

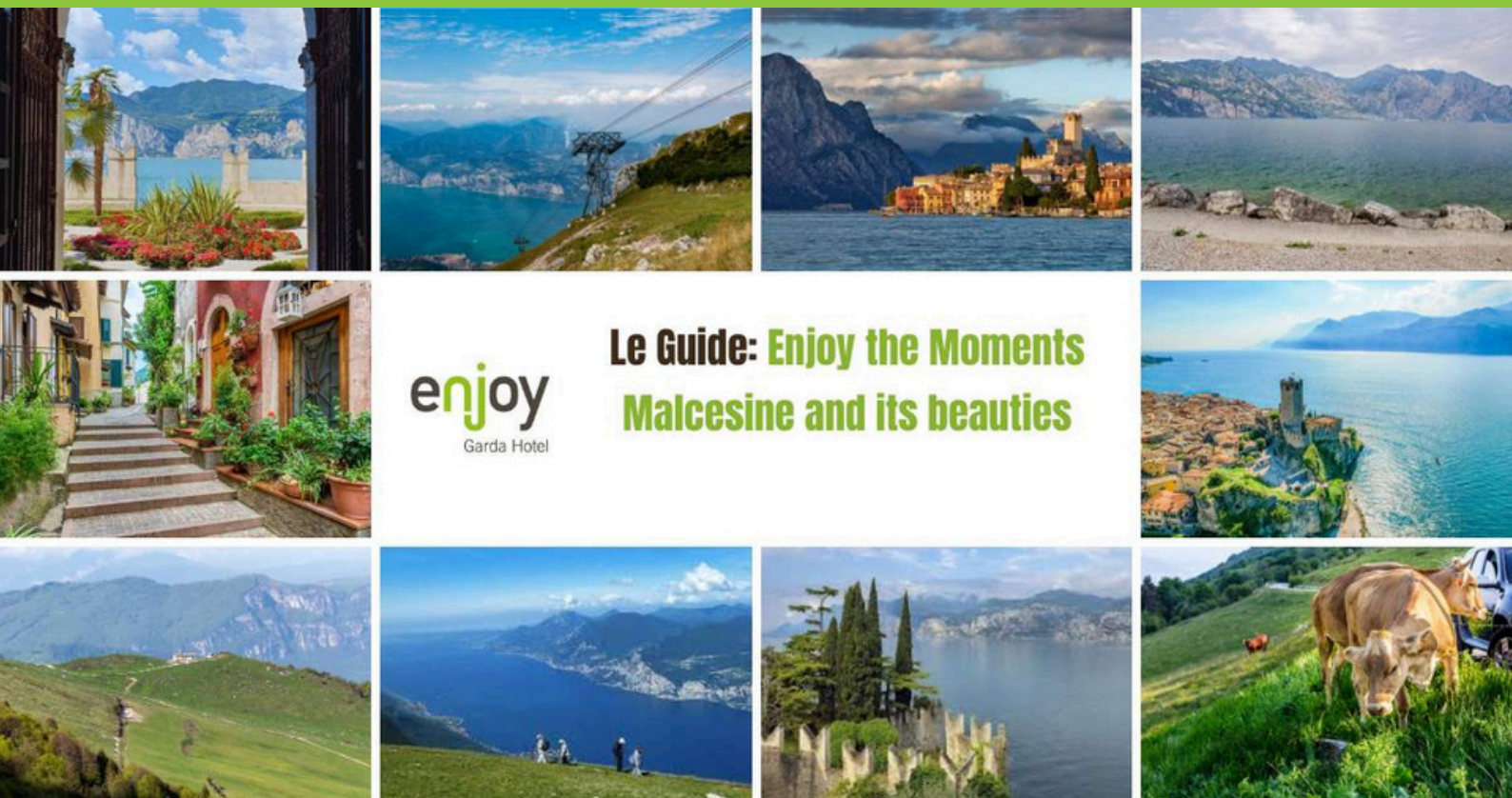
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# MALCESINE AND THE MONTE BALDO CABLEWAY



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# GUIDE TO MALCESINE



This guide is intended to give you practical information for visiting Malcesine and for visiting Monte Baldo by cableway to enjoy the view of the lake from a high altitude.

Use it as a good source of useful advice, but **always check the official sites** for current conditions of entry and use of services.

In particular, check for information on opening days, hours, prices, free admission and regulations.

Want to know what awaits you in Malcesine? A landscape that changes with every glance. Take the **cableway** and climb up to Monte Baldo to see the lake from above, then stroll through the walls of the **Scaliger Castle** and discover the charm of the **Palazzo dei Capitani**, with its garden overlooking the water. Enter the **Fishing Museum** to learn about the local tradition. Be guided by the scents and sounds of the historic center, among stores, restaurants, and nooks and crannies just waiting to be discovered.



# THE CABLEWAY



**The Malcesine-Monte Baldo cableway** is among the most modern in the world and takes you up to 1760 meters above sea level in just a few minutes. The cabins, which accommodate up to 45 people, are barrier-free, making the experience accessible to all.

After a stop at the intermediate station at St. Michael's, you will arrive at the top. Here you can explore several trails surrounded by nature, choosing between **relaxing walks or more challenging routes** leading up to the peaks. Along the way you might encounter marmots, chamois, birds of prey in flight, and grazing flocks.

In the summer months, Mount Baldo offers many outdoor activities, perfect even for families with children.

One of the most popular experiences is **meeting alpacas**: near the mountain station you can pet them and participate in a guided trek, a unique opportunity to experience the mountains in a fun and engaging way.

## Contact

Malcesine-Monte Baldo Cableway  
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<https://www.funiviedelbaldo.it>

# THE CABLEWAY



## How to get your ticket

To save money and guarantee your seat at the desired time, we recommend buying your ticket online. You can do this conveniently on **the official Funivie del Baldo website** or via the Funivie del Baldo app, available for mobile devices.

Unfortunately, buying the ticket online **does not allow you to skip the line**, and during peak season, the wait before boarding can be up to **an hour**.

Keep in mind that **free tickets** for people with disabilities and children less than **1.20 meters** tall cannot be purchased online, but are issued exclusively at ticket offices at the various stations.

If you have a dog or stroller, you will need to purchase a **ticket specifically** for their transportation. Dogs **must be leashed and muzzled** for the duration of the trip.

At the time of purchase, you will need to select an **up time**, while the down time is free, allowing you to return when you prefer. Be careful: in case of bad weather, delays or inability to use, the purchased ticket is **non-refundable**.



# THE CABLEWAY



## How to get there and where to park

From Enjoy you can reach the Malcesine cableway in about **an hour's drive**. However, during the more touristy months the traffic along Lake Garda can be heavy, **so allow a little extra margin to avoid delays**, especially if you have already booked your ride time.

We recommend **parking directly at the departure station**, which is located in Malcesine at Via Navene Vecchia 12.

Here you will find a **covered parking lot with 170 spaces**, for a fee and conveniently close to the entrance. **Remember to check closing times** so you don't have any unforeseen problems when you return.

If the main parking lot is full, you can try other areas nearby:

- **The small outdoor parking lot in front of the station**, with 16 spaces available.
- **The parking lot at "Colonie"**, 150 meters from the cable car, also on Old Navene Street.
- **The more distant Bassinel parking lot**, about 700 meters away, also for a fee.

During peak season, **it is best to arrive a little early**, especially if you want to find parking without difficulty.

# THE CABLEWAY



## Other useful tips

- Since this is a high-altitude activity, bring **appropriate clothing and hiking shoes, even in summer**.
- In the summer months, crowds are very high, especially on weekends. **If you can, choose midweek days to avoid too many crowds.**
- **Return times do not book** and the last few rides are often the most crowded.
- If you decide to stay until the evening, keep in mind that you may have to wait a long time to get off.
- Before your visit, check the official website for the **opening schedule**.
- Generally, the cableway operates year-round, **except for March and the period between early November and mid-December for maintenance**.
- At high altitude you will find **some refreshment stations**, useful for a break before returning

**Lunch break tip:** on the way back from the cable car, just 2 km down the same road (at 139 Navene Vecchia Street), you will find the **Speck Stube**.

This is a popular spot for its **wood-fired spit-roasted specialties** and its **large area surrounded by greenery**.

The service here is **self-service**, so you order directly what you prefer and pick up your dish without waiting at the table, in an informal and convivial atmosphere.

The restaurant is open from mid-March to mid-October, with an active kitchen all day, from 12 to 11 pm.

In the summer months you can dine at the **large outdoor tables**, while children can have fun in the **dedicated play area**.

If you travel with your dog, know that he is welcome, as long as you have a leash, to be used if necessary.

To best enjoy the experience and avoid long wait times, **go Monday through Friday**, when the venue is less crowded.

Parking is free.



# THE SCALIGER CASTLE



The **Scaliger Castle** is the symbol of Malcesine and one of its most fascinating places. **Perfectly preserved**, it allows visitors to immerse themselves in the town's history and offers splendid views of Lake Garda and Mount Baldo. The visit takes about **an hour** and offers a route through courtyards, towers and exhibition rooms.

Its origins probably date back to the **Lombards**, who built it in the first half of the 1st millennium AD. In 590, the castle was destroyed by the **Franks**, who later rebuilt it and made it a fortified residence.

In 1277 it passed to the **Scaligeris**, who gave it its present appearance and the name by which it is known. Over the centuries the castle was disputed between the Visconti, the Republic of Venice, the Habsburg Empire and France, until it finally became part of the Kingdom of Italy in **1866**. Since **1902** it has been declared a **National Monument**.

Today, the castle offers several areas to explore. Inside is the **Natural History Museum**, with an interactive exhibit that allows visitors to discover the flora, fauna and geology of the area. One exhibit area is dedicated to **Goethe**, who visited Malcesine in 1786 and was fascinated. **The second courtyard**, called the **Rivellino**, offers sweeping views of the town, lake, and mountains.

One of the most striking points is **the perch suspended over the lake, 24 meters above the ground**, from which one can admire the surrounding landscape. Climbing the internal ramps leads to **the Tower, 31 meters high at its base and 70 meters above the village**, from which the view opens out over the entire Garda region.

Throughout the year, the castle is also a venue for events, **weddings and exhibitions**, making it not only a place of great historical value, but also a living space full of charm.

# THE SCALIGER CASTLE



## Contact

Scaliger Castle of Malcesine

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<https://www.visitmalcesine.com/it/il-castello-scaligero-nel-cuore-del-borgo-di-malcesine>

## How to get there

If you arrive from the cable car or the Speck Stube, you can park your car in the Statuto parking lot, which is the most convenient in the center of town.

## How to get a ticket

The ticket is made on site.

## Other useful tips

- During the cold season (as well as mid-season), bring a jacket: the top of the tower can be particularly windy.
- Wear comfortable shoes, as the visit involves ascents with ramps and steps.
- Check the weather conditions, as much of the visit takes place outside.



# PALAZZO DEI CAPITANI



In the heart of Malcesine, just a short walk from the small harbor, is the **Palazzo dei Capitani**, a historic building overlooking the lake. Located on Via Capitanato, it now houses **the Town Hall and Library**, but some areas are open to the public with **free admission**.

Built between the **13th** and **14th** centuries by the **Scaligeris** over ancient Roman and Romanesque remains, the palace later suffered severe damage, perhaps from a fire or earthquake, so that it was reduced to little more than a ruin. In the 15th century it came into the possession of the Veronese Francesco Mercanti, who passed it on to his sons, who in 1473 gave it to Alessandro Miniscalchi. As early as **1477** **the building was found to have been rebuilt and embellished with Venetian-style decorations**.

In 1618, at the request of the Republic of Venice, the City of Verona purchased the palace to use it as **the residence of the Capitano del Lago**, the Venetian representative of the Garda area. In 1854 Verona leased it to the municipality of Malcesine, until, in 1897, the local municipality became its permanent owner. A few years later, in **1902**, the palace was declared a **national monument**.

# PALAZZO DEI CAPITANI



You can visit the **ground floor** and the charming **lakeside garden**, where the Captain's boat once landed. To access it, you will pass through an elegant **central hall-corridor** that overlooks the very garden. Here you can stop on a bench surrounded by greenery, enjoying the quiet and the view of the lake. The building is generally open **daily from 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, but you are advised to check for changes in hours.

## Contact

Palace of the Captains

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<https://www.visitmalcesine.com/it/il-palazzo-dei-capitani-di-malcesine>



# CASSONE LAKE MUSEUM



If you want to discover the history and traditions related to fishing on Lake Garda, the **Cassone Lake Museum** is an interesting stop. Located in this small hamlet of **Malcesine**, it can be reached by a pleasant walk of **about an hour along the lake** or in **just 5 minutes by car**. Since it is on the way back to Enjoi, it could be the perfect place to end the day before returning.

Admission is **free**, but pay **attention to opening hours and days** because the museum cannot always be visited.

The exhibition is spread over two floors and tells the story of the life of fishermen of yesteryear through **original tools**, including **nets, utensils, reproductions of small boats, and everyday objects**. Numerous **period photographs** testify to the importance of fishing to the local community. Outside, you'll find **two large ponds** populated by **trout, chub and eel**, offering a glimpse into lake life.

## Contact

Cassone Lake Museum

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