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Facts & Figures: **January 2015**

Location

The **Hotel Belvedere** is snuggled on the hillside directly below Madonna del Sasso, the most famous pilgrimage church in Italian-speaking Switzerland. A mere five-minute walk from the hotel lies the Piazza Grande in the historic city center. The hotel also has its own stop, „Belvedere", on the funicular railway Locarno-Madonna del Sasso. With its strategic position, the Belvedere is an ideal spot to discover life in the historic town center. In addition, both the funicular and the aerial railway connect the city with Monte Cardada, an ideal starting point for numerous picturesque hiking trails. The airport Lugano-Agno, 40 km distant, is a convenient 45 minute car drive away. Alternatively the Milan-Malpensa airport is positioned 110 km south and can be reached by car in 90 or by train in 120 minutes. Furthermore the Zurich airport is 215 km north and is by car 150 minutes travel time away or by train 210 minutes.

Description/ Concept

The **Belvedere** Locarno narrative begins in the 16th century as the antique residence of a noble family. At the end of the 19th Century it was converted to a hotel run over generations by the same family. Today the same is true, as a private family again owns the modern four-star hotel with emphasis on business, relaxation, and active vacations. The guest can linger in the garden surrounded by palm trees either during a break between business meetings or enjoying a private retreat of simple relaxation in the deckchairs. During the summer months, in the garden restaurant Grotto, snacks are available to the more active guest either before or after a substantial hike. The mild climate and the Mediterranean vegetation make it possible to enjoy the area even during the seasons where normally Switzerland freezes or guests from the wintry North seek sun rays and the warm air of the Ticino.

Facilities

All 89 rooms (20-28 m^2), suites (35-40 m^2) as well as the *Family Room* offer a panoramic view over Locarno's historic city center, Lago Maggiore and the surrounding mountains. The rooms are spacious, light and outfitted in either a classic Mediterranean style or contemporary modern. There are a total of four junior and six suites. The *Family Room* is a large and elegantly furnished apartment with three bedrooms with a capacity of up to seven guests. It is equipped with two bathrooms - one with a shower, the other with a bathtub. One large balcony opens up to a spectacular view of the lake, the city and the surrounding mountains. In addition to the shower and bathtub all rooms are equipped with TV/Radio, Telephone, Safe, Hairdryer and Minibar. Other amenities include air condition and free Wi-Fi in the entire hotel. All rooms are non-smoking.

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Restaurants & Bars

The **Affresco Restaurant** with its original frescos is one of the house „à la carte“ restaurants. It is ideal for intimate exclusive banquettes and family parties or theme evenings organized by the hotel. The restaurant seats up to 25 guests and at a standing event 40-50 people.

Breakfast as well as the evening menu is served in the light filled **Restaurant Veranda**.

While relishing the Mediterranean air on the terrace under the high palm trees, the **Restaurant Fontana** offers seasonal „à la carte“ dishes. The „Grotto“ is a typically quaint Ticino restaurant. With granite table tops and a pergola covered in grape vines, the restaurant sits in a beautiful garden below Madonna del Sasso. During the summer months light fare is served.

Beauty & Wellness

In the Beauty & Wellness **Oasi** guests can choose between various innovative treatments. From the Mediterranean to the Tibetan to the „Aroma Pepper Massage“, lymph drainage or „Take a break“ foot-pack- everything is available. In addition there is a vast choice among nurturing face and body treatment programs. The treatments are specialized by using local organic products such as „Lì Cosmetic Natural“ – a Swiss organic cosmetic firm whose products include herbs and plants from the foothills of the Swiss Alps. For nail care the Oasi Spa uses the leading nail care brand „OPI“.

Those who prefer active Wellness may swim in the lanes of the 17 meter long, heated pool with outdoor section and afterwards unwind in the relax zone. In addition to the pool, the Spa offers a classic Finnish Sauna, a steam bath and a Laconium with heated chaises. After a relaxing sauna program, the ice fountain refreshes and stimulates the circulation. Muscles can be tested in the fitness room with the indoor bikes, modern cross training and Ergometer training.

Conference Facilities

Five air-conditioned conference rooms are available accommodating up to 180 people. Equipped with the latest technical equipment, the modular set up of the conference facilities permits the hotel to find personalized solutions for seminars, meetings, and conferences.

The **Sala Granda** with 120 square meters holds up to 130 guests

The **Sala Mimosa** is with 76 square meters suitable for 50 guests, as well as the **Sala Magnolia** .

The **Sala Camelia** with its 56 square meters accommodates up to 40 guests and in the

Sala Piccola private meetings with a maximum of six guests are possible.

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Free time & Sport

Next to the **Sunday-Brunch** in the winter months and **Theme Evenings** in the Restaurant as well as the Bar, the library offers relaxation and play.

Families hold center stage here as there is something for everyone- from the nearby **Parco Avventura** in Gordola, which offers a **high rope park** for young and the old to the **Falconery** covering the fascinating world of birds of prey while not forgetting „Swissminiatur" Park in Melide, where a trip through **Switzerland in miniature** awaits. The choices are rounded out with the **longest summer toboggan run in Switzerland,** the **Tyroline** on Monte Tamaro. Young and old alike race down to the valley while reaching speeds of up to 60 km/h.

Fun of another sort comes from the most famous clown in Switzerland, bringing laughter to the guests of **Teatro Dimitri**.

Athletes who wish to „step on the gas" treasure the Ticino area as a paradise for **Bikers**. With its innumerable trails accommodating all ability levels, the southern Canton rounds out its wide range of offerings. .

H**iking** can be arranged to ones „gusto", beginning with a comfortable family hike and continuing with the strenuous summit routes and rope tours on the Italian-Swiss border.

For those who wish a quieter stay, famous **Golf courses** such as Gerre Losone or Ascona offer 18-holes with their memorable parks, numerous creeks, ponds, and hills. Alternatively in nearby Italy further golf courses are available.

A **day trip** in the **Fashion-Metropole Milan** and a relaxing adventure in neighboring Italy are easily organized. In case of poor weather a shopping trip in nearby **Outlet Center Fox Town** in Mendrisio, water fun in **Lido Locarno** or in **Splash & Spa**, a unique oasis for free time sport and wellness is the order of the day.

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