

Highlights

2015



01.01.2015

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT WITH THE HAYDN ORCHESTRA OF BOLZANO AND TRENTO

Kursaal Merano - 5.00 p.m.

Wonderful New Year's enjoyment for music lovers. The Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano and Trento offers an extensive repertoire, a "musical journey through Europe". Conducted by Arvo Volmer.

Info: www.musikmeran.it



30.01.-01.02.2015

UIAA ICE CLIMBING WORLD CUP 2015

Piazza Terme Merano (30.01.) and Corvara in Passiria (31.01.-01.02.)

The world's best ice climbers will be competing in the 2015 World Championships in the Upper Passiria Valley. The opening festivities at Piazza Terme in Merano will allow spectators to see the experts at work, culminating in a speed climbing event where the eight fastest climbers race to the top of a 12-metre tower of ice.

Info: www.eisklettern.it



28.03.-03.05.2015

MERANO SPRING

Merano

A series of events featuring various initiatives to enhance and make creative use of Merano's green spaces in the early months of the year, including a new spring market and various events around the topic of "Art and Architecture".

Info: www.merano.eu

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06.04.2015

TRADITIONAL HAFLINGER HORSE RACES AND PROCESSION

Merano town centre and Merano Racecourse

This event, held on Easter Monday, marks the opening of the annual racing season at the Merano Racecourse. In the morning there is a procession through the town centre of many colourful floats accompanied by brass bands in local costumes.

Info: www.haflinger.eu and www.merano.eu



26.04.2015

22nd SOUTH TYROL SPRING HALF-MARATHON AND MERANO "RUN4FUN"

Merano and Lagundo

The 22nd South Tyrol spring half-marathon is an international sporting challenge held over a distance of 21.5 km through glorious orchard blossoms between Merano and Lagundo. It starts on the Corso Libertà in Merano and finishes in Merano at the Piazza Terme. Alongside the half-marathon will be the fourth edition of the Merano "run4fun" over a course of 4.2 km. This is a non-competitive event for amateur runners, power walkers and Nordic walkers. Men, women and runners over the age of 12 are all welcome to take part.

Info: www.marathon-meran.com



May 2015

FOODIE FACTORY AT MERANO ARTE

Merano Arte, Raiffeisen building

Under the auspices of the "Foodie Factory", Merano's culinary laboratory, "Merano Arte" offers creative cuisine of the highest quality. Alpine and Mediterranean influences interact in the inspiring atmosphere of this contemporary art gallery in the heart of Merano.

Info: www.foodiefactory.it



May-August 2015

GARDEN NIGHTS - WORLD MUSIC AT ITS FINEST

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle Merano - 9.00 p.m.

This series of open-air concerts, now in its 14th edition, offers musical highlights from different continents. It is one of Italy's most important world music festivals and continues to attract an ever-growing public to the atmospheric setting around the water-lily pond.

Info: www.trauttmansdorff.it

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May-October 2015

RACING SEASON AT THE MERANO RACECOURSE

Merano Racecourse

Horse racing events are regularly held at Merano, the home of Italy's most beautiful racecourse.

Info: www.meranogaloppo.it



09.-10.05.2015

5th YOGA MEETING "MERANO IN YOGA"

Kurhaus Merano and outdoors

Respected international yoga teachers in various disciplines will be travelling to Merano to hold seminars, gatherings and courses. The festival programme includes free lessons, conferences, concerts and exhibitions. A festival for everyone - yoga practitioners, beginners and for all those interested in this oriental discipline.

Info: www.merano.eu and www.yogameeting.org



21.-25.05.2015

GOURMET MARKET

Passer Promenade Merano

A wide range of gastronomic specialities and local produce from all over Italy will be offered for sale on Merano's Passer Promenade.

Info: expoidea@virgilio.it and www.merano.eu



Sundays in June

BREAKFAST WITH SISSI AT TRAUTTMANSDORFF CASTLE

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle Merano - 9.00 a.m.-12.00 noon

On Sissi's terrace, where once the Empress Elisabeth would stroll, visitors to the Gardens can now indulge themselves with an imperial breakfast in the first months of summer. With breathtaking panoramas over the surrounding gardens and wonderful live musical accompaniment, "Breakfast with Sissi" is a delight for the palate, eyes and ears!

Info: www.trauttmansdorff.it



June to July 2015

KALLMÜNZ SUMMER FESTIVAL MERANO 2015

Kallmünz Castle Merano

The romantic ambience of Kallmünz Castle offers the ideal setting for open-air events, with music, cinema and cabaret all on the programme.

Info: www.merano.eu and www.kallmuenz.it

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Fridays in June-August 2015

TRAUTTMANSDORFF AFTER HOURS

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle @ Touriseum Merano - 6.00-11.00 p.m.

On Fridays in June, July and August, visitors can enjoy the long summer evenings and unmistakable atmosphere of Trauttmansdorff Castle at a reduced rate. "Trauttmansdorff After Hours" offers a combination of gastronomic and musical specialities and fascinating informative events.

Info: www.trauttmansdorff.it and www.touriseum.it

Mid-June 2015

11th INTERNATIONAL CITROËN VINTAGE CAR MEETING

Merano town centre - Piazza Terme

The Citroën old-timer parade through the old town is a must for vintage car lovers, who can then admire these fine old French vehicles at Piazza Terme.

Info: www.citroensm.com

12.-14.06.2015

ASFALTART 2015 - INTERNATIONAL STREET ART FESTIVAL

Merano town centre and Piazza Terme

Fun for young and old alike at the Asfaltart international street art festival: clowns, puppet theatre, trapeze artists, jugglers, pantomimes and acrobats will all be appearing on the streets and squares of Merano.

Info: www.asfaltart.it

13.-20.06.2015

10th VINO MIGLIA - OLD-TIMER MEETING

Merano town centre and Piazza Terme

Another must for vintage car lovers: the 10th "Vino Miglia" vintage car rally is a week-long tour through five European countries, with tastings of wine and local specialities en route, including a stop in Merano.

Info: www.vino-miglia.de

26.06.-05.07.2015

33rd SOUTH TYROL JAZZFESTIVAL

Merano and surroundings

Internationally renowned jazz musicians will be enthusiastically presenting their rich musical repertoires.

Info: www.suedtiroljazzfestival.com

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July & August 2015

A SUMMER EVENING IN MERANO

Merano town centre

Locals and visitors alike can enjoy the warm evening weather in the town centre with a wide range of high-quality outdoor musical events.

Info: www.merano.eu



July & August 2015

TUESDAY EVENING IN MERANO

Merano town centre - 8.00-11.00 p.m.

This series of events, now celebrating its tenth anniversary, offers ever-changing new themes, including evening concerts, fashion shows, performances and various shows in the town centre.

Info: www.merano.eu



05.-12.07.2015

SÜDTIROL CLASSIC 2015

Scena, Merano and surroundings

This international meeting for historic automobiles is a must for all fans of vintage cars. The "Rally of Sympathy" passes through Merano on 9 July.

Info: www.suedtirolclassic.com



14.-17.07.2015

19th MERANO JAZZ FESTIVAL & 14th CENTRAL EUROPEAN JAZZ ACADEMY

Kallmünz Castle, Merano

MeranoJazz is a top-class open-air music festival where famous jazz musicians will be performing unforgettable evening shows. Running in parallel will be the 14th Central European Jazz Academy, featuring master classes and workshops from a dozen or so well-known European jazz musicians.

Info: www.meranojazz.it



21.-26.07.2015

GRAN PREMIO DOLOMITI

Dolomites - Merano

The "Gran Premio Dolomiti" is a special vintage car race that also crosses several high passes in the Dolomite and Brenta ranges. It is a stylish tour through the mountain massifs with a series of culinary events to accompany the race.

Info: www.granpremiadolomiti.com

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15.-16.08.2015

TOP-QUALITY FLAT RACING

Merano Racecourse

This weekend is a highlight of the Merano racing season, with the best Italian and Central European racing stables competing on the flat.

Info: www.meranogaloppo.it



25.08.-23.09.2015

30th SOUTH TYROL CLASSIC FESTIVAL - MERANO MUSIC WEEKS

Merano Kurhaus and Puccini Theatre

The Merano Music Weeks offer visitors the chance to hear outstanding classical music concerts, mostly in the evocative Art Nouveau atmosphere of the Merano Kurhaus.

Info: www.meranofestival.com



September 2015

3rd BURGGRÄFLER PALIO

Merano Racecourse

An equestrian event with a guaranteed derby atmosphere: the third “Palio” between the municipalities surrounding Merano sees the various teams allotted horses, then competing in races between both Haflinger mounts and thoroughbreds. South Tyrolean specialities and presentations round off the thrilling race action.

Info: www.meranogaloppo.it



September 2015

MERANO MAGIC FESTIVAL 2015 - A GALA OF ILLUSIONS

Merano Kursaal

The third Merano Magic Festival will once again be enchanting the town. A gala of magic at the Kursaal featuring renowned magicians will show off the various facets of the illusionist’s art, amusing and mysterious in turns.

Info: www.merano.eu



Mid-September - mid-November 2015

AUTUMN IN MERANO

Merano and surroundings

Three months of gastronomic delights, music and folklore for the traditional autumn season of events.

Info: www.meranerland.com/en

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25.09.2015

MERANO FASHION 2015

Merano Kursaal

Merano's boutiques, together with renowned labels, will be participating in the second edition of the glamorous "Merano Fashion" show. Famous models will be presenting the latest collections for men and women on the catwalk.

Info: www.merano.eu

27.09.2015

76th MERANO FORST GRAND PRIX

Merano Racecourse

The Merano Forst Grand Prix is the best-known, most lucrative and most prestigious steeplechase in Italy. The brightly decorated racecourse hosts competing stables and jockeys from Italy, France, the Czech Republic and other European countries, with the spectators providing a fashionable and elegant backdrop.

Info: www.meranogaloppo.it

October 2015

MAIAOKTOBERFEST

Merano Racecourse

A wide-ranging programme of events including Haflinger horses, folklore groups, folk music bands and a wide choice of tasty dishes.

Info: www.meranogaloppo.it

03.10. & 10.10.2015

14th INTERNATIONAL BRASS FESTIVAL

Merano Kursaal - 8.30 p.m.

03.10.2015 - MNOZIL BRASS

The 7-strong "Mnozil Brass" group was founded in 1992 by the legendary musical regulars at the Gasthaus Josef Mnozil, an inn in Vienna's first district. The ensemble has since performed around the world, playing some 120-130 concerts a year and filling prestigious concert venues such as London's Royal Albert Hall, the Burgtheater in Vienna and the Tchaikovsky Conservatory in Moscow. The musicians have also guested at major festivals.

10.10.2015 - RODNEY MARSALIS PHILADELPHIA BIG BRASS

Led by outstanding trumpeter Rodney Marsalis, the "Rodney Marsalis Philadelphia Big Brass" ensemble features some of America's best brass musicians. All of the members have already played at the world's most important venues and worked with leading orchestras.

Info: www.brassfestival.net

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16.10.2015

23rd ALPEN GRAND PRIX

Merano Kursaal - 8.00 p.m.

The “Alpen Grand Prix” is an international music competition for folk music with leading artists from various countries participating in this special event.

Info: www.alpengrandprix.com

16.-18.10.2015

FOLK MUSIC AND GRAPE FESTIVAL 2015

Merano town centre

The 17th folk music festival, staged by the South Tyrol Association of Musical Bands, is being held as part of the highly traditional Merano Grape Festival, with more than 4,000 musicians playing at several open-air concert venues. The undisputed high point of the Grape Festival weekend is Sunday’s grand parade through the town with its decorated floats. Folk music concerts and food stalls selling local seasonal delicacies can be found along the Passer Promenade.

Info: www.merano.eu and www.vsm.bz.it

24.10.2015

5th TEA AND AROMATIC HERB FESTIVAL

Merano Kurhaus - 10.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m.

The Tea and Aromatic Herb Festival offers visitors a fascinating view of the world of herbs and herb cultivation in South Tyrol. On sale will also be a large range of organic health and beauty products.

Info: www.fachschule-frankenbergl.it and www.merano.eu

06.-09.11.2015

MERANO WINEFESTIVAL

Merano Kurhaus - Piazza Terme - Passer Promenade

The “Merano WineFestival” is one of Europe’s most exclusive and elegant wine and food events, where top-quality Italian and foreign winemakers will be presenting their finest products. There will also be a focus on wines from organic and biodynamic producers.

Info: www.meranowinefestival.com

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26.11.2015-06.01.2016

MERANO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Merano town centre - Passer Promenade - Piazza Terme - Piazza della Rena

The Merano Christmas Market provides a magical atmosphere, with a wide-ranging daily programme of music, children's entertainment, local customs and handicrafts. There are other Christmas markets in Merano too, offering textiles, jewellery, ceramics, glass & wooden objects and much more besides, all created by Italian and international artists and craftspeople.

Info: www.mercatini.merano.eu



26.12.2015

CONCERT: SYMPHONIC WINDS 2015 & PEI-CHING WU (TAIWAN)

Merano Kursaal - 8.30 p.m.

The Symphonic Winds orchestra, featuring the exceptional talent of Taiwanese musician Pei-Ching Wu, offers an unforgettable experience. Her breathtaking technique has led Pei-Ching Wu to be regarded as one of the finest marimba players of her generation.

Info: www.symphonicwinds.it



31.12.2015

NEW YEAR IN MERANO

Piazza della Rena - Piazza Terme - Puccini Theatre Merano

Live music and turn-of-the-year entertainment on the town centre squares, with a big fireworks display to see in the New Year at midnight.

Info: www.merano.eu



SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS IN THE MUSEUMS ...

... AT THE TOURISEUM

01.04.-15.11.2015

“WAR AND TOURISM” - SPECIAL EXHIBITION AT THE TOURISEUM (TRAUTTMANSDORFF CASTLE)

In 1915 Tyrol, previously the “southern balcony of the Habsburg Empire”, was transformed from a recreational area into a theatre of war: from the Ortler to the Dolomites, what had been favoured destinations among tourists and mountaineers suddenly sprouted barbed wire and military barracks. Hotels, restaurants and mountain huts rapidly emptied. Behind the front lines, spa resorts and tourist destinations were converted into military hospitals. For hoteliers and innkeepers with establishments in the line of fire, the work of decades was ruined overnight. Yet, after the First World War, the conflict zones of the Dolomites became the backbone of a surprisingly rapid revival in tourism. The special exhibition at the Touriseum focuses on the influence of the First World War on the development of tourism in South Tyrol. How did war and tourism interact? What have been the implications of the First World War for tourism in areas such as Merano or the Dolomites up until the present day?

Info: www.touriseum.it

... AT THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM

12.12.2014-31.07.2015

INVISIBLE HEROINES - THE WOMEN'S FRONT IN THE FIRST WORLD WAR

The Women's Museum highlights the situation of women in Merano and its surroundings during the First World War. The exhibition addresses various topics such as Merano before and after the outbreak of the First World War, the jobs and various aspects of work performed by women during the war years, the tasks of women in everyday life and the role of peace activists. On display are original objects, large-format photos from the Merano city archives, newspaper reports and documents from the war years in the Merano region. There will also be a wide-ranging supporting programme.



November 2015 to June 2016

ROLLING BACK THE YEARS - AGE IN THE MODERN ERA

More and more women are getting older, because increased life expectancy worldwide means that most women are now achieving longer lifespans in relatively good health and with - usually - scarcely restricted mobility. The exhibition illustrates the variety of ways in which women cope with aging. Older women from various age groups, different countries and very different life situations are presented via images, short histories and films. Each woman has had the courage to decide what meaning she will give to this phase of her life. There will also be a varied programme in support of the exhibition.



Info: www.museia.it



... AT MERANO ARTE

January to April 2015

FROM & TO MERAN-NIZZA

The "From & To Meran-Nizza" project grew from the work between emerging Italian artists and talented art creators from France, resulting in new works that are now documented in a journal. The exhibition in Merano is curated by Eric Mangion (Director of the "Villa Arson" centre in Nice) and Valerio Dehò (Merano Arte).

April to June 2015

FOODIE FACTORY: EAT & ART

FOOD IN ART / ART FROM AND WITH FOODSTUFFS / ABOUT FOOD IN ART

In the context of the "Foodie Factory", Merano's culinary laboratory, Merano Arte is focusing on the cultural significance of cooking, eating and pleasure from an artistic perspective. Some 10-15 works will be shown, starting with Daniel Spoerri as the inventor of "Eat Art" (art with and from foodstuffs). The exhibition shows how the way in which art deals with the theme of "food" has been given a new topicality against a backdrop of abundance and hunger and in the face of modern nutritional doctrines and fast food.

From mid-June 2015

FRANCESCA WOODMAN & BIRGIT JÜRGENSSEN

WORKS FROM THE "SAMMLUNG VERBUND"

One of the main areas of collection of the Viennese "VERBUND" organisation is the generation of artists who made art history in the 1970s. The exhibition is dedicated to the highly varied legacy of the American Francesca Woodman (1958-1981) and the works of the Austrian Birgit Jürgenssen (1949-2003). The 80 photographs of Woodman in the possession of the "SAMMLUNG VERBUND" can be seen for the first time at Merano Arte in their original size.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS AT MERANO ARTE:

50th anniversary of the death of Alois Kuperion (25.09.2015-10.01.2016)

Walter Gadner and Magdalene Schmidt - Architecture of the 1930s in Merano and town planning (02.10.2015-10.01.2016)

Info: www.kunstmeranoarte.org

Subject to change without notice!

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