

# In Collina d'Oro, where Hermann Hesse wrote many of his novels and poems

We invite you to spend a day in Collina d'Oro (Switzerland), the final destination of Hermann Hesse's journeys, Nobel Prize winner for literature in 1946.

He settled in Montagnola in 1919 for more than 40 years, writing some of his best known novels such as *Siddhartha*. Here, he also enjoyed depicting several characteristic scenes using watercolours.

We would also like to present you with a complete list of the grotti in Gentilino, Montagnola and Agra, inviting you to taste the local specialties.

## A nice walk and visit to the museum

To reach the Museum, take the bus (autopostale) number 436 from Lugano and get off at "Montagnola - paese".

Follow the signs that lead to the Museum dedicated to Hermann Hesse. A few meters away from the Museum, you will find the "Caffè Boccadoro" where an assortment of souvenirs linked to the life of the writer is available.

Once you reach the Museum, dedicated entirely to the writer, poet and painter, you can rent an audioguide (either in German or Italian) which will allow you to follow Hermann Hesse's footsteps around Montagnola.

The audioguide route leads down to the small town of Gentilino where the famous church of Sant'Abbondio is located, a destination for many pilgrims. On the opposite side of the church, one can find the cemetery where the writer is buried.

At the back of the cemetery, you can find "Via ai Canvetti" close to the woods. Here you will come across the grotti where you can enjoy the typical regional cuisine.

After lunch, head towards Agra in the south of Montagnola, where you can visit the historical centres of Bigogno and Agra, and from here you can immerse yourself in the nearby woods. bus stops (autopostale) along the way.

For the way back towards Lugano there are several bus stops (autopostale) along the way.

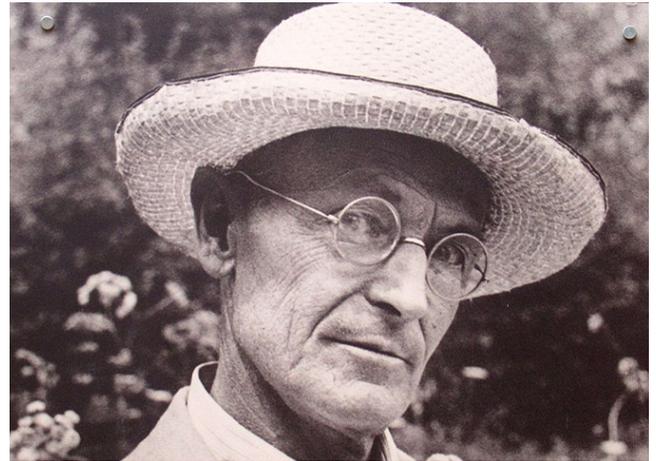


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## Bus (autopostale) information:

The bus route 436 operates regular services from the parking garage in Via Balestra 4 and terminus in Agra.

- 1)  
Hermann Hesse Museum:  
Montagnola  
*(Reduced entrance fee with  
Ticino-Card)*
- 2)  
Church of Sant'Abbondio  
Gentilino

*Collina d'Oro: restaurants  
and grotti:*

- 3)  
Grotto Posmonte  
Via Posmonte 9
- 4)  
Grotto Cavicc  
Via ai Canvetti 19
- 5)  
Circolo Sociale  
Via ai Canvetti
- 6)  
Grotto al Bosco  
Via ai Grotti 4
- 7)  
Grotto Figini  
Via ai Grotti 17
- 8)  
Ristorante Pensione Agra  
Piazza S. Tommaso 1
- 9)  
Grotto Flora  
Via Municipio 8



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