



Camping Eden,

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Campsite Information

Camping Eden, Lake Garda

Camping Eden is something special. Set in a series of steep terraces on the western banks of Lake Garda, many of our emplacements offer uninterrupted views over the sparkling lake. Salò is two miles away, and just an hour's drive to Verona in the east. Gardaland theme park is on the east bank of the lake near Peschiera, around 17 miles from site.

Arriving at Camping Eden

On arrival go to the Canvas reception, your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 and 20.00. The Canvas Reception is located on top of the hill, please follow signs on site. You will need your passports and car registration number to check in.

Early/Late Arrivals

Please note if you arrive before 16.00, your accommodation may not be ready. If you arrive between 20.00 and 22.00, you will find directions to your courier and/or accommodation at the Canvas reception. Arrivals after 22.00 cannot be accepted on site. Please note that if you do arrive late and cannot be admitted onto the campsite, you have full responsibility for finding alternative off-site accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available on site from 09.00 the following day. Please telephone your couriers if you know that you are going to be late.



Reception

Reception is open from 09.00 to 13.00 and from 15.00 to 19.00. Opening hours are extended in high season to 08.00 to 19.00.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 23.00 and 07.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning, please leave your car outside the barrier. In high season, the barrier is operated by means of an electronic card, which will be issued to you in exchange for a security deposit of €20.

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at reception, for €3 per day.

Telephone

There are two phones on site (one card and one coin operated). Phone cards are on sale at the bar.

Web/Email Access

Internet access is available on site and WiFi is available over all of the campsite. Fees start from €12 per day.

Shopping

The on-site shop sells basic groceries and produce as well as bread, wine, toys, postcards and beach items. It is open from 08.00 to 12.00 and 15.00 to 19.00.



Washing and Toilet Facilities

Washing machines and tumble dryers (tokens are on sale for €5 each at reception), free iron hire, hot showers, wash cubicles with hot water and standard and continental toilets.

Post

There is a post box next to the campsite reception and stamps are on sale in reception.

Eating and Drinking

Restaurant / Bar / Pizzeria: The restaurant is informal and friendly and includes a small bar, feel free to just have a drink on the terrace and enjoy the view. All dishes from the restaurant menu are available to take away. Please note pizzas are only available from 18.00 on. Open all day in high season, and from 12.00 until 14.30 and 18.00 until 22.30 in low season.

Entertainment

There is a small programme of entertainment during high season. Reception will also take bookings for excursions to places such as Verona, Venice, Milan and Florence.

Recreation

Swimming: There are two swimming pools and a small water slide for under 10s, located at the bottom of the site, plus a second pool area at the top of the site. There is also a 50 metre water slide with its own plunge pool by the top swimming pool. Surrounded by a sunbathing terrace, it offers stunning views over the lake. The pools are supervised in high season and open from 09.00 to 19.00.

Please note that the pools open on 1 May, and that swimming caps are compulsory in the pools.

There is a games room and two children's playgrounds on site, as well as facilities for table tennis, fishing, badminton, boules, volleyball, tennis and football.

FamilyExtra

FamilyExtra hosts fun filled activities for the whole family with sessions tailored to different ages. The sessions offer something to suit everyone and include activities such as Waterwalkerz, Canvas Olympics, raft building, Tatty Bumkin for toddlers and Aqua Olympics. The whole family can join in, or Mum and Dad can relax while the children are off having fun - it's up to you. FamilyExtra is available between 17 May - 3 September. Please ask your FamilyExtra couriers for details of the weeks activities.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on site between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/h speed limit on site.
- Any visitors must register at the campsite reception and pay the visitors tariff.
- Swimming caps and trunks are compulsory in the pools.
- No inflatables are permitted in the pools.
- No parking except in designated parking zones.
- Only one car per emplacement, please note that parking may be away from your emplacement
- Security bracelets are compulsory
- Dogs are permitted



Local Information

Beaches

The campsite has a private lakeside beach and jetty where you can lie in the sun or enjoy various water sports. The Baia del Vento beach is located a five minute drive from the campsite and is one of the sandiest beaches in the area, pedaloes can be hired from here. One of the most popular beaches in the area is Padenghe, on the way to Desenzano, a lively beach with free parking.

Shopping

Supermarkets: SMA in the Due Pine shopping centre in Salò is the nearest supermarket. It is open from 09.00 to 20.00, Monday to Saturday and 09.00 to 12.30 on Sundays in high season. This supermarket accepts credit cards and is very well stocked, including a bakery and butchers. To get there, head towards Salò and turn left after two petrol stations. Once in Salò, follow signs for Due Pini/Centro Commerciale.

The nearest budget supermarkets are Penny Market and LD (next to Family Market Shopping Centre) in Moniga del Garda. LD do not accept credit cards, but Penny Markets do.

Souvenirs: You will find a good range of shops in Salò. Further afield, take a trip to the varied shops of Verona and Desenzano, or visit one of the markets for some bargains.

Local Markets

- Monday:** Moniga del Garda, Torri del Benaco, Peschiera del Garda, Sirmione.
Tuesday: Desenzano del Garda, Castelnuovo, Limone, Brescia.
Wednesday: San Felice del Benaco, Lazise, Maderno
Thursday: Toscolano, Maderno, Nuvolento, Bardolino.
Friday: Sirmione, Garda, Gardone Valtrompia, Manerba.
Saturday: Salò, Malcesine, Polpenazze sul Garda, Padenghe sul Garda.
Sunday: Rivotella di Desenzano, Padenghe sul Garda.

Facilities

Petrol: The closest filling station is AGIP, 3km from the site on the road towards Salò. It is closed between 12.00 and 14.00.

Chemist: There is a chemist in San Felice on Via Italia, 10 minutes from Camping Eden, open from 09.00 to 12.30 and from 15.00 to 19.30. The pharmacist speaks good English. Please ask on site for the duty chemist list.

Bank: Banks are usually open from 08.00 to 12.00. There is a branch of CAB in San Felice, just off the main square. It has a cash dispenser that accepts major credit cards. There is a cash dispenser on the main street of Portese, a five minute walk away.



Post Office: The nearest post office is opposite the church in San Felice and it is open from 09.00 to 14.00 Monday to Saturday.

Tourist Information: There is a tourist information centre in Salò, just off the main square. It is open daily from 09.00 to 12.30 and from 15.00 to 19.30. Closed Sundays and Wednesday afternoon.

Distances

Salò:	3km (2 miles)
Desenzano:	17km (10 miles)
Brescia:	36km (22 miles)
Verona:	60km (37 miles)

Local Transport

The train station at Desenzano is on the main Milan to Venice line. There is a regular bus service from Salò to the main towns around the lake and also to Milan, Verona and Brescia. The ferry service operates year round and timetables are available at the tourist centre. A taxi from the train station will cost €30; the fare to Brescia airport is approximately €60.

Doctor

There is a tourist doctor in Salò, along the main road, available every day. Staff speak English and German. The nearest 24 hour First Aid station can be found in Gavardo, west of Salò, approximately a 30 minute drive from site. The campsite staff will be happy to help arrange appointments if required.

Dentist

The 24 hour emergency dentist is located in the Brescia main hospital, there is also a dentist in San Felice. The staff at main reception will be happy to arrange appointments.

Emergency Services

There is a three-digit phone number for emergency services:

Police	112
Fire	115
Ambulance	118

Eating and Drinking

You may like to try these restaurants, which have been recommended by previous Canvas customers

Il Gran Fausto, Portese Port. An easy five minute stroll from the site will bring you to this child-friendly restaurant in the pretty port of Portese, which specialises in pizza, pasta and fish. This restaurant has been highly recommended by previous customers and couriers!

Osteria al Pescatore, Sirmione. Well-prepared and reasonably priced food in a relaxed setting. The fresh fish is recommended.

La Vela, Salò. A fabulous restaurant offering pizzas, pasta and set menus, (including speciality fish dishes) all at great prices. Booking is advised if you want to sit on the veranda. Please bare in mind that this restaurant is closed on Mondays.

Villa Fiordaliso, Gardone Riviera. This is one of the lake's most beautiful hotels and a favourite of Mussolini's mistress, Clara Petacci. The restaurant is considered to be one of the best in the area and the food is impeccably cooked and presented.

Olivi, Salò. Dine on traditional but inexpensive Italian food whilst enjoying the splendid views from the terrace.

Conca d'Oro, situated between the campsite and Salò. This restaurant offers great views and reasonably priced meals.

Trattoria Marietta Belvedere, Gardone Riviera. Very good food and great views. Highly recommended by past visitors.

Nearby

Salò is a pretty town just two miles from site. Charmingly situated on a long narrow bay, Salò was the birthplace of Gaspare da Salò, the inventor of the violin. There are lovely buildings along the waterfront painted in pastel shades. The small but interesting Museo del Nastro Azzuro contains information about the history of the region. The Gothic Duomo and the 16th century Palazzo Municipale are worth a visit.

From Salò harbour you can take a ferry to other towns on the lake such as Desenzano, Sirmione and Riva del Garda. Portese, a short walk from the site, has a small marina, a few bars and restaurants, and is the landing jetty for the frequent lake boat service.

Activities

Water sports are the most popular activity - a wide range of facilities are available on the lake, including windsurfing, canoeing, water-skiing, scuba diving, sailing and speedboat hire. For a variety of water sports and a great day out - head towards Riva del Garda at the north end of the lake.

Regional Information

Lake Garda

Lake Garda lies in a deep valley between the regions of Veneto and Lombardy. Formed during the last Ice Age, it is the largest and most beautiful of the Italian lakes. The combination of mountain scenery, warmth and light create an enchanting atmosphere.

Eating and Drinking – Regional Specialities

Lake Garda is noted for coregone, a firm pink-fleshed fish rather like trout. Sardines and sole are marinated in Saor, a sweet and sour sauce; and poultry is served with the strongly flavoured Peverada sauce. For dessert savour a tiramisù (a rich dessert of mascarpone cheese, Marsala wine, sponge and chocolate) or panettone (a light fruit cake with raisins and candied fruit).

Things to do and see

*A • an admission charge is payable for these attractions

Family Fun

Aquapark Altomincio • A fantastic water park with swimming pools, slides, canoes and beach volleyball. Near Peschiera. (Open daily *A).

Caneva World • A huge complex made up of a water park, a theme park (Movie Studios), the Medieval Times and the Rock Star Café. Purchase combined tickets to visit both parks. At Medieval Times enjoy your medieval meal (without cutlery!) whilst the knights battle over the princesses heart. In Lazise. (Open daily *A).

Gardaland • Italy's biggest theme park with many attractions. Ride the Pirate Ship, see the Valley of the Kings or take a spin on the Magic Mountain roller-coaster. There is also a Sealife Aquarium at Gardaland. A great day out, 2km from Peschiera. (Open daily *A).

Parco Natura Viva • A safari park with 250 species of mammals, birds, reptiles and fish. Part of the park contains a zoological park with an aquarium, aviary and life-size models of dinosaurs. Near Peschiera. (Open daily *A).

Places of Interest

Bardolino • A lakeside resort at the foot of rolling hills covered with orchards, vineyards, olive groves and cypress trees. Famous for its light, fruity red wine, Bardolino hosts a grape festival in September and the charetto Wine festival in May.

Brenzone • This beautiful little town is set along the Riviera degli Olivi, to the south of Malcésine, where the lake narrows and the water is at its deepest. Two pretty little islets lie just off the bank. From here you can enjoy peaceful walks up to the hills through olive groves and further on to mountain Alpine huts.

Gardone Riviera • A popular resort on the western edge of the lake. The town's botanical gardens, the Giardino Botanico Hruska, are home to an enormous range of exotic plants and flowers (open daily *A). High above the town, the exotic Villa il Vittoriale was the home of Italy's controversial poet Gabriele d'Annunzio. The Art Deco villa has blacked-out windows and is full of curiosities, including a coffin-shaped bed and a battle-ship in the garden (*A).

Malcésine • A beautiful town on the eastern shore of the lake. The magnificent Castello Scaligero has a small museum and affords beautiful views from its tower (open daily *A). Take the cable car up to the summit of Monte Baldo for views of the distant peaks of the Dolomites and the Gruppo di Brenta range. Footpaths for walkers are signposted at the top.

Punta di San Vigilio • One of the most beautiful places on Lake Garda. Set amid Cyprus trees, it has a lovely old church and the 16th century Villa Guarienti where Winston Churchill stayed to complete his memoirs.

Riva del Garda • On the northern shore of Lake Garda, Riva has medieval houses and cobbled lanes. The Rocca, a moated Scaligeri castle, houses a museum exhibiting local archaeological finds. Close to the town, the Cascata del Varone a 90m waterfall drops dramatically into a narrow gorge.

Brescia • Attractively situated with a picturesque old quarter and some fine Renaissance buildings. The Piazza della Loggia is the city's most attractive Renaissance Square.

Peschiera del Garda • Historically a military town, only the impressive 16th century Venetian fortress remains today. There are guided tours available to visit the fortress, by boat or on foot. The old town of Peschiera is colourful and inviting with its narrow alleyways lined with shops and cafes. There is live music in the centre in high season, and there is always a lively atmosphere with people shopping and eating outdoors in the many restaurants.

Sirmione • A striking town perched at the tip of a narrowing peninsula and protected by a wonderful 13th century castle. A holiday resort since Roman times, you can see the remains of the villa, the Grotte di Catullo, which locals maintain once belonged to the Roman poet Catullus (*A). No cars are allowed in town so you can stroll around the shops, restaurants and bars at ease. The Rocca Scaligeri (castle) once belonged to the powerful Scaligeri princes of Verona. From the tower there is a good view of the lake (*A).

Desenzano del Garda • A small but lively market town at the southern end of the lake. Desenzano was a popular Roman holiday resort and an excavated Roman Villa reveals colourful mosaics from the 4th century and a range of artefacts, now in a small museum. Today, it is famous for sailing and its bathing centre. The town centre is around the lake side promenade, Piazza Malvezzi, where an antiques market is held on the 1st Sunday of every month. There is also a good market here every Tuesday.

Milan • About an hour and a half's drive from the campsite (via the autostrade). A buzzing cosmopolitan city, with plenty of cultural interest and, of course, a huge selection of fashionable shops. Visiting the key tourist attractions is relatively easy as they are all located around the Duomo, which is the world's largest Gothic cathedral. The centre has

a number of pedestrianised quarters where you can see an array of architectural styles, from Renaissance to the very modern.

Vicenza • Beautifully situated at the confluence of two rivers with a mountain backdrop, Vicenza is celebrated for its architecture. The Piazza del Signora and the Basilica Palladiana exhibit work by the famous architect Andrea Palladio. The Museo Civico displays an excellent collection of Venetian paintings and is housed in the outstanding Palladio's Palazzo Chiricati (*A). The Tempio di Santa Corona contains Bellini's Baptism of Christ and a natural history and archaeological museum.

Venice • Most of the sights in Venice can be comfortably visited on foot. The narrow streets resemble a maze at first sight but good signposting will get you to the major attractions. The other method of transport is on water by Vaporetto, Motoscafo (motor boats), Gondola or Traghetto (two man gondolas ferrying people across the Grand Canal from fixed points). Visit the Piazza San Marco and the Basilica di San Marco, the colonnaded Palazzo Ducale - home to the Doge. One of Europe's finest specialised art collections can be found at the Galleria dell'Accademia, which traces the history of Venetian painting from the 14th-18th centuries (*A). Walk across the Rialto Bridge and admire the view of the Grand Canal. The markets are souvenir orientated but quality goods are also available.

Verona • The setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Verona is a vibrant city with an ancient centre which boasts many superb Roman remains. The Roman Arena di Verona, dates from the 1st century AD. It is one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres in the world and is now the home of the summer opera house. The picturesque Piazza delle Erbe is a lively square, once the Roman forum, and now a fruit and vegetable market. The Piazza dei Signori is surrounded by palaces and just off this square is the Arche Scaligere, magnificent outdoor tombs of Verona's powerful medieval rulers. The Teatro Romano was built in the 1st century BC and, much restored, it is now used for concerts and plays. The Giardini Giusti are beautiful gardens with many artificial waterfalls.

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