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LOCAL HERO

Dr Franz Tappeiner is a big name in Merano. Born in 1816, this anthropologist and botanist settled in the city becoming a leading physician specialising in spa treatments. He gave his name to Merano's hospital and the 4km-long Tappeiner promenade (see *must-snap*, below).

6 SLEEP Ottmangut

Family-run pension

Despite not being far from Merano's city centre, the Ottmangut is spacious and serene. Bright bedrooms and a beautiful sun room have all been renovated with original furnishings. The 26-year-old manager, Martin Kirchlechner, puts on an unmissable breakfast that's comprised of the chef's pick (sweet or savoury) every day. ottmangut.it



MUST-SEE

Take a moment to enjoy the beautiful terraced garden, which includes a grove of palms and potted citrus, a lawn for sunbathing and a vineyard.



7 DINE Andrea Fenoglio at Sissi

Elegant eating

Andrea Fenoglio's venue exudes a friendly, open atmosphere and is the only Michelin-starred restaurant to be found in Merano. Andrea's jovial, larger-than-life character belies a delicate and refined approach to the classics. Tuna fillet is served with an emulsion of bottarga or roe. The deconstructed black-forest gâteau is also a must. sissi.andreafeaglio.com



8 VISIT Gentle archi-tour

Walk and wonder

Architecturally, Merano has always punched above its weight. Many of its grander buildings, such as Friedrich Ohman's Jugendstil Kurhaus from 1912, give the town the feeling of a small subtropical Vienna. Try an amble along the Passeggiata d'Estate (summer walk) and back along the Passeggiata d'Inverno (winter walk). Then pop into Merano Arte, the town's striking contemporary-art museum.

MUST-SNAP

Don't miss the Passeggiata Tappeiner: a palm and pine-wooded walk that winds itself out and above Merano.

LISTING Three must-sees

- 1 Empress Elisabeth park
This park was named in honour of Sissi and landscaped around the empress's favourite outdoor getaway in Merano.
- 2 Maia racecourse
One of the biggest and busiest racecourses in Italy, located just outside Merano. Built in 1900 by the Austrians, it attracts some of the best racers from Mitteleuropa.
- 3 Merano 2000 cable car
Completed four years ago, the Merano 2000 cable car is Italy's most sophisticated network and is a clean and efficient way to see the city.

