



2023

Highlights

THE MERANO MARKET

On Saturdays from March 25th to October 28th 2023
9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

on the upper section of Freiheitsstraße, Meran

① www.meran.eu/merano-market



01.01.2023

NEW YEAR'S CONCERT

WITH THE HAYDN ORCHESTRA OF BOLZANO AND TRENTO, GINA GLORIA TRONEL (SOPRANO) AND ALEXANDER MAYER (CONDUCTOR)
Kursaal Meran - 5:00 p.m.

Wonderful New Year's enjoyment for music lovers: The Haydn Orchestra of Bolzano and Trento offers an extensive repertoire of works by Johann Strauß Son, Jacques Offenbach, Franz Lehár and others.

① www.musikmeran.it

26.03.2023

HANDBIKE RACE 2023

Meran town center – Opening Day

Stage event for Paralympians. A unique event that has become a reference point for sports enthusiasts on a national and international level and a valuable opportunity to promote sport under the banner of inclusion, overcoming barriers and well-being.

① www.girohandbike.it





01.04.-04.06.2023

MERANO SPRING ☉ MERANO FLOWER FESTIVAL

Meran and Environs

A multi-faceted series of events featuring various projects to enhance and make creative use of Meran's green spaces in the early months of the year.

Another highlight is the **Merano Flower Festival (April 28 to May 01, 2023)** with its flower-based installations and topiary in the town center, with entertaining workshops for kids and adults. A flower market will offer plants and all kinds of garden accessories on the Promenade, with a diverse programme of side events rounding out the four-day market.

① www.meran.eu ☉ www.meran.eu/en/meranoflowerfestival

10.04.2023

126th TRADITIONAL HAFLINGER HORSE RACES AND PROCESSION

Meran town center ☉ Meran Racecourse

This event, held on Easter Monday, marks the opening of the annual racing season at the Meran Racecourse. In the morning, there is a procession through the town center of many colorful floats accompanied by brass bands in local costumes, while in the afternoon local and international jockeys compete on the track. An interesting programme of side events and culinary treats enhances the thrilling racing action.

① www.haflinger.eu ☉ www.meran.eu/en

22-23.04.2023

11th YOGA MEETING MERAN

Kurhaus Meran ☉ various outdoor locations

Respected international yoga teachers will be holding seminars again, gatherings and courses at the Kurhaus. The festival's programme includes lessons, conferences, concerts and exhibitions. A festival for experts and beginners alike.

This edition is entitled "Joy".

① www.yogameeting.org ☉ www.meran.eu

May to October 2023

HORSERACING AT THE MERAN RACECOURSE

Meran Racecourse

Horsereading events are regularly held in Meran, the home of Italy's most beautiful racecourse. Entertaining performances and live concerts as well as mouth-watering gastronomic delights further enhance the racing action.

① www.meranogaloppo.it



06-07.05.2023

29th HALF MARATHON MERAN-ALGUND AND MERAN "RUN4FUN"

Meran and Algund

The Half Marathon Meran-Algund is an international running event on May 7th held over a distance of 21.5 km between Meran and Algund. It starts and finishes on Freiheitsstraße in Meran. Culinary delights are sold (from May 6th) at the Marathon Festival's stalls on the Passer Promenade.

Taking place with the half marathon will be "run4fun" (4.2 km), a non-competitive event for amateur runners, power walkers and nordic walkers. Runners over the age of 12 are welcome to take part.

① www.marathon-meran.com



29.05.2023

HORSE RACING ON WHIT MONDAY

Meran Racecourse

The annual race day on Whit Monday is popular and eagerly anticipated (not only) by those who love Meran's Racecourse. The day's programme comprises races for thoroughbreds and Haflinger horses, as well as supplemental events.

① www.meranogaloppo.it



June 2023

COOL SWIM MEETING

Lido Meran

Best swimmers from Italy and abroad compete in the 50m Olympic-size pool of the Lido Meran outdoor swimming pool.

① www.coolswim.it @ www.meranarena.it



On Sundays in June 2023

BREAKFAST AT SISSI'S AT THE TRAUTTMANSDORFF CASTLE

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, Meran - 9:00-11:30 a.m.

Visitors to the Gardens can indulge in a sumptuous brunch on the majestic Sissi terrace, where Empress Elisabeth took strolls during her sojourns at Trauttmansdorff Castle. Breathtaking views of the botanical gardens and sublime live music make "Breakfast at Sissi's" a triple delight that will please the palate, eyes and ears. In case of bad weather, the event will be cancelled.

① www.trauttmansdorff.it



June - July 2023

40th SOUTH TYROL JAZZFESTIVAL

Meran and Environs

Internationally acclaimed jazz musicians will present their rich musical repertoires in unusual venues.

① www.suedtiroljazzfestival.com



On Fridays in June, July and August 2023
TRAUTTMANSDORFF AFTER HOURS

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle & Touriseum, Meran - 6:00-11:00 p.m.

On balmy Friday evenings in summer, Trauttmansdorff offers an ideal programme to get you in the mood for the weekend: A lovely extended aperitif at the water-lily pond to musical accompaniment, guided evening tours and culinary delights at the Schlossgarten Restaurant. A free shuttle service to and from Meran's town center is provided.

① www.trauttmansdorff.it & www.touriseum.it



June - August 2023
TUESDAY EVENINGS IN MERAN
City centre

In the city centre, Tuesday evenings enliven with music and entertainment in a light and joyful atmosphere.

① www.merano.eu/en



June - August 2023
GARDEN NIGHTS - WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle, Meran - 9:00 p.m.

This series of open-air concerts, held for the nineteenth consecutive time, offers musical highlights from around the globe. It is one of Italy's most important world music festivals and features an atmospheric setting around the water-lily pond.

① www.trauttmansdorff.it



09-11.06.2023
ASFALART: 17th INTERNATIONAL STREET ART FESTIVAL
Meran town center & Thermenplatz square, Meran

Each year, street artists, buskers and musicians from all over the world gather in Meran to perform at the Asfaltart festival. The town center then turns into an open-air stage for clowns, trapeze artists, musicians and fire breathers. The 2023 festival comprises a handicraft market and a gastronomy stall on the Passer Promenade.

① www.asfaltart.it



17-24.06.2023
15th VINO MIGLIA - VINTAGE CAR MEETING
Meran town centre & Thermenplatz square, Meran

A must for any self-respecting vintage car enthusiast: the 15th Vino Miglia Rally is a weeklong tour through five European countries, with tastings of wine and local specialties en route, including a stop in Meran from June 20st to 22nd, 2023.

① www.vino-miglia.de



23-25.06.2023

18th INTERNATIONAL CITROËN VINTAGE CAR MEETING

Meran town center & Thermenplatz square, Meran

The Citroën automobile parade through the old town is a must-attend event for vintage car lovers, who can then admire these fine old French vehicles at Thermenplatz square.

① www.citroensm.com



July 2023

MAIA MUSIC FESTIVAL

Meran Racecourse - 9:00 p.m.

In July, Meran's Racecourse hosts the Maia Music Festival and its concerts featuring internationally acclaimed performers.

① www.showtime-ticket.com



July 2023

27th MERANOJAZZ FESTIVAL & 22th CENTRAL EUROPEAN JAZZ ACADEMY

Meran

"MeranOJazz" is a top-class music festival where famous jazz musicians perform unforgettable evening shows. Running in parallel will be the Central European Jazz Academy, comprising several master classes and workshops held by well-known European jazz artists.

① www.meranojazz.it



July - August 2023

MIDSUMMER NIGHT

Meran town center

A series of summer events that offer new highlights and themes each year.

① www.merano.eu/midsummer-night



02-09.07.2023

37th SÜDTIROL CLASSIC SCHENNA

Schenna, Meran & Environs

Also known as "The Rally of Sympathy", this international vintage car event is a highlight for classic car enthusiasts, and an opportunity to get a close look at fine old vehicles. The rally's programme includes stages in Meran and Environs, in the Dolomites, and a "South Tyrol Panoramic Drive". The "Rally of Sympathy" passes through Meran on July 5th.

① www.suedtirolclassic.com



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August - September 2023

38th SÜDTIROL FESTIVAL MERANO.MERAN

Kurhaus Meran, Puccini Theater Meran & other locations in Meran and Environs

Each year, the festival offer visitors the chance to hear outstanding classical concerts in the evocative Art Nouveau atmosphere of the Kurhaus and in other magnificent settings.

① www.meranofestival.com

14+15.08.2023

TOP-QUALITY FLAT RACING ON THE FERRAGOSTO WEEKEND

Meran Racecourse

One of the high points of the local racing season, with the best Italian and central European racing stables competing on the flat. The day programme also features side events organized by “Merano Galoppo”.

① www.meranogaloppo.it

On late August 2023

10th BURGGRAFENAMT PALIO

Meran Racecourse

An equestrian event with a derby atmosphere: the “Palio des Burggrafenamtes” between the municipalities of the Meran area sees the teams’ allotted horses, then competing in races between both Haflinger mounts and thoroughbreds. South Tyrolean specialties and cultural performances round off the thrilling racing action.

① www.meranogaloppo.it

September 2023

10th MERANO MAGIC FESTIVAL

Kursaal Meran

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

① www.merano.eu

23-24.09.2023

84th MERAN SOUTH TYROL GRAND PRIX

Meran Racecourse

The Meran South Tyrol Grand Prix is one of Europe’s prime hurdle races. The horse-racing weekend also comprises other competitions of international importance, such as the Price of Nations (which is linked to the Crystal Cup) on September 23th, whilst the main event, the 84th Meran South Tyrol Grand Prix will be held on September 24th. Meran’s Racecourse will offer a richly diverse culinary programme, including a tasty preview of the Merano WineFestival.

① www.meranogaloppo.it



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30.09. + 07 e 14.10.2023

22th INTERNATIONAL BRASS FESTIVAL

Kursaal Meran - 8:00 p.m.

On Saturday, September 30 - SALAPUTIA BRASS

On Saturday, October 7 - BLACK DYKE BAND

On Saturday, October 14 - BASSGENERATION

Concerts featuring high-profile bands performing at the Kursaal.

① www.brassfestival.net

October 2023

AUTUMN GALLOPS - MAIA OKTOBERFEST

Meran Racecourse

A rich programme, which includes various events involving gallop races of Haflinger horses, performances by folklore groups and traditional bands, and an ample choice of tasty dishes, will entertain the guests.

① www.meranogaloppo.it

14.-15.10.2023

THE MERANO GRAPE FESTIVAL - EVOLVING TRADITION

Meran town center

First held in 1886, the Grape Festival delights guests with intriguing performances, delicious South Tyrolean food and a wide range of concerts (including some fairly experimental ones). Extremely popular, the festival offers new surprises and a spectacular parade each year.

① www.meran.eu/grapefestival

15.10.2023

75th ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION SOUTH TYROLEAN MARCHING BANDS

Meran town center

① www.vsm.bz.it

03-07.11.2023

32nd MERANO WINEFESTIVAL

Kurhaus Meran & Passer Promenade, Meran

The Merano WineFestival is one of Europe's leading wine and food events, where renowned Italian and foreign winemakers present their finest products. There will also be a focus on organic and biodynamic wines.

① www.meranowinefestival.com



24.11.2023-06.01.2024

THE MERANO CHRISTMAS MARKET

Passer Promenade, Thermenplatz square & Sandplatz square, Meran

The Merano Christmas Market provides a magical atmosphere, with daily concerts, children's entertainment, local customs and handicrafts. There are other Christmas markets in Meran and Environs too, offering textiles, jewelry, ceramics, glass and wooden objects.

① www.christmas.meran.eu



Late November 2023 - January 2024

VIVI MERANO - MERAN ERLEBEN

Puccini Theater and Kursaal, Meran

Shows and concerts featuring well-known Italian musicians and actors. This series of events is part of the Merano Christmas Market's programme.

① www.meran.eu



26.12.2023

BOXING DAY CONCERT: SYMPHONIC WINDS & JAKOB SPAHN (SOLO CELLIST OF THE BAYERISCHE STAATSOOPER)

Kursaal Meran - 8:00 p.m.

Founded in 1989, the Symphonic Winds orchestra has become a regular feature of the European wind instrument scene. The Boxing Day concert at the Kursaal is an annual highlight of its packed concert programme. Conducted by Alexander Veit.

① www.symphonicwinds.it



31.12.2023

NEW YEAR'S EVE IN MERAN

Meran town center

① www.meran.eu

Special exhibitions at the museums...

... AT KUNST MERAN/MERANO ARTE



25.02.-04.06.2023

TYPOÉSIEN

Heinz Waibl – Siegfried Höllrigl

Curators: Andrea Muheim, Kuno Prey, Ursula Schnitzer, Lioba Wackernell

Typoésie, a portmanteau of poetry and typography, refers to the practice in the design of type, whereby it is a matter of accuracy, balance, harmony, aesthetic considerations and something more.

Heinz Waibl (1931-2020) and Siegfried Höllrigl (1943) are at home in this practice. They were friends and are closely connected with Meran.

Kunst Meran is dedicating a 2023 double exhibition in their honor: it is the first posthumous retrospective for Heinz Waibl and the most comprehensive exhibition to date for Siegfried Höllrigl. The latter celebrates his 80th birthday in August 2023.

The understanding of the act of writing as the embodiment of thought, and letters as an instrument of visual communication in the sense of Waibl and Höllrigl is one of the goals of the exhibition. In order to come closer to this, a printing workshop is being created on the third floor of the Kunsthaus. Here, in addition to the exhibition on Waibl and Höllrigl on the lower two floors, variations on hand printing will be shown and taught. The extensive offers include simple potato printing, screen printing, direct plant printing and typesetting and printing with lead and wood letters.

The exhibition is organized in collaboration with the Brenner Archive of the University of Innsbruck (A), where the estate of Siegfried Höllrigl is kept, and the m.a.x. museo Chiasso (CH), which holds the estate of Heinz Waibl.

www.kunstmeranoarte.org



... AT THE WOMEN'S MUSEUM

January - April 2023

FEMININE CABINET OF CURIOSITIES

Curiosities from the collection of the Women's Museum

Come and discover the hidden treasures of the Women's Museum. From historic bodices to curious domestic utensils and bizarre garments, it's all here.

www.museia.it



May - December 2023

WOMEN'S EDUCATION IN MERAN

300th anniversary of the English Misses

For a long time, education in Meran was only allowed to a few wealthy women. From the 18th century onwards, the Order of the English Misses offered all women a basic education and brought the entire town into turmoil.

www.museia.it



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