



Villa Bellini. Villa Bellini is situated on the sunny northern side of Lake Como in Moltrasio, a charming village three kilometers from Cernobbio. Its immaculate **grounds extend to the waterside where there is a dock for arrivals by boat.** They include rose gardens, vegetable gardens, orchards, olive and lemon trees near the swimming pool terrace and eleven working fountains – considered some of the most spectacular on Lake Como. Set within such beauty is the villa itself, whose origins lie in the 17th century, having been designed by one of the region's most important architects, Felice Soavi from Switzerland. The villa was completely restored and renovated in 2002. Since then the frescoed ceilings, the floors - a sophisticated mixture of colored “seminato”, terracotta from Lombardy and antique wood - the beautiful sculptures, paintings, tapestry and Venetian chandeliers have all helped to create a unique and magical atmosphere. Over the centuries many famous artists, musicians and statesmen **including Napoleon Bonaparte and Winston Churchill** have been guests of the villa. The most famous long term visitor was Vincenzo Bellini who lived there from 1829 till 1833, writing his famous opera "La Sonnambula" here. On request and at extra cost is a modern guesthouse annexed within the grounds which can be used for additional guests.

Ground floor: Consists of the Dining Room - an oval shaped room with 16 marble columns and the most important fresco in the villa by Andrea Appiani; the Tuscan Dining Room -more casual with a marble fireplace and television; two Studies -computer and internet connection; the Billiard Room with a hand-carved English snooker table; the Cinema Room with a fireplace and mahogany bar; the Pizzeria, a massive fireplace and antique brick pizza oven and the fully equipped Kitchen.

First and second floors: All eight suites on the first and second floors are uniquely

beautiful with spectacular bathrooms, some of them having Philippe Starck designed wash basins, bathtubs and W/Cs while others have antique French and English large trough bathtubs and ornate wash basins. All are furnished with antiques, Persian rugs and beautiful art. **First floor:** the Music Room with a beautifully restored antique Bleuthner piano and frescoed ceilings by Giocondo Albertolli; the Fitness Room and three suites: Laura, Della Nonna and Camilla.

Second floor: Five suites: Bisbino, Sant'Agata, Bellini, Norma and Sonnambula.

- ✔ Swimming Pool
- ✔ In Town
- ✔ Sauna or Jacuzzi : Jacuzzi
- ✔ English spoken
- ✔ Maid Service
- ✔ Local Cook : on request
- ✔ Linen change
- ✔ Air conditioning
- ✔ Heating : extra
- ✔ Satellite TV
- ✔ DVD Player
- ✔ Telephone
- ✔ Dishwasher
- ✔ Washing machine

