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Stay at a 15th century residence and play golf on a 144-hectare estate only five kilometres from Lake Garda



Nestling among the verdant slopes of the Morenic Hills near Lake Garda, this hidden corner of Lombardy shelters the small residence known as Arzaga, which in the 12th century, together with the castle of Drugolo, probably comprised a single estate. In 1963, after lying abandoned for five centuries and changing hands a number of times, the Lanni della Quara family turned the clock back and brought Arzaga and Drugolo together once again into a single property. Now Palazzo Arzaga has been skilfully converted into a Five-star Golf and Spa Resort boasting a large collection of works of art, symbols of the elegance and art of welcome, a style inspired by the traditional Italian hospitality that is famous throughout the world. This period residence's elegance and charm will enchant guests with its spacious interiors of classical design, wood beam ceilings, original frescoes and antique furniture. The Resort's bedrooms and suites are partly decorated with original 15th-century frescoes, while others are

bright and airy with high ceilings or romantic wood beams. All the rooms are large and spacious, and offer every comfort (climate control, WiFi connection and TV, and most of them look out onto the surrounding countryside or the greens. This high-level golf resort boasts both an 18 and 9-hole course, designed respectively by two international golfing legends, Jack Nicklaus and Gary Player, together with the Arzaga Golf Academy. Arzaga's first gem is the 18-hole championship course (6,410 metres/7,010 yards), a par 72 parkland resort course with a series of typical features.

The second is the 9-hole course, a par 36 inland links layout that clearly shows the hand of Gary Player, known as one of the world's best links course designers. The courses are available for guests and can be booked at the hotel. The Arzaga Golf Club holds courses for players of all ages and levels. The undeniable advantage of its location means the resort lies in an unusually quiet, peaceful setting where guests





can recharge their batteries and spend some pleasant me-time in its wide open outdoor spaces - a spectacular terrace with pool and relaxation area and an elegant spa by Clarins offering a wide range of treatments, indoor pool, relaxation area, three saunas, two steam baths, hydromassage pool and showers at various temperatures - and golf, of course!

After a session of sport or relaxation it's time to dine in one of the two restaurants, the "Il Moretto" gourmet restaurant, serving a refined Italian cuisine and excellent local wines in an elegant room with select furnishings and decor, or the "Le Terrazze", a clubhouse restaurant that is ideal for a break with a view of the golf course. [www.palazzoarzaga.it](http://www.palazzoarzaga.it)

