



Zoldo and Cadore the land of ice cream makers



Enjoy the Val di Zoldo and Zoppè di Cadore all year round

Ice cream makers of the Zoldo and Cadore valleys.

What does a valley in the heart of the Dolomites have in common with ice cream, a natural refresher during hot sunny summers and in scorching climates? It's a long story about people with courage and dedication. It's a successful story of generations to generations that started at the end of the 19th Century to the present day.

Zoldani and Cadorini had already reached the corners of the world as emigrants when the first ones began to produce and sell ice cream in the bordering countries. No one knows when and how ice cream was invented, nor how the

recipe reached the first ice cream makers of the valleys of the Dolomites.

What we do know is that thanks to the people of these lands, who were the first to spread the culture of ice cream worldwide, it is now one of the most popular Italian patisserie skills in the world.

Expertise and professionalism in producing a high quality homemade ice cream; dedication and self-sacrifice are the ingredients of a migration phenomenon that took place after World War II and that has populated Europe today with successful ice cream shops from Zoldo and Cadore.

Now that the phenomenon of Italian ice cream has taken on a global dimension, do not be surprised if on entering an ice cream shop in Frankfurt, Tokyo or Buenos Aires you happen to be greeted by one of our fellow countryman!

Taste and beauty come together

The natural surroundings of the Val di Zoldo with its small villages, its original mountain architecture embedded in luscious woods provide an authentic background for genuine homemade ice cream. Luckily, the pace of life here has remained intact and unaltered by mass tourism. Mountain life culture has also been kept alive by festivals and events, and recorded in the ethnographic museums in Goima and Zoppè, and in the iron and nail museum in Forno di Zoldo.

The valley is also a natural heritage site and an essential part of the National Park of the Belluno Dolomites acting as its north entrance. Zoldo lies between two of the most famous and beautiful peaks of the Dolomites: the Civetta and the Pelmo, on whose slopes lies the village of Zoppè di Cadore. The Dolomites, recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site, offers a unique setting in all seasons of the year.

Winter sports lovers can indulge in the 80 km of ski slopes of the Civetta Ski resort, enjoy the cross-country circuits in Palafavera and the Cibiana Pass, or simply walk in silence through woods on snowshoes.

During the rest of the year, the valley offers its most beautiful natural colours to hikers who choose these places for walking, adventurers on mountaineering expeditions or mountain bikers on exciting trails.

We invite everyone to come and enjoy the views of the pink peaks at sunset while tasting a delicious homemade ice cream made in the land where its history began.



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Every year in July the
Val di Zoldo hosts a festival
of homemade ice cream
with events, performances
and tastings.



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