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Le Guide: Enjoy the Moments
Peschiera e le sue Meraviglie

With this guide we want to introduce you to **Peschiera del Garda**, the little jewel where the Enjoy Garda Hotel is located. A town so loved that it is included in the list of the **25 most visited Italian towns**. We hope that this guide will help you discover it, because it includes many activities to do and places to see in your free time.

These pages provide an excellent source of useful tips, but **always check the official sites** for current conditions, such as opening days, hours, and prices.

You can supplement this guide with the **official App of the Municipality of Peschiera iTown**, which provides useful information for exploring and appreciating the area at its best, including advice on activities, and cultural, sporting and artistic events, as well as information on services available for residents and visitors.

Want to get to know Peschiera del Garda better?

Let's get started!

A CITY RICH IN HISTORY

During the **Roman Empire**, the town of Peschiera del Garda was known as **Arilica** and held a certain importance, so much so that The Via Gallica, which connected the major centres of the Po Valley, passed through its territory. In the following years, the city was fortified by various powers, including the **Scaligeri, the Venetians and the Habsburgs**, and evidence of these historical periods can still be seen today.

In the 19th century the town, along with Legnago, Mantua and Verona, **became part of the Quadrilateral**, a famous defensive system created by the famed Austrian field marshall, Radetzky.

In the mid-19th century, the '**Quartiere Militare**', which is the square extending between the Canale di Mezzo and Porta Verona, was created. This is where the **Padiglione degli Ufficiali** (Officers' Pavilion) was built, a neoclassical building to house Hapsburg officers and their families. On the short side of the square is the Palazzo del Comandante (Commandant's Palace), also known as the '**Palazzina Storica**' since 1866, intended for the Commandant's quarters and representative functions.

It was in the Palazzina Storica in 1917 that **the historic Inter-Allied Conference was held between King Victor Emmanuel III and the French and British allies**, during which the Italian king made a famous proclamation that incited resistance on the Piave River and that would lead to victory in the Great War.

In the post-war period, Peschiera del Garda experienced strong economic growth thanks to the development of tourism.

Today, **the town is one of the main tourist destinations on Lake Garda**, thanks to its natural beauty and historical monuments.

OPEN-AIR MUSEUM



Peschiera del Garda is a town with ancient roots and considered a true open-air museum. **Sixteen historical tables** have been installed to provide knowledge about the city, and you may consult them, free of charge, while strolling through the streets of the center.

There is also a free downloadable audio guide system for smartphones and tablets, which connects all 16 locations and tells the city's history in nine different languages.

Downloading the audio guide is simple: **just activate the Bluetooth on your smartphone or tablet** and scan the QR code on each table. The audio guide will lead you to the most interesting places in Peschiera del Garda, enriching your visit with information and curiosities on the history of the city.

OPEN-AIR MUSEUM



If you do not have a smartphone, tablet or an internet connection, **you can rent the audio guide at the tourist information point**, which is open 365 days a year.

Interesting fact: there is also **a guide in Veronese**, recorded by Roberto Puliero, a well-known Verona actor and radio commentator. It is an opportunity to experience the local dialect first hand.

Tourist information point

P.le Betteloni, 3

www.tourismpeschiera.it

Tel: +39 045/2237183

ask@tourismpeschiera.info

TOUR OF THE WALLS BY BOAT



Before entering the heart of the town, you will see **the walls of Peschiera's fortress**, named a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** in 2017.

The walls were a defensive structure that protected the town for centuries and were part of the defence works of the Republic of Venice between the 16th and 17th centuries. The structure - unique in Europe - has a characteristic pentagonal shape.

You can admire the walls from the water on a **30-minute boat tour on board a pontoon boat**. The boat will cross the middle canal by sailing on the water and skirting the fortress wall and its ramparts. You'll admire the views and discover details that would be impossible to see any other way.

TOUR OF THE WALLS BY BOAT



Embarkation is in St Mark's Square, near the central café La Zattera. It is only one km from the Enjoy: you can walk there in about 12 minutes. Alternatively, there are car parks in the area, about 450 metres away. You can buy your ticket directly at the spot or online.
<https://tourismpeschiera.com/peschiera-tour-delle-mura/>

Useful tips

- The tour runs every day from March to October, but if you choose **the low season** (March/April/May or September/October) we recommend that you contact Il Pentagono to reserve your visit. Call +39 348/7307501.
- If the idea of a boat ride at sunset sounds good to you, check their official website <https://www.pentagonorent.com/tours/>, for **Sunset Tours**, a truly romantic and evocative experience to enjoy when the sun tints the lake with golden reflections.
- It is an **activity suitable for everyone**, even children.

GONDOLA AND TRAIN TOURS



For the more romantically inclined there is another way to visit Peschiera, which will give you a completely different perspective of the city: **the gondola tour.**

The gondola has been in Peschiera since the mid-19th century and now **you can relive that experience on an original boat**, made in the square di San Trovaso in Venice, by shipwrights who still pass down the secrets of their construction.

The **small train tour**, on the other hand, **is great for children**, who will have a lot of fun visiting the streets of the centre by way of such an unusual and entertaining means of transport.

For information on both tours, go to the Tourist Information Point, located at Piazzale Betteloni, 15.

MUSEUM OF FISHING AND LAKE TRADITIONS



This is a significant museum of local history, full of artefacts, photos and evidence of the life of fishermen in the past. In its rooms you can find boats, nets, reeds, creels and all the tools that were used for fishing over the years.

It is divided into several rooms that recreate the route in stages. Among the many historical exhibits is a collection of old outboard motors that are still in working order and an old boat from the end of the 19th century: the Anguilara.

We recommend a visit because you will interact with volunteers from the Amici del Gondolin (Friends of the Gondolin) association who will passionately tell you all the history and curiosities about this ancient craft.

MUSEUM OF FISHING AND LAKE TRADITIONS



Useful tips

- The venue is at the **Caserma d'Artiglieria di Porta Verona**, Via Parco Catullo 4, just a seven-minute walk from the Enjoy. It is in a somewhat hidden courtyard.
- It is run by volunteers, so **it only opens on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, but not all year round**. We therefore advise you to contact them for more precise information on opening dates and times. Email info@amicidelgondolin.it
- **Admission costs €2** and includes the audio guide.
- The visit will **take you under an hour**.
- The museum is **suitable for children**.
- Reference site: <http://www.amicidelgondolin.it/>

HISTORICAL BUILDING AND MUSEUM OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR



The **First World War Museum** is housed in the **Palazzina Storica**, where on 8 November 1917 a conference was held under the presidency of King Victor Emmanuel III, and it was decided to resist the Austrian army on the Piave River, in collaboration with the British and French allies, during the First World War.

The **Sala Storica Society**, which preserves the memory of the Convention, has over the years amassed around **300 relics, objects and historical documents** related to these events.

These include period weapons, military signalling instruments, letters from soldiers to their families and numerous original photographs depicting significant episodes of the First World War.

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Useful tips

- The Palazzina is located in Piazza della Serenissima, 1. It is a 9-minute walk from Hotel Enjoy. After passing Porta Verona, the Palazzina is on the right, before crossing the bridge and entering the heart of Peschiera.
- Currently, **the historic hall and the collection housed in the Palazzina Storica in Peschiera del Garda are not accessible to the public.** If, however, you are interested in seeing the material collected, you can do so via the website www.peschieramuseo.it/ or through the dedicated location at the Peschiera Municipal Library.

SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA DEL FRASSINO



The **Sanctuary of the Madonna del Frassino** is guarded by the Franciscan Friars Minor and attracts thousands of pilgrims and tourists every year.

It was **built between 1511 and 1514**, in the Renaissance style. The church has a single nave, along which there are two chapels (Holy Sacrament and Apparition) and eight side altars.

In addition to the church, you can visit the cloisters and enjoy a great feeling of peace in this place.

It stands on the site **where on 11 May 1510 Our Lady appeared to a peasant named Bartolomeo Broglia**. She appeared to Bartolomeo in the form of a statuette, illuminated by a ray of light.

SANCTUARY OF THE MADONNA DEL FRASSINO



That same statuette can still be found today on the ash tree where the miraculous apparition took place and **you can admire it inside the sanctuary**, in the chapel dedicated to the apparition.

Useful tips

- It is located at Frassino 4, about three kilometres from Peschiera. You can get there by car, leaving it in the large car park next door, or enjoy a nice bike ride there.
- Inside the Sanctuary there is a collection of cribs, which we recommend you visit.

Contact details:

<https://www.santuariodelfrassino.it/>

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LAKESIDE PROMENADE AND BEACH



The **Mazzini lakeside** promenade begins just outside the center of Peschiera, and runs along the shore of Lake Garda, allowing you to enjoy the beauty of the lake while taking a long walk.

About **1 km from the town**, you will also find the Lido Cappuccini, a pretty, semi-free pebble beach. You can bring your own beach towel or rent sunbeds and umbrellas.

There is a bar and some games for children nearby. During the high season it may be crowded though.

SAILING ON THE LAKE



If the idea of taking a day trip across the waters of the lake intrigues you, board one of the **motorboats that leave from Peschiera** that will take you to the beautiful **Riva del Garda**.

If you wish, you can also stop at other popular places, such as Lazise, Bardolino, Garda, Malcesine, Limone and Torbole (on the Verona side) and Salò, Gardone and Maderno (on the Brescia side).

Useful tips

- **Always check timetables and routes on the official website**

<https://www.navigazionealaghi.it/biglietti-e-orari-lago-di-garda/> because there are different routes and timetables that change depending on the period.

- If you are on a leisure trip, the traditional motorboat routes are great, but if you are in a hurry and want to reduce journey times you can choose the "**express service**", which skips some stops.

SAILING ON THE LAKE



- If you want to take your car, you can choose the '**accompanied vehicle**' service. This is a great idea if, for example, you want to get to the Brescia side and then travel independently from there.
- You can **buy your tickets online**, unless you choose the express service or the accompanying car service, in which case you must buy your ticket at the shore ticket offices, directly at the embarkation point.
- It is recommended that **you arrive at the ticket office at least 20 minutes before the departure time of your journey**. Please note that during summer periods and holidays, traffic can be very heavy, which may cause long queues at the ticket counters.
- For **more information**, call the toll-free number 800/551801.

TRADITIONAL FESTIVALS



We would like to point out two major events that take place in Peschiera every year.

The first is the **Regata delle Bisse**, which are boats based upon the traditional Venetian boats of the 15th century. This is a sporting competition on the water that takes place in 9 itinerant stages from June to August. Peschiera is one of the 9 towns hosting the race.

To see the updated calendar, visit the event's official website:
<https://legabissedelgarda.com/>

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The second event is the **Feast of St Martin the Bishop**, the patron saint of the town, which falls on 11 November. The festival generally lasts three days and involves the entire town, including associations and parishes.

It is an opportunity to browse the market stalls, warm/ up with roasted chestnuts and fortify yourself with a few sips of good wine. During the festival days, the **Palio di San Martino** takes place, which is a Venetian rowing competition in honour of the patron saint.

Also not to be missed is the **Fire of the Voltoni**, a pyromusical show that illuminates the Ponte di Mezzo with spectacular fireworks.



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