

LCV-Tour 2024 Lago d'Orta / Italy

12th - 21st April 2024

The Lago d'Orta is situated some few kms west of the Lago Maggiore, smaller but very attractive. For us this destination is important because it is not far away from Fobello, the village where Vincenzo Lancia was born. And we can meet our friends of the local club VALSESIA LANCIA STORY and the new owners of the Villa Lancia in Fobello.

On Friday, 12th April, some participants came to one of the start places (Neuenburg/Rhine and Lindau/Lake Constance). Next morning one group was going via San Bernardino, the other to Vevey, the Rhône valley and the Sempione to our Hotel Madonna di Luciago in the mountains above the east side of the Lago d'Orta. We want to thank Miss Ellie (who is the soul of the hotel) for her assistance.

In the next days we visited Orta San Giulio with its very attractive Piazza, a restaurant in the mountains near Omegna with finest Italian cuisine, a botanic garden with alpine plants, the castle Rocca di Angera at the south side of the Lago Maggiore and the Lago Mergozzo, a beautiful small lake near Verbania and Gravellona. Obviously this lake is nearly unknown, no tourists but good restaurants offering fresh fish out of the lake. The absolute highlight of our tour was the visit of the Villa Lancia in Fobello. Many thanks to Lisa. She organized a catering service and we could have a dinner in that room where Vincenzo Lancia had his breakfast every morning before driving to Turin.

On Sunday morning it was time to say good bye and going home. South of the Alpes it was sunny but when we came out of the tunnel there was snow and about 20° C colder.

We had no trouble with our cars and even the 1954 Appia Berlina was going over the passes like a "young girl".

It was a very nice travel and it was not the last time to visit this region. But at first we expect a visit of our Italian friends in Germany, maybe next year.



Hotel Madonna di Luciago



Isola San Giulio



Orta San Giulio, Piazza



Omegna, Ristorante Ponte Bria



Lago di Mergozzo



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Lago di Mergozzo



Lago di Mergozzo, Elm tree, 500 years old



Rocca di Angera



Rocca di Angera, Olive tree (*Olea europaea*)



Fobello, Church



Fobello, Cemetary



Lancia Flaminia Berlina



Lancia 2000/Flavia Coupé/Convertible