

**Length:** 10 km

**Advised:** by Foot/ Bike

**Route's type :** Landscape – Culture - Nature



Montisola is the biggest island in an European lake. A jewel for its quietness and relax. Montisola can be reached in a few minutes by motorboat from the villages on the coast. Spring and autumn are the best seasons to visit the island. The round trip starts from Peschiera Maraglio: the village still preserves the charming character of a fishermen's village and it is home to the only artisans who still craft the typical boat of Lake Iseo, called "naèt".

The greatest historical and architectural resource is the 17th century Parish of St. Michael the Archangel. What especially loves the visitor is the old time atmosphere that can be enjoyed by strolling along the narrow streets, under the arcades, on the steps and along the lake promenade. After a walk among olive trees following the coast, we reach the village of Sensole, which was the favourite place for painters and artists. A steep road takes us from there to Menzino. Through a cobbled track starts the climb to the 14th Oldofredi-Martinengo Fortress. If we keep on walking North we encounter the small town of Sinchigliano, where we find St. Charles Church (17th century), and then Siviano, which is the administrative centre of the island. It was medieval fortification and it has still the structure of that period.



The path now descends to the port and from there the 16th century Villa Solitudine should be seen. Another short walk takes us to Carzano, which lies on the north-eastern head; here a visit should be paid to the baroque Parish of St. John the Baptist and to the 16th century Palazzetto Ducco. On the way back to Peschiera we encounter a detour that winds up to the Sanctuary of Madonna della Ceriola (altitude 600 m.), passing the villages of Senzano and Cure. This last

track takes about an hour and a half (in addition to the duration of the route), but it is possible to arrive to Cure by a shuttle bus.

