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# Welcome to our Hotel!

We wish you a pleasant stay

Davide Sari

Franco Sari



## **HOTEL MONTE BALDO**

The history of the hotel and of our family coincides with the birth of tourism in Gardone Riviera. In 1902, our great-grandparents came to Gardone from Davos in Switzerland, where they had worked as hoteliers. They established two local hotels, the Hotel Garda Suisse and Pension Hohl. Gardone was quickly becoming an international renowned winter resort thanks to its mild climate and its promotion by enlightened German doctors.

In 1925, Berta Hohl purchased the Hotel Monte Baldo from the owners of the nearby Grand Hotel and since then it has remained with the same family. Hospitality here is a family tradition!

# VILLA ACQUARONE

The Villa Acquarone (annexe) is a stunning historical building built in a late 800 Palladian style and adorned with antique statues. It was built by Angelo Fuchs, an architect who designed several enchanting villas and hotels in Gardone, for the Counts Moi, a noble German family. After World War I it was acquired by Duke Acquarone, a minister of the royal family. In 1947, it was bought by our family, so we have now been its custodians for over sixty years.

An extensive renovation of this significant building has been undertaken to restore it to its former glory. Our restoration programme began in 1999 and the building was repainted by Jorrit Tornquist, a renowned colour designer and painter. Each of its ten elegant ensuite rooms have period furniture, parquet wood floors and large opening French style windows facing the lakeside. You will have the feeling of leaving in a different glorious époque.

## AMENITIES

## Reception 24h

The reception is attended 24hours with night porter. Should you need any help please dial number | **9** |

## Free Wi-Fi in all rooms and the Garden.

Free WIFI is available in all areas of the hotel. To connect simply connect to the network "MONTEBALDO" and follow the registration procedure.

## Private car Parking

The complimentary internal car parking is available free of charge for the hotel guests. Parking is subject to availability of free carparking spots. The parking is Video surveyed with CCTVS and closed during the night hours (24:00- 07:00). Should you arrive late the night porter will open the gate.

## Laundry service

Laundry service is available for the hotel guests. Please ask the reception for the laundry bag. The laundry given in the morning will be returned in the morning of the following day. Attached you can find the tariffs.

## <u>Pets</u>

Your beloved pets are welcome in our hotel. We kindly ask you to keep them on a leash for the respect of the other guests. Access is forbidden to the restaurant area.

## Bathrobe (on request)

Bathrobes are available free of charge at the reception upon deposit euro 30.

# Buoys for Boat Mooring (on request)

The hotel has four private buoys directly in front of the hotel where the guest can moor their motorboat up to 30 feet. Please check the availability at the reception. The cost for this service is euro 20 per day.

# <u>Garden</u>

The hotel is surrounded by a lush garden teaming with Mediterranean tree species. These include magnolia trees, camphor, phoenix Canariensis, bougainvillea and orange trees. The garden provides ample places for relaxation in the sunshine or shade

# Sundeck.

The hotel has almost two hundred metres of private lakeside frontage from which our guests can admire the view, swim and sunbath. We also have wooden decks that extend out above the water and a private pontoon.

## Sunbeds and beach umbrellas

Lawn areas, scattered with sun loungers surround the pool. Sunbeds and sun umbrellas are available for our guests to enjoy the sun and relax.

## Beach Towels (on request)

Beach towels are available at the reception at the cost of 2 Euro/each.

## Swimming pool

In the centre of the garden there is an elegant Bisazza green mosaic pool. For our younger guests, there is a smaller shallow pool. Both pools are video surveyed with CCTV cameras. The swimming pool is accessible until 22 pm.

## Pool bar

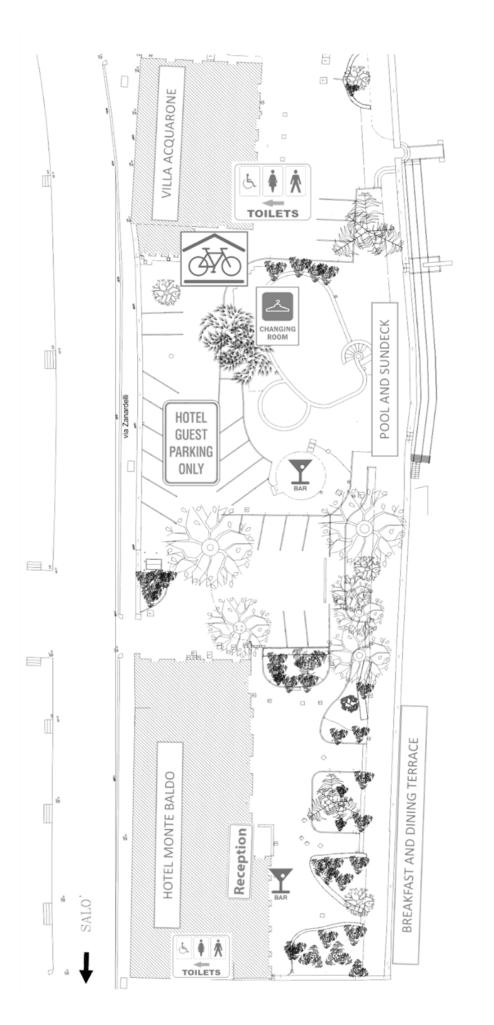
In our garden, next to the swimming pool, you can find our Pool Bar opened in the afternoon from 14:30 to 19:00. It caters the pool area and sundecks. At the bar, under the fresh shadow of the trees, you can find a wide choice of drinks and cocktails.

## Ping-pong

There is a table tennis playing area in front of the Villa Acquarone. Ping Pong paddles are available at the reception. Please do not play between h 14 -15 or during night hours.

### Bicycles storage area

You can stock your bicycles on the ground floor of the Villa Acquarone. The area is accessible from the entrance on the left side of the Villa.



### **BELLAVITA RESTAURANT**

Enjoy front-row lakeside seating while dining at our "Bellavita" restaurant! The long lake frontage (100 mt) allows all our guests to dine al fresco on the waterfront while looking out at the everchanging lake views. Enjoy our extensive buffet breakfast, delicious lunches and romantic three-course dinners by candlelight!

Our restaurant serves fine Mediterranean cuisine with traditional Italian flavours. You will experience tasty and healthy dishes thanks to the fresh, top quality ingredients: fresh water fish, seafood, meat and vegetables alongside homemade pasta and desserts, all paired with Garda wines (Lugana, Chiaretto, Groppello) carefully selected from the many local wineries!

Breakfast: 7.00 - 10.00 Lunch: 12.30 - 14.00 Dinner: 19.00 - 20.45

We advise our guest who wish to dine at the restaurant to make a reservation, preferably in the morning, at the Reception desk. The "à-la-carte" Menu from Bellavita restaurant is herewith attached.

## NOT TO MISS

The Hotel Monte Baldo has since long joined the Consortium of Hotels in the Riviera del Garda and can therefore offer his guests specific advantages and discounts (check for the sign ). Attached to this guide you can find the maps of Gardone and Salò, the promotion card is available free of charge at the reception.

# Lake Tour with the ferry

Maybe the best way to appreciate the scenery of lake Garda is from above the water. The variety of the Garda landscapes is stunning, thousand-meter cliffs, traditional marinas, the ancient lemon groves, the island of Garda with its Palace. You can enjoy all of this comfortably seated on a ferry. The ferry departure point is only 400 meters away from the hotel and it is possible to visit almost all the towns scattered around the lake. There is also the possibility with a combined ticked valid one day to visit more than one town. Please inquire about the tour of the "Southern Garda" or the "Northern Garda". Tariffs and boats schedule are available at the reception or on www.navilaghi.it Thanks to the consortium of hotels our guests can benefit a reduction of 20% on all rates upon the presentation of the "promotion card" at the ticked counter.

## Sirmione

## Grotto of Catullus

Inside the archaeological park, within a vast oliveto-grove, are the remains of a large Roman villa, known for centuries as "grotte di Catullo". The building, built between the end of the 1st century B.C. and the beginning of the 1st century A.D. in an excellent panoramic position, at the extreme tip of Sirmione peninsula, is the most important example of a high-class residence in the whole of northern Italy.

Just after the entrance to the archaeological park one finds the Museum, where objects brought to light during the excavation of the villa, and in archaeological work conducted in Sirmione and other localities of lake Garda, are displayed.

## Scaliger Castle

This fortification, surrounded by water, was built near the end of the 12th century as part of a defensive network surrounding Verona. It Is one of the best-preserved Scaliger castles in Italy and a rare example of lakeside fortification.

# <u>Thermae:</u>

The Thermae of Sirmione on lake Garda is one of the most charming and best equipped Thermal Centre in Europe. It offers a series of treatments, all having one essential element in common: the sulphurous water, therapeutic and relaxing properties.

# Tremosine

## "The Shiver Terrace"

A terrace hanging 350 meters high right above the lake, from which you can enjoy a 360° panorama on the whole Garda and the famous winding road "Strada della Forra". The mountains here dominate the scenery; you will end up admiring their silhouette merging between the sky and the blue waters of the lake.

Directions: follow for "Pieve di Termosine"

# Isle of Garda

From April to October the family Borghese Cavazza opens the doors to guided tours of his house, the famous Villa on the Isle of Garda. The tour starts from the lush park with English and Italian garden styles, and evokes the history of this place that has evolved through the centuries from the Roman era until today. The guided tour lasts two hours. During the summer season, musical events take place at sunset, please check www.isoladelgarda.com

## Gardone

# <u>Vittoriale degli Italiani</u>

Il Vittoriale is a complex of buildings, roads, squares, an open air amphitheatre, several gardens and rivers built between 1921 and 1938 by the poet Gabriele d'Annunzio.

During the summer, in the fascinating amphitheatre, takes place the musical season. It is possible to visit the poet's house upon reservation.

Open every day from 8.30 to 20.

Reachable on foot from the Hotel (20 min walk) or with the tourist train.

## **GARDONE RIVIERA**

Known also as city of gardens due to the various parks and villas, Gardone Riviera is composed of five charming hamlets scattered on the sunny hillside. The inland is greatly suitable for relaxing walks in the lush Mediterranean vegetation. For those who are more trained there are plenty of hikes with various difficulties for you to discover the fascinating landscape of lake Garda.

The golden age of Gardone Riviera starts at the end of 1800s when some enlightened German doctors noticed the particularly mild climate and beauty of the place and, after settling locally, attracted new friends and patients to stay at the nursing homes and hotels that soon flourished on the Riviera.

After a break, due to the first World war, Gardone enjoyed again a period of growth thanks to Gabriele d'Annunzio who decided to build here his house –museum known as "il Vittoriale degli Italiani" or "Shrine to Italian victories".

After World war II tourism in Gardone has turned from a Winter-Health to a summer vacation tourism. The town and its hotels soon rearranged to this new trend but kept their charm and exclusivity.

The credo that always has inspired the town is the one of Quality for its guests as well as for its inhabitants. This lead our town to be awarded with several important recognitions: the "Bandiera Blu" for the quality of bathing waters, the Orange flag for the attractiveness of the inland and is listed amongst the "borghi più belli d'Italia".

### André Heller's Botanic Garden

The botanic Garden belonging to the foundation André Heller was created from the doctor naturalist Arturo Hruska. The garden features more than 2000 species of plants coming from all continents. The new owner, the multimedia artist from Austria André Heller, is enriching the park with contemporary art pieces by renown artists like Keith Haring and Mimmo Paladino. Reachable on foot in 10 Minutes from the hotel or with the "Trenino"

# SALO'

Salò is only 4 km away from Gardone, and with about 10.000 inhabitants is the most important town of the Riviera del Garda. Its scenic lakeside promenade allows to walk all around the gulf directly by the lake (50 min).

The historical centre spreads among the square Carmine, la "Fossa" and the lungolago. The city centre is a maze of small roads alleys little square, elegant houses, shops bars and restaurants.

# <u>MuSa</u>

Opened on June 2015 the MuSa, aims at gathering together the identity of Salò with its treasures and its important contribution to the national history. The museum hosts important works of art, refined pieces of luthier's art, ancient machinery and even mummies. Open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 to 18

# <u>The Dome</u>

Dedicated to S. Maria all'Annunziata, it was built on the top of a more ancient building dating back to 1453 /1502 with late gothic shapes, split in three aisles by a grey stone colonnade. During the evening in the summer season important classical music concerts take place in the pretty square just outside the Duomo.

## Palace Fantoni

The building dates back to '400 and is the seat of the Historical Museum of Nastro Azzurro which gathers historical documents and memorabilia dating from the Napoleon era to the time of the Resistenza. Open Monday to Friday from 10 to 12.

# IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD

The many small towns surrounding the lake nearby Gardone all have a special charm. Visit:

• Gargnano, (15 km) with its historical lemon groves

• <u>Tignale e Tremosine, (</u>30 km) both hanging on to the rocky mountain cliff 600mt above the lake with one of the best view towards Monte Baldo (mt. 2079).

# **SPORT & NATURE**

The favourable microclimate of lake Garda allows during all seasons to practice many open-air activities. This special climate has also an influence on the vegetation: the growth of species otherwise rarely found at our latitude such as olive and lemon trees.

### Lake Tours

Relaxing guided tours in a "gozzo" boat, sailing next to the Island of Garda with the possibility of customizing the itinerary. Inquire about - Bee Boat Service.

## Motorboat yachting rental

Motorboat yachting rental with our without boat driving licence. Rental starts from half day. Please ask for: Nautica Benaco, Rappydrive o Garda Yatching charter.

### <u>Bike</u>

Gardone and its inland offer many tracks of various difficulties to train with your mountain bike. You can find roads caved in the cliffs surrounding the lake, WWI tracks tunnels and small towns where you can enjoy a break.

Inquire about the brochures Lago di Garda Bike e Bike and Trekking. For guided bike tours with experts please ask for Gardone in bikeasd.

For e-bike Rental: Rideook.com

### Sail Boats

Spend one afternoon sailing and discovering the nicest places on Garda thanks to the many thermal breeze that swipe the lake. Inquire about "Garda Yatching charter" o "Sailingarda".

### <u>Canyoning</u>

Natural slopes, dives in natural pools, waterfalls: action and fund in the nature guided by highly trained guides.

Inquire about Aqua Trill Canyoning or Outdoor Planet.

## <u>Windsurf</u>

Zoom on the lake thanks to the winds Peler and Ora Ask for Ok-Surf in Gargnano. Classes also for beginners <u>Golf</u>

The region has a lot to offer to the Golf players. There are easy as well as more difficult paths always surrounded by the lush Mediterranean vegetation and high mountains

Amongst the closest to Gardone:

- Bogliaco Golf Club km 10 tel. 0365 643006
- Il Colombaro Golf Club km 10 tel. 0365 43327
- Gardagolf Country Club km 16 -tel. 0365 674707
- Arzaga Golf Club km 27 tel. 030 6806266

# Paragliding

Get a view from an unique perspective. Flying in this natural environment with expert trainers is possible! Inquire about Tandem Paragliding.

# <u>Sup</u>

Classes, and rentals for Stand up paddling Inquire about SUP Garda www.supgarda.it

# HIKING

# Valle delle Cartiere (Papermills Valley)

The history of Toscolano is tightly linked to the Valle delle Cartiere. This valley located just behind Toscolano between monte Pizzocolo and Monte Castello was back in the year '400 an important pole for the paper industry. Its favourable position on the river banks of Toscolano made it an interesting place for building paper mills. However, with the technological progress electrical energy replaced water energy. The paper Museum is open April to September Mon-Sun from 10 - 18

Website: www.valledellecartiere.it

# Naturalistic archaeological park Rocca di Manerba

This relatively limited area holds a unique variety of vegetation: plants from different climatic areas that grow together, encouraged by the reassuring presence of the lake.

Open April to September Mon- Sun from 10 – 20. Free entrance. Website: www.parcoroccamanerba.net

# Sanctuary of Montecastello

The Sanctuary of Montecastello is located just below the peak of Monte Castello, on a spur of rock sheer above the lake, with magnificent panoramic views. The Sanctuary is open from the 9th April to the end October 2017, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.30 p.m.

# <u>Walks</u>

In Gardone it is possible to enjoy strolls in the town parks an as well as harder trekking. Please ask for the town map at the reception, the staff will be happy to help you find a walk that best suits you.

# Trekking Rifugio G.Pirlo

A classic trekking: departure from San Michele, the hike lasts approx. 4 hours go and return, with a climb of 1200mt.

# BVG "Lower Garda Route"

The famous and about 100km long itinerary that links Salò to Limone For more info please check www.bvgtrail.it

# FOR THE KIDS

# Rimbalzello Adventure (Barbarano di Salò)

5 different routes where you can find lianas, Tibetan bridges, nets and ziplines. All you need for an unforgettable day between cheerfulness, safety, adventure, amusement, challenge and adrenaline. Only 2 Km away from our Hotel.

# Parco Natura Viva (Bussolengo di Verona) 🦚

Parco Natura Viva was opened in 1969. It covers about 40 hectares of land and is a natural zoological garden which is home to some 1.500 specimens belonging to over 250 wild species.

It is divided into the Safari Park, in which the visitor stays in his vehicle, and the Fauna Park, which is for pedestrians only.

# Gardaland (Castelnuovo del Garda - Verona) 🦚

Gardaland is the biggest amusement park in Italy and also includes Gardaland Sea-Life. In June 2005, Gardaland has been ranked fifth in the top ten amusement parks in the world by Forbes Magazine.

# Il parco acquatico Cavour (Valeggio s/M di Verona) 🦚

A 150.000 mq large water park with slopes, waterfalls ,sand beaches, Jacuzzi and beach volley court.

# Le Vele Acquapark (San Gervasio Bresciano di Brescia)

Le Vele is the largest water park in Italy with an area of 200,000 square meters, 11 limpid pools of numerous sizes to relax under the sun's rays, regenerated by gentle waterfalls or play in companion of our animation team.

# Canevaworld (Lazise s/G di Verona)

Movieland (5 studios relive the movie scenes), Caneva Aquapark (waterslides and swimming pools), Medieval Times (Medieval Dinner with Horsman show).

# Parco Giardino Sigurtà (Valeggio s/M di Verona) 🦚

A stunning natural park with innumerable species of flowers and plants. Recently awarded with the second place "Europe's Most Beautiful Parks 2015"

### **RESTAURANTS IN GARDONE**

### **REACHABLE ON FOOT**

<u>Ristorante Casinò:</u>  $\in \in \in \in$  Italian, Seafood, Mediterranean, European <u>Ristorante Lido '84:</u>  $\in \in \in \in \in$  Italian, Seafood, Mediterranean, European, <u>Villa Fiordaliso:</u>  $\in \in \in \in \in$  Italian, Mediterranean, European <u>La Darsena:</u>  $\in \in = \in \in \in$  Italian, Pizza, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Wimmer</u>:  $\in \in =$  Italian, Pizza, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Sans Souci:</u>  $\in \in =$  Italian, Pizza, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Emiliano's:</u>  $\in \in =$  Italian, Pizza, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Ristorante "al Piccolo Muretto:</u>  $\in \in =$  Seafood, Thai <u>Osteria Antico Brolo:</u>  $\notin \in \in \in =$  Italian, Mediterranean <u>Trattoria Locanda Agli Angeli:</u>  $\notin \in = \notin \in =$  Italian, Mediterranean <u>Ristorante La Taverna:</u>  $\notin \in = \notin \in =$  Italian, Mediterranean <u>Il Fiore di Zucca:</u>  $\notin \in = \notin \in$  Italian, Traditional Roman cuisine

#### **REACHABLE BY CAR**

<u>Ristorante Pizzeria Nablus:</u>  $\in \in - \in \in \in -$  Italian, Pizza, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Trattoria e Pizzeria Marietta:</u>  $\in \in - \in \in \in -$  Italian, Special Pizzas <u>Trattoria Riolet:</u>  $\in \in - \in \in \in -$  Italian, Mediterranean, Barbecue <u>Albergo Ristorante San Michele:</u>  $\in \in - \in \in \in -$  Italian, Pizza <u>Pizzeria Benella:</u>  $\in -$  Italian, Pizza, European <u>Allo scoglio:</u>  $\in \in - \in \in \in -$  Italian, Seafood, Mediterranean <u>Ristorante Pieruli:</u>  $\notin -$  Italian, Grill <u>Agriturismo il Bagnolo:</u>  $\notin \in -$  Italian, Rustic, Barbecue

# MARKETS

<u>Monday</u> Peschiera (1-hour drive from Gardone)

<u>Tuesday</u> Desenzano (40-minute drive from Gardone)

<u>Thursday</u> Maderno (5-minute drive/ 40 minutes on foot da Gardone) Reachable also by bus. Bus-stop in front of Grand Hotel Gardone.

<u>Friday</u> Garda (1-hour 20-minute drive from Gardone) Sirmione (1-hour drive from Gardone)

#### <u>Saturday</u>

Salò (5-minute drive / 40-minute on foot from Gardone) Reachable also by bus. Bus-stop in front of Grand Hotel Gardone.

### SHOPPING

Several shopping malls are at easy reach from Gardone Riviera:

- Elnòs Shopping (Roncadelle) 41 km
- Franciacorta Outlet Village 47 km
- Il Leone Shopping Centre (Lonato del Garda) 30 km
- Le Vele (Desenzano) 25 km

## **PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

To check the schedule and routes please refer to the attachment at the end of this brochure.

### Ferry and Fast boats

Many Ferry and Fast boats service Gardone taking you to almost any tony around the lake.

The pier in Gardone Riviera is in the city centre just next to the grand Hotel at the beginning of the lakeside promenade (Piazza Wimmer) It is possible to purchase the ticket directly at the pier or in the travel agency just in front of it.

### <u>Bus</u>

Many bus services stop in Gardone during the daytime. The main bus line is the S202 which links Gargnano to Brescia. The bus stops direction Brescia/Salò is in front of the Grand Hotel, while the one heading to Gargnano is on the same side of the road of the Grand Hotel. It is possible to purchase the ticket directly on the bus with 2 € extra charge or in the Agenzia Molinari (Piazza Wimmer) in front of the boat pier.

### Touristic train

For a short tour in Gardone Riviera an interesting solution is the touristic train. Tickets can be purchased directly on the train that departs at the boat pier in Piazza Wimmer. The train makes a tour every 30 minutes and it is possible with the same ticket to hop on and off at the intermediate stops.

<u>Taxi</u> Suggested taxi phone numbers:

+39 3381054465	- Mosef (Gardone)
+39 3333927112	- Alstolfi (Gardone)
+39 036543516	- Taxi Salò (Salò)
+39 3383659218	- Lo Giudice (Gardone)

## **ONE DAY TOUR**

### Verona

The Arena is the third largest Roman amphitheatre after the Coliseum and the Arena of Capua. It can host up to 20.000 people and dates back to the I century D.C. The famous Opera festival has taken place in summer every year since 1913. www.arena.it

## Riva del Garda

Hydroelectrical plant A monumental power plant built on the banks of the lake in the twenties to plans by D'Annunzio's architect Giancarlo Maroni, who had previously designed the Vittoriale degli Italiani. An unexpected, exciting visitor experience, with original multimedia installations, somewhere to visit but also to "have fun".

MAG Museo Alto Garda MAG Museo Alto Garda environment, all settled in a fascinating context right in the centre of Riva del Garda.

### Malcesine

<u>Funivia Monte Baldo</u> A rotating panoramic cable car, unique in its kind which in 10 minutes climbs 1650 mt of height reaching the top of Monte Baldo. Departure is in the centre of Malcesine, which can be reached by ferry from Gardone.

## Rovereto

<u>Museo Mart</u> . Modern and contemporary art museum of Rovereto e Trento. It is amongst the most important museums in Europe of its kind.

## Trento

<u>Muse.</u> A modern museum telling the fascinating story of nature the mountain environment and the innovation.

## Brescia

<u>Museo di Santa Giulia.</u> The City Museum, unique in its design and location - a monastic complex of Lombard foundation - and with display areas covering 14,000 m<sup>2</sup>, offers a journey through Brescia's history, art and spirituality from prehistoric times to the present day. <u>Musei del Castello</u>. The castle stands on Cidneo Hill, which constitutes an important park area within the city. It is one of the most interesting fortified complexes in Italy, in which signs of the

various periods of domination are still evident.

## OLIO DEL GARDA DOP

Among the food products of Europe recognised by the European Community as worthy of the DOP qualification (Denomination Origin Protected) is the olive oil from Lake Garda. There has been a flourishing and famous tradition of olive oil production on the shores of Lake Garda since antiquity, where it is produced at its most northerly point in the world thanks to the microclimate of this Lake. This is indeed a prestigious oil, light and fruity, rich in chlorophyll, and sapid and harmonious to the taste. It gives balance and style to salads, brings out the taste of fish and meats and lends a quality of excellence to fried dishes.

The Extra Virgin Olive Oil - Garda DOP is typified by the following characteristics of taste, appearance and perfume:

- <u>Colour</u>: from marked to intense golden green, due to the high chlorophyll content;
- <u>Perfume</u>: varying intensities of light fruitiness, with a sweet almond sensation.

Producers, resellers and oil mills

**Gardone Riviera** Frantoio del Bornico - Via Oleificio, 11 Toscolano Maderno

## Manerba del Garda :

Frantoio Avanzi Via Risorgimento, 32

### Gargnano:

Oleificio Giacomini - Via Villavetro 82, Villavetro di Gargnano Oleificio Tavernini- Via della Libertà 92, Gargnano

### **Toscolano Maderno**

Oleificio Bonaspetti Via Bellini, 69