.l.).

Highlights of this walk include the rustic mountain hut and a crystal-clear mountain lake, surrounded by stunning views and magnificent mountain peaks. The villages of Comologno and Spruga (about 1½ hours' walk away) are easy to get to.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Go from Brissago to Vergeletto (for the Funivia Salei) by car (50 minutes) or bus (1 hr 40 minutes).

EQUIPMENT

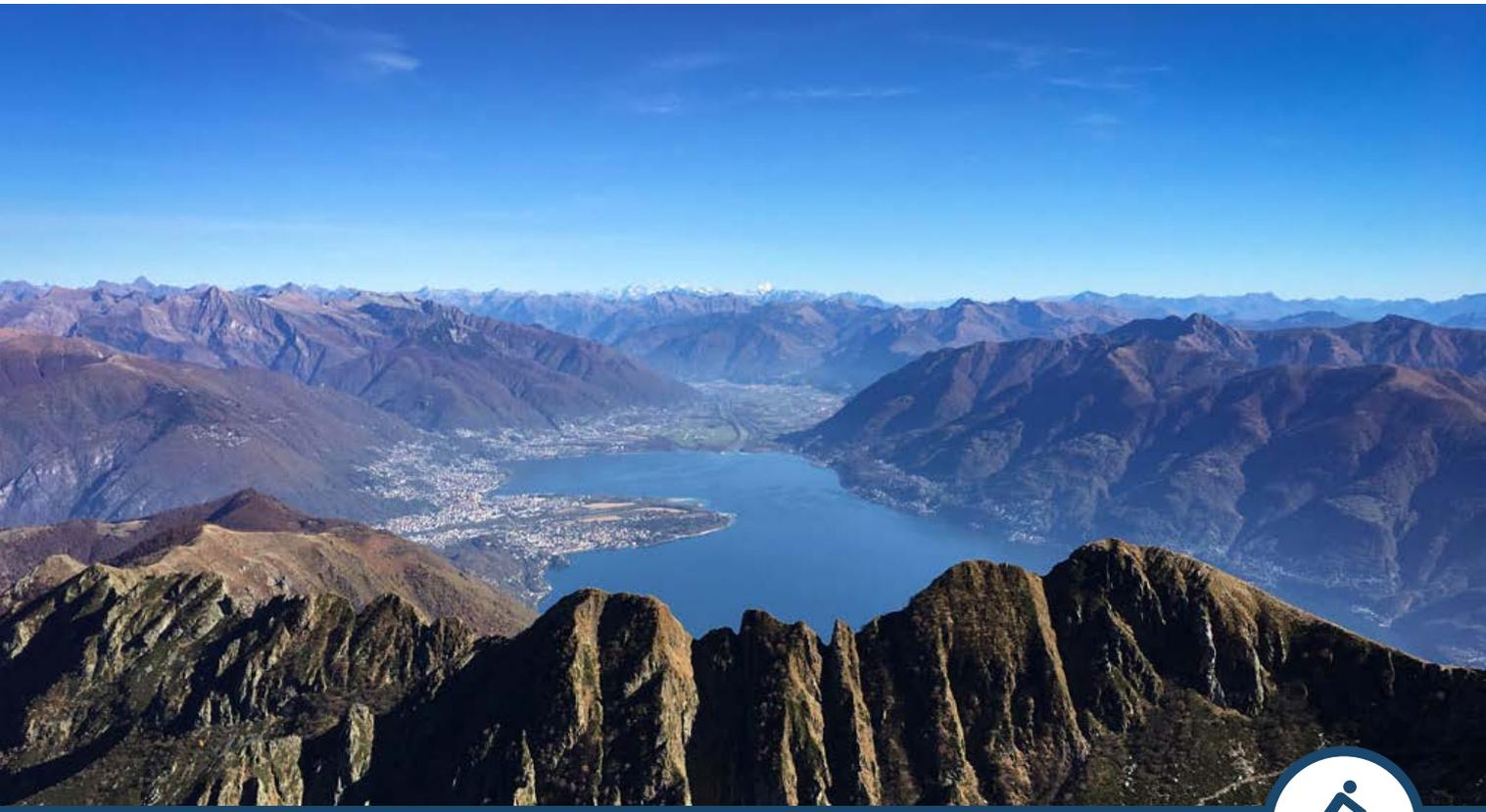
You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 **DURATION: 2 HRS**

 **FITNESS**



APRIL - OCTOBER



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Monte Gridone

2188 m a.s.l.

Our top
tip

This majestic mountain overlooks Brissago and the walk goes along the side of the Ghiridone through the forest reserve of Bosco Sacro di Mergugno.

On the climb up to Monte Gridone you pass by the "Pearl of the Southern Alps", a forest reserve of alpine laburnums. It's a sight not to be missed. In late spring and early summer, the wood is famous for its "pioggia d'oro" (golden rain), and with good reason. But be careful, because the beautiful yellow, sweet-smelling flowers are poisonous...

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Getting there: Car park, Mergugno 6614, (20 minutes) or on foot from the hotel (2 hrs) walking towards Sacro Monte.

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 DURATION: 5 ½ HRS

 FITNESS



MARCH - OCTOBER



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Bavona Valley

A hike through the fairy-tale landscape of the Bavona Valley. There is no electricity supply to this valley of peace and harmony, and you can wonder at nature in all its unspoilt glory. One fascinating feature is the so-called "sprügh" (buildings constructed beneath the rocks), which enabled people to adapt nature to meet their needs and provided shelter and accommodation for humans or animals.

The walk, which takes you right along the Bavona Valley, can be started in Bignasco or in Caveragno. Other points of interest include Sonlerto and the pretty oratory in Gannariente, with its precious 16th century frescoes. In San Carlo, the last village in the Bavona Valley, you can conveniently catch the post bus back to Bignasco or Caveragno to make your way back to the hotel.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Go from Brissago to Vergeletto (for the Funivia Salei) by car (50 minutes) or bus (1 hr 40 minutes).

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 DURATION: 5 - 7 HRS

 FITNESS



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Corippo

The route takes you from Mergoscia, the centre of the canton of Ticino, above the Vogorno dam and on to Corippo. Corippo is the smallest municipality in Switzerland. These small villages have retained their rural character: you can still see houses built of stone with white-framed windows and roofs made of stone slabs. Around the villages are beautiful vineyards enclosed by the typical dry-stone walls.

The wonderful mountain trail into the Verzasca valley and as far as Corippo begins in Mergoscia.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Take bus no. 316 to Locarno station and from there take line 312 to Mergoscia. You can travel back to Locarno and on to Brissago by bus.

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 DURATION: 3 HRS

 FITNESS



MARCH - OCTOBER



GUIDED WALK

Intragna

Explore the fascinating historic centre of Intragna, at the entrance to the Centovalli. This interesting cultural guided tour illuminates various aspects of the past, present and future. Starting from the pretty piazza, highlights of the walk include visits to the San Gottardo church with its 19th century organ, and the Centovalli-Pedemonte regional museum, which explores aspects of emigration and the fate of young chimney sweeps from the Centovalli. You will also climb 65 m up the highest church tower in Ticino. At the end there is the option of visiting the little Bottega Cento Rustici, where you'll find numerous regional products: polenta flour, wine, spirits and much more.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Takes place: every Wednesday, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon

Cost: adults CHF 15/Children (under 16) CHF 7

Includes: guided tour of the town, admission to the Centovalli-Pedemonte museum and the church tower

Meeting place: Intragna village square at 10.30 a.m.
From the hotel take bus no. 316 to Locarno station and continue on the Centovalli Railway to Intragna and the meeting place (1 hr), or go by car (20 minutes)

Reservation: essential, no later than 24 hrs in advance

 **DURATION: 1 ½ HRS**

 **FITNESS**



APRIL - OCTOBER



GUIDED WALK

Loco Mill

Welcome back to the Stone Age! The miller at Loco introduces and demonstrates the traditional water mill there that dates from the 18th century. Nowadays the millstones are mainly used to grind maize into polenta flour.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Takes place: Thursday, 2 to 5 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
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- Cost: Admission CHF 2
- Languages: German, Italian, French
- Meeting place: Bus stop for the post bus service to the Valle Onsernone (line 324, Loco stop)
From the hotel, take bus no. 316 to Via della Pace Locarno and then bus no. 324 to the Loco stop (1 hr 50 minutes) or go by car (30 minutes)

 **DURATION: 2 HRS**

 **FITNESS**



APRIL - OCTOBER



GUIDED WALK



The chimney-sweeps who emigrated

Go on a journey back in time! Listen to the clatter of clogs and the old stories and legends! A local guide will take you back to the Centovalli of the early 20th century. Poverty forced many families to send their children to work abroad as chimney sweeps. One such was the Tondù family in Lionza, which, following a family tragedy, became very wealthy and helped the village out of its miserable state. The trip takes you from Cadanza to Borgnone, then on to Lionza and along the historic market route to Palagnedra, from where you return to Intragna.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Takes place: every Wednesday, from 9.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.

Cost: Adults CHF 50
Children: 6 - 16 years CHF 30 / Under 6 's free

Includes: Guided walk, transfer from Intragna to Cadanza and back

Meeting place: From the hotel, take bus no. 316 to Locarno station, and continue on the Centovalli Railway to Intragna and the meeting place (1 hr), or go by car (20 minutes)

Reservation: essential, no later than 24 hrs in advance

EQUIPMENT

You will need suitable hiking boots, food to carry in your rucksack, plenty to drink and sun protection.

 DURATION: 5 ½ HRS

 FITNESS



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