

## Villa Arcadio, Lake Garda, Italy

Fabulous Autumn Bridge break in a gorgeous converted monastery with your hosts Zebedee and Claudia Stocken.

*from* £1485pp\* including :

- 7 nights' stay in this luxury 4-star boutique hotel
- Full board at the restaurant including :
  - buffet breakfast and two-course lunch
  - three-course dinner with wine
- Refreshments available during Bridge play
- Reception with aperitif and canapés on the first evening
- Transfers from Verona Airport for selected flights
- All Bridge tuition, course notes and prizes

\*with 10% loyalty discount



**Sunday 17th September - Sunday 24th September 2017**  
**Sunday 8th October - Sunday 15th October 2017**

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## Villa Arcadio

Located in a former convent, Villa Arcadio is set on a hillside amid olive groves and fruit orchards overlooking Lake Garda. Carefully restored over 10 years by Finnish Jaana and her Italian husband, Francesco, the building features original fresco motifs and vaulted interiors with stone ceilings. Behind rough rubbled stone, Jaana has created elegant salons illuminated by walls of glass and furnished with a stylish collection of English grandfather clocks, Italian prints, antique mirrors and smart Casa Milano armchairs. There is a candlelit dining room under a vaulted ceiling, an inner courtyard of trailing bougainvillea, and a glamorous outdoor infinity pool lined with loungers.



But the location is the thing. Step on to the terrace, where laced wrought-iron chairs sit beneath a vine-draped pergola, and take in the heavenly view: lush gardens speared with cypress trees and, beyond, the sparkling waters of Italy's largest lake. Watch the sun slip behind the green mountains, or the twinkling lights of Salò against a fading evening sky. Pure magic.

## Villa Arcadio Restaurant

Whether it's breakfast on the terrace overlooking the lake, lunch by the pool or dinner in the restaurant, eating at Villa Arcadio is one of the joys of staying here - thanks to impeccable service and, of course, wonderful food, much of it prepared from fresh fruit, vegetables and herbs grown in the hotel's own kitchen garden.



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## *MENU at VILLA ARCADIO*

*sliced beef with rocket leaves and parmesan  
courgette tart with grana cheese sauce, served with salad  
rabbit and coriander terrine with mixed salad  
Milanese saffron risotto  
ricotta-filled ravioli with a fresh cherry tomato and basil sauce*

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*Lake Garda trout with oven-baked potatoes  
roasted duck breast with a cherry and Merlot sauce  
polenta with stewed pork and sausage  
grilled whitefish from Lake Garda with vegetables  
meatballs with artichokes and potatoes*

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*homemade vanilla icecream with fresh fruit of the season  
panna cotta with raspberry coulis  
cinnamon cream with orange sauce  
strawberry zucchini cake  
lemon sorbet with liquorice powder*



### Please Note

This is a sample menu and will vary according to the season and availability of produce.

Dinner will be accompanied by half a bottle of house wine per person. There will be a choice, ordered in advance. Breakfast will be a fabulous buffet selection including cooked eggs, freshly squeezed juices, homemade breads and jams. Lunch will be a simple but delicious buffet with dessert. Any dietary requirements can be catered for.

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## Accommodation

Spread out over 3 floors of the main building, the 18 bedrooms have simple, natural and textural decor. The luxury lies in the detail: expensive linens, dark wood, subtle lighting, soft non-allergenic pillows and super-comfortable deluxe beds. In some rooms there are beautiful walls of exposed stone, in others, remnants of vintage frescoes. All rooms share the same soothing style, with desk-like console tables, big cubist armchairs, pewter-coloured rugs on terracotta floors, and sunlight pouring in through the windows, each framing an Arcadian view of the lake, the garden, or both.

Bedrooms come with toiletries, mini-bar, safe, satellite television, telephone, air-conditioning, hairdryer, bathrobe, slippers. All rooms have en-suite marble bathrooms with showers (*please note, there are no baths*). All bedrooms can be twins or doubles and some larger rooms can have extra beds. The



hotel has a lift - please contact us for full details on rooms and accessibility. *Bedrooms are available from 2pm and check out is 12pm.*

Classic rooms ♣	Smallest in size (20m <sup>2</sup> ). Ground floor with garden views.
Classic rooms ♦	Smallest in size (20m <sup>2</sup> ). First floor with lake views.
Deluxe rooms ♥	Larger in size (25m <sup>2</sup> ) with views over the garden or pool. Two deluxe rooms are on the ground floor with private terrace.
Junior suites ♠	Larger in size (30-35m <sup>2</sup> ) with lake views and a seating area.
Master suite NT	Largest room (50m <sup>2</sup> ) with separate living space. Fabulous lake views - the best room in the hotel.

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## Bridge with Zeb & Claudia



Zeb Stocken has many years experience of teaching and hosting bridge events, and whether you come as a group, in a pair or on your own, you can be certain of an instructive and enjoyable game adapted to your level.

Claudia – Zeb’s sister – will be on hand to ensure the smooth running of your holiday and, as a keen and experienced bridge player herself, she will also be supervising bridge sessions. The bridge programme will be a mixture of teaching, supervised play and some duplicate – all played in a fun and friendly environment. The tuition sessions will use CompassCards (*set deals*) and a fun topic tailored to the group.

The other sessions will be supervised play or some form of duplicate, with prizes at the end of the stay. All bridge sessions are optional and open to all standards of play although we can only accommodate complete beginners if booked as a group of four. Water, tea and coffee will be available during play. Non-bridge playing partners are of course welcome.

It is important to stress that our holidays are not aimed at the type of player who likes a serious 24-board duplicate every night. Our ethos is that bridge should be a friendly and social game where you can meet like-minded people, and our holidays reflect that. No partner is needed on a StockenBridge holiday.



### Bridge Schedule

#### Every Day

Bridge tuition

10am – 12.30pm

Duplicate or supervised play

5.30pm - 7.30pm

After dinner supervised bridge or Chicago

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## Excursions and things to do in the area

There will be two wonderful optional excursions and we will contact you nearer the time with details and prices to book these trips in advance:

### **1. Day excursion to Verona**

Verona is best known as the setting for Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet but was also one of the most important Roman towns in Northern Italy. A guided tour will show you the highlights, including the Roman amphitheatre, and there will be free time after a delicious lunch to explore further or enjoy some shopping.



### **2. Boat trip to Isola del Garda**

By boat, visit the tiny private island of Isola for a two-hour guided tour of the Borghese Cavazza family's neo-Gothic villa and its glorious English and Italian gardens. After an aperitif on the terrace, return to the pretty lakeside village of Porto di Portese for lunch in a waterside trattoria, popular with locals.



### **Lake Garda's parks and gardens**

Visit one of the many beautiful gardens around the lake including the Heller Garden, Gardone, an oasis of bamboo forest, magnolias, Japanese water features, ferns, edelweiss and now featuring many contemporary sculptures. There is also Il Vittoriale - the extraordinary, eccentric home of the Italian poet Gabriele d'Annunzio, set in stunning gardens above Gardone Riviera.



### **Golf**

There are seven golf courses in the area including two excellent 18-hole courses: Bogliaco Golf Resort in a secluded semi-alpine setting with stunning views over Lake Garda; and Arzaga Golf Club, designed by Jack Nicklaus.

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## **From the hotel - walking, cycling, boat trips or just relaxing!**

Explore the nearby Alto Garda National Park by foot or on bike (*the hotel has bikes available*) or visit the charming lakeshore town of Salò (*two miles from the hotel - a 30 minute walk or short taxi ride*) where elegant old *palazzi* line the narrow streets with enticing shops and cafés, while a multitude of sleek yachts bob in the large marina. The best way to get around Lake Garda is by boat, so take a ferry from Salò to Gardone Riviera, Desenzano, Torri del Benaco, Sirmione or Garda. Alternatively hire the hotel's own boat or book your own private water taxi.



The hotel can also organise wine and olive oil tasting, or why not just relax by the hotel's pool, take a Finnish sauna or treat yourself to a beauty treatment or Oriental massage?



## **Travel Details**

Verona airport (*32 miles away - transfer time approx 50 minutes*) is the nearest airport and is served by many airlines including BA, Easyjet and Ryanair. Milan Bergamo airport (*53 miles away*) is also convenient. We will include transfers from Verona airport for selected flights to fit in with checking in and out, or for a minimum of 6 guests on a flight. Otherwise airport transfers cost from 25€ per person each way.







Please contact us for details of flights and transfers.

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<b>PRICES</b> (*per person, based on 2 sharing)					NT
Full Price*	£1650	£1750	£1850	£2000	£2150
With 10% loyalty discount*	£1485	£1575	£1665	£1800	£1935
Single occupancy	£1950	£2050	£2150	£2300	£2450
Single occupancy with discount	£1755	£1845	£1935	£2070	£2205

### *Loyalty Discount and Single Occupancy*

We are offering a 10% 'loyalty' discount on the holiday price for guests who have already been on a StockenBridge holiday or weekend, provided that this holiday is booked before the 31st January 2017. If you would like to share a room with a friend, even if they are new to Stockenbridge, the discount will apply to them too. Regretfully, due to the size of this particular hotel, we are extremely limited for guests wanting single occupancy.

### *How to Book...*

To book your holiday, please fill out the booking form - stating your room preferences - and either scan and email to [claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com](mailto:claudia@stockenbridgebreaks.com) or post to the address at the bottom of the page, together with the deposit of £200 per person. The full payment will be due by June 30th 2017. See booking form for Terms and Conditions.

### *Payment*

- where possible an on-line transfer is preferable for a speedy transaction that is easy to track.

#### On-line Transfer:

Account name: 'Stockens Ltd'      Account Number: 27452468      Sort Code: 30-11-75

Please quote 'Garda 17' or your invoice number if you have one

#### Cheque:

Please make cheques payable to 'Stockens Ltd'

#### Financial Protection

Your money paid to us is fully protected against the insolvency of StockenBridge Breaks, in compliance with the Package Travel Regulations 1992. In this unlikely event, you will receive a full refund of your money.

#### For more details:

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