



Provincia di Lecco



F.A.Q. Fotografic services for private use

What is a private photo shoot?

Photo shoots for private use are usually carried out to celebrate special occasions like weddings, wedding anniversaries, birthdays or for wonderful travel memories.

Individuals, couples and families have the possibility to book an entrance to the Villa Monastero garden to carry out photo shoots for private use.

The photos are for private use only; publication is allowed only on one's own personal social media page (that is, on social media pages which do not provide economic returns).

What is the difference with the photographic service for commercial use?

Photographic services for commercial use are carried out by companies, influencers, fashion brands, professional photographers etc. with purposes related to the promotion of their business activity and/or to the publication of photos and videos on communication channels.

How long can the photo shoot for private use last and how much does it cost?

The photo shoot has a minimum duration of one hour, but it is also possible to book photo shoots of two or more hours. The duration of the photo shoot must be indicated on the booking form.

For an entrance to the Villa Monastero Garden for a photo shoot for private use, the 2025 fee is 300 euros per hour and the entrance is allowed to 2 people and to the photographers during opening hours.

The 300 euros fee is per hour (for example: 1 hour of photo shooting: 300 euros, 2 hours: 600 euro; there is no rate for less than 1 hour).

For bookings within the following calendar year, the rates in force at the time of booking applies.

Is it mandatory to use a professional photographer for the photo shoot?

The choice of a professional photographer is at your client's discretion. Villa Monastero does not provide photographers and cannot suggest any photographers.

At what times is it possible to have the photo shoot?

The photographic service is allowed during the [opening hours of the garden](#). For photographic services during closing time an increased fee has to be paid.

Is the garden open to the public during the photo shoot?

Yes, it is. The botanical garden is available for photographic services during opening hours but not for exclusive use so there could be other visitors or groups of visitors around during the photographic service and conferences may be in the venue.

Because of the potential presence of other people at Villa Monastero during the shoot, the recordings and the filming, the client must observe, in relations to other people, all the provisions of the legislation on personal data protection (Regulation EU 2016/679 GDPR and D.lgs. 196/2003 and subsequent amendments).

To this end, it will be responsibility of the client to provide the information on the processing of personal data and, if necessary, of the disclaimers and the authorizations for the use of the images.

Can there be more photo shoots at the same time?

Normally not, booking for photo shoots is required to ensure that each photo shoot is the only one in the whole garden in the chosen time slot.

I'm a wedding planner or a photographer: can I request two photo shoots for private use with different clients in the same time slot?

Yes, you can; in this case you need to fill in two application forms and pay two fees (one for each client).

What is the maximum number of people who can participate to the photo shoot?

For an entrance to the Villa Monastero garden for a photo shoot for private use, the 2024 fee is 300 euro per hour for 2 people and the photographers during opening hours. Additional people have to buy the [entrance ticket to the botanical garden](#).

During the photo shoot, a moderate tone of voice must be kept and shouts must be avoided as you are in a museum location and conventions or conferences may be in the venue.

I want to have a photo shoot at Villa Monastero, how can I book?

After taking note of the information and of the rates on the website, you can make a request by sending an email to villa.monastero@provincia.lecco.it indicating the desired date and the time slot. The reservation is subject to availability check. Payment must be done to confirm the reservation.

Is it possible to reach Villa Monastero by boat for the photo shoot?

Free mooring with boats is allowed for those who visit Villa Monastero; access to the Villa Monastero dock is allowed to boats and taxi boats exclusively to pick up and drop off people for the visit of the Botanical Garden and the House Museum, for the arrival for photo shootings or ceremonies and departure after that.

The dimensions of the docking platform are given below: width 6.30 m x 2.70 m, connected to another platform on the ground by a footbridge 1.10 m wide and 6.50 m long. We suggest you to inform the boat driver. Previous booking is required.

Is it possible to create images and videos using drones during the photo shoot?

The use of drones must be authorized. The drone pilot must send a self-certification in which he declares that he complies with the European Regulation and the relevant ENAC indications; if the drone weighs more than or equal to 250 gr, the drone operator must demonstrate that he is in possession of the appropriate license.

The self-certification must provide the following information and must be signed by the drone pilot:

- registration statement by the Italian Authority on www.d-flight.it
- insurance policy compliant to the ENAC indications
- to respect the privacy of others during the shooting

Is there a room available to use for changing clothes before and after the photo shoot?

The availability of a room for changing clothes must be checked in advance. If available, its use is subject to a fee and the request must be made at the time of booking.