



## BIRTHPLACE OF ALESSANDRO VOLTA

You can find this point of interest in Como 6 – Stage 1.

### INFORMATION

**Location:** Alessandro Volta's birthplace is in via Volta 62 in Como

**Paving:** the road surface of via Volta is made of porphyry tiles with side bands paved in stone. The entrance hall is also paved in stone

**Architectural barriers:** on the sides of the entrance gates there are two low conical stone bollards

**Access:** access from the entrance in via Volta

**Services:** parking available in Viale Varese, outside the walled city; city and suburban bus stops available outside the walled city. Municipal Library of Como in Piazzetta Venosto Lucati

**Leisure and Catering:** bars and cafes in the area; public garden along Viale Varese with a fountain

**Other information:** pedestrian area with limited traffic. The structure is privately owned and generally cannot be visited; however, it is possible to contact the secretariat of the Order of Engineers of the Province of Como, tel. 031.269810 (Monday to Friday 9.00-12.00) for a visit to the part of competence.

### DESCRIPTION

*(by Silvia Fasana)*

The house in which Alessandro Volta, the sixth child of Filippo and Maddalena Inzaghi, was born on February 18, 1745, and died on March 5, 1827, is the result of the unification of various contiguous buildings that took place since 1536, when an ancestor of the physicist, Zanino, had moved from Lovenno di Menaggio to Como. In 1803 the physicist himself, considering it too small and inadequate, even if he would have liked Palazzo Rezzonico (now home to the "Giuseppe Garibaldi" Historical Museum), contented himself with further expanding it by buying an adjoining house from the Raimondi family. In 1862 the house was purchased by Carlo Pizzala who had it radically restored, giving it its current late-neoclassical appearance. Currently the building houses the headquarters of the Order of Engineers, offices and private homes. On the façade, to the right of the entrance door, a plaque commemorates «This was / the ancestral home / of / Alessandro Volta / the Town Hall p. » It is worth mentioning the interesting hanging garden arranged on the embankment along the walls.