



Guardistallo

The strategic location between the sea and the green hills of Guardistallo is the ideal place for a vacation that alternates days of relaxation on the beach to trips into close contact with nature.

Born as the **Lombard castle**, after the dissolution of the feudal system and the redistribution of land has taken place under the agrarian reform Leopoldina (XVIII century) Guardistallo saw the advent of a new class of wealthy landowners.

Elena Villa was built in 1870, the home of Marchionneschi, one of the most important families in the area, and a few years after the theater, a place of recreation for the rich families and expression of their wealth. The **Marchionneschi Theatre**, reopened in 1990 after a long period of restoration, with its 180 seats and excellent acoustics is connected to a circuit of initiatives and activities that animate the whole show, especially in summer.

The area is particularly appreciated for its olive oil, which is dedicated in the Spring **Festival Crogiantina**, where the oil is eaten raw directly on the bread. Guardistallo is also the land of a thousand cribs, set up in the ancient village by the inhabitants and school children at Christmas time.

For a day of the search for inner peace is to visit the **Convent of Valsarena**, managed by a community of contemplative nuns. At the monastery you can buy the products resulting from manual work of the nuns (creams, perfumes, soaps, liquors).