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*In the heart of Dolomiti Mountains*



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## Greetings

### PRESIDENT OF THE ITALIAN CANOE FEDERATION



Sport, with a capital S, returns to Italy and it does so in the magnificent setting of Auronzo di Cadore with the European Dragon Boat Championships.

It will be an extraordinary event, capable of combining competition and the desire for results, the beauty of the landscape and the warmth of an Italian welcome and organisation.

It is with great pleasure that I greet all those who will be key players during the race days; at the same time I greet all those who, behind the scenes, are already working so that at the start of the first qualifying heat, everything will be ready and perfectly operational.

Passion, expertise, skills. These are the essential elements that all of Europe will find at Auronzo di Cadore in the occasion of this extraordinary event. A sincere thank you to the Organising Committee and to my friend Andrea Bedin, to the local authorities who have always been at the side of our Federation and to all those who are helping us and supporting us so that sport, through its messages and values, becomes an even stronger motivation for aggregation, growth and development.

See you all soon in Auronzo di Cadore.

**Luciano Buonfiglio**  
*President Italian Canoe and Kayak Federation*

### MAYOR OF AURONZO DI CADORE



It is a great source of pride for the City Council and for the entire community to be able to host in Auronzo di Cadore the 2015 European Dragon Boat Championships for Nations and Clubs, programmed for next July. An important event in which the waters of Lake Santa Caterina, together with the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, symbol of the Dolomites and a UNESCO World Heritage site, are once again featured in a unique and prestigious opening to Auronzo's summer season.

It has always been a natural backdrop for the international canoe and dragon boat competitions in which athletes from all over the world find themselves competing in a unique environment. Once again the combination of sport and nature prove themselves successful in conveying strong emotions, memories and values.

A natural setting with lakes, streams, meadows and mountains which for years have welcomed the enthusiasts and athletes of canoe and dragon boat disciplines, who competing in Auronzo bring out the best of what these spectacular sports have to offer.

The shores of the lakes are brought to life and colored with athletes, supporters and fans from all over the world and the waters of the lake are transformed into a regatta venue in which all the magic and beauty of these spectacular sports events are reflected.

We hope that this winning combination can create a partnership that is increasingly important for our community, a way of promoting Auronzo and Misurina, and their extraordinary beauty to the world.

Yours

**Daniela Larese Filon**  
*Lord Mayor of Auronzo di Cadore*

# General Information

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## ORGANISING COMMITTEE



The Organising Committee for the 2015 European Dragon Boat Championships for Nations and Clubs is based in Venice because it is formed within the Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat club [www.venicecanoe.com](http://www.venicecanoe.com).

The President of the O.C is Mr Andrea Bedin (sports curriculum in Italian and English on LinkedIn). The members of the O.C have gained experience in organising sports events and many also have professional roles. The O.C will look after the organisation of the 2015 European Dragon Boat Championships, the related sports, social and cultural events and the raising of funds necessary to run the event. The O.C will perform its work with the assistance of VCDB SERVIZI SRLS and Venice Canoe & Dragon Boat asd.

## The Dolomiti Mountains and Auronzo di Cadore

Auronzo Misurina is the land of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, and with its three fantastic alpine lakes, are part of the Northern Dolomites, the largest of the nine areas making up the Dolomite World Heritage Site.

They are part of a range of mountains shared by the provinces of Belluno and Bolzano bordering at the Pusteria, Sesto, Badia, San Cassiano, Boite and Piave valleys and containing some of the most famous massifs in the Alps: Tre Cime di Lavaredo, Cadini di Misurina, Sorapiss, Monte Cristallo, Marmarole, Antelao and the Croda dei Toni at Mt. Popera.

The Dolomites were made into a World Heritage Site on the 26th of June 2009 by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee at a meeting in Seville for their "series of extraordinarily distinctive and exceptionally beautiful natural mountain landscapes", "their variety of sculptural forms" and "their vertical, pale peaks".

Furthermore, the area possesses a complex of values of international scientific importance given its "quantity and concentration of extremely varied calcareous formations" and unusual geological features.

In August 2009 the ceremony assigning World Heritage Site status to the Dolomites took place in Auronzo in the presence of the President of the Italian Republic Giorgio Napolitano.

### AURONZO DI CADORE

Located only 135 km from Venice, Auronzo di Cadore is a famous holiday resort in the Belluno Dolomites. In the northernmost part of the Veneto region near Cortina, Comelico and the upper Pusteria valley, it extends along the left bank of Lake Santa Caterina at around 900 metres above sea level.

Surrounded by forests and some of the most beautiful mountain massifs in the Dolomites – it is the only urban centre from which the Tre Cime di Lavaredo are visible - Auronzo is the ideal location for a relaxing and sporty holiday.

At an ideal altitude, its pleasant, spruce shaded walks along the banks of the lake, a level cycle and pedestrian track covering the approximately 8 kilometres of the valley, its many opportunities for entertainment and socialising, the tree lined avenue in the centre, its cultural events, its characteristic views onto hidden footpaths – all these make Auronzo one of the most sought after destinations in the Dolomites.

Special attention is paid to families in the Monte Agudo area in particular. In winter the ski school's instructors accompany children and beginners as they try out the snow for the first time and in summer you can speed along the longest fun bob in the world or climb the trees at the Tre Cime Adventure Park.

Auronzo also offers a full calendar of sporting and cultural events beginning with Lazio football club's summer retreat and continuing with international canoe and dragon boat competitions, mountain running races, cycling's Giro D'Italia and Christmas evenings on the lit up slopes.

In winter, Auronzo and Misurina lend themselves to the practice of a wide range of disciplines on snow and ice from alpine skiing, with the two centers included in the Dolomiti Superski circuit, Nordic skiing, to hiking with snowshoes, and ice skating. For the more daring there are the rides on the snowmobiles and ice karts.

Also important is the cultural part of the Palazzo Corte Metto Multi-theme Museum which outlines the history of the valley, while the open-air museum of Monte Piana still recalls, after a hundred years, the tragedy of the First World War.

### MISURINA

Further north, Lake Misurina (1,754 metres above sea level), the "Pearl of the Dolomites", reflects Cadini, Cristallo and Sorapiss mountains, while Lake Antorno accompanies the ascent to Rifugio Auronzo, the starting point of the routes around the Tre Cime. Right at the foot of the Tre Cime di Lavaredo, geology supplies an insight into marine life in the Triassic period in the immediate aftermath of the greatest extinction ever recorded in the history of the Earth: a dinosaur footprint is clearly visible in a rock face along the footpath leading from Rifugio Auronzo to Rifugio Lavaredo. This same dinosaur also appears in a large plastic model in the Palazzo Corte Metto Multi-theme Museum in Auronzo.

Halfway between Auronzo and Misurina you can find the Somadida Forest, the largest forest in the Cadore region and one of the most beautiful protected areas of the Dolomites, which can also boast a rich "Forest Library."





## TRAVEL INFORMATION

Auronzo is located only 135 km from Venice and is easily accessible by all major forms of transport.

### BY CAR:

Auronzo can be reached from Germany (A22 and Brennero pass), from Austria (A23 /Tarvisio), from Slovenia (A34 Gorizia or A4 Trieste), while from Italy take the A27 Belluno highway.

### BY PLANE:

The closest airports are:

- Treviso (126km) :[www.trevisocairport.it](http://www.trevisocairport.it)
- Venice (137km):[www.veniceairport.it](http://www.veniceairport.it)
- Verona (254km):[www.aeroporto.verona.it](http://www.aeroporto.verona.it)
- Trieste (190km): [www.aeroporto.fvg.it](http://www.aeroporto.fvg.it)
- Innsbruck, Austria (180km):[www.innsbruck-airport.com](http://www.innsbruck-airport.com)

For the 2015 European Championships in Auronzo, transfers to and from these airports will be available upon booking made through [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu)

### BY TRAIN

The closest railway station is in Calalzo-Pieve di Cadore-Cortina, 15 km from Auronzo.

The closest big railway stations are:

- Venice - Mestre
- Padua
- Udine

For the 2015 European Championships in Auronzo, bus transfers will be available from Venice-Mestre ONLY upon booking made through [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu)

## ACCOMMODATION

All price include room reservation at half board (city tax, breakfast and dinner).

If the hotel does not offer dinner, the service will be supplied by the caterers at the regatta site.

### Hotel 4 stars or similar

Single room	€ 110,00/person/day
Double room	€ 85,00/ person/day
3 and 4 bed rooms	€ 80,00/ person/day

### Hotel 3 stars or similar

Single room	€ 80,00/person/day
Double room	€ 65,00/ person/day
3 and 4 bed rooms or more	€ 60,00/ person/day

### Hotel 2 stars or similar

Double room	€ 60,00/ person/day
3 and 4 bed rooms or more	€ 55,00/ person/day

### Camping /Bungalow

Bookings can be made through the website [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu) (registration area).

Most of the hotels are located within a few minutes from the regatta course.

There will be a bus service for the more distant hotels. For those who choose to use their own transport from the hotel to the regatta site, a parking area will be made available complete with a bus service from the parking area to the regatta course.

## LAKE SANTA CATERINA THE REGATTA VENUE OF AURONZO

In 1930, work began on creating a dam to collect the waters of the Ansei River, creating a basin approximately 2km long. The lake is located at 830 mt above sea level.

Venetians used the towns in the Dolomites as summer holiday areas to escape the oppressing heat of the lagoon in the summer months, often bringing up boats from the lagoon to the lake for traditional rowing demonstrations and fun regattas.

Almost 40 years ago, the first canoeing races were held on the lake. Over the years, the popularity of this summer race grew due to the unique and beautiful surroundings of the lake.

The Lake of Santa Caterina is a mountain lake and as such, not a permanent regatta course. The level of the lake during the winter months is at a minimum, often covered by ice and snow, and is only raised to full capacity during the summer months in the lead up to the canoeing regattas. All the facilities are created ad hoc for each competition, and improvements have been made every year. All the essential facilities are available.

From its humble sporting beginnings, the Lake of Auronzo (as it is also known) today hosts the International Flatwater Sprint Kayak Regatta, with 2014 seeing a record of over 600 athletes.

In 2013, the municipality of Auronzo purchased Automatic Starting Blocks. These were used for both the 2013 and 2014 canoe regattas as well as the 2013 Italian Dragon Boat Championships.

**Auronzo is now one of only 5 locations in Italy where automatic starting blocks are used, and the only one of its kind in Italy that can be used simultaneously for both kayak/canoe and dragon boat racing.**

In 2015, Auronzo will once again be the centre of international attention with 2 weekends of international events - the International Flatwater Kayak Sprint Regatta and the Italian Masters Championships (26-28 June)- with an expected 700-800 athletes- followed by the European Dragon Boat Championships (2-5 July).

The Organising Committee of the European Dragon Boat Championships has also been organising the International Sprint Kayak regatta since 2008.

### PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

<b>TUESDAY 30 JUNE</b>	Training session
<b>WEDNESDAY 01 JULY</b>	Training session and Team Leaders Meeting Use of automatic starting block system for the races
<b>THURSDAY 02 JULY</b>	500 mt. – Club races, in the morning Nations races in the afternoon (Opening Ceremony in the evening)
<b>FRIDAY 03 JULY</b>	500 mt e 200 mt. Club races in the morning 500 e 200 mt. Nations races in the afternoon
<b>SATURDAY 04 JULY</b>	200 mt. Club races in the morning Nations races in the afternoon
<b>SUNDAY 05 JULY</b>	2000 mt. Club races first, followed by Nations races (closing ceremony after the final award ceremony presentation)



## REGISTRATION AND DEADLINES

Both Clubs and National teams can participate at the 2015 European Dragon Boat Championships.

The races will be held from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th July 2015. Both standard (20 seat) and small (10 seat) dragon boat will be used.

**Races for Clubs will be held in the morning. Races for National teams will be held in the afternoon.**

The race program will be based on the program proposed at the 2014 World DB Championships in Poznan, and will be used for both Clubs and for National teams (although the times between races will be shorter).

**The registration deadlines correspond to the payment deadlines to offer economic and qualitative advantages to those who register early.**

All accreditations and registrations must be completed using the on-line registration system on our website [www.auronzo2015.eu/wp/registration](http://www.auronzo2015.eu/wp/registration)

**Registrations Open:**  
**15th November 2014**

**15th February 2015** - First Deadline and Deadline for provisional hotel booking

**30th March 2015** - Second Deadline and Deadline for hotel bookings

**30th April 2015** - Third Deadline

**Registrations Close:**  
**30th May 2015**

## ACCREDITATION FEE

### THE ACCREDITATION FEE FOR CLUBS IS:

- **By the first deadline (15.02.2015)** Euro 35,00 per person + complete welcome pack (cap, t-shirt and towel);
- **By the second deadline (30.03.2015)** Euro 50,00 per person + reduced welcome pack (cap and towel);
- **By the close of entries (30.05.2015)** Euro 50,00 per person + small welcome pack (only cap).

### THE ACCREDITATION FEE FOR NATIONS IS:

- **By the first deadline (15.02.2015)** Euro 35,00 per person + complete Nations welcome pack (cap, t-shirt and towel);
- **By the second deadline (30.03.2015)** Euro 50,00 per person + reduced Nations welcome pack (cap and towel);
- **By the close of entries (30.05.2015)** Euro 50,00 per person + small Nations welcome pack (only cap).

Each accreditation fee corresponds to a pass which allows participation in the races. Who is in possession of a 'Club pass' only, is not able to participate in the Nation's races and vice versa. To be able to participate in both races (Club and Nations) you must have both types of passes.

**For the team leaders and assistants, the accreditation fee has a reduction of Euro 10,00.**

### The accreditation fee includes:

- transport to and from the venue for hotels that are more than 1km from the regatta course (from 30.06.2015 to 06.07.2015);
- accreditation;
- access and common use of the venue;
- use of boats for training and for the races;
- access with own transport to reserved parking areas;
- free mineral water on the competition days;
- security services in the athlete's area;
- medical services at the venue;
- insurance coverage of the event (from 30.06.2015 to 05.07.2015).

## PAYMENT TERMS

The bank details and the terms of payment can be found in the registration area at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu). The accreditation fees must be paid in full by the dates indicated in the deadlines to have the economic and qualitative benefits.

In the case of a withdrawal of an athlete, the fee already paid can be used to register a different athlete without any extra cost or added costs up until the payment deadline (eg. If an athlete has paid Euro 35 by 15.02.2015 and then withdraws from the event, his/her substitute will take over the accreditation and will receive the complete Club or Nations welcome pack.)

The same procedure will apply for the accreditation of a team leader or assistant.

The accreditation fees will not be refunded, except upon cancellation of the event.

The payment dates are: 15/02/2015 – 30/03/2015 – 30/04/2015 e 30/05/2014.

### ACCOMMODATION AND OTHER SERVICES

(meals, transport, merchandising, other)

For hotel bookings:

- **by 15/02/2015**, reservation with a deposit of 10% of the total cost. Second payment of 40% of the total cost by 30/03/2015. Remaining balance of 50% of the total cost by 30/05/2015. In case of cancellation, no refund;
- **from 16/02/2015 to 30/03/2015**, booking with 50% of the total cost. Balance of remaining 50% of the total cost to be paid by 30/05/2015. In case of cancellation, no refund.

### FOR ALL OTHER SERVICES:

Can be purchased on-line **at reduced rates** (transport excluded) **if requested by 30/03/2015** or purchased on-line at standard rates from 31/03/2015 to 30/05/2015. In case of cancellation before 30/05/2015, total amount is refunded. If cancelled after 30/05/2015, no refund.

The meals and merchandising can be purchased at the race venue at the standard rate until stocks run out. All the rates for services will be outlined in the on-line registration system at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu)

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To encourage maximum participation in the event, the Organising Committee has prepared a series of economic and quality advantages, particularly for those who register by the first deadline.

In agreement with the City Council of Auronzo and the Auronzo-Misurina Tourist Board, by completing the registration and booking the services through the Organising Committee's on-line registration system at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu), it is possible to take advantage of the hotel prices agreed with the various structures (after the second deadline, the hotels will be free to charge their own rates for the event).

### PHOTOS FOR ACCREDITATION

Photos of all participants must be inserted at the moment of registration on-line at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu).

### BOATS

Dragon boats – standard and small - will be supplied by the Organising Committee.

### TRAINING SESSIONS

Training sessions before the beginning of the event will be available from Tuesday 30 June 2015. The training session can be reserved at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu)

### CATERING

Catering for breakfast, lunch and dinner, will be available at the regatta course from Wednesday 1 July to Monday 6th July . Breakfast and dinner is included in the accommodation packages, however services will also be available (at an extra cost). Lunch and dinner vouchers can be booked at [www.auronzo2015.eu](http://www.auronzo2015.eu) Cost of each meal is Euro 10 (if booked on-line before the second deadline date 30 March) and Euro 15 if booked after this date or

purchased directly at the catering tent. Breakfast does not need to be reserved.

### PARKING

For those who wish to use their own transport – athletes, spectators etc - parking areas have been organised. A bus shuttle service will operate between the parking areas and race venue.

### INSURANCE AND MEDICAL CARE

During the event, the participants will be covered by insurance taken out by the Organising Committee specific for the event. A medical service will be available during the event.

Whoever wants greater insurance and medical cover, it is recommended that a personal policy be stipulated in the country of origin that is valid in the entire European territory.

### VISA INFORMATION

Whoever requires a visa for entry into Italy, please contact the Organising Committee via email at [info@auronzo2015.eu](mailto:info@auronzo2015.eu) preferably before 15/02/2015.

### OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The official language of the event will be English. Promotional materials will be in Italian and English. The Organising Committee is also arranging to communicate the essential information (place, deadlines, payment terms etc) also in other languages.

### LANGUAGE AND INTERPRETER SERVICES

Major information will be presented in English and Italian. Interpreter services will be available in English, French, German, Russian, Hungarian and Polish.

### RACE RULES AND REGULATIONS

The ICF Dragon Boat race rules and regulations will be used for this event.

## Contacts

### Organising Committee 2015 European Dragon Boat Championships for Nations and Clubs

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**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/auronzo2015](http://www.facebook.com/auronzo2015)

**Twitter:** @auronzo2015

**Youtube Channel:** Dragon Auronzo 2015