

Beautiful Lake of Garda

Italy's largest lake is Lake Garda and the most beautiful lake in all Europe. It stretches between the Alps and the Dolomites. The climate is warm in which lemon orchards and olive groves flourish.

It was formed more than 10000 years ago. The lake lies between olive groves vineyards and high mountains. There are five islands on the lake Isola del Garda, Isola dei Conigli, Isola di Sogno, Isola di Trimelone and Isola dell'Olivo.

Lake Garda is easily reached whether you travel by train, plane or car. To travel around the lake the public bus covers the whole region. The motorway of northern Italy runs parallel to Lake Garda.

Gardaland is the biggest theme park, in Veneto Italy. The park opened in 1975 and is built on the eastern shore of Lake Garda at Castlenuovo del Garda.

The Vittoriale Museum in the town of Maderno on the Gardone Riviera on the southern coast of Lake Garda was built by Italian nationalist Gabriele Annunzio, who lived from 1863 until 1938. A poet, novelist and librettist. During the war he fought as an infantry soldier, sailor and pilot. His career, which did include his role in the Fascist movement in Italy, is chronicled at the museum.

The towns of Punta San Vigilio and Torri are tourist centres and are medieval towns and therefore have villas, monasteries and castles.

Punta San Vigilio is the jewel in the crown of lake Garda, and is known as one of the most romantic places in the world. In fact, many illustrious visitors have stayed here over the years such as: Maria Luisa Napoleon's wife, the Tsar Alexander, the King of Naples, Luigi Einaudi, Winston Churchill, Lawrence Olivier, King Juan Carlos and the English Royal family.

Like most of the towns around the lake Torri has a castle. Formerly the seat of government for Benaco. It is also used for civil functions. There are two churches in Torri de Benaco, which one can visit or attend services. They often host exhibitions and concerts free of charge.

The town of Garda is very picturesque and is an old town situated on the lake. There is a local bus which is free of charge and goes around the town every 30 minutes. Lots of restaurants which all sell pasta and ice cream. Windsurfing is hugely popular on the Lake and covers the whole lake at the Riva del Garda end.

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