



Castel Madruzzo



History

Only fifteen minutes by car from Trento, Madruzzo Castle is located on the western side of Monte Bondone in the picturesque and renowned Lakes Valley (Valle dei Laghi).

The exact moment of the edification of the fortress is unknown, the oldest reference that we have about Madruzzo Castle is dated back to 1161. This is contained in the Codex Wangianus (a set of documents regarding the law and administration of Trentino territory) and describes Gumpone of Madruzzo as one of the most influential episcopal ministries of that period.

After the extinguishment of the first family the castle comes into possession of the family Nano which in turn will take the name of Madruzzo. This name will be of the great historical importance to the region giving four important Prince-bishops to the region: Cristoforo, bishop from 1539-1567, cardinal under the pope Paolo II and initiator of the Council of Trent in 1545; Ludovico, bishop 1567-1600; Carlo, cardinal, bishop from 1600-1629. Finally Carlo Emanuele bishop until 1658, who had been a protagonist of a beautiful and rather scandalous love story with Claudia Particelle. In 1910, on this regard the young Benito Mussolini, in that time journalist in Trento, wrote his book: *L'amante del Cardinale* (The Cardinal's Lover).

During the Council of Trent many eminent personalities resided in the Renaissance part of the castle making the history of that tormented Europe of Counter-Reformation. Well known were also the excellent vines produced by the family. The location of the castle is great especially for the healthy air that is affected by the climate of Lake Garda. Interesting is the chapel of St. Nicholas with fresco paintings of the fourteenth century. The castle, like others in the Valley of Lakes, was occupied, stripped down and burned in 1703 by the troops of the Duke of Vendôme during the War of Spanish Succession. The restoration of the residential part of the castle was only possible at the beginning of the XIX century. During this period the property belonged to a noble family Larcker, a relative of which, had been a famous Italian writer Antonio Fogazzaro. Here he wrote his novel *Malombra* and has even dedicated an entire series called *Sonatine Bizzarre* to the castle.

For a certain period of time the property has been adapted as a residence-hotel, part of the chain "Route du Bonheur", hosting relevant artistic and cultural events.

At present time Madruzzo Castle is a private residence.



Location:

Lasino Municipality in the Province of Trento in the Valley of Lakes.

Just 15 km from Lake Garda, 15 km from the ski slopes of Monte Bondone, 20 km from Trento and 60 km from Madonna di Campiglio.

Roads and Transportation:

19 km from the Trento city center, the railway station and the A22 motorway. 90 km from the international airport Valerio Catullo of Verona. Airport of Trento (aircrafts and helicopters) is distant 20 km

Terrain:

Altitude: 550.00 Metres above sea level

Area of the walled castle: 4,200.00 sqm

Area of the walled gardens / square with arcades: 1,630.00

Area of the fenced park: 12.50

Dilapidated area:

Total area sqm: 1.675.00

Covered: 395,00 sqm

Tower practicable with internal staircase, alt.: 20.00 m



Inhabited area:

Living space: 1,500.00 sq m

Basements: 76.00 sq.m.

Lounge on the second floor of the rustic: 270.00 sq.m.

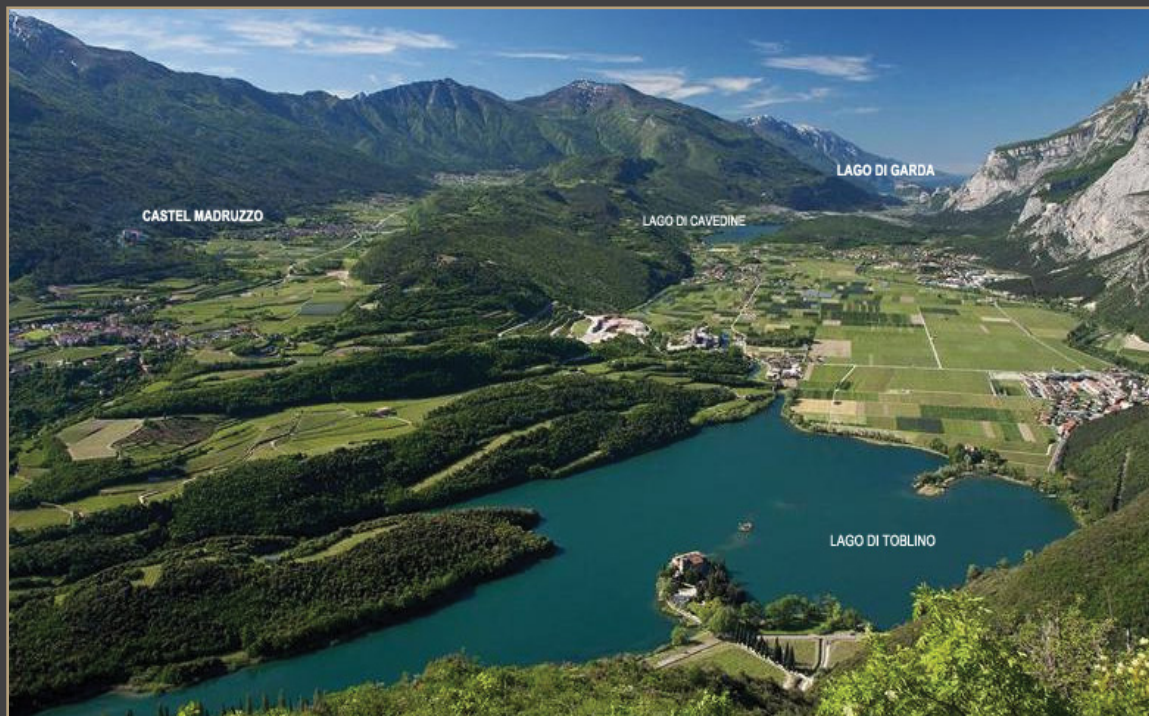
Chapel: 77.00 sq.m.

The habitable zone is provided with electricity, telephone (with derivation in all bed rooms on the first floor, 5 points on the ground floor and basement), water supply (13 rooms + bathroom + kitchen laundry) and a sewerage. The supply of drinking water is guaranteed from an aqueduct of exclusive use. There is a lighting system for the walls of the castle.

The castle is surrounded by a beautiful park of 12 hectares, enclosed between surrounding walls and it is characterized by an interesting variety of the oaks and beech trees.

There is space for a helipad.





Lakes Valley

Valle dei Laghi (Lakes Valley) is situated between the Dolomite Brenta Group and Mount Bondone. This magical corner of Trentino, with many romantic and beautiful lakes including the amazing Garda Lake.

The Valley benefits from a unique climatic variation that blends from an Alpine to a Mediterranean climate, offering an ideal alternation of natural environments which starts from the smooth romantic mirror of the lakes, situated in the enchanting hillside areas, alternated by wide meadows and culminating into verdant pine forests and rocky crags. Thanks to this particular climatic conditions the valley may be enjoyed and lived fully through all the seasons. In winter, reaching the ski slopes of Mount Bondone and Paganella is a matter of minutes. In Spring, when greenery is reborn, or in Autumn, when creation's palette colours the woods, is the ideal time for a healthy walk along a country lane or a trip higher up to admire and savour the quiet beauty of the Valley.

You can walk along the gentle slopes of the hills or, with a mountain bike, climb towards the scattered farmhouses. It is possible to enjoy horse-riding, freeflying on a hang glider above the lakes and castels or testing oneself on the fitness circuit at Stravino. For those who love climbing, there are climbing areas, routes with fixed ropes and equipped routes. Valle dei Laghi is the ideal place for orienteering, hiking, or horse-riding. The sporting pastimes are numerous; from caving to alpinism, from trips to skiing, windsurfing, fishing and much more.

Valle dei Laghi is not only an oasis of natural beauty, its landscape is also interesting from historical and oenological points of view.

The monuments from Roman times, the old castles, churches, estates of the nobility, testify for a distinguished past. Itineraries and ecological walks (Stoppani path, Calavino, Lagolo, the Roman road of the Cavedine valley, the mule track of the Toblino Castle, Ranzo) wind through green fields, alpine lakes, rustic towns, to lead to fascinating places and sceneries.

