



Camping Europa Silvella,

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Campsite Information

Camping Europa Silvella

Camping Europa Silvella is a large and lively campsite, located close to the beautiful towns of San Felice del Benaco and Salò. This is an excellent location for a family holiday. Just an hour's drive to Verona in the east. Gardaland theme park is located on the east bank of the lake near Peschiera around 17 miles from site.

Arriving at Camping Europa Silvella

On arrival go straight to the campsite reception to check in. Here you will need to show passports and your vehicle registration number. You will then be issued with security bands and the code to the campsite barrier. You will then be directed to the Canvas reception. Your Canvas couriers will be here to meet you between 16.00 – 20.00.

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 accommodation. A Canvas courier will be available from 09.00 the following day.

Reception

The campsite reception is open every day from 08.00 to 20.00 in high season. Hours may vary in low season.

Barrier

The barrier is closed between 23.00 – 07.00. Should you wish to depart early in the morning, please leave your car outside the barrier. The campsite have a code system to open the barriers during the day, you will be issued with a code on arrival at Europa Silvella.

Currency Exchange

This facility is not available on site. Nearest exchange is at the bank in San Felice del Benaco

Safety Deposit Boxes

Safety deposit boxes are available to rent at reception for a small charge per day.

Telephone

There are coin and card operated phones on site. They are located near to the bar. Phone cards can be bought at the local tobac.



Web/Email Access

Europa Silvella has internet access and also Wi-Fi available. Internet access costs €5 per hour. Please see couriers or campsite staff for details.

Shopping

The onsite shop sells general groceries, bread, fruit and vegetables. There is also a boutique selling souvenirs and gifts. The shop is open daily from 08.00 to 19.00.

Washing and Toilet Facilities

There are two washing machines and tumble dryers available on site and they cost €5. There are free hot showers, standard toilets and wash cubicles.

Post

There is a post box near to the campsite reception and stamps can be bought at the boutique.

Eating and Drinking

Restaurant/Bar/Pizzeria: The restaurant has an ideal location on the campsite. With its large outdoor terrace come fantastic views of Lake Garda. This recently renovated restaurant offers good food at reasonable prices. There is a bar here so feel free just to relax with a cold drink and take in the beautiful view. All dishes on the menu are available to takeaway. The restaurant and bar are open daily from 18.00 until 22.00.

Entertainment

There is a programme of entertainment throughout the season run by the on-site animation team. They have discos, cabaret shows and sports tournaments on offer. The campsite also runs excursions to Venice and Verona.

Recreation

Swimming: There are two large swimming pools on Europa Silvella (one is high season only), a small children's pool and a jacuzzi. In the pool complex there is a large sun terrace to soak up the rays. If it gets too hot you can get a refreshing drink or ice cream from the snack bar. Please note, swimming caps must be worn in the pool and the wearing of t-shirts and use of inflatables in the pool is forbidden.

Bike Hire: On Europa Silvella it is possible to hire both adults and children's bikes. Please see Canvas courier or campsite reception for more details.

Tennis: There are two tennis courts available to hire. Courts can be booked at the campsite reception.

Fishing: Available on the lake. Permits can be obtained from the local post office in San Felice and will cost approx €25.

Other activities on site include football, volleyball, table tennis, aqua aerobics and a children's play area.

Rules and Regulations

- Silence and no driving on campsite between 23.00 and 07.00.
- 10km/h Speed limit on-site.
- Swimming caps are compulsory in all the pools.
- No inflatables are permitted in the pool.
- Only one car per emplacement.



Local Information

Beaches

You'll find a beach over 300 metres long with direct access from the campsite. Thanks to its position in the gulf of Manerba, Europa Silvella is ideal for people who love canoeing, windsurfing and fishing. One of the most popular beaches in the area is located at Padenghe, on the way to Desenzano. This is a lively beach which offers free parking. The Baia del Vento beach is located five minutes from the campsite towards San Felice and is one of the sandiest beaches in the area and pedaloes can be hired here.

Shopping

Supermarkets: The nearest supermarket is the Italmark near Manerba in the shopping centre on the main road. It has a wide variety of groceries available including fresh vegetables, meat and bread. The nearest budget supermarket is the Penny Market which is also located in Moniga. A larger supermarket is located in Salò. This is called SMA and is located in the Due Pine shopping centre which is signposted as you enter Salò.

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

Local Markets

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

Facilities

Petrol: The closest filling station is located on the road towards Salò. Petrol stations usually close between 12:00-14:00 for siesta. Most petrol stations will have pay at pump facilities however some UK credit cards are not accepted.

Chemist: There is a chemist in San Felice on via Italia, 10 minutes from Camping Europa Silvella. It is open from 09:00 to 12:30 and from 15:00 to 19:30. The pharmacist here speaks good English.

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 are more banks and cash points available in Salò.



Post Office: The nearest post office is located in San Felice, opposite the church and is open 09:00 – 14:00 Monday to Saturday. A larger post office can be found in Salò.

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. It is closed Sunday and Wednesday afternoon.

Distances

Salò:	6km (4 miles)
Desenzano:	14km (9 miles)
Brescia:	37km (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 San Felice to the main towns around the lake and also to Milan, Verona and Brescia. The ferry service operates year round and timetables are available from tourist offices or see couriers for details. Taxi can be quite expensive in Italy, a taxi from Desenzano train station is about €30, the far to Brescia airport is approximately €60

Doctor

There is a tourist doctor in Salò, along the main road, available everyday. The staff there 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 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 reception staff will be happy to arrange appointments if required.

Emergency Numbers

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 and bars, which have been recommended by Canvas customers and couriers who have visited the area in previous years:

Il Gran Fausto: located in Portese Port. An easy five minute drive from site will bring you to this child friendly restaurant in the pretty port of Portese. It specialises in pizza, pasta and fish. This restaurant has been highly recommended by previous customers to this area.

Osteria al Pescatore: Located in the beautiful town of Sirmione offering well prepared and reasonably priced food in a relaxing atmosphere. The fresh fish is recommended.

La Vela: Located in Salò town, this is 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 bear in mind that this restaurant is closed on Mondays.

Villa Fiordaliso: Located in Gardone Riviera, this is one of the lakes most beautiful hotels and a favourite of Mussolini's mistress Clara Petacci. The restaurant is considered to be one of the best in the areas and the food is impeccably cooked and prepared.

Olivi: This restaurant in Salò offers 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: In Gardone Riviera, this restaurant offers good food and great views. Highly recommended by previous customers to this area.

Nearby

Salò is a pretty town just a few miles from site. Charmingly situated on a 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 Azzurro 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. San Felice, a short walk from the site, has a few restaurants and bars and some good souvenir shops.

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 & Drinking – Regional Specialities

Lake Garda is noted for corregone, a firm pink-flesh fish rather like trout. Sardines and sole are marinated in Saor, a sweet and sour sauce; and poultry is served with the strongly flavoured Peveranda 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 & Days Out

Leisure Parks

Aquapark Altomincio • A fantastic water park with swimming pools, slides, canoes and beach volleyball. Near Peschiera del Garda. (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 rollercoaster! A great day out, 2km from Peschiera (Open daily *A). Also located at Gardaland is Sealife Centre.

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 sized 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 Chiaretto Wine festival in May.

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

Gardone Riviera • A popular resort on the western edge of the lake. The towns 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 battleship in the garden (*A).

Malcesine • A beautiful town on the eastern shore of the lake. The magnificent Castello Scagliero 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 distant peaks of the Dolomites and the Gruppo di Brenta range. Footpaths for walkers are signposted at the top.

Punta di San Viglio • One of the most beautiful places on Lake Garda. Set amid cypress 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 Scaglieri 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 cities most attractive Renaissance Square.

Peschiera • 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 by 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 Cattullo, which locals maintain once belonged to the Roman poet Catullus (*A). No cars are allowed in town so you can walk around the shops, restaurants and bars at ease. The Rocca Scaglieri (castle) once belonged to the powerful Scaglieri 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 lakeside 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 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 Palladina 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 by 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 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 available.

Verona • The setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet, Verona is a vibrant city with an ancient centre which boasts many superb Roman ruins. 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 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 Arce Scaligiere, 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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