



Balcone d'Italia



In the Lugano Prealps, on the border between Italy and Switzerland, a special place offers breathtaking views of the lake and surrounding mountains. This is the Balcone d'Italia, one of Intelvi Valley's best-loved attractions and a FAI 'Place of the Heart'.

The panoramic terrace overlooks Lake Lugano, also known as Lake Ceresio, and some of the Alps' most imposing peaks, including the Matterhorn and Monte Rosa. At the summit, you will also find a small chapel commemorating those who died in the First World War, picnic tables and benches, and a playground just below.

Getting here

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From Hotel La Torre, Lanzo d'Intelvi is around 25-30 minutes away by car. Follow the scenic road through Intelvi Valley up to the mountain village, then continue towards Monte Sighignola and the famous Balcone d'Italia.

Once there, the viewpoint is a short walk of around 10-20 minutes from the car park. Alternatively, you can drive almost all the way to the parking areas nearest the summit.

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