South Tyrol
between the grapevine and the firn

In Meran the mountains are still somewhat in the distance. That quickly changes however, since the route soon reaches into the heart of the majestic Dolomites. On numerous passes, the mountains over 3,000 m are never more than a stone's throw away. In Trentino, the view of a blooming paradise of fruit trees and grapevines soon banishes the memory of the steep mountains. Between grapevine and firn, there is still time to pay homage to Matteo Thun’s memories of the beloved homeland.

Route profile

Country: Italy
Distance: 419 km / 260 mi
Absolute Driving time: 9 Hours
Recommended tour duration: 2 Days
Best touring season: May - Oct.

Route character

Track
exhilarating ■■■■■ relaxing

Landscape
wild ■■■■■ picturesque

Destinations
intellectual ■■■■■ pleasurable
Nothing about this place is superfluous or pompous. Matteo Thun’s architecture is timeless and elegant. Twelve luxury units made from stone, wood and glass, seamlessly integrated into nature, are what the Milanese star architect stages here. The skilful reduction, wicker art and warm light of the 60m² apartments are impressive. Behind giant glass façades, the splendour of wild wine, rugged mountain backdrops and unspoilt nature is revealed. Each residence has its private sun terrace.

Adress:
Pergola Residence, San Cassiano 40, 39022 Lagundo / Merano, Italie

Contact:
Ruth Innerhofer, booking manager
E-Mail: info@pergola-residence.it

Parking:
Underground car park available right next to the house.

Opening hours:
Open year-round.

Good to know:
There is a large selection of good restaurants in the vicinity. The establishment itself doesn't have a restaurant of its own.

More informations:
www.pergola-residence.it

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8 km / 5mi

### Pssiria Merano Golf Club

- **Countries:** Italy
- **Category:** Golf courses

The highlight of this course is Hole 9, known as the fox's hole. A difference in elevation of 25m calls for a delicate precise drive. The other fairways are flat and terraced, fitting beautifully into the natural surroundings. The holes are challenging. Apart from a calendar full of tournaments, the golf school offers various deals: taster courses, intensive golf weeks, golfing for beginners. Thanks to the mild climate, golf can be played from February to December.

**Adress:**
Golfclub Passiria Merano, Kellerlahne 3, 39015 San Leonardo in Passiria, Italie

**Contact:**
Luis Obertegger, manager
Tel.: +39–0473–6414 88 Fax: +39–0473–6414 88
E-Mail: info@golfclubpasseier.com

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the golf club.

**Opening hours:**
One 18-hole golf course open from February – December, reception open daily from 08:00 – 20:00 hrs, tee off daily from 08:00 – 19:00 hrs.

**Course:**
18-hole golf course (par 71).

**Handicap:**
Golfing permit.

**Greenfee:**
from € 58.00.

**Golf Pro:**
Gordon Hume et Gregg Tennant

**Good to know:**
Full tournaments agenda - registration fee € 18.00.

**More informations:**
www.golfclubpasseier.com

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23 km / 14 mi

### The gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle

- **Countries:** Italy
- **Category:** Sightseeing

Empress Sissi loved the castle. The gardens of Trauttmansdorff Castle are a highlight for any visit to South Tyrol. 80 gardens reflect the botanical abundance of our earth, ranging from rice terraces, palm gardens, olive groves, forests and herb gardens. On the sun-kissed slopes, plants from all over the world blossom with the changing seasons. Matteo Thun has enriched
the paradisiacal gardens with a spectacular viewing platform.

**Adress:**
Die Gärten von Schloss Trauttmansdorff, Via S. Valentino 51a, 39012 Merano, Italie

**Contact:**
Dr Karin Kompatscher, curator
Tel.: +39–0473–2357 30 Fax: +39–0473–2357 30
E-Mail: botanica@provinz.bz.it

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the gardens (€ 1.50 per day).

**Opening hours:**
March – November from 09:00 – 18:00 hrs (last admission: 17:00 hrs), May – September until 21:00 hrs (last admission: 20:00 hrs). Please note that animals are not permitted in the gardens.

**Good to know:**
Admission charges: Adults € 9.80 / children up to 18 € 7.50 / children under 6 admission free. The gardens were awarded the title "Italy's Most Beautiful Gardens" in 2005. They were ranked sixth among the "Most Beautiful Gardens in Europe" of 2006.

**More informations:**
www.trauttmansdorff.it

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68 km / 42 mi

**Knottnkino**

Countries: Italy
Category: Sightseeing

A freakish film directed entirely by light and shadows. You won't find a big screen or popcorn here. Instead, from the 30 robust chairs made from steel and horse chestnut, cinema-goers can admire the spectacle of nature of the Vöran alpine landscapes (itself worthy of an Oscar). Artist Franz Messner created the Knottn cinema at an altitude of 1,465m. Nature is both the star and the director. The sunny plateau on the Rotsteinkogel is a 30-minute walk from the car park.

**Adress:**
Knottnkino, 39010 Vöran, Italie

**Contact:**
Tourismusverein Hafling–Vöran
Tel.: +39–0473–279 457 Fax: +39–0473–279 457
E-Mail: info@hafling.com

**Parking:**
Parking facilities available at the Alpenrose inn.

**Opening hours:**
Open year-round.

**Good to know:**
It is a 30-40 minute walk to the cinema from the car park.

**More informations:**
www.hafling.com

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79 km / 49 mi

**Passo di Monte Giovo**
At an altitude of 2,094m, the Passo di Monte Giovo connects the Passei Valley with the Wiipptal. The shortest connection between Meran and Sterzing is also the most northerly inner-Italian alpine pass and is considered one of the Top 10. 39km of winding driving pleasure with various routes and many winding roads through idyllic mountain landscapes. Long passages through the forest and across the mountain pastures alternate with the spectacular panoramas of the valleys and the mountains.

125 km / 78 mi

Neustift Augustinian Canons’ Monastery

Once the centre of spiritual life in Europe, the largest monastery complex in South Tyrol today remains patron of cultural life in Bozen. Schoolboys continue study in the monastery. The exuberant splendour of the monastery’s basilica is worth a visit. The Gothic frescoes and panel paintings exude history. Right in the middle of forests and vineyards, the monastery still produces wine, tea and schnapps. You can test the products in the monastery’s own bar.

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Augustiner Chorherrenstift Neustift, Via Abbazia 1, 39040 Varna, Italie

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E-Mail: info@kloster-neustift.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Open year-round; Mon. – Sat. guided tours starting from 10:00 – 16:00 hrs. Guided tours for groups of 10 or more people. Private and individual travellers can join in the group guided tours.

Good to know:
Admission charges: Adults € 5.50 / children from 10 years of age € 3.00. Entry to the basilica is free; however, the historical garden and the museum can only be visited as part of a guided tour.

More informations:
www.kloster-neustift.it

126 km / 78 mi

DEGUST

They call him the milk goldsmith. Hansi Baumgartner is a cheese artist. With his wife Edith, he refines the white gold according to ancient traditions. It is with great passion and professionalism that they process the maturing rinds with the treasures given forth by the pastures of South Tyrol. They create the finest cheese delights with herbs, damsons and flowers in all their beauty elegance. Edith and Hansi Baumgartner offer over 100 cheese specialities, rare preserves and hand-made bacon.

Adress:
DEGUST, Löwecenter, Via Isaco 1, 39040 Varna, Italie
**Contact:**
Hansi and Edith Baumgartner, hosts  
Tel.: +39–0472–849 873 Fax: +39–0472–849 873  
E-Mail: info@degust.com

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Open year-round, Mon. – Fri. from 08:30 – 12:20 and 14:30 – 18:00 hrs;  
Saturdays from 09:00 – 12:00 hrs; closed Sundays.

**Good to know:**
DEGUST offers cheese training programmes: varying events give you an insight into the secrets of the art of cheese.

**More informations:**
www.degust.com

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**Restaurant Schöneck**

**Countries:** Italy  
**Category:** Food & drink

It is one of the five leading restaurants in South Tyrol. Its modern, South Tyrolean cuisine and the selection of over 500 high-quality wines have gained the Baumgartner brothers two chef’s hats in the Gault Millau and one star in the Michelin Guide. The veranda was constructed from traditional stone pine in line with old designs, and is reminiscent of a Tyrol that existed at the start of the 20th Century. Delight in an aperitif in the piano bar beside the crackling open fire.

**Adress:**
Restaurant Schöneck, Via Castello-Schöneck 11, Molini di Falzes, 39030 Chienes, Italie

**Contact:**
Karl and Siegfried Baumgartner, hosts  
Tel.: +39–0474–565550 Fax: +39–0474–565550  
E-Mail: info@schoeneck.it

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Wed. – Sun. from 12:00 – 14:00 and 19:00 – 21:30 hrs, only open evenings on Tuesdays, closed on Mondays.

**Good to know:**
The route takes you across the “Strada del Sole della Pusteria”.

**More informations:**
www.schoeneck.it

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**Richard Vill**
Countries: Italy
Category: Local manufacturers

He is inspired by nature and the picturesque ambience of the Hebenstreit residence. On the look-out for the perfect material for his straight-line, timeless collections, the ambitious fashion designer discovered linen. His high-quality creations made from natural fibres are lovingly made by hand. They are presented in the historical castle, a place steeped in history and culture. Richard Vill describes it as a place of personal encounters.

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Richard Vill, Castello Glurnhör-Hebenstreit, 39030 Castelbadia S. Lorenzo di Sebato, Alto Adige, Italie

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Richard Vill
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E-Mail: info@richardvill.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Mon. – Sat. from 10:00 – 12:00 and 15:00 – 18:00 hrs and by appointment.

Good to know:
Varying lectures and fashion shows are hosted at the Hebenstreit residence.

More informations:
www.richardvill.it

178 km / 111 mi

Museum Ladin Čiastel de Tor

Countries: Italy
Category: Museums

30,000 Ladins still live in South Tyrol: their language is the oldest in the region. The unique collaboration between man and the mighty yet fragile mountain landscape is based on their traditions and customs. The museum in the centuries-old tower illustrates their culture, their history, their language and the region's archaeology in the form of interactive stations. It tells of the interrelationship between the South Tyrolean landscape forms and the old Ladin way of life.

Address:
Museum Ladin Čiastel de Tor, Via Tor 72, 39030 San Martino in Badia, Italie

Contact:
Dr Stefan Planker, museum director
Tel.: +39–0474–524 020 Fax: +39–0474–524 020
E-Mail: info@museumladin.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Open from 16.03. – 31.10.2008; Tue. – Sat. from 10:00 – 18:00 hrs; Sunday from 14:00 – 18:00 hrs; closed on Mondays (in August, the museum is also open on Mondays from 10:00 – 18:00 hrs).

Good to know:
Admission charges: Adults € 6.00 / children € 4.50 / children under 6 admission free. The modern new building is an interesting contrast to the neighbouring church from the 13th Century.
Ütia de Börz Alpine Inn

188 km / 117 mi

Countries: Italy
Category: Food & drink

A piece of paradise at the foot of the Peitlerkofel. The alpine inn is located at an altitude of 2,000m in the midst of legendary natural landscapes and the majestic summits of the Dolomites. The all-round panorama is as spectacular in the summer as it is in the winter. Warmth and rustic hospitality are cultivated on the inviting sun terrace and in the restaurant. Over a cosy get-together, the hosts serve up hearty mountain-dweller’s and game specialities.

Address:
Almgasthof Ütia de Börz, Frazione Antermoia 58, 39030 S. Martino in Badia, Italie

Contact:
Fritz and Edeltraut Bromberger, hosts
Tel.: +39–0474–520066 Fax: +39–0474–520066
E-Mail: info@passodelleerbe.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Open from May – November. Hot food served from 11:30 – 20:00 hrs.

Good to know:
The apple strudel with vanilla sauce is unforgettable.

More informations:
www.passodelleerbe.it

Passo di Gardena

233 km / 145 mi

Countries: Italy
Category: Scenic

On no other pass do you get this close to the mighty cliffs of the Sella massif. The Passo di Gardena connects Corvara with Gröden. The pass is part of the four-pass quartet which winds its way tightly around the famed massif. The widened roads take you via gentle hair-pin bends and wide bends up to a plateau. From here, motorists can enjoy the idyllic picture-postcard view into the valley. Very narrow and steep hair-pin bends quickly take you downhill towards the Passo Sella.

Passo Sella

244 km / 152 mi

Countries: Italy
Category: Scenic

The fascinating stretch between Gröden and Wolkenstein stretches over 17km, taking you up to an altitude of 2,240m, past the massive mountains of the Dolomites Langkofel, Col Rodella and Piz Gralba. On the stretch of the fantastic Sella circular, hair-pin bends are a thrill for every motorist. Even though countless buses and the busy traffic subdue the fun during summer, you are rewarded with the spectacular alpine panorama with its views far across
the Marmolata and the Passo Pordoi.

277 km / 172 mi

Passo di Costalunga

Countries: Italy
Category: Scenic

Close to the road, the colossal cliffs tower above you at dizzy heights. The Passo di Costalunga takes you through deep gorges to a meadow-covered col. A few bends dotted between the many straight stretches with a view of the Rosengarten massif take you up to Lago Carezza. When the weather is good, the sunbeams dance on the emerald-green water of the lake, and reflect on the lake’s surface the magnificent Latemar massif in precise perfection.

312 km / 194 mi

Krone Restaurant

Countries: Italy
Category: Food & drink

The Franzelin family has been running its traditional Krone inn in the midst of the tranquil mountain village since 1720. Located at an altitude above 1,200m, it is a rural idyll with an authentic character. Traditions are proudly maintained and cultivated here, with a great deal of attention paid to detail. They prepare their highly-praised meals according to old recipes. All ingredients are home-produced, most of which come from their own estate and the surrounding alps.

Adress:
Gasthof Krone, Piazza Principale 3, 39040 Aldino, Alto Adige, Italie

Contact:
the Franzelin family
Tel.: +39–0471–886 825 Fax: +39–0471–886 825
E-Mail: info@gasthof-krone.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Tue. – Sun., lunchtime and evenings, closed on Mondays, closed for holidays in November.

Good to know:
Aldino is a small, rural idyll with only 1,600 inhabitants.

More informations:
www.gasthof-krone.it

334 km / 208 mi

Alois Lageder Vineyard

Countries: Italy
Category: Vineyards

He uses compost instead of artificial fertiliser. In Italy’s smallest wine-growing area, Alois Lageder turned ecological care into his trademark and the wine-growing estate into one of the biggest and the best. Nature itself is the inspiration behind his new ideas. His estate is run biodynamically. The labels on the wine bottles are designed by artists. They quote the interaction between art and nature. The Diners Club awarded him ”Winegrower of the Year“ in 2007.
**Adress:**
Alois Lageder, Vicolo dei Conti 9, 39040 Magrè, Italie

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E-Mail: info@aloislageder.eu

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Open year-round, Mon. – Fri. from 10:00 – 19:00 hrs. Saturdays from 10:00 – 17:00 hrs; closed on Sundays.

**Good to know:**
Objets d’art by international artists decorate the wine-growing estate.

**More informations:**
www.aloislageder.eu

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**Manincor Vineyard**

348 km / 216 mi

**Countries:** Italy  
**Category:** Vineyards

Its name stands for “hand on heart”. The wine-growing estate is famous for its cellar. The sensational new building of the cellar in the vineyard - as genuine and elegant as its wines. Hardly visible from outside, it is an underground, three-storey masterpiece of design made from concrete and steel. The exposed concrete is dyed red with organic substances. The spectacular vista across Lake Caldaro is revealed through an open glass wall. Wine can be tasted and purchased there.

**Adress:**
Manincor, S. Guiseppe al Lago 4, 39052 Caldaro, Italie

**Contact:**
Michael Graf Goëss-Enzenberg, wine-grower
Tel.: +39–0471–960 230 Fax: +39–0471–960 230
E-Mail: info@manincor.com

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Mon. – Fri. from 09:30 – 12:30 and 13:30 – 18:00 hrs. Saturdays from 10:00 – 14:00 hrs.

**Good to know:**
Manincor wines are cultivated organically.

**More informations:**
www.manincor.com

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**Marklhof Restaurant**

357 km / 222 mi

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They grew up on the farm. Their parents ran a cozy restaurant. The passion and the talent shared by brothers Heinrich and Andreas Oberhofer enabled the Marklhof to thrive in all its exquisiteness. Actively supported by their wives, the warm innkeepers serve alpine cuisine in a historic ambience. In the summer, the terrace invites you out to enjoy the lovely view over the South Tyrolean vineyards. In the winter, the snug restaurant rooms appeal.

**Address:**
Marklhof, Marklhofweg 14, 39050 Cornaiano, Italie

**Contact:**
Andreas and Heinrich Oberhofer
Tel.: +39–0471–662407 Fax: +39–0471–662407
E-Mail: marklhof@brennercom.net

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Tue. – Sat. from 12:00 – 14:30 and 19:00 – 21:30 hrs; Sundays from 12:00 – 14:30 hrs; closed on Sunday evenings and all day Monday.

**Good to know:**
The Marklhof belongs to the Neustift Augustinian Canons’ Monastery.

**More informations:**
www.eppan.com/marklhof

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The striking wines mature in steel and barriques. Luis Raifer and his son Wolfgang are receptive to modern cellar technology. Their work is marked by a sense of tradition, sensitivity and a great deal of experience. The grapevines enjoy top locations on different soils at altitudes between 250 and 500 m. The wines are harmonious, characterised by their finesse, elegance and richness. With its modern façade made from oak wood, the wine-growing estate comes across as modern and timeless.

**Address:**
Schreckbichl Colterenzio, Strada del Vino 8, 39057 Cornaiano (BZ), Italie

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Luis Raifer, manager
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E-Mail: info@colterenzio.com

**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Mon. – Thur. from 07:30 – 12:00 and 13:30 – 18:00 hrs; Fridays open in the mornings only.

**Good to know:**
With his immeasurable dedication to South Tyrolean wine, Luis Raifer is one of the greatest wine personalities in the region.

**More informations:**
MMM-Messner Mountain Museum Firmian

Countries: Italy  
Category: Museums

The stairs made from rusted steel spiral up the medieval castle. With its steep ascent and dizzying descent, the adventurous tour of the museum conveys the sensation of a mountain expedition. The castle has been extended using annexes of steel and glass. Within the puristic modern walls, man meets mountain. Alpine joins the Far East. The tour exhibits the most famous summits on earth. Firmian is one of five MMMs which explore the "mountain" myth.

Adress:  
MMM-Messner Mountain Museum Firmian, Via Castel Firmiano, 53, 39100 Bolzano, Alto Adige, Italie

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Tiziana Panfilo, museum director  
Tel.: +39–0471–631264 Fax: +39–0471–631264  
E-Mail: info@messner-mountain-museum.it

Parking:  
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:  
March – November; Tue. – Sun. from 10:00 – 18:00 hrs; last admission 17:00 hrs; closed on Mondays.

Good to know:  
Admission charges: Adults € 8.00 / children € 6.00 / children under 14 € 3.00.  
One of five Messner Mountain Museums in South Tyrol.

More informations:  
www.messner-mountain-museum.it

Vigilius Mountain Resort

Countries: Italy  
Category: Hotels

Owner Ulrich Ladurner didn’t want mountain kitsch with geraniums on the window sills. And so the South Tyrolean star architect Matteo Thun constructed a bold organic design hotel from wood and glass. 41 rooms and suites in a clear, timeless design. The panorama pool is full of spring water. The endless vista across the mountains delights fans of the Alps and city dwellers alike. The rooms are divided by thermal clay walls. You reach the summit on Europe’s oldest cable car.

Adress:  
Vigilius Mountain Resort, Monte San Vigilio, 39011 Lana, Alto Adige, Italie

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Sybille Frei, hotel director  
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E-Mail: info@vigilius.it

Parking:  
Garage at the valley station for € 10.00 per day, or public car park.

Opening hours:
Art and wine, striking and individual. The idea to make a visit to the Kränzelhof an unforgettable and exciting experience won the "Marketing Award for South Tyrol" in 2006. The excellent Kränzel wines have been pressed here since 1350. In the labyrinth garden, 3,300 m2 in total, nature and regional art continually bloom. The wine taverns are in a listed mill, where you can enjoy rustic fare in a cozy atmosphere under historical vaults.

Adress:
Labyrinthgarten Kränzel, Via Palade 1, 39010 Cermes, Alto Adige, Italie

Contact:
Kränzel family
Tel.: +39–0473–564549 Fax: +39–0473–564549
E-Mail: info@kraenzel.co

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Open from 20.03. – 09.11.2008; daily from 10:00 hrs; last admission 19:00 hrs.

Good to know:
Admission charges: Adults € 6.00 / children € 4.00 / children under 6 admission free. Guided tours of the garden following prior arrangement € 9.00 per person.

More informations:
www.labyrinth.bz
Contact:
Unterthurner family
Tel.: +39–0473–447 186 Fax: +39–0473–447 186
E-Mail: info-dist@unterthurner.it

Parking:
Parking available right next to the building.

Opening hours:
Mon. – Fri. from 08:00 – 12:00 and 14:30 – 18:30 hrs; Saturdays from 08:30 – 12:00 hrs; closed on Sundays.

Good to know:
The establishment’s museum offers information about the tradition of distilling schnapps.

More informations:
www.unterthurner.it

Merano thermal baths

Countries: Italy
Category: Health & spa

Thermal baths unlike any other. A glass design palace with 25 pool, sauna complex, Vital Centre and park. The utmost in wellness. Beauty isn’t transient in Meran’s thermal baths: Matteo Thun has immortalised it. Puristic design meets functional exclusivity. The spa uses natural products from local suppliers. South Tyrolean apples, whey and grapes rejuvenate, care and revitalise. The cube made from steel and glass was opened in 2006.

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Terme Merano, Piazza Terme 9, 39012 Merano, Italie

Contact:
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Parking:
Parking available in the public garage.

Opening hours:
Open year-round; daily from 09:00 – 22:00 hrs.

Good to know:
It is only a short walk through the pedestrian area on the other side of the river to the thermal baths.

More informations:
www.thermemeran.it

Hotel Castel Fragsburg

Countries: Italy
Category: Hotels

On a ledge 750m above Meran, the centuries-old hunting lodge with an aristocratic flair sits enthroned above the valley. The rooms of the luxury hotel are tastefully, luxuriously furnished, with hand-painted lampshades and panelling made from stone pine. Contrastingly traditional, "Alexander’s" restaurant – awarded two chef’s toques – with its glass diner’s viewing terrace
and a creatively modern gourmet kitchen.

**Address:**
Castel Fragsburg, Via Fragsburg 3, 39012 Merano, Trentino, Alto Adige, Italie

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**Parking:**
Parking available right next to the building.

**Opening hours:**
Open from April – November.

**Good to know:**
The Fragsburg water comes from a private spring.

**More informations:**
www.fragsburg.com