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# CHIC RETREAT

## Grand Hotel Tremezzo, LAKE COMO

Following in the footsteps of Cheryl and Mr Clooney, *InStyle*'s Emily Dean enjoys poolside pizza and Prosecco on ice in a grand Italian palace



### HANG ON, THIS LAKE COMO HOTEL LOOKS FAMILIAR...

That's probably because Cheryl Fernandez-Versini was snapped wafting around in a Tory Burch kaftan by the Grand Hotel Tremezzo's legendary floating pool recently. We missed her by a week, but we did drive right past George Clooney's villa.

### SO IT'S A BIT ON THE FLASH SIDE?

They say Italians do it better, and when it comes to this hotel, they're not lying. An insanely grand villa set over the postcard-perfect lake, it's fabulously old school – plush red velvet chaise longues, waiters in starched white jackets and ornate gold bedheads – with little modern flourishes and Prosecco on ice in the room.



### WE TAKE IT THE BEDS WERE NOT FROM IKEA?

The rooms made us feel like we were waking up in the villa of an Italian countess – dove-grey silk bedspreads, antique armoires and thick velvet drapes that drew back to reveal a view of the boats gently bobbing on the lake. No wonder Greta Garbo was a huge fan of this place (and they named one of the suites after her).



### WHAT DID YOU DO?

Made very good use of the floating pool, set on the lake itself and regularly voted one of the world's best. After a day of sunbathing we'd sip Aperol spritzes before taking a ridiculous amount of selfies in the bougainvillaea-filled gardens.

### DID YOU EAT?

We were in Italy – don't ask silly questions. We sat on the terrace of the hotel's fine dining restaurant, sipping rosé while devouring fresh lobster, delicious scallops and ricotta pancakes.

### NO PIZZA?

Of course we had pizza! Cooked for us poolside, on a wood fire. Later we took a boat to Bellagio and had the fluffiest ice cream ever at the Gelateria del Borgo.

### NOT FOR DIET FREAKS THEN?

Not exactly. Especially not when you're faced with jars of sweets every time you walk through the lobby. Somebody reminded us they were 'for the children'. Did that stop us? Did it hell. Rooms from: £460 per night. Call +39 0344 42491 or visit [grandhoteltremezzo.com](http://grandhoteltremezzo.com)



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