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GOLDEN TRAIL WORLD SERIES

PRESS KIT



GARDA TRENTINO

LEDRO SKY TRENTINO GRAND FINALE

9 - 12 OCTOBER 2025

Welcome to the final stage of the Golden Trail World Series by Salomon, the international circuit that brings the world's trail running elite to the mountains of the Ledro Valley.

MEDIA ACCREDITATION

Here you'll find all the information and press materials for the 1st edition of the Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale, including press passes and a **Welcome Box** with goodies, area maps, and four **food vouchers.**

Location: Race office near Hotel Lido in Pieve.

Via Příbram, 1, 38067 Ledro TN

Opening hours:

Thu. 10:00 am-1:00 pm & 2:00 pm-6:00 pm

Fri. 8:30 am-11:00 am Sat. 8:30 am-11:00 am

MEDIA ROOM

You will have access to the **press room**, a quiet space where you can work in a relaxed environment, equipped with fast internet and areas to rest and take breaks. Additionally, you'll have the opportunity to schedule interviews with the event organizers to learn all about the event.

Location: Sala al Lago – Spiaggia Pieve

near the Start & Finish point

Opening hours:

Fri. 8:30 am–5:00 pm Sat. 8:30 am–5:00 pm Sun. 8:30 am–5:00 pm





VILLAGE AREA

The expo, or Village area, is the heart of the event, where you can find sports brands, delicious food, and even a physiotherapist! It's a chance to experience up close the electrifying atmosphere of the Ledro Sky – Trentino Grand Finale.

Location: <u>Spiaggia Pieve</u> near the Start & Finish point

Opening hours:

Fri. 10:00 am-6:00 pm Sat. 10:00 am-6:00 pm Sun. 10:00 am-6:00 pm

VOUCHER FOOD

To make the day even more special, there will be delightful taste experiences featuring local flavors: you'll have four vouchers to use at three different local restaurants:

- La Finestra Pizza e Cucina
- Green Ice Bar
- Speck Stube

MEDIA STUFF

On this website, you can register and gain daily access to updated photos, the press kit, and useful information: <u>Login - Eventrack</u>

RACES & EXPERIENCES

There's no GTWS without a bit of competitive adrenaline. If, besides covering the event, you want to experience firsthand the thrill of the Ledro Sky Grand Finale, write to us! We have spots reserved just for media to enjoy the full Garda Trentino experience. If curiosity rather than competition is what drives you, we can gladly organize unique experiences outside the official event program.



MORE

Whether it's arranging interviews with athletes, sponsors, or organizers, a drive to the nearest vantage point to enjoy the race from above, or receiving a parking pass, our team is always fully available to make your stay as enjoyable as possible.

YOUR CONTACTS

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MEDIA PARTNER

- International Media partner: Warner Bros / Discovery
- Main sponsor: Salomon
- Host Sponsor: Garda Trentino, Trentino Marketing, Comune di Ledro.

RACE PROGRAM

- Thursday, October 9 3:30 pm: press conference at Sala Al Lago (Media Room) Pieve
 5:00 pm: official athlete presentation
- Friday, October 10 10:00 am: women's prologue
 11:00 am: men's prologue
- Saturday, October 11 12:00 pm: women's race
- Sunday, October 12 12:00 pm: men's race
 7:00 pm: closing party

Event hub: Pieve di Ledro, on the shores of the lake – featuring the Expo area, giant screen, and Village open to the public.

More information: gardatrentino.it/grand-finale



RACE INFORMATIONS

- <u>Dates:</u> October 9–12, 2025
- Location: Ledro Valley Garda Trentino, Italy
- Race distance: Prologue 6,9 km 500 m+ Ledro Sky Grand Finale 21 km | 1600 m+
- <u>Athletes:</u> 60 Golden Trail World Series elite + 90 National Series winners + 300 amateur runners
- <u>Broadcast</u>: HBO Max, Eurosport, Discovery+, TNT Sports (Flo Sports Canada & USA, Supersport Africa Sub Sahara, Run Yeah China, LN24 Belgium)
- Official website: gardatrentino.it/grand-finale
- <u>How to follow the race:</u> a giant screen will be available at the GTWS Village. Alternatively, spectators can position themselves along the course to enjoy spectacular viewpoints: Saval, Caret, Cima Parì, Bocca Dromaè, Cima d'Oro, Belvedere Dromaè.
- Live coverage on: HBO Max, Eurosport, TNT Sports, discovery+



ON THE GOLDEN TRAIL WORLD SERIES

The Golden Trail World Series (GTWS) is one of the important shortmost distance trail running competitions, considered the World Cup that every top international runner dreams of. It is part of The Golden Trail Series, created in 2018 by Salomon in collaboration with the leading trail organizers worldwide.

The series consists of "national" versions called the Golden Trail National Series



(GTNS) and an international version, the Golden Trail World Series (GTWS), held on courses ranging from 20 to 42 kilometers. These distances are chosen based on the difficulty of the terrain and the beauty of the landscapes they traverse. With a winning combination of speed, technique, and risk, each race becomes an opportunity to push personal limits while offering pure spectacle for the audience.

The series begins in April with the first two races in Asia (Japan and China) and concludes in October with the Grand Finale, held each year in a different country. In all competitions, runners accumulate points based on their ranking to qualify for the final.

The 2025 calendar included races in Japan, China, Italy, Spain, the United States, Mexico, Austria, and Switzerland. Now, for the first time, the final stage arrives in Garda Trentino, in the magnificent setting of the Ledro Valley, whose pristine nature has been recognized by UNESCO as a Biosphere Reserve.





SEASON RANKING

The men's season has been an exciting battle between Elhousine Elazzaoui (Morocco – NNormal) and the Kenyan duo Patrick Kipngeno and Philemon Kiriago (Run2gether On Trail). Elazzaoui leads the standings with 600 points, thanks to his victories at Zegama-Aizkorri (Spain), Broken Arrow Skyrace (USA), and Tepec Trail (Mexico). However, with only 12 points separating him from Kipngeno and Kiriago, everything is still up for grabs.

On the women's side, five athletes have a realistic chance of claiming the overall title at Ledro Sky Trentino. Madalina Florea (Romania – Scott Running) leads the standings with 576 points (a win at Il Golfo dell'Isola – Italy – and two second places at Broken Arrow Skyrace and Kobe Trail – Japan). She is closely followed by Spaniards Sara Alonso (Asics, 566 points) and Malen Osa (Salomon, 540 points), with Kenyans Joyce Njeru (NNormal, 538 points) and Caroline Kimutai (Salomon Milimani Runners, 532 points) rounding out the top five.

The 2025 GTWS calendar:

- April 19: Kobe Trail (Japan)
- April 26: Jinshanling Great Wall Trail Race (China)
- May 17: Il Golfo dell'Isola Trail (Italy)
- May 25: Zegama–Aizkorri (Spain)
- June 22: Broken Arrow Skyrace (USA)
- June 29: Tepec Trail (Mexico)
- August 2: Salomon Pitz Alpine Glacier Trail (Austria)
- August 9: Sierre-Zinal (Switzerland)
- October 9–12: Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale (Italy)

Info: www.goldentrailseries.com



LEDRO SKY TRENTINO GRAND FINALE

Garda Trentino confirms itself as a global destination for outdoor activities and mountain running.

There are 90 elite athletes at the start, including the top 30 men and 30 women qualified at the end of the GTWS circuit. Among them are notable names such as local athlete Cesare Maestri and Alice Gaggi, who hold the male and female records of the Ledro Sky, respectively. Alongside them are the winners of the Golden Trail National



Series and 300 amateur runners. One of the unique aspects of the GTWS is precisely this: non-professional athletes have the opportunity to race alongside the world's best runners in a competition that combines challenge and excitement.

The GTWS Grand Finale takes place over two days: a prologue followed by the main race. On October 10, both men and women compete in the prologue: a 6.9 km time trial with 550 m of elevation gain. On October 11 and 12, the women's and men's main races take place, each 22 km with 1,750 m of positive elevation. The finale has a unique feature: it awards double the points of a standard GTWS race (400 instead of 200), keeping the competition open until the very last second. The overall ranking is based on the athletes' three best seasonal results plus the points from the Grand Finale, meaning the maximum points an athlete can achieve is 1,000.

The course chosen for the GTWS final is the historic Ledro Sky, one of the highlights of the skyrunning calendar that has energized Garda Trentino every June for the past 10 years, with an added 3 km and 100 m of elevation up to Bocca di Trat.

Distance: 21 km

Positive elevation: 1600 m

Start/Finish: Pieve di Ledro



THE RACE



The Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale is a technical and spectacular race, deeply rooted in the local territory. The 21 km course with 1600 meters of positive elevation starts in Pieve di Ledro and has been extended by a few kilometers compared to the historic Ledro Sky. However, it retains its core, passing trenches through and remnants of the First World War.

The trail climbs to higher altitudes and unfolds along the panoramic ridges of the Ledro mountains - the famous "greste" - with continuous ascents and descents between Cima Parì, Cima Sclapa, and Cima d'Oro, along the Pichea-Rocchetta ridge, an area of great natural value that is part of the Ledro Alps reserve network and recognized by UNESCO's MAB program.

But the wonders don't end there: the race also crosses sites rich in history, such as trenches and remnants from the First World War. In this setting, sport, nature, and history merge to offer an experience that stays with you long after the competition.



DISCOVERING THE LEDRO VALLEY



With its authentic beauty, the Ledro Valley provides the perfect setting for the Ledro Sky Trentino Grand Finale. Nestled between the Brenta Dolomites and suspended between Lake Garda and the Chiese Valley, it is one of the most fascinating destinations in Garda Trentino, combining nature, sport, culture, and tradition. Off the beaten path, the valley amazes with pristine landscapes, outdoor

activities, thirteen charming villages surrounded by meadows and forests, and a unique culinary heritage.

The centerpiece of the valley is Lake Ledro, one of the clearest and most swimmable lakes in Trentino, ideal for swimming, sailing, SUP, canoeing, wakeboarding, and relaxing on equipped or free-access beaches.

Ledro Valley is also a paradise for outdoor activities, from canyoning to trekking along over 1,000 km of trails, mountain biking routes, and the adrenaline of paragliding. Its natural beauty goes hand in hand with culture; a true jewel of the area is the Ledro Lake Pile-Dwelling Museum, a UNESCO site fully renovated in 2019. The museum, also a branch of MUSE - Museo delle Scienze, guides visitors through daily life in the Bronze Age with reconstructions and original remains of a pile-dwelling village (2200–1350 BC). UNESCO heritage also includes the Fiavé Archaeological Nature Park and the "Alpi Ledrensi & Judicaria" Biosphere Reserve. Here, among picturesque villages and Land Art trails, the past dialogues with nature and the present offering immersive experiences for those seeking the joy of discovery.

And then there's the gastronomy, a culinary journey blending Alpine flavors with Central European influences: unmissable are the Bohemian dumplings, a legacy of the population's exodus to Bohemia during the First World War and now a symbol of local culinary tradition; the famous purple potatoes; and polenta made from potatoes, corn, or buckwheat. Local cheeses, wines, and other delights produced in Garda Trentino reflect a culture of sustainable agriculture.

Ledro Valley embraces responsible tourism, serving as a meeting point for those who love outdoor activities, prefer healthy food and authentic flavors, and find balance in nature. The perfect combination of these elements is the true wealth of Garda Trentino, a unique gem in Italy.





GARDA TRENTINO, THE TRAIL RUNNING PARADISE

What better way to discover Garda Trentino than through trail running or skyrunning? The region is perfectly suited for these outdoor activities, offering trails that are worth the effort and catering to different levels of difficulty. Mountain paths, dirt roads, and natural inclines guide you through nature along lake shores and up to mountain peaks, revealing breathtaking views and a sense of freedom at every turn.

There are 14 trails, ranging from medium to difficult, to explore on foot. After the Ledro Sky course, the most iconic is the Garda Trentino Trail, the route of the first trail running race organized in Garda Trentino, designed to showcase the area's stunning landscapes. Covering 69.3 km with 4,519 meters of elevation gain, it traverses all the key spots of the region: a journey across the lakes of Garda, Ledro, and Tenno, starting in Riva del Garda and finishing in Arco.

Garda Dolomiti S.p.A. Azienda per il Turismo

Garda Dolomiti S.p.A. is a DMO focused on promoting and enhancing the tourist image of Garda Trentino (the northern shore of Lake Garda, covering the areas of Riva del Garda, Arco, Val di Gresta, Nago-Torbole sul Garda, Dro, Drena, Tenno, Ledro Valley, Comano, and Valle dei Laghi). The company carries out this mission through the provision of tourist information and assistance services, marketing initiatives, and specific projects aimed at highlighting the destination's tourism offerings as well as its environmental, cultural, and historical heritage.

More information:

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