

Nature, WWII B29 Maybe Remembrance Park and Photography in the Val di Gresta

Wednesday September 11 @ 9AM



We start the day at 9AM at the San Felice di Valgardumo church. Join historians and authors of the 300+ page book Piera and Barbara Ciaghi for a presentation on what is arguably Trentino's first saint.

The church is 5 kms up the winding road into Val di Gresta from Loppio and there is free parking right past the church on your right.



Then we will meet Ivo and Jessica Gelmini, who have led the crusade to make the Val the Gresta the biological garden of Trentino and offer marmelades, syrups, sauerkraut , for a tasting tour of their production facilities.



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We follow with a 10 minute hike up Mt. Grom and the preserved Austrian trenches of Nagià Grom from World War 1. The Alpini from Mori will share the history of the 360 degree fortifications The panorama alone is worth the 10 minute hike !



Lunch on your own is planned for Martinelli in Ronzo Chienes where we will be joined by Italo Cattoi and Tullio Ciaghi who, as children, witnessed the Maybe B29 bomber go down. Martinelli offers farm to table meals featuring biological produce from local fields.

After lunch we will be joined by acclaimed Trentino photographer Dalila Bececchi for a photographic tour thru the Val the Gresta with scenic overlooks of Mount Stivo (aka Saint Ivo) at an altitude of 1165 meters (3,822 feet) and Malga Somator with an overlook of Rovereto.



Then we will drive up to Monto Brugnolo to the Maybe park that commemorates the sacrifice of the B29 pilots that sacrificed their life rather than drop bombs on civilians in the valley.



On the way we will stop and meet Mabel and Matilda and hear their chimes firsthand !

Then we will descend the valley to Maso Naranch for a spritz, tasting of some TAAAK amaro, Solaris sparkling wine and an incredible view of the Lago di Garda.



Then a visit to the ghost town Corniano and the Romanesque church of S. Agata. . The stone houses and ruins of the mysterious town and the overlying rocks colored by overlapping red and gray limestone layers, give rise to an environment so extraordinary that it has been included in the areas of monumental interest by the Province of Trento

Those who are interested we will end with an optional on your own dinner at Ristorante Antica Gardumo in Ronzo Chienes with renowned chef Giovanni Benedetti. This restaurant is famous for its Florentine steak that rivals the original from Florence and must be ordered in advance. A Florentine Steak is typically a T-bone or porterhouse steak, at least 3 inches thick & 3-3½ pounds. We recommend that you share the steak ! And possibly abstain from meat for a period of time ! The original building “Cà dei Biasoti” was once a noble home then a farmhouse and still shows traces from the 1400s. In the “vecia era”, once storage block for agriculture machines and now dining room, there is a gothic arch dating back to that period. A unique feature of the room is a bended tree trunk that used to be a supporting beam for the old barn.



Cost of this excursion is \$30 USD per person which includes local guides and historians.. You will need your own transportation.