

Villa Della Pergola Enchanting Gardens, An Elegant Retreat And Gourmet Restaurant Open All Year Round

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On Saturday 19 March the gates of Villa della Pergola in Alassio will open to the public again after the winter break.



Villa della Pergola is a unique place. Due to its beautiful location overlooking the **Gulf of Alassio** it is able to offer its guests a truly unforgettable experience with the refined and welcoming hospitality provided by its retreat, the quality of the restaurant and the extraordinary flower displays that colour and perfume its gardens for many months of the year.

The Retreat

Set in lovely gardens, **Villa della Pergola**, **Villino della Pergola** and **Casa del Sole** are all elegant masterpieces of architecture that date from the end of the nineteenth century. These include the **charming retreat** where guests staying from March to October can feel completely at home in any of its **twelve suites**, each different from the other, and each dedicated to characters who have stayed at Villa della Pergola or who have been part of the aristocratic British colony that took up residence at Alassio.

The building have a quite unique history that is in fact intimately bound up with this English community that chose to stay on this coast in the years between 1800 and 1900 as one of their favourite wintering holiday spots.

The two villas (that is the Villa and the Villino della Pergola), that were **lovingly restored** by the architect Ettore Mocchetti, replicate the English Victorian residences to be found in India and in Malaysia with studiously selected furnishings and an elegant collection of Victorian and Edwardian watercolours and paintings that reflect the good taste of the *fin de siècle*.

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In a secluded corner of the luxuriant garden stands the Casa del Sole, which owes its name to its fortunate position which ensures it is constantly flooded by natural light. The Casa del Sole was the preferred setting for the relaxing afternoon teas for the Dalrymple family and later for the Hanburys, both previous owners of Villa della Pergola.

The Restaurant

Together with the Villa and the gardens, on 19 March the refurbished Restaurant of Villa della Pergola reopens, and from then it will be open all year round and run by Chef Giorgio Servetto.

The gourmet cuisine is that of our chef from Liguria and reflects the culinary history of the area interpreted in modern key with both original and light dishes on the menu. The mainly oily "blue" fish have a special place in the restaurant but there is also meat and the special vegetables that typically found in the Albenga Plain. These last include the likes of the spiny artichoke, the purple Albenga asparagus, the beefsteak tomato, the crookneck squash and aromatic herbs of the area. The cuisine has very much the mission to make best use of local products while taking some cues from nearby France and offers also special high quality dishes for vegetarians, Vegans and those with gluten intolerance.

The flowers and gardens

From 19 March through to the end of October the gardens will be open again to the public and for guided tours, which will be held on Saturdays and Sundays, starting at 9.30-11.30-15.00-17.00 (booking is required). On weekdays, garden visits can be booked for groups only.



The Garden of Villa della Pergola were created at the end of the nineteenth century and facing the Gulf of Alassio. It is one of the rare examples of the English garden in Italy and has been careful restoration by the landscaper Paolo Pejrone who has skilfully brought together typical Mediterranean vegetation and exotic and rare flora from further afield.

The grounds cover an area of 22,000 square metres and are home to important botanical collections such as over 28 varieties of wisteria and a unique collection for Europe of more than 350 varieties of agapanthus.