

# Look at Lombardy for fun activities this winter

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When you think of Lombardy, Milan and the Italian Lakes probably spring to mind first off. Unless, of course, you're already in on the mountains of Lombardy secret. In which case you probably know the region best for family winter holidays and fabulous skiing. If you haven't discovered winter in Lombardy yet, you really should.

Not only are the mountains breathtakingly beautiful, several resorts claim more hours of winter sunshine than almost anywhere else in Europe. Plus, you might have heard rumours about family ski holidays in Italy being excellent value: Lombardy is partly responsible for that well-deserved reputation.

But, great as the skiing is here, it's not all there is to do. So before you decide where to holiday with the kids this winter, have a look at just nine very good reasons to look closer at Lombardy; handpicked by the experts at in LOMBARDIA, and all recommended for extreme family fun.



## 1/9 Snowkiting

With more than 100 peaks soaring 3000m above sea level; 12,000km plus of downhill slopes and hundreds of kilometres of cross-country trails through breathtakingly wild and beautiful landscape, it's easy to understand why ski holidays in the mountains of Lombardy are more popular than ever. But you might not have known, this is also one of Europe's top regions for snowkiting.

If you're new to the sport, it's a hybrid of skiing and kitesurfing, and kids can start learning from age 12, as long as they have basic downhill or snowboard skills. Lombardy schools offer courses ranging from one day to an entire week. And all instructors are qualified and multi-lingual, so it's not only incredible fun, it's reliably safe too. Plus, unlike kitesurfing, snowkiting takes off in the lightest of breezes, which means no boring downtime waiting around for high winds.

### Top places for snowkiting in the mountains of Lombardy

- SnowKite Tonale in Passo del Tonale starts kids off from age 12 with a two hour try-out. The school also has more advanced courses for experienced kite-surfers to have a go on snow, and heads up Backcountry Exploration Days to let advanced kites adventure off-piste.
- Family-friendly Snowkite School Montespluga in Valchiavenna launches lessons with a fun kids' Sailing Game to teach over 12s basic kite-control. Their beginner's courses range from four hours to a full weekend, and more experienced kites can practice on slopes here or even glide over the frozen surface of glacial Lago Bianco.

Find out more about snowkiting in the mountains of Lombardy