

Off-road and dolce vita: the FSA Bike Festival in Riva del Garda is taking shape

Mountain biking, gravel biking and everything in between: from 1 to 3 May 2026, Riva del Garda will once again become the meeting place for the international biking scene – with new formats, premier exhibitors and exciting races.

Riva del Garda, 3 February 2026. Among palm trees, lakeside promenades and alpine landscape, anticipation is growing for the 2026 FSA Bike Festival. New routes, expanded race formats and top-class exhibitors will make the festival a sporting journey of discovery through the entire Garda Trentino region. But beyond the numbers, the festival continues to embody what it has been standing for over the past three decades: off-road vibes, outdoor enthusiasm – and that special holiday feeling.

The EXPO registration enters its final phase

This year's larger EXPO area continues to fill up with renowned bike manufacturers and brands. Global exhibitors have already confirmed their participation and will be presenting their latest bikes, components and innovations. Interested exhibitors can register [here](#).

Racing as a key to access the region

A variety of routes, disciplines and difficulty levels open the door to one of Europe's most diverse biking regions to those who take part in the races and guided tours. The MAXXIS Gravel Garda Trentino race in particular features two new developments: the race will take place on Sunday, which is a first, and the route has been completely redesigned. Starting in Riva del Garda, it now winds toward Valle dei Laghi, showcasing the region's diversity – from Lake Garda's Mediterranean flair with palm trees and olive groves to vineyards, forests and open valleys. Sections such as the Marocche di Dro and newly renovated gravel passages like the Oltra-Gaggiolo area promise a unique riding experience.

The 100-kilometre route remains challenging, but the elevation gain is now distributed more evenly, while the shorter track (55 kilometres) offers a pleasant start to the season, including a section through the old town of Arco.

There are innovations in the eMTB sector, too. The Bosch eMTB Challenge returns to the Ledro Valley with new stages, combining technical passages with impressive panoramic sections, including parts of the famous Ponale.

The registrations are now open. Click [here](#) to register.

With a new Rancion variant in the Tenno region, the Ronda Piccola of the Bike Marathon and eBike Marathon also offers a newly renovated section with more flow, while retaining its technical character.

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More off-road fun on tour

In 2026, the Bike Festival Riva del Garda is expanding its range of experiences and focuses even more on group touring. New guided tours such as the Bike Festival Sunrise Ride to the Regina Mundi statue and the Sunset Ride to the Baone Viewpoint combine that early morning atmosphere or golden evening light with selected off-road routes around Garda Trentino. Gravel fans can look forward to the new Gravel Ride from Lake Garda through the Sarca and Comano valleys. The program is complemented by tried-and-tested classics such as the MTB School at Skill Park Busatte in Torbole, guided eMTB tours through the Marocche and the eMTB and eMTB tour to San Pietro.

A 2026 novelty: overnight bikepacking

For the first time, the 2026 Bike Festival will also feature a unique off-road experience outside the usual festival program. Overnight bikepacking is a new format, focusing on mindful travel rather than the stress of racing stages. This new option invites you to discover the region in a slower, deeper way and to consciously experience its diversity, from the lake to its mountains and valleys.

The Bike Festival as a holiday package

The already successful Bike Festival Holiday Packages are on offer again in 2026. These tailor-made packages combine accommodation, festival attendance and selected services into a stress-free overall experience – ideal for anyone who wants to visit the Bike Festival and enjoy an extended bike weekend on Lake Garda as well.

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The new Bike Festival voucher can be used flexibly for accommodation, guided tours or festival merchandise. Available online or directly on site at the Garda Trentino information points.

Off-road, all ways

Whether mountain bike, gravel bike or eMTB, the FSA Bike Festival Riva del Garda welcomes the entire off-road community. From your first trail to challenging descents, from sunrise on the mountain to aperitifs on the lake shore: the weekend combines sporting diversity with the Italian way of life, making Garda Trentino the place to be for bike fans from all over Europe in 2026.

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