

# Winter

## 2023/2024



HOTEL EDEN ROC

ASCONA

# Time to relax

## *Winter in Ascona*

While the ski resorts gear up for seasonal hustle and bustle, winter in Ticino is a time for calm and rest. The buzzing streets and alleyways of summer give way to an altogether slower pace of life – the perfect way to reflect, rebalance and recharge your batteries for the months ahead. While Ascona's mild year-round climate promises delightful walks in the fresh air and plentiful sunshine to boost your vitamin D, the Hotel Eden Roc rounds out your visit with culinary adventures, exciting events and unmistakable Eden Roc charm.

There's a lot to look forward to this winter on Lake Maggiore. As well as a festive season marked by peaceful companionship and contemplation, you'll find glimpses into the life of a beloved local artist, a breath of culinary fresh air in our restaurants, the chance to discover the mountains in snowshoes, and so much more. Happy reading – and see you soon!



**Simon Spiller**

*Director*

*Hotel Eden Roc*





Newly appointed Director of Food & Beverage Peter Angst has been tending to our guests' culinary needs since 1 September 2023. Having honed his craft in some of the world's most prestigious hotels – the Peninsula, Fairmont Hotels & Resorts, ITC Hotels and most recently the Mandarin Oriental – this Basel-born hospitality professional is now putting his rich experience to use here in Ticino.

Peter is all about immersive Food & Beverage: for him, culinary arts should be compelling, appealing and educational. His aim is to engage all five of his guests' senses. Peter draws inspiration primarily from Southeast Asia, where he spent almost 10 years of his life, but also from Africa, where his parents were born and raised. It is this exciting fusion of ideas that now unfolds on the plates and in the hospitality service of the Hotel Eden Roc. We can't wait to see what lies in store – can you?

Introducing:

*Peter Angst – our new  
Director of Food & Beverage*



# «Ticino through the eyes of Ignaz Epper»

## *An exhibition at Casa Epper*

**Until 31 March 2024**

Ticino has long been a place of cultural pilgrimage and inspiration. At the start of the 1900s, writers, artists and followers of various alternative movements flocked to the foot of Monte Verità. Their shared legacy lives on to this day – including and especially that of Swiss expressionist Ignaz Epper. After an eventful and often troubled life marked by the violence of the post-war years, it was in Ascona that Epper found the inner peace he had so long sought. Together, he and his wife built the present-day Casa Epper – their place of home and work – in what is now the grounds of the Hotel Eden Roc. The views of Lake Maggiore, the lightness of Mediterranean living and the Ticinese attitude to life appeared to soothe the artist's soul.



In celebration of Epper's legacy, a selection of artistic works from this period of his life will be on display at Casa Epper until March 2024. The observer is taken back in time to the Ascona of a bygone age. Yet while times have moved on, not everything has changed: a glance out of the window of Casa Epper reveals many parallels with the present.

The exhibition is open daily from 9am to 5pm and will run until 31 March 2024.

For more information, please speak to the concierge desk.





# The magic of Advent:

## *Christmas markets in and around Ascona*

They say anticipation is the greatest joy – and never more so, perhaps, than in the run-up to Christmas. Sprinkles of festive magic appear here, there and everywhere; hot drinks and sweet treats spread the Christmas cheer. Here in Mediterranean Ticino, the mercatini di Natale are the perfect way to usher in the festive season – and an opportunity to experience Christmas markets like you’ve never experienced them before! For those who want to combine last-minute Christmas shopping with a little city sightseeing, a day trip to nearby Milan comes highly recommended. Ask at the hotel for help with organising your trip, which can be done comfortably by train in less than 2 hours each way.

### Mercato di Natale

*18 November 2023 to 6 January 2024*

Bellinzona

### X-Mas Village

*18 November 2023 to 7 January 2024*

Milan

### Winterland

*24 November 2023 to 6 January 2024*

Locarno

### Natale in Piazza

*1 December 2023 to 7 January 2024*

Lugano

### Mercatino di Natale

*3. Dezember 2023*

Ronco s. Ascona

### Christmas Concert

*16 December 2023*

Ronco s. Ascona



# «Natale ad Ascona»: Christmas in Ascona *A festive season under the palms*

Here in Ticino, we've our own very special way of marking Advent and the holiday season. Join us for joyful days under the palm trees, sumptuous Mediterranean delicacies and – as always – unparalleled views of glittering Lake Maggiore.

## Christmas Eve Gala

*24 December 2023*

Restaurant Eden Roc

From 7pm

## Christmas Day Brunch

*25 December 2023*

Restaurant Eden Roc

12pm to 3pm

## Christmas Evening Dinner

*25 December 2023*

Restaurant Eden Roc

From 7pm

## New Year's Eve Gala

*31 December 2023*

Restaurant Eden Roc

From 8pm

## New Year's Breakfast

*1 January 2024*

Restaurant Eden Roc

7am to 12pm

What would winter be...  
*without cocktails for  
the season?*



When you think of cocktails, you probably think first of refreshment on balmy summer evenings. While we at the Hotel Eden Roc love summer as much as you do, we also believe that every season deserves a drink to match! Our talented Head of Bar Pantaleone “Leo” Zoccali, BILANZ’s Bar Manager of the Year 2023, was more than up for the challenge. His two original, seasonally inspired creations can be ordered from 1 December 2023 and are exclusively available for the winter months.

### **Panettone Bellini**

When it comes to festive delicacies, panettone is a Ticino classic. Leo and his team translate the rich flavours of this sweet bread skilfully to the glass – with fine champagne to finish.

### **Frizzy Rhubarb Negroni**

Leo spices up the classic Negroni with seasonal notes of rhubarb and orange plus an irresistible dash of festive sparkle. The magic ingredient? That’s a secret that will stay behind the bar...





## Moving Mountains

*Immerse yourself in nature*

At the Hotel Eden Roc,  
Moving Mountains PLAY means  
immersion in nature and culture  
alike. It means authentic experien-  
ces that are hand-picked to bring  
winter on Lake Maggiore to life.



Find out more or book an activity by  
calling +41 91 785 71 71 or sending  
an email to [info@edenroc.ch](mailto:info@edenroc.ch).  
Alternatively, our Outdoor Butler  
Cyrill Oehrli will be happy to help  
you in person during your stay.





# Moving Mountains

## *PLAY Experiences*



Sauna meets lake:

*Cooling off in Lake Maggiore*

Ascona from the water:

*Winter kayaking*

Chasing the dawn:

*Ascona at daybreak*

Tailor-made experiences:

*Take in Ticino with our Outdoor Butler*

Essenze della Natura:

*An alchemy class with Ticinese ingredients*

Benvenuti ad Ascona:

*Ticinese evenings with friends*

Tea tasting on Monte Verità:

*An array of flavours*

# We are a Sustainability Leader!

*Because it's possible to make a difference*



We are delighted to have been recognised as a Sustainability Leader by The Leading Hotels of the World! This award recognises members whose sustainability efforts meet the high standards of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council.

The award acknowledges the impact of our efforts to date in the areas of community, culture and environmental responsibility. Thus far, we have reduced our greenhouse gas emissions by more than 50% (through continuous investment in infrastructure) and switched to using energy from exclusively renewable sources. We operate strictly according to the guidelines of the Green Globe certification programme, offset all of our remaining CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and strive to purchase locally and sustainably. In addition, we are dedicated to supporting local and national conservation projects as well as to preserving the region's cultural and historical heritage – not least in the form of our very own Casa Epper and La Casetta.



## Ascona in blossom

### *Dreams of spring*

Already dreaming of spring? As ever, the Hotel Eden Roc has a sparkling calendar of events to keep you busy – not least the legendary Safari del Gusto, our annual hunt for the region's most exquisite flavours. At the beginning of May, we'll be on the hunt again – this time for the very best “Ristorante del Lago Maggiore” (Restaurant on Lake Maggiore), our culinary mission for 2024.

Over at Casa Epper, our Ignaz Epper exhibition will be succeeded by a fascinating photo exhibition that takes legendary boat brand RIVA as its theme. RIVA boats represent exceptional design and Italian bellezza and are a familiar sight in the harbours of Monte Carlo, St. Tropez and Portofino. An exclusive selection of photographer Olaf Tamm's artistic photographs will be exhibited at Casa Epper from 26 April to 13 August 2024 in celebration of the brand's iconic history.

Keep your eyes peeled for more information!







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