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**THE NEW SEASON AT VILLA D'ESTE:
A CONCERT BY ANDREA BOCELLI
AND THE RETURN OF STELLAR EVENTS**

Cernobbio, 18 March 2025. Villa d'Este, on the shores of Lake Como, **officially opened for its 153th season** as a grand hotel with the traditional flag-raising ceremony on Monday 17 March.

This year's big news is an exclusive concert by **Maestro Andrea Bocelli on Wednesday 20 August 2025**. The **unprecedented occasion** will be held in the **Mosaic Gardens**, one of the most iconic locations on Lake Como, a natural arena for an unparalleled musical experience.

World-renowned tenor Andrea Bocelli has enchanted millions of people with his extraordinary voice that blends impeccable technique with deep sensitivity. From Tuscany to the international stage, he has worked with the greatest music stars, delivering unforgettable performances of songs such as *Con te partirò*, *Nessun dorma* and *The Prayer*. His talent has won over the most prestigious theatres and arenas, from La Scala in Milan to the Metropolitan in New York.

With over 90 million records sold worldwide and 16 billion streams, a Golden Globe, seven Classical BRIT Awards, seven World Music Awards and a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, the tenor has become the ambassador of Italian music across the globe. Villa d'Este, with its innate elegance and historical importance, will provide the perfect setting for this exclusive event, derived from the renewed partnership with Blue Note Milano. The audience will have an exceptional opportunity to savour Bocelli's unique voice in a setting of rare beauty. More information about the event will be available on the website: <https://www.villadeste.com/summer-concert/>

The **season**, like every year, is set to be **full of events**, ranging from motorsports to music, international celebrations and exclusive evenings, as well as gourmet moments.

From **May 23 to 25**, the much-awaited **Concorso d'Eleganza** returns, an iconic event for classic car enthusiasts. For years, Villa d'Este has hosted this prestigious competition, where rare models and masterpieces of automotive engineering parade in a timeless atmosphere.

Summer festivals will enrich the calendar with gala dinners and themed evenings, such as on **July 4 for American Independence Day** and **July 14 for French National Day**.



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Particular attention is given to the gourmet fare at Villa d'Este: **five different culinary offerings** that provide a journey through flavours and traditions, designed to satisfy all tastes, respecting the seasons and accompanying guests throughout the day.

The **Veranda**, with lake and garden views, combines the **elegance of classic contemporary cuisine with international touches**.

The **Grill** celebrates grilled meat and quintessential fish dishes, while the **Platano** blends **Mediterranean and Japanese flavours with influences from around the world**.

The **Sundeck**, next to the floating pool, is the perfect spot for a light lunch in the summer.

Bar Canova stirs up the **art of mixology with signature cocktails** and takes on classic drinks alongside an impeccable selection of spirits. Lake Como for sipping world-class cocktails matched with delicious snacks in a refined ambience.

For **Easter**, **Group Executive Chef Michele Zambanini** has designed a special menu with creative flourishes on traditional Italian classics:

Starter

Amberjack tartare, spring tomatoes and vegetable vinaigrette

Pasta course

Tortello with egg yolk, robiola cheese, broad beans and black truffle

Main course

Herb-crusted lamb with potato millefeuille and artichokes

Dessert

Villa d'Este artisanal colomba cake

Haute patisserie continues to be the star of the holidays. After the success of the Christmas season with Villa d'Este's own panettone and pandoro, the **artisanal colomba cake** made by the hotel's pastry chefs stands out for its authenticity, slow leavening and selected ingredients, all free from artificial additives. According to tradition, **hand-decorated chocolate eggs** will be displayed in the historic Colonne and Impero Rooms, while traditional Easter sweets will be available for purchase, allowing guests to take home a taste of Villa d'Este excellence.

The **sports** offering has also been boosted with exclusive experiences tailored for every type of enthusiast, in addition to boating experiences. The fleet at Villa d'Este, already with an abundance of prestigious vessels including Riva boats and even some electric models, will be expanded in 2025 with a brand-new boat designed and customized for Villa d'Este by the Tullio Abbate shipyards.



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For the **fourth consecutive year, the hotel will remain open for the Christmas holidays** until January 7, 2026, to welcome guests in a relaxed atmosphere, including events that celebrate the art of a fine lifestyle. The **Wine Dinners** will again offer exceptional gatherings where iconic winemaking is paired with elegant cuisine in an exclusive “Drink and Learn” format. Following the success of 2024, the **Jazz Nights**, in partnership with Blue Note Milano, will return to fill Villa d’Este with the captivating sounds of great jazz performers. Starting in November, guests will also be able to immerse themselves in the warmth of the **Greenhouse**, the elegant extension of Bar Canova overlooking the lake, perfect for a cosy retreat on colder days. The **Chocolate Room** will also return, a space entirely dedicated to the haute patisserie of Villa d’Este, which, as in the previous season, will expand with a second Greenhouse overlooking the lake, transforming chocolate into a true sensory experience. Additionally, the **Biologique Recherche** pop-up focused on beauty will return to enrich the offerings from November to January.

A journey through the seasons, filled with events, flavours and traditions, make Villa d’Este a timeless destination.



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PRESS INFORMATION

Villa d'Este, the iconic five-star luxury hotel in Cernobbio, on Lake Como, sets the standard in international luxury hospitality. A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, it is part of the Villa d'Este Hotels group, which also includes the five-star Villa La Massa, by the River Arno just outside Florence, Tuscany, the renowned Harry's Bar and Hotel Miralago in Cernobbio, as well as now being the majority shareholder of Circolo Golf Villa d'Este. The group also manages the four-star hotels Palace Hotel and Barchetta Excelsior, in addition to Ceccato Garden Bar, all in Como city centre.

Regarded as one of the finest expressions of mid-sixteenth-century architecture, converted into a luxury hotel in 1873 and set in ten hectares of parkland lined with age-old trees, statues and flowers, Villa d'Este has been a symbol of timeless elegance for more than 150 years. The property consists of 151 rooms and suites across the Cardinal Building and Queen's Pavilion, in addition to four private villas on the grounds. Villa Belinzaghi was acquired recently, which will undergo full restoration.

Led by Executive Chef Michele Zambanini, Villa d'Este has three restaurants: the elegant Veranda with lake views, serving classic Italian-inspired cuisine with contemporary and international touches; the Grill for casual dining, where quintessential meat and fish dishes take centre stage; and the Platano, which reawakens memories of authentic Mediterranean and Japanese flavours blended with influences from around the world. Bar Canova is a preferred place on Lake Como for sipping world-class cocktails matched with delicious snacks in a refined ambience. In the summer, the Sundeck, situated next to the floating pool, is the perfect spot for a light lunch while savouring a cocktail from the recently revised list.

The hotel's amenities include the Beauty Center and Sporting Club with a heated indoor pool, a gym, sauna, steam room, squash court, a putting green, outdoor fitness equipment and 8 tennis courts. The famous floating pool on the lake is heated and there is a children's pool nearby. Davide Bertilaccio is CEO of Villa d'Este Hotels.

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