

BELLINZONA



A picturesque old town, lively piazzas, and a dramatic backdrop of castle-crowned mountains await in Bellinzona.

THE CASTLES



CASTELGRANDE

The oldest and most imposing of Bellinzona's fortresses, Castelgrande crowns a rocky hill above the town and offers sweeping views of the Alps and surrounding valleys.



CASTELLO DI MONTEBELLO

Perched on a hillside east of the center, Montebello is known for its well-preserved medieval walls and strategic position overlooking Bellinzona.



CASTELLO DI SASSO CORBARO

The highest and most isolated of the three castles, Sasso Corbaro rewards visitors with panoramic vistas and a quieter atmosphere. You can dine within the walls at the Osteria Sasso Corbaro.

OLD TOWN BELLINZONA



WEEKLY MARKET

Held each Saturday in the historic center, Bellinzona's lively market fills the streets with local cheeses, cured meats, produce, crafts, and regional specialties.



CHIESA COLLEGIATA DEI SANTI PIETRO E STEFANO

This elegant Renaissance church anchors Bellinzona's old town and features richly decorated interiors, marble chapels, and notable works of religious art.

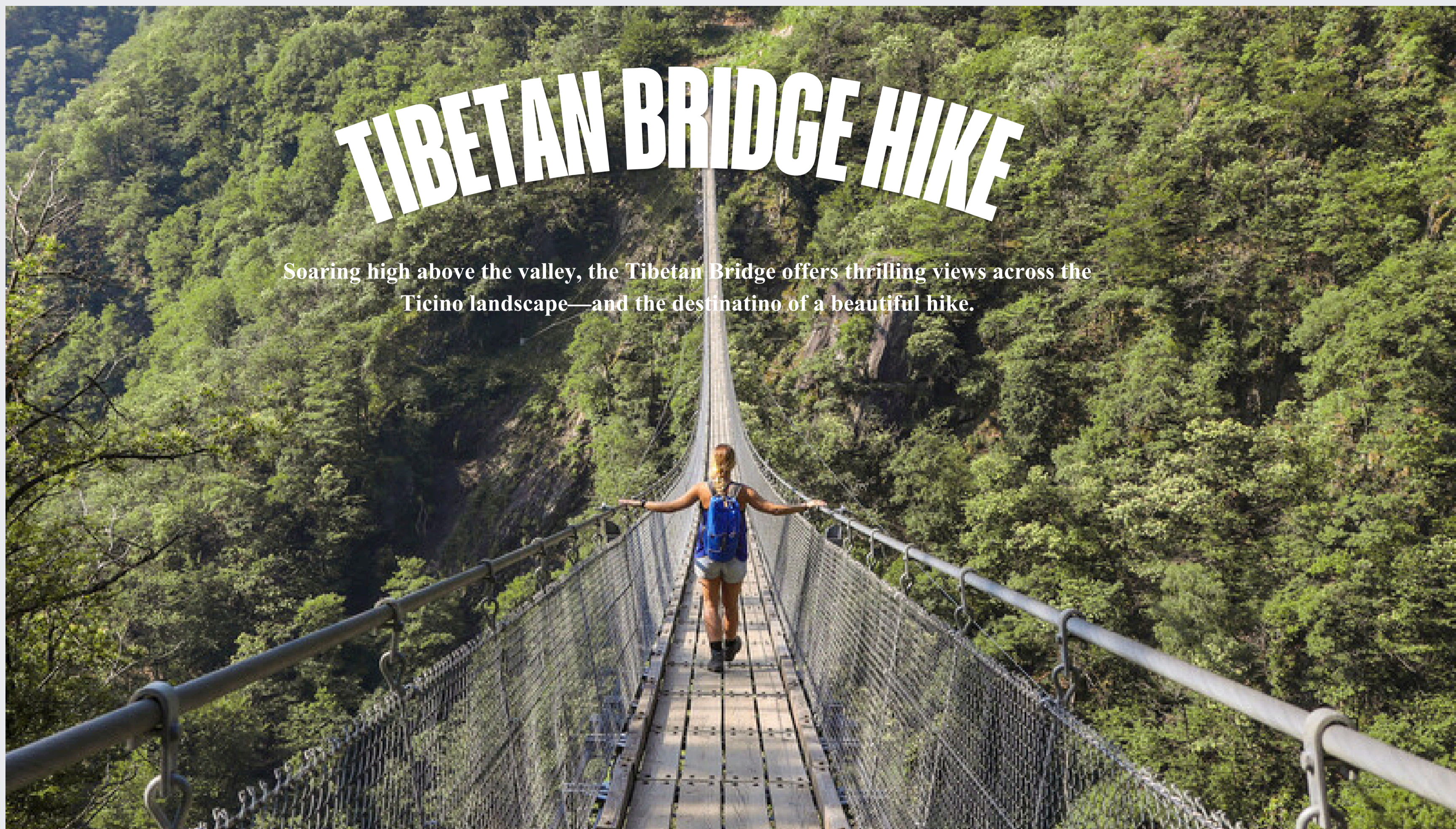


RISOTTO MAKING

Risotto is one of Ticino's signature dishes, and cooking classes and demonstrations offer visitors a chance to learn the secrets behind this creamy regional favorite.

TIBETAN BRIDGE HIKE

Soaring high above the valley, the Tibetan Bridge offers thrilling views across the Ticino landscape—and the destination of a beautiful hike.



ALONG THE WAY



CHESTNUT HERITAGE

For centuries, chestnuts were so essential to life in Ticino that they were known as the region's "bread tree," providing food, flour, timber, and fuel for mountain communities.



SWING OF THE WORLD

Near the spectacular Carasc Tibetan Bridge, this giant wooden swing offers a playful way to soak in sweeping views of the forested valley and surrounding mountains.



SAN BERNARDO

Renowned for its beautifully preserved 15th-century frescoes, the hillside Chapel of San Bernardo contains some of Ticino's finest late medieval religious art.



RISTORANTE OSTELLO CURZÜTT

Set in the restored stone hamlet of Curzütt, this atmospheric restaurant serves traditional Ticinese cuisine with sweeping views over the Bellinzona valley. They have rooms, too!



MONTE CARASSO-MORNERA CABLE CAR

You don't need to hike the entire loop to see the chapel or Curzütt village! Take the Monte Carasso-Mornera cable car for easy access (reservations recommended).



LUGANO

Set between sparkling Lake Lugano and forested mountains, Lugano blends Mediterranean flair, lakeside promenades, outdoor adventures, and a vibrant cultural scene in the heart of Switzerland.

SIGHTS TO SEE



VIA NASSA

Edged with graceful arcades, chi-chi boutiques, and pastry-filled cafés, Via Nassa is Lugano's ultimate luxury hub for shopping and strolling by the lake.



LAC LUGANO ARTE E CULTURA

World-class exhibitions featuring local artists, along with world-class concerts, theaters, and dance performances, take place in this super modern art center in a striking lakeside setting.



CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGIOLI

This small church is renowned for its magnificent Renaissance fresco by Bernardino Luini of the Passion and Crucifixion, one of Switzerland's most important works of religious art.



HERMANN HESSE MUSEUM MONTAGNOLA

Dedicated to Nobel Prize-winning author Hermann Hesse, this museum showcases manuscripts, photographs, and personal artifacts (including his watercolors) from his four decades in Montagnola.



LAGO LUGANO

You can swim, sail, paddle, cruise, and stroll the scenic shoreline of Lago Lugano while enjoying spectacular views of the surrounding mountains.



GRAND HOTEL VILLA CASTAGNOLA

Set in a historic villa surrounded by subtropical gardens, this refined lakeside retreat combines old-world elegance with luxury hospitality—and exquisite balconies—on the shores of Lago Lugano.

LAGO MAGGIORE

On the Swiss side of Lago Maggiore, palm-lined lakeside towns, subtropical gardens, and mountain views create one of Switzerland's most Mediterranean landscapes.

SIGHTS TO SEE



LAKE FERRY

Hop aboard a lake ferry to travel between the lakeside towns of Switzerland's Lago Maggiore region while enjoying views of palm-lined shores, colorful villages, and mountain peaks.



LOCARNO

Set on the northern shore of Lago Maggiore, the village of Locarno captivates with its sunny lakeside promenade, elegant piazzas, vibrant cultural scene, and relaxed Mediterranean vibe.



ASCONA

Framed by palm trees and sparkling lake views, the village of Ascona captivates with its colorful old town and Mediterranean atmosphere.

BRISSAGO ISLANDS



ISOLA GRANDE

Home to lush botanical gardens, Roman baths, and sweeping lake views, Isola Grande is the crown jewel of the Brissago Islands.



BOTANICAL GARDENS

Isola Grande's botanical gardens feature more than 1,700 exotic, subtropical plant species thriving uniquely within Switzerland's only island-based park.



GORGEOUS VIEWS

Sweeping views of the Brissago Islands showcase lush subtropical gardens set like emerald jewels in the sparkling waters of Lago Maggiore.

TICINO AT A GLANCE

BELLINZONA

General Tourism Info

www.bellinzonaevalli.ch/en

THE CASTLES

General info:

<https://fortezzabellinzona.ch/en/>

Castel Grande Bellinzona

Salita Castelgrande 18, 6500 Bellinzona, Switzerland

Tel. +41 (0)91 825 21 31

<https://fortezzabellinzona.ch/en/discover-castel-grande>

Castello di Montebello/Museo

Archeologico di Montebello

Via Artore 4, 6500 Bellinzona, Switzerland

Tel. +41 (0)91 825 13 42 (museo)

fortezzabellinzona.ch/en/mostre-attivita/archaeologia-montebello/?occurrence=2026-03-28

Castello Di Sasso Corbaro

Via Sasso Corbaro 44, 6500 Bellinzona, Switzerland

Tel. +41 (0)91 825 21 31

<https://fortezzabellinzona.ch/en/discover-sasso-corbaro>

Osteria Di Sasso Corbaro (restaurant)

Sasso Corbaro | 6500 Bellinzona

Tel. +41 (9)1 825 55 32

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BELLINZONA SATURDAY MARKET

Stretches from Piazza Nosetto to alleyways of the old town

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CHIESA COLLEGIATA DEI SANTI PIETRO E STEFANO

Piazza Collegiata, 6500 Bellinzona, Switzerland

www.ticino.ch/it/commons/details/Collegiata-dei-SS-Pietro-e-Stefano/2841.html

TIBETAN BRIDGE CARASC HIKE

HIKE INFO

<https://togetherinswitzerland.com/hiking-to-the-ponte-tibetano-carasc-bridge>

Lunch Stop: RISTORANTE OSTELLO CURZÜTT

Via i Fracc 1, 6513 Monte Carasso

Tel. +41 (0)91 835 57 23

curzutt.ch

MONTE CARASSO–MORNERA CABLE CAR

(Funivia Monte Carasso–Mornera)

Tel. +41 (0)58 203 14 50

www.mornera.ch/en/cable-car

RISOTTO WORKSHOP IN BELLINZONA

Tel. +41 (0)76 616 68 42
<https://www.ticino.ch/en/commons/details/Risotto-Workshop/129035.html>

LUGANO

General Tourism Info

www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/destinations/lugano/

VIA NASSA

www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/experiences/via-nassa

LAC LUGANO ARTE E CULTURA

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Tel. +41 (0)58 866 42 22
www.luganolac.ch

CHURCH OF SANTA MARIA DEGLI ANGIOLI

Piazza Bernardino Luini
www.ticino.ch/en/commons/details/Church-of-S-Maria-degli-Angeli-Lugano/2682.html

HERMANN HESSE MUSEUM MONTAGNOLA

Ra Cürta 2, 6926 Montagnola, Switzerland
Tel. +41 (0)91 993 37 70
www.en.hessemontagnola.ch

GRAND HOTEL VILLA CASTAGNOLA

Via Pico 9, 6900 Lugano
Tel. +41 (0)91 973 25 55
www.villacastagnola.com

LAGO LUGANO

General info: www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/destinations/lake-lugano

LAGO MAGGIORE

General Tourism Info

www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/destinations/lago-maggiore-region

LAKE FERRY

Timetable:
www.isoledibrissago.ti.ch/en/visit/how-to-get-there

LOCARNO

General Tourism Info:
<https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/destinations/locarno/>

ASCONA

General Tourism Info:
<https://www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/destinations/ascona/>

BRISSAGO ISLANDS

General Tourism Info:
www.isoledibrissago.ti.ch/en

HOTEL VILLA EMDEN RESTAURANT

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www.myswitzerland.com/en-us/experiences/food-wine/restaurant/hotel-restaurant-villa-emden