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## Hotel Villa Cipressi

### Varenna, Lake Como, Italy



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**7**<sub>10</sub>  
Telegraph expert rating

"Villa Cipressi offers a dreamy lakefront location in Varenna, with stunning botanical gardens where secluded corners offer the perfect setting to pop questions or bask in a romantic tête-à-tête. The excellent location, a short walk from the jetty, means you're perfectly located to explore Lake Como's major sights by boat."

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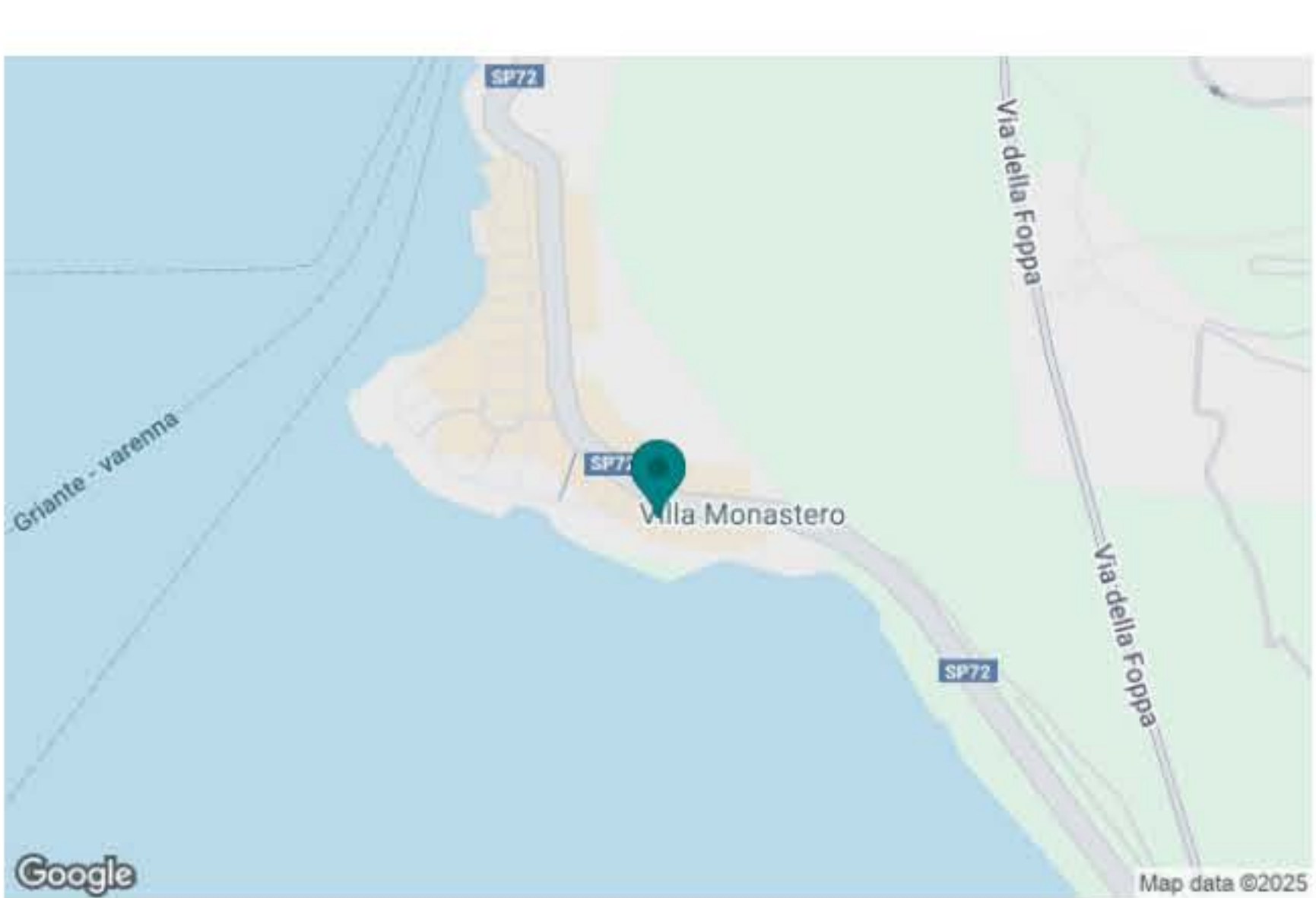
#### Telegraph Review

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### 9<sub>10</sub> Location

The hotel has a lovely lakefront location in Varenna, one of Lake Como's most romantic towns, full of steep, narrow cobbled streets and a tranquil lakefront dotted with cafés. The hotel lies just outside the pedestrianised historic centre, a two-minute walk from the village. The entrance is on the main road, although once you cross the threshold it's all gorgeous lake vistas.

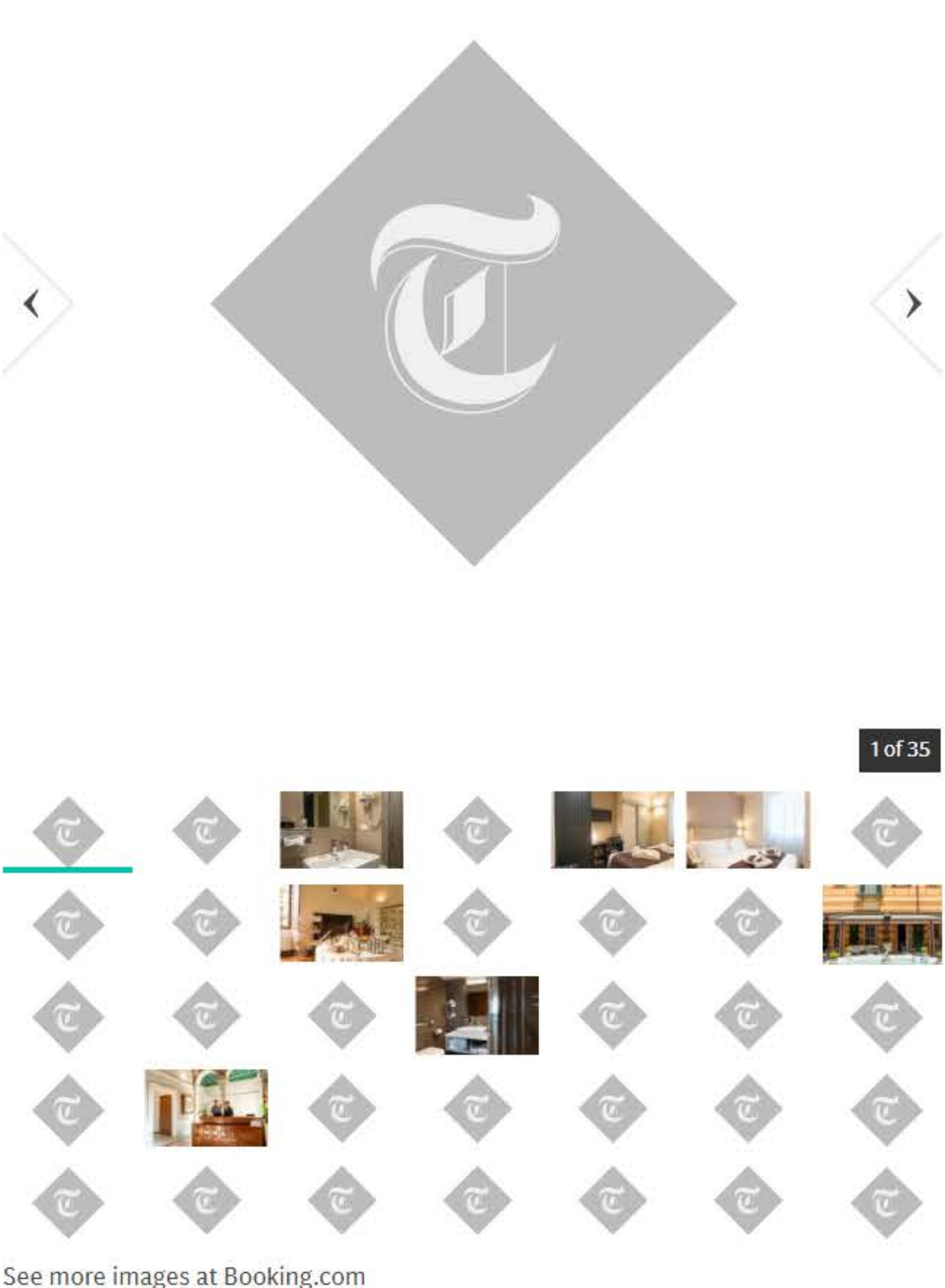
The only minor downside to the location is that the villa's beautiful botanical gardens are open to the public (they're one of Varenna's main attractions) and hotel guests won't be the only ones exploring them by day, which means they can get very crowded in high summer. That said, come evening, you'll have them all to yourself.



### 7<sub>10</sub> Style and Character

The hotel comprises three buildings that were once private residences. The oldest dates back to the 1400s, and today houses the breakfast area; the second was built in the 1600s; the third, where you'll find reception and some of the rooms, was constructed in the 1800s.

Today, it's owned by the local municipality and managed by the R Collection Hotels group. Recent renovations have rescued and enhanced the three villas' original features: elaborate marble Corinthian columns, intricately decorated coffered ceilings, pretty wall frescoes with floral designs and bucolic landscapes, and a beautiful marble and wrought-iron staircase. The original features are lovely, although furnishings feel rather functional, with modern fittings (think squeaky leather sofas) that are not quite in keeping with the style of the villas.



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### 7<sub>10</sub> Service and Facilities

The gorgeous botanical gardens are the highlight, with endemic plants and exotic species from the world over tumbling onto narrow paths that wind down towards the lakefront. The gardens are one of Varenna's major sights, with ticketed entrance by day (free for hotel guests). Both the hotel and gardens share the same entrance, and it's not uncommon to see long queues form at the ticket desk by the main door. With a constant flow of people coming and going during the day, service can feel a little erratic, although staff do their best to please.

An elevated pathway leads across to sister-property Hotel Royal Victoria, home to a private wellness area with sauna, steam room and experience showers that guests can also rent out (at a whopping €90 (£77) per hour); sadly, you're not entitled to use Hotel Royal Victoria's outdoor swimming pool. A complimentary electric car shuttles guests between the hotel, railway station and boat terminal. If you're arriving by boat, there's a private dock. Complimentary yoga classes are provided in the gardens in summer, while sound bath sessions are also available.

- ✔ Bar
- ✔ Laundry
- ✔ Parking
- ✔ Restaurant
- ✔ Room service
- ✔ Sauna
- ✔ Spa
- ✔ Steam room/hammam
- ✔ Wi-Fi

### 7<sub>10</sub> Rooms

Rooms are spread out over the three buildings, with several looking out over a delightful terrace with a soothing water feature framed by stunning lake views. The décor in the rooms is simple and practical, with laminate flooring, modern cream and chocolate-brown furnishings, and faux leather bed frames.

Rooms are brightly lit and their high ceilings lend a great feeling of space; some feature mezzanine levels. The tiled bathrooms are a little small, but all come with glass-fronted rain showers.

### 6<sub>10</sub> Food and Drink

You'll be more impressed with the breakfast room (coffered ceilings, huge stone fireplace and beautiful 15th century frescoes) than with the breakfast buffet. It's decent enough although a little bland, with various sweet and savoury items including fruits, cereal, hams, cheeses, pastries and scrambled eggs.

There isn't a designated restaurant within the hotel itself, but the restaurant of sister-hotel Royal Victoria, Victoria Grill, is a pleasant spot to enjoy an informal meal, with seating in a glass-fronted dining room on a pretty square. The cuisine is Italian but also caters to international tastes, with the likes of tasty wood-fired pizzas, lasagne and beef entrecote. The Royal Victoria is also home to a more formal restaurant serving gourmet dishes on a panoramic terrace, which you can reach via the lakefront gardens. The grounds are a romantic spot to enjoy a drink once the daytime crowds visiting the gardens have receded.

### 7<sub>10</sub> Value for Money

Double rooms from €350 (£299) in low season; and from €600 (£512) in high. Breakfast included.

#### Access for guests with disabilities?




Not suitable.

#### Family-Friendly?

Its romantic location means it's mainly aimed at couples, although families are welcome and the gardens offer ample space for children to run around. There are three rooms with mezzanine levels with twin beds, accommodating a family of four. Cots can be provided for €30 (£26), while extra beds are priced at €60 (£52).

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