



EYES ON THE LEDRO “GRESTE”: FROM OCTOBER 9th–12th, GARDA TRENTINO HOSTS THE FIRST- EVER LEDRO SKY TRENTINO GRAND FINALE

From October 9 to 12, Garda Trentino will set the stage for the **Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale**, the closing event of the **Golden Trail World Series by Salomon**. This international competition will bring elite athletes and outdoor enthusiasts to the mountains of the Val di Ledro for four days of sport, excitement, and pure immersion in nature.

Trail running here is a rush of adrenaline wrapped in the beauty of an unspoiled landscape: wide lakeshores, rugged peaks, lush forests, and open meadows. In Garda Trentino, trail running means freedom all year round, a chance to discover every hidden corner. The Ledro Valley, with its emerald reflections mirrored in the bright blue of its namesake lake, climbs skyward path after path, offering enchanting scenery and demanding trails—a paradise for skyrunning lovers.

This spectacular setting will, for the first time, welcome a truly extraordinary event broadcast live on **Eurosport**: the **Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale**, the world final of the Golden Trail World Series by Salomon, the international circuit that celebrates the sport's elite across continents. The event confirms the region as a global hotspot for outdoor activities and mountain running.

Organized in collaboration with **Trentino Marketing** (institutional sponsor), **Salomon** (main sponsor), and **Warner Bros.** (international media partner), the competition will run for four days—from the prologue to the final party—offering athletes and amateurs alike the chance to experience their passion in a breathtaking natural setting.

The race follows a single 22 km course with 1,750 m of elevation gain, starting in Pieve di Ledro. The route is a few kilometers longer than the classic Ledro Sky, one of the flagship events in the skyrunning world that has lit up Garda Trentino every June for the past decade. A total of 150 athletes will compete, including the top 30 men and 30 women who qualified through the Golden Trail World Series, which spans from the United States to China and includes the legendary Sierre-Zinal race in Switzerland. Among the big names are local champion **Cesare Maestri** and **Alice Gaggi**, current men's and women's record holders of the Ledro Sky. Joining them will be the winners of the Golden Trail National Series and 300 amateur runners, who can register starting September 1.

A technical, spectacular race deeply tied to the land, the trail climbs high before tracing the panoramic and famous **“grete” (ridges)** of the Ledro mountains in an exhilarating sequence of ascents and descents between **Cima Pari, Cima Sclapa, and Cima d'Oro**. The excitement of fierce competition merges with the striking beauty of the **Pichea-Rocchetta ridge**, a protected area in the Alpi Ledrensi Reserve Network, also recognized by UNESCO's MAB program for its exceptional environmental value.



The wonders don't end there: along the course, athletes will pass historic trenches and remnants of World War I.

Spectators will enjoy special attention too, they can cheer along the trail or watch the event on a giant screen set up in **Pieve di Ledro**, the heart of the action. Throughout the event, the **GTWS Village** in this lakeside village will host the start and finish lines as well as an open expo area, offering everyone a chance to soak up the unique atmosphere of the Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale.

Program

- Thursday, October 9 – Official athlete presentation
- Friday, October 10 – 10:00 – Women's prologue
- Friday, October 10 – 11:00 – Men's prologue
- Saturday, October 11 – 12:00 – Women's race
- Sunday, October 12 – 12:00 – Men's race
- Sunday, October 12 – 19:00 – Closing party

More info: gardatrentino.it/grand-finale

Discover the Ledro Valley: Nature, History & Flavour

Relaxation, sport, fun, fine food, and culture—Valle di Ledro offers it all. Tucked between Lake Garda and the Valle del Chiese, embraced north and south by majestic 2,000-metre peaks, this enchanting valley is perfect for those seeking new horizons and authentic outdoor adventures: hiking, mountain biking, paragliding, canyoning, or water sports on the crystal-clear lake, including swimming, SUP, canoeing, wakeboarding, and sailing.

History here leaves tangible marks: from the well-preserved World War I trench network to the valley's archaeological jewel—the prehistoric **pile-dwellings**, evidence of a deep, millennia-old bond between people and the environment. The **Pile-Dwelling Museum** lets visitors explore this unique heritage, revealing over 4,000 years of history that still shape the valley's identity.

For food lovers, Valle di Ledro delights with local, zero-kilometre specialties: flavourful cheeses made from fresh mountain milk, seasonal vegetables, lake and stream fish, and the famous purple potatoes. Signature dishes of the local culinary tradition include **potato polenta** and **Bohemian gnocchi**, best enjoyed with a craft beer brewed with spring water or a glass of wine from nearby wineries.