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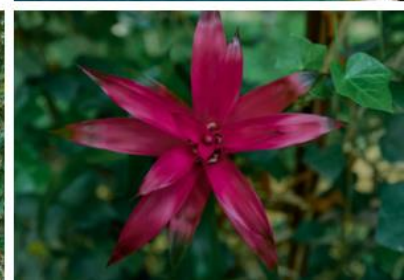
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This guide is intended to give you practical information for visiting the two attractions, the Botanical Garden and the Vittoriale, which are located in Gardone Riviera, on the Brescia side of Lake Garda.

Use it as an excellent source of useful advice, but always check the official websites of the two structures for the current conditions of entry and use of services. In particular, check the information for days open, operating hours, prices, free admission and regulations.

What awaits you in Gardone Riviera?

More than you can imagine! Between nature walks and D'Annunzio extravaganzas, let's discover together the splendid Botanical Garden managed by the Andrè Heller Foundation, and the Vittoriale degli Italiani, where the poet Gabriele D'Annunzio lived, creating an original house-museum.

BOTANICAL GARDEN



The Botanical Garden of Gardone Riviera is on the prestigious circuit of Great Italian Gardens. Founded in 1903 by Arturo Hruska, a dentist in the service of the last Tsar, Sigmund Freud, and Pope John XXIII, the garden has a rich and fascinating history.

In 1988, the multifaceted artist André Heller rediscovered it, restoring it to its former glory and welcoming great visiting artists such as Lou Reed, David Bowie, Brian Eno and Peter Gabriel.

With more than 3000 plant species from all over the world, the garden offers a journey through biodiversity. The paths in the park reveal outstanding works of art, by August Rodin, Keith Haring, André Heller and other prestigious artists.

BOTANICAL GARDEN



RECOMMENDED FOR:

We recommend it to people who love nature and art, and who wish to spend a few hours in the midst of greenery in contemplation, savouring the slow pace and beauty that surrounds them.

We do not recommend it for those using pushchairs or wheelchairs, as the environment is left in its natural state, with some unevenness and narrow paths which can make navigation by chair difficult.

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BOTANICAL GARDEN



BUYING A TICKET

Tickets can be purchased, cash only, at the garden, or online with a small surcharge.

Free entrance for children up to the age 5, and reduced price for children aged 6-11.

The garden is open every day from March to October, but we advise you to visit the website to check for any updates and to find out about special openings or closures.

HOW TO GET THERE

It takes 50 minutes by car from Enjoy and you can leave your car in the Piazzale Fiorini car park, 100 meters from the garden entrance.

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PETS

Well-behaved dogs can enter the botanical garden, but if you want more information we suggest you call for more precise directions.

OTHER USEFUL TIPS:

- Wear comfortable shoes: they will come in handy during the walk.
- Inside the garden there is a refreshment area and toilets.
- The length of the visit can vary according to your preference, but bear in mind that an average visit can take 2 hours.
- There is no guided tour, so be prepared to follow your instincts.
- Although it is a garden, in the summer months the temperature is high and the paths vary between being sunny and shaded.
- Visit the official website for special events during the summer.
- The Botanical Garden is located in the centre of Gardone Riviera and only 600 meters from the Vittoriale, so - before or after your visit to the Botanical Garden - you could walk along the lakeside and the streets of the town.
- Alternatively, you could combine a visit with the Vittoriale, if you want to make a day of it.

VITTORIALE DEGLI ITALIANI



The Vittoriale degli Italiani, built between 1921 and 1938 on the initiative of Gabriele d'Annunzio, is one of the most visited museums in Italy. In 1921, d'Annunzio decided to retire, taking refuge at the Vittoriale to devote himself to the creation of his last literary works and to create a monumental citadel to remind future generations of his extraordinary and unparalleled life.

The Vittoriale is a large place which includes the Priory, 3 museums (D'Annunzio Eroe, D'annunzio Segreto and L'automobile è femmina), the anti-submarine motorboat MAS 96, the Regia Nave Puglia, the Mausoleum, the Amphitheatre and the Dancing Pond.

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RECOMMENDED FOR:

We recommend it for everyone, including children.

Obviously it is an ideal stop for those who already love the figure of Gabriele d'Annunzio, but it is such an eccentric residence, rich in whimsical and singular objects, that it will stimulate everyone's curiosity.

We do not recommend it to those using pushchairs and wheelchairs, as there are no paths for the disabled. The park is very uneven and the house has many architectural barriers.

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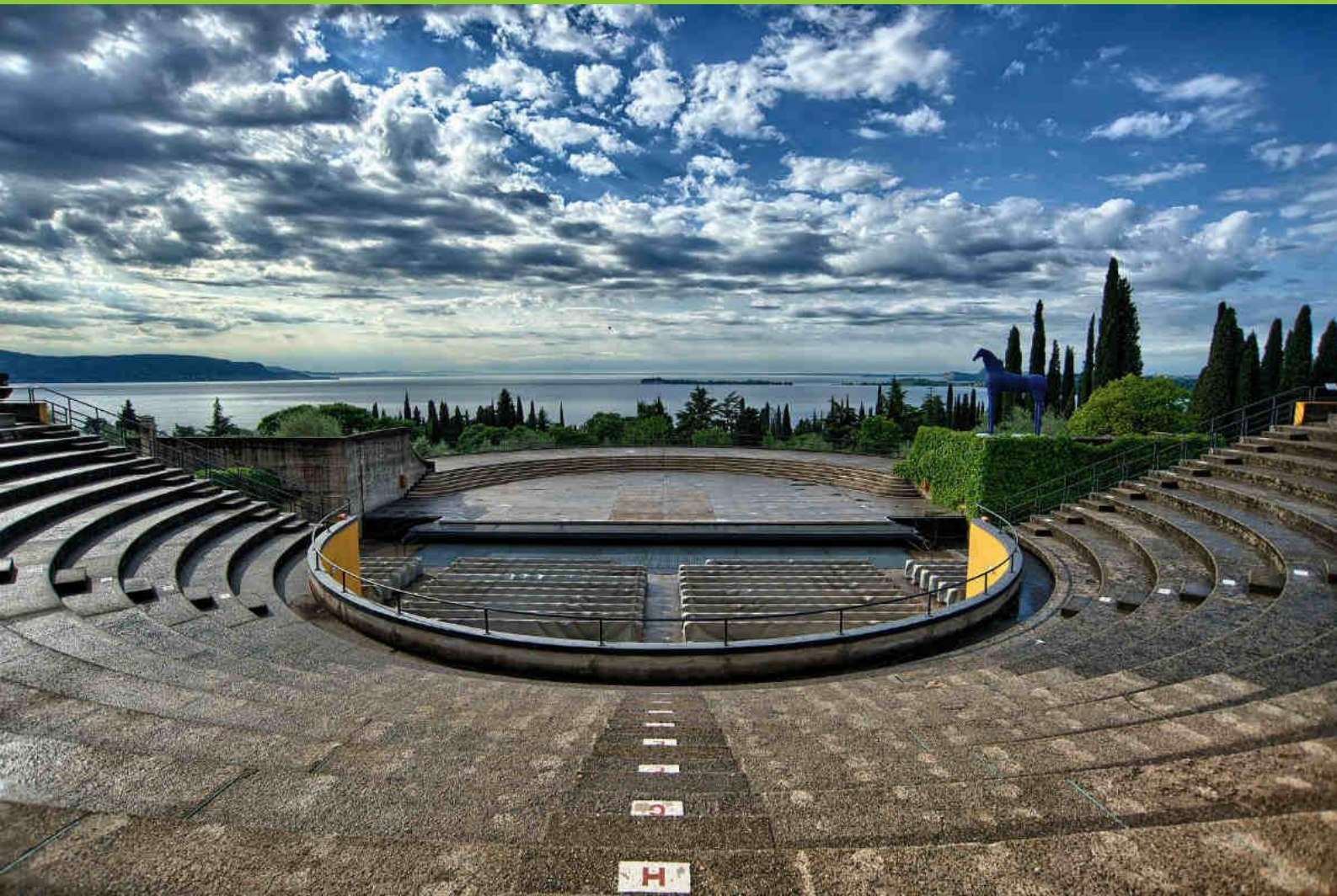
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Since the Vittoriale complex is very large, you can choose the type of tour you prefer.

Please note that you can visit:

- The Priory with a guided tour of about 35 minutes. This is D'Annunzio's house-museum, containing 10,000 objects and 33,000 books, full of enigmatic phrases and symbols. An evocative place, decorated with painted glass windows and heavy curtains, where everything is illuminated by soft light.
- The park: a vast space where you can walk among paths, fountains, lakes, small squares, gardens, orchards and lemon groves. Here you can admire the Regia Nave Puglia and the MAS 96.
- The D'annunzio Segreto museum: it reveals the most intimate and everyday side of the poet, showing his clothes, shoes, boots, underwear and the clothes he had sewn for his women. You can also see the collars of his beloved dogs, desk objects, crockery and jewelry.
- The D'annunzio Eroe museum: a museum wanted by the poet himself who decided to celebrate his military exploits and those of the Italian people in the 1915-18 war.

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- The L'automobile è femmina (The automobile is female) museum, which bears witness to his great love for cars. On display are some cars that belonged to him, along with his personal belongings and photographs that evoke a piece of Italian history.

There are **3 different types of ticket**, which are non-refundable and non-exchangeable.

The most comprehensive includes a guided tour of the Priory, the park and access to all 3 museums. Children under the age of 6 get in free, and there are discounts available, including for children between the ages of 7 and 18 and senior citizens over 65.

You can buy tickets at the museum, but if you plan to visit the Priory, we recommend you buy them online, as seats are limited (only 10 people per shift).

By purchasing online the evening before your visit you can secure access to the guided tour, choosing your preferred time.

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HOW TO GET THERE

Just like the botanical garden, it is a 50-minute drive from the Enjoy. It has a pay car park called Oliveto and you can book your place online by visiting the Tirrenica website (<https://tirrenicamobilityapp.it/citta/vittoriale/>). Alternatively - if you have parked near the botanical garden - you can reach Il Vittoriale in about 9 minutes on foot.

DO YOU HAVE A PET?

Pets are not allowed in the Priory and the D'Annunzio Eroe museum. So the only ticket that allows you to bring your pet with you is the one that includes a visit to the park and the two museums D'Annunzio Segreto and L'automobile è femmina.

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OTHER USEFUL TIPS:

- Always check the website for **opening hours**, which are divided into summer, pre-winter and winter.
- Keep in mind that a **visit to the Vittoriale takes quite some time**. The visit to the Priory alone takes 35 minutes, but then there is so much to see between the park and the museums. In general 4-5 hours is needed to visit all of it.
- Your ticket to the Priory tour is for a specific time and printed on your ticket. If you arrive late, you can request to enter one of the later shifts, if available, but there may be a change fee.
- The entrance time to the Vittoriale complex is open-ended, so you can arrive well before the guided tour in the Priory and take advantage of it to tour the park and the museums. Alternatively consider arriving about 30 minutes before the tour you have booked, starting directly from the Priory, and then tour everything else afterwards.
- Be aware that before visiting the Priory you must deposit your bags, fanny packs and camera equipment.

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OTHER USEFUL TIPS

- At the entrance you will be given a map of the Vittoriale: keep it, because signage is poor inside the park and there is no staff to ask for information. The map will become your reference point for orientation.
- Toilets are only located at the entrance, near the open-air theatre. During the summer months a refreshment point with toilets may also open near MAS 96, but this is information you should check before entering the complex.
- In the auditorium, a film on the Priory and the D'Annunzio Eroeo museum are shown, where you can get some background information before taking the tour.
- Wear comfortable shoes, because there is some walking to do to reach the various points of interest and there are some differences in height in the outdoor sections.
- In the summer months major concerts of national and international level take place in the amphitheater. You can find all the latest information on the official website: <https://www.anfiteatrodelvittoriale.it/>



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