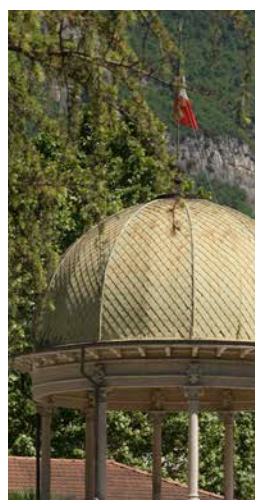


DARFO BOARD TERM E



Your city
for major events

sports, meetings, tournaments and leisure



The Spa at Terme di Boario



The Franca Ghitti Museum



The Montecchio Bridge over the River Oglio



LOGISTICS

for major events

Darfo Boario Terme offers LOGISTICS designed for the organisation of LARGE congress, sports, cultural and leisure EVENTS. The town benefits from strategically located facilities within 500 metres of the town centre, allowing visitors to enjoy their passion or commitment in complete peace of mind, without the need for a car. The event area, easily accessible via a dedicated exit from the SS42 road, includes:

- LARGE, WELL-EQUIPPED FREE CAR PARK, available for conference or music events, car and motorbike rallies, a closed park, support vehicles or paddocks, with the option to install electric charging points and water connections (optional). There are also fast-charge points for electric cars,
- A prestigious MUNICIPAL MULTIFUNCTIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE equipped with:
 - a multifunctional conference hall with 500 seats and a speakers' stage, or a 625-square-metre open area without chairs, suitable for tournaments such as bridge, burraco and chess, as well as gala dinners;
 - a 200-seat hall with fixed armchairs for courses and conferences;
 - a multifunctional hall with 100 seats or an open layout;
 - a scenic gallery ideal for exhibitions and displays with a strong visual impact;
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- THE MUNICIPAL PARCO DELLE TERME which offers:
 - a wonderful 130,000-square-metre municipal botanical park,
 - the 'Antica Fonte' bar and restaurant, open at all times,
 - the 'Igea' multi-purpose hall (250 square metres) for organising gatherings, meetings, parties and weddings, as well as
 - corporate dinners, featuring a modern industrial induction kitchen available to restaurants and catering providers.
 - The "La Vela" open-air space, a marquee open at the sides with a stage and dance floor for organising
 - concerts, performances, dance evenings, theatre and shows, complete with a basic sound system.
- SPORTS HALLS AND GYMNASIUMS FOR SPORTING EVENTS,
- INDOOR OLYMPIC-SIZE SWIMMING POOL AND WATER PARK,
- 3- and 4-starHOTELS within walking distance of the Conference Centre and the Terme Park. With car parks and classified as 'Bike Hotels',
- the BOARIO THERMAL SPA and the VIOLATI TREATMENT CENTRE (a private facility) specialising in thermal treatments for adults and children, physical therapies for post-traumatic, surgical and pathological motor and neurological rehabilitation, and an outpatient clinic.
- ADDITIONAL FACILITIES such as cafés, restaurants, supermarkets, a chemist's and Esine Hospital.
- GREEN AREAS and TRAILS, through the hills and mountains, just a short walk from the centre.
- CYCLING AND WALKING ROUTES, in particular:
 - the Oglio Cycle Route (Monaco–Milan), which runs alongside the River Oglio just a few hundred metres from the town centre.
 - The Charlemagne Trails and the Via Valeriana, coming from the south from opposite shores of Lake
 - Iseo, which intersect right in the town centre on the historic Montecchio Bridge, heading north.
- MOTORHOME PARKING AREA
- Ferrovie Nord RAILWAY STATION to and from Brescia and Edolo,
- COACH STATION with services to and from the cities of Brescia, Bergamo and Milan,
- CAR HIRE via CAR SHARING,
- HELICOPTER SERVICE (airport transfers, sightseeing flights),
- INFO POINT, for tourist information, brochures and leaflets, and booking guided tours with tourist, cultural and mountain bike guides,
- AIRPORTS (by car: Milan Malpensa 2 hours, Linate 1.5 hours, Bergamo Orio al Serio 1 hour, Verona 1.5 hours),
- THE THERMAE & SKI CONSORTIUM, a public-private organisation comprising the local council, hotels, local businesses, associations and educational institutions, responsible for:
 - the promotion and marketing of the city and its facilities,
 - inbound and outbound tourism,
 - supporting and assisting event agencies or groups in the management of conferences, sporting, cultural and leisure events, by streamlining and overseeing decision-making and organisational processes.



THE CONFERENCE CENTRE

A multi-purpose venue for seminars, conferences and exhibitions

The Boario Terme Conference Centre was designed by the architectural practice of Vittorio Gregotti, one of the most prestigious names in Italian architecture on the international stage. It stands out for the ingenuity of its overall design and for the quality of its architectural solutions, both inside and out. The complex, which stands on a site of approximately 3,000 square metres, was created and built as a multi-purpose space, integrating in an extremely rational manner meeting rooms, exhibition areas and service facilities, equipped with the latest generation of technology. The building therefore offers a unique opportunity to experience modernity, rationality and multi-functionality, the seamless integration of the various activities associated with conference events and, last but not least, the elegance of its architectural solutions. It is the ideal venue for conventions, meetings, tournaments, seminars and conferences, as well as trade fairs, events, parties, gala dinners and as a logistics base for sporting competitions. Not to be overlooked is the vast outdoor area, which can be used as a car park, a vehicle park and service area for car and motorbike races, or as a fully equipped exhibition space.

The conference centre features:

- Hall 500 (area 625 square metres) with 500 seats or open-plan layout. Ideal for large conferences.
- Hall with 200 seats, fitted with fixed ergonomic armchairs.
- VIP room with 50 seats for small meetings.
- A gallery to be used as an exhibition space, for exhibitions and buffets.
- A bar and ancillary facilities for hosting gala dinners, buffets or breakfasts during events.
- An outdoor area of 3,000 square metres for the logistics of sporting, cultural and recreational events.
- A large FREE car park with 200 spaces and electric vehicle charging points.
- A fully equipped campervan parking area.





Conference Centre: 500-seat hall



Conference Centre



Conference Centre: 200-seat hall



The Darfo Boario Terme Park with the dome designed by architect Americo Marazzi (1913)



THE SPA PARK

The Boario Spa Park has been a major tourist attraction in the Camonica Valley since the early 20th century, when spa activities first began. The health-giving and therapeutic properties of Boario's waters, praised and extolled even by the writer Alessandro Manzoni, are guaranteed by the presence of four springs (Boario, Igea, Antica Fonte and Fausta) which flow from Monte Altissimo along a long route that allows them to be purified and enriched with beneficial mineral salts.

The moment that, more than any other, defined the character and appearance of the place was 1913, the year in which the Ticino-born architect Americo Marazzi, in authentic Art Nouveau style, redesigned it according to the principles of the 'garden city'. These were based on a broad and holistic vision – still evident today – and a 'systematisation' of the individual elements – the spring pavilions – with natural features – trees, avenues, pools of water – which, in turn, have acquired architectural and compositional significance. The tour aims to offer an architectural interpretation within its historical context and will provide exclusive access to the Dome, which for over 100 years has symbolised the healing properties of the waters.

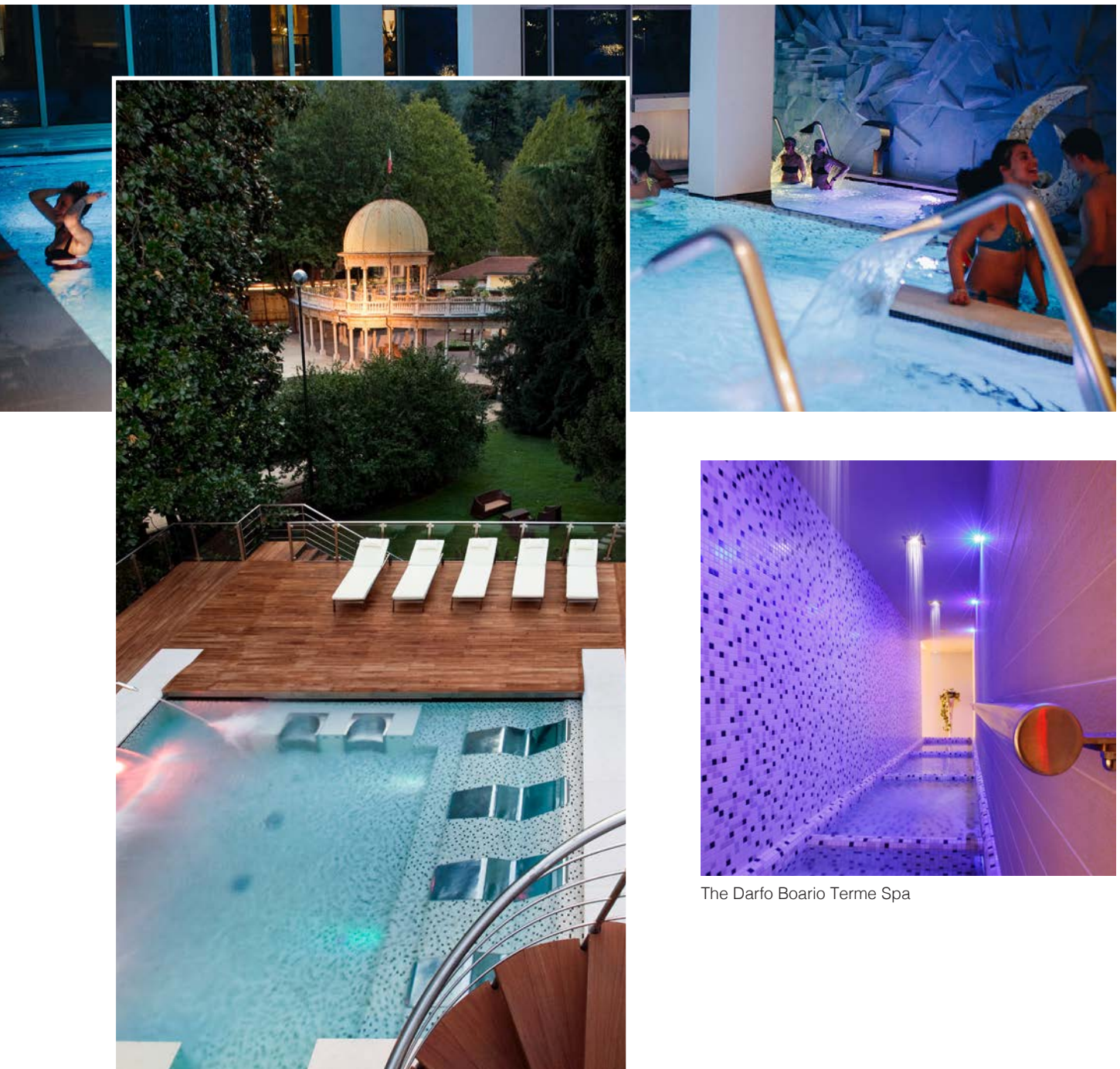
The Boario Thermal Baths park is the ideal place to treat yourself to a rejuvenating holiday or to enjoy a purifying stroll through the green park whilst attending a conference or event in the town, or to organise your own event using the historic multi-purpose facilities.

The spa treatments, with their traditional culture centred on wellbeing, offer a new way of being and living, free from the stresses of daily life, but focused on the health of the body, revitalised and detoxified from the relentless pace of modern life. You can treat yourself to a stroll through the 130,000 square metres of this centuries-old park, a peaceful and unspoilt setting, an unforgettable backdrop for shows for young and old alike, festivals and outdoor activities.

Since 2022, the Parco delle Terme has become a city park that is always open, where you can enjoy experiences surrounded by greenery or organise public and private events in the prestigious Art Nouveau halls it houses. Events, conferences, meetings, concerts, weddings and gala dinners will take on a different and more exclusive significance.

The facilities available are:

- a wonderful 130,000-square-metre urban BOTANICAL GARDEN, with footpaths,
- the "Antica Fonte" CAFÉ AND RESTAURANT, open at all times,
- the "IGEA" MULTI-PURPOSE HALL (300 square metres) for organising gatherings, meetings, parties and weddings, as well as corporate dinners. It is equipped with an industrial induction kitchen available for use by catering companies,
- A SAILING AREA, a covered structure open at the sides, equipped with a stage and a dance floor/events area, for organising concerts, performances, dance evenings, theatre productions and shows, complete with a basic sound system.
- THE LIBERTY 1 AND LIBERTY 2 HALLS, for small meetings and private dinners.



The Darfo Boario Terme Spa

THE BOARIO SPA

The Spa and Wellness Centre

The SPA & WELLNESS Centre at the Boario Spa is set in a welcoming and relaxing environment next to the park, ideal for rediscovering relaxation and wellbeing. Inside the Spa, there are spacious areas where you can take time for yourself and regain physical fitness and a positive mindset. It is worth remembering that rushing about and any external distractions take away from moments of peaceful relaxation; for this reason, we recommend setting aside a day to focus on caring for your body and mind, to rediscover balance and energy and enjoy the benefits of relaxation. Guests' wellbeing is enhanced by beauty treatments for the body and face, massages and rituals that offer unforgettable experiences.

The Spa wellness programme includes two pools filled with thermal water renowned for its beneficial and health-promoting properties, an outdoor pool with a whirlpool and views of the spa grounds, a Finnish sauna, a Turkish bath, a Mediterranean bath, sensory showers, a Kneipp path, an ice waterfall, a relaxation area and the salt room, where the iodine-rich air provides relief for the respiratory tract.





The Violati Treatment Centre

The pride and joy of Terme di Boario is the “Violati Treatment Centre”, which draws on a tradition stretching back centuries to the medical research carried out since the very beginnings of Italian thermal therapy, utilising the healing properties of its four thermal mineral waters (Antica Fonte, Igea, Boario, Fausta).

The four waters of Terme di Boario are true sources of wellbeing, the benefits of which can be enjoyed day after day, all year round. Their precious qualities originate naturally in the Alps surrounding the Camonica Valley. These cold (13–15°C) sulphate–bicarbonate–calcium–magnesium waters are purified and enriched by the precious mineral elements with which they come into contact, thus determining their therapeutic properties. The springs differ in their salt concentration, a characteristic that allows for various therapeutic uses in prevention, treatment and rehabilitation. The waters of the Boario Thermal Spa are renowned for their beneficial effect in alleviating disorders of the digestive and hepatic systems, conditions often linked to the stress and tensions of everyday life. Drinking these waters and enjoying the natural surroundings of the Thermal Park that surrounds the springs is ideal for those who lead a busy, fast-paced life. The Boario Thermal Spa, now classified as 1st National Category ‘Super’, offers preventive, curative and rehabilitative treatments in accordance with the principles of Italian thermal therapy.

Al centro cure si erogano i seguenti servizi:

- SPAS: the precious waters of Terme di Boario, a spa that has been operating in the Camonica Valley for over 150 years, are used for mud and balneotherapy treatments, balneotherapy, mineral water therapy, inhalation therapy, vascular therapy programmes and motor rehabilitation in thermal water. The precious waters of Terme di Boario, a spa that has been operating in the Camonica Valley for over 150 years, are used for mud and balneotherapy treatments, balneotherapy, mineral water therapy, inhalation therapy, vascular therapy programmes and motor rehabilitation in thermal water.
- PHYSICAL THERAPIES
- PHYSIOTHERAPY: Terme di Boario is a centre specialising in functional motor and neurological recovery following trauma, surgery or disease. Patients are looked after by highly qualified staff, including physiotherapists and rehabilitation therapists, in accordance with the rehabilitation programmes prescribed by psychiatrists or orthopaedic surgeons. Alongside traditional treatments, it is possible to perform assisted exercises, both active and passive, in the thermal pools equipped with specific aids. Aquatic rehabilitation has demonstrated that the benefits derived are sometimes superior to those obtained with other types of ‘dry’ treatment, as normal recovery times are significantly reduced. Aquatic rehabilitation is based on the principle that the body, when immersed in water, loses its weight, as the force of gravity is counteracted and cancelled out by hydrostatic buoyancy. The significant neuromuscular stimulation has an effect that affects not just a single area or a particular muscle, but the whole body.



Aquaplanet and the Darfo Boario sports centre



SPORTS FACILITIES

to support events

Darfo Boario Terme is a mountain town inextricably linked to sport, situated in the Camonica Valley, a region ideally suited to a wide range of sporting disciplines. The landscape, comprising plains, hills and mountains, and the numerous facilities available to residents and students make it possible to organise sporting events and training camps for every discipline. Over the years, thanks to events of national and international calibre, the town has established itself as a true 'city of sport', having become associated with indoor and outdoor disciplines such as volleyball and basketball, road and off-road cycling, roller skiing, motor sports such as rallying, enduro, trial and vintage cars, as well as all running-related disciplines (cross-country and mountain running, vertical runs, marathons and track running), archery, swimming, and football at both amateur and professional levels. Furthermore, the city hosts events related to martial arts such as karate, judo and kickboxing, and over the years has seen the development of a significant wellness and fitness sector (for all ages and genders), featuring well-equipped gyms, sports medicine and trauma rehabilitation centres, and specialist sports shops. The presence of footpaths and mountain roads, two historic routes (the Charlemagne Trail and the Via Valeriana) and cycle and footpaths set amidst nature make this town a destination of choice for tourists seeking relaxation and for locals who make well-being a way of life. Darfo Boario Terme is also at the heart of one of the most diverse mountain regions in the Alps, offering, within just a few kilometres, landscapes ranging from the Adamello Glacier to Lake Iseo, which allow you to indulge in winter sports such as downhill skiing, Nordic skiing, mountaineering or ice climbing, and summer activities such as trekking and rock climbing, mountain biking and e-biking. Lake Iseo offers sports such as sailing, rowing and kayaking, whilst on our small and enchanting Lake Moro you can rejuvenate in the cool, crystal-clear waters or swim across the lake surrounded by unspoilt nature. The Conference Centre, with its large outdoor area and car parks, serves as a logistical base for motor sports and, indoors, for sports such as bridge or burraco, as well as hosting conferences related to the sports sector.

The facilities available in the town for sporting activities can be summarised as follows:

- ☐ Municipal Stadium with an 11-a-side grass pitch, an artificial turf pitch and smaller football pitches.
- ☐ 400-metre athletics track.
- ☐ Indoor Olympic-size swimming pool and water park, roller skating rink.
- ☐ Sports Hall and School gyms
- ☐ Conference centre with meeting rooms and a fully equipped outdoor area.
- ☐ Numerous nearby ski resorts (less than 45 minutes' drive away): Colere, Borno Monte Altissimo, Monte Campione, Monte Pora, Schilpario, Aprica and Ponte di Legno.



THIRTEEN THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY, to be relived in the town and combined with a major event

The rock carvings... the first marks left by humankind on Earth to pass on knowledge and bear witness to a spiritual presence linked to the forces of nature. The Camonica Valley is considered the largest open-air sanctuary in the Alps, and its rock carvings were inscribed in 1979 as the first Italian site on the UNESCO World Heritage List (now also a UNESCO Man and the Biosphere (MAB) site), with eight centres of great archaeological interest, earning it the name 'the valley of signs'. This heritage is spread throughout the entire valley, with over 180 sites scattered across 24 municipalities, comprising more than 250,000 catalogued rock carvings, spanning more than 13,000 years of history. It is of fundamental importance not only for the quantity of engraved subjects and their chronological evolution, but also for the close link that the engravings have with the history of humankind: discovering and learning about Camuna rock art allows visitors to embark on a unique and unforgettable journey through European prehistory and protohistory, leading, via the engravings from the historical periods (Roman, medieval and modern), right up to the dawn of the 20th century.

Il Parco di Luine

Among the sites forming part of the "Lago Moro Local Park of Supra-municipal Interest", a prominent place is occupied by the Luine Archaeological Park. Established in the 1970s, this park contains one of the largest concentrations of rock art in the entire Camonica Valley. One of Luine's most remarkable features is undoubtedly the presence, alongside its immense heritage of rock art, of a substantial archaeological site. However, it is the extraordinary quantity and variety of rock carvings etched onto the surfaces of Pietra Simona that make Luine a unique place. It is here that the oldest examples of rock art in the entire Camonica Valley can be found, dating back to when Palaeolithic hunters – the valley's first inhabitants – used the rock to depict the large animals (deer, elk, equids) that they probably hunted. The significance of these figures, sketched with lines now worn away, makes the historical and archaeological role of the Luine hill all the more extraordinary.





Lake Moro



Luine Park



The Archeopark

L'Archeopark

The Archeopark, not far from the Luine Municipal Park of Rock Engravings – one of the major parks within the UNESCO site – is a large, educational and experiential archaeological park that brings to life the history of humankind spanning over 10,000 years of prehistory, through the reconstruction of camps, villages, workshops and the spiritual and material life of early humans, it enables visitors to take a journey through time and relive the past, with the help of cultural guides. Starting from the cave-sanctuary, the journey takes in the Neolithic Revolution, before stopping at the village on stilts in the lake, which can be explored by canoe; visitors can then climb the wooded hill and enter the fortified village and the log-cabin settlement. Archery, working with clay, smelting metals, hammering copper, using hand-cranked drills, and navigating the maze are just some of the experiences on offer in this park, which is unrivalled in Italy.



Montecchio Bridge along the Oglio cycle route

THE OGLIO CYCLE ROUTE

100 km along the banks of the River Oglio

Darfo Boario Terme lies at the heart of a stunning landscape of mountains, lakes and hills, traversed from north to south – like the spine of a human body – by the River Oglio, which rises from the glaciers and represents a microcosm of biodiversity in terms of vegetation, flora and fauna, offering breathtaking scenery that can be on foot or by bicycle, thanks to significant work carried out over the years by the local authorities, who have created a cycle and pedestrian network that was already awarded the title of Italy's most beautiful cycle route in 2019 and which, at every altitude and latitude, showcases the unspoilt surrounding environment, the history and culture – including food and wine – of the places it passes through.

The Oglio cycle route also winds its way through the city, offering places to socialise, rest and relax, places to eat, views of the river path and places to visit, and has rightfully become part of the everyday transport network for those who use it to get to work or to their place of study.

In recent years, with the advent of e-bikes and e-mountain bikes available from hire outlets or in hotels in the tourist district, locals and tourists alike have discovered new ways and opportunities to explore and experience nature, to discover hilly landscapes as well as high-altitude mountain pastures that are extremely easy to reach thanks a dense network of agricultural, forestry and pastoral roads, making it a real privilege as well as an opportunity for leisure and sport for those who live in or choose to spend relaxing days in a mountain town.





River Bike Bar



University of Medicine of Brescia, Darfo campus



Luca Marenzio Conservatoire, Darfo campus



Palazzo Zattini





C. Golgi Music High School

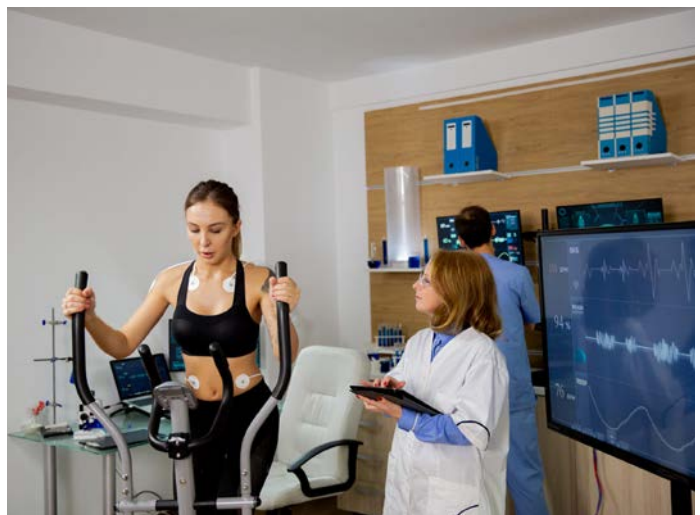
THE CITADEL OF STUDIES

Darfo Boario Terme is a small university town in the mountains, situated at the heart of a homogeneous region, nestled amongst the morainic hills of Franciacorta, Lake Iseo, the foothill plain stretching as far as the peaks of the Adamello glacier, close to major cities (Brescia, Bergamo and Milan) and major airports (Verona Catullo, Bergamo Orio al Serio, Milan Linate and Malpensa). Our town benefits from public transport links to and from these cities and airports, such as buses and the Brescia–Iseo–Edolo railway line, with stops at Darfo and Boario stations. There is also a car-sharing and taxi service with cars, buses and shuttles. This area has a total population of around 100,000 and offers students the full range of educational programmes covering compulsory schooling, as well as technical, scientific, sports and vocational upper secondary courses; and two university courses: the first focused on medical professions, thanks to a branch campus of the University of Medicine in Brescia, in collaboration with the Valle Camonica Local Health Authority (courses in Nursing and Physiotherapy).

The second programme is dedicated to music, thanks to the presence of the historic branch of the Luca Marenzio Conservatoire in Brescia, which completes an almost unique educational pathway offering musical education from nursery school onwards, through primary school (both lower and upper levels) with a musical specialisation, the music-focused upper secondary school with its new and prestigious premises, right up to the Luca Marenzio Conservatoire, the University of Music. Added to these are the invaluable contributions of: the historic 'Banda Musicale Città di Darfo Boario Terme', the Alpine Choir and the Valle Camonica Fanfare, the Luca Marenzio Choir and a Music Academy dedicated to Antonio Vivaldi. All of these are non-profit organisations, bringing together members spanning several generations of musicians and music lovers, thereby becoming guardians and custodians of the historical memory, culture and traditions of our region, organising concerts, festivals, performances and special evenings throughout the year. Furthermore, the refurbished Conference Centre has become a provincial hub for training courses, postgraduate programmes, conventions and high-level conferences, organised by public bodies, associations and private companies. The regional job centre, based in Darfo Boario Terme, acts as a link between the worlds of education and business. Students are a valuable asset to our town, because they help to keep it young, vibrant and dynamic. The education system we have described as a 'citadel of learning' is an essential and defining feature of the life, community and economy of a modern mountain town that is in step with the times.



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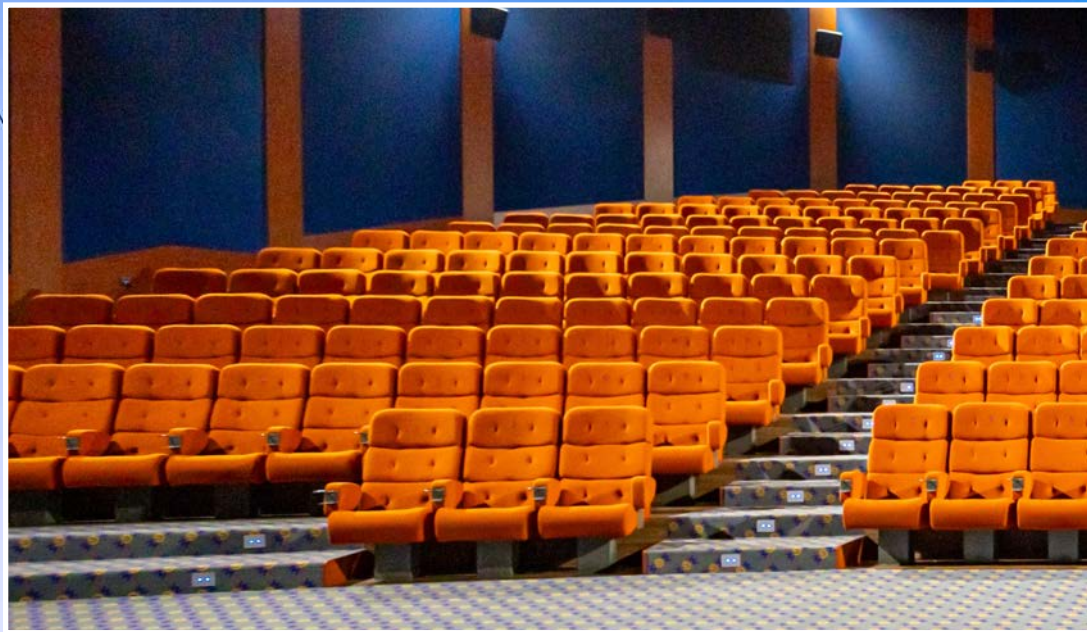
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CITY OF HEALTH

The spa tradition that has been part of our city's history over the last century, and the fact that our city is regarded as the capital of the Camuno-Sebino area – which is home to around one hundred thousand people, ensures that anyone who decides to live here, or to spend short or long periods of relaxation or training, has access to a social and healthcare welfare system that guarantees wellbeing, health and social services, and high-quality voluntary organisations that are certainly more accessible to the individual than those in large cities.

The network that forms the backbone of the city's welfare system includes:

- MUDI (Municipio Diffuso, which refers to the municipality's presence in the outlying villages)
- The ATSP (Azienda Territoriale dei Servizi alla Persona), an inter-municipal organisation to which social services have been delegated and which has a branch office in the town.
- SAP (Servizi Abitativi Sociali), which in our town alone manages 263 social housing flats
- The Angelo Mai Foundation (of which our municipality is a founding member), which, as well as being the most important care home for the elderly, serves as a hub for numerous services provided under agreement with the ASST of Valle Camonica, the hospital trust, acting as a vital local resource for elderly and vulnerable people.
- The Valle Camonica ASST, whose headquarters and the Valle Camonica Hospital are located in the neighbouring municipality of Esine, equipped with an A&E department and numerous specialist wards, operating theatres and intensive care units.
- The COMMUNITY CENTRE (a satellite facility of the Valle Camonica ASST), which has recently been refurbished and provides local healthcare services, features a Single Point of Access (PUA) with specialist clinics and telemedicine services.
- A local healthcare network comprising eleven GPS.
- The long-established CAMUNIA SOCCORSO organisation, based in our town, which is responsible for: the 112 EMERGENCY SERVICE, on standby 24 hours a day; medical transport and transport for dialysis patients; event support; blood transport and water ambulance services.
- The BOARIO SPA and the adjoining VIOLATI HEALTH CENTRE offer health services thanks to the presence of the precious waters and National Health Service-accredited programmes relating to mineral water therapy, mud therapy and inhalation treatments, as well as rehabilitation and aquatic exercise programmes.
- The numerous VOLUNTARY AND PARISH ASSOCIATIONS, which provide vital support to our city's social and healthcare network and act as watchdogs and a warning bell for people's needs – even those of the most isolated and marginalised – by offering assistance and compassion.





Multivision Garden Cinema



Inside the San Filippo Neri Theatre



Outside the San Filippo Neri Theatre

THE MULTIVISION GARDEN CINEMA AND THE SAN FILIPPO NERI THEATRE

For a modern town in the mountains

Darfo Boario Terme offers residents, tourists, sports enthusiasts and professionals visiting the town for events all the amenities of a modern town, despite its location in the foothills. These amenities complement the cultural offering and the hospitality for tourists, which for many has become a way of life. The Teatro San Filippo Neri is a historic theatre situated in the heart of the town, recently restored and refurbished with all the latest technology. The theatre season caters for both adults and children, not forgetting the dialect theatre, which celebrates the identity of our region through surprises, emotions, laughter and unforgettable moments. The Garden Multiplex Cinema was built on the site of a structure dating from the 1930s and offers four screens with a total capacity of around a thousand spectators. Ultra-modern and equipped with the latest digital technology, the building features predominantly stone and steel, whilst at the base of the building there is a band whose decoration was commissioned from three young Turin-based graffiti artists, who drew inspiration from themes linked above all to fairy tales of every era and the history of cinema. Inside, however, there are a number of paintings from the 1930s which have been carefully restored. The programme is packed with the latest releases, alongside a selection of arthouse films, afternoon cultural events and film festivals such as 'Montagne al Cinema', which for over twenty years has been celebrating a passion for the mountains through the stories of the most prominent mountaineers, freeriders and athletes from the outdoor world, hailing from all corners of the globe. A true landmark for the entire region.



Panoramic view of Boario Terme

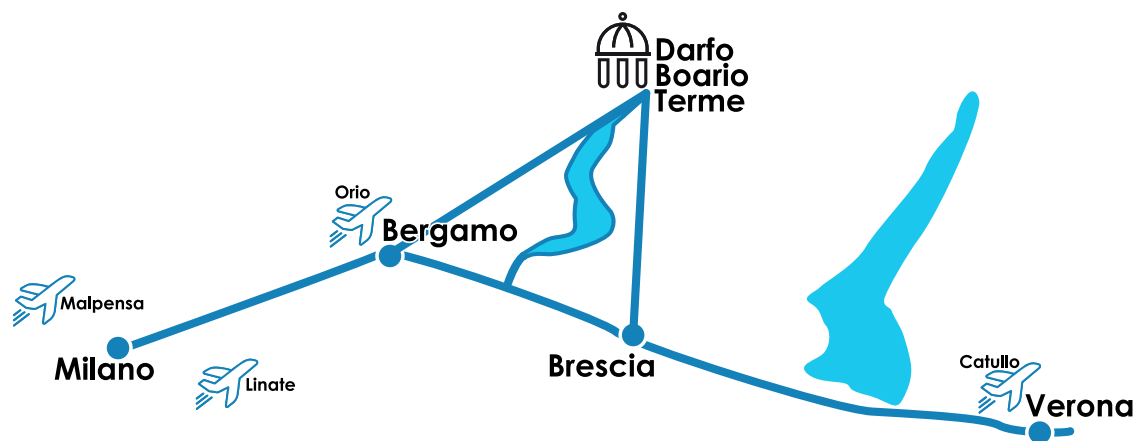
HOTELS and OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

The town of Darfo Boario Terme boasts a centuries-old tradition of hospitality that has evolved over time and been refined through the generational succession of historic hotelier families. The 3- and 4-star hotels are situated along Corso Italia, in a strategic and central location relative to the Thermal Park, the Violati Treatment Centre, the Conference Centre and the station, allowing guests to get around on foot whilst taking part in activities. Some of them are also classified as 'Bike Hotels', offering bike, mountain bike and e-bike hire so guests can explore the wonderful cycle and footpaths or mountain trails guided by expert professionals. The range of accommodation options is rounded off by B&Bs and holiday apartments, designed for tourists or students wishing to experience life alongside local families.

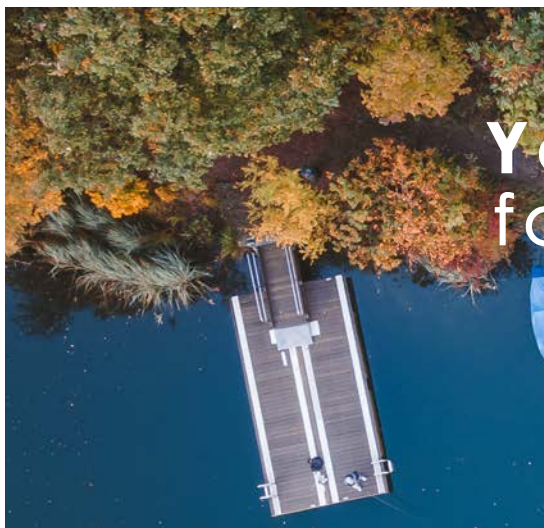


Darfo Boario Terme, a “mountain town”

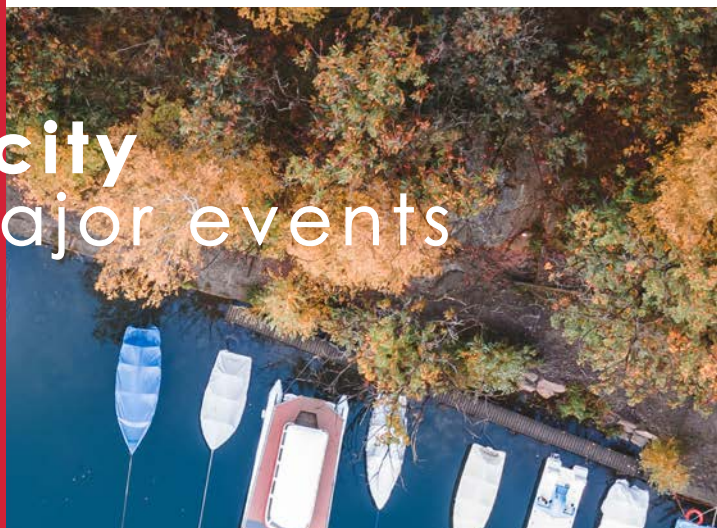
Darfo Boario Terme is a mountain town with a population of 15,500, covering a total area of 36 square kilometres, comprising a central town centre and 12 historic hamlets scattered along the slopes of the Brescian Pre-Alps. Situated at the entrance to the Camonica Valley – a region known throughout the world for its rock carvings dating back more than 13,000 years and a UNESCO World Heritage Site – it is crossed by the River Oglio, which, originating from the Adamello Glacier, winds like a backbone through the entire Camuno region, flowing into Lake Iseo, within which stands Monte Isola, the largest, most fascinating and wildest lake island in Europe. The town is also situated at the mouth of the Val di Scalve, a small yet marvellous and unspoilt Alpine valley traversed by the rushing River Dezzo, which flows into the River Oglio in the hamlet of Corna di Darfo. The history of this city dates back to the dawn of time. In Luine Park, a green terrace overlooking the city, visitors can see prehistoric rock carvings that bear witness to 13,000 years of human presence in this area. Remains from the Roman era medieval castles and historic palaces speak of the vitality and architectural style typical of commercial and industrial towns linked to the extraction and processing of iron, stone and timber, with exquisite paintings found within the numerous Catholic churches of every era, which are at once landmarks of faith and treasure troves of art. The museums recount the great wars and the careers of local artists, completing the narrative of places that define the identity of a people – the Camuno people – who are proud, hard-working and resilient, yet also hospitable. The ancient and imposing religious convent in the village of Darfo is now home to the municipal library and the Luca Marenzio Music Conservatoire, the final stage in an educational pathway that takes students from nursery school through primary and secondary school, on to the Music High School and finally to the Conservatoire. So much so that Darfo Boario Terme is known as ‘the town of music’, a reputation complemented by the historic town band, the Alpini choir, and various musical groups and bands. Darfo Boario Terme is also a mountain farming town, where terraced vineyards provide a green backdrop to the town and livestock farming benefits from mid- to high-altitude flora boasting the greatest biodiversity in the Alpine range (so much so that the Camonica Valley and Darfo Boario Terme have been awarded the UNESCO ‘Man and Biosphere’) – a distinction that can be ‘tasted’ in its zero-kilometre cuisine, in a palette of colours, flavours and aromas drawn from the lake, the hilly countryside and the simple mountain produce. Mountains, hills and lakes characterise this green town, made up of hamlets linked by footpaths, cycle and footpaths, and ancient, legendary routes historically travelled by wayfarers and armies (see the Route of Charlemagne and the Via Valeriana, which wind their way along both banks of the Oglio, and the Via Decia, which takes trekking enthusiasts into the Val di Scalve), where it is lovely to stop or simply lose oneself, discovering picturesque spots and breathtaking views, centuries-old chestnut groves or beech forests with a unique charm that offer fresh, clean air. Darfo Boario Terme is overlooked by Monte Altissimo, the source of the precious waters which, taking more than ten years to reach the plain, become enriched with minerals beneficial for the prevention and treatment of conditions affecting the liver and intestines, and which, in the last century, gave rise to one of the most important and prestigious spa resorts in Northern Italy, set within a marvellous botanical park and magnificent Art Nouveau buildings, which characterised the Belle Époque period and the holidays of the nobility of that time. Darfo Boario Terme is situated in a strategic location: less than two hours from the major airports of Northern Italy (Malpensa, Linate, Orio al Serio, Montichiari and Verona), and from major industrial and financial centres (Milan Metropolitan Area, Bergamo, Crema, Brescia and Verona). Just a few kilometres away are Lake Iseo and Franciacorta, the home of sparkling wine, major ski resorts (Colere, Monte Pora, Borno, Monte Campione, Aprica, Ponte di Legno) and the famous climbs of the Giro d’Italia for road cycling enthusiasts. Hundreds of kilometres of mountain bike trails. The city’s logistics are ideally suited to hosting major events of all kinds (sporting, cultural, recreational, educational and conference-related, and musical) as, within just 500 square metres of the centre, there is: a prestigious conference centre, a car and campervan park, the Parco delle Terme, hotels, B&Bs, bars, restaurants, supermarkets and green spaces for peaceful cycling or walking, allowing you to leave your car behind and enjoy your stay without the stress of getting around, whilst devoting yourself to your interests or conference commitments.



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