

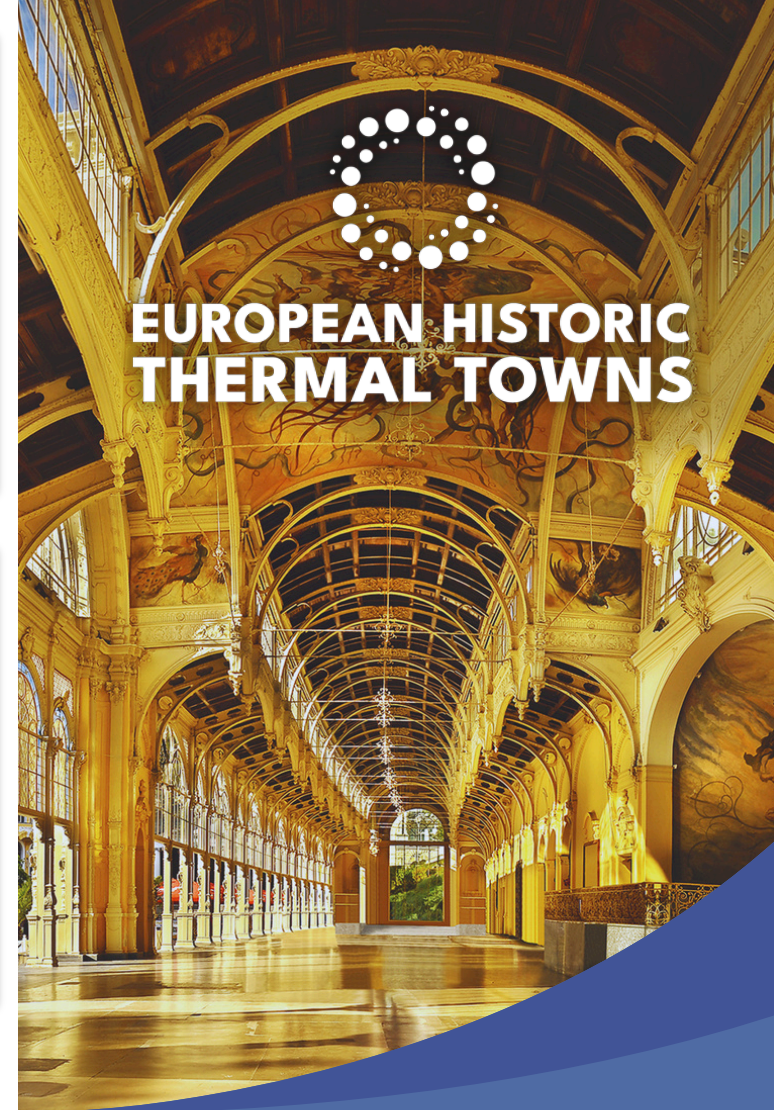
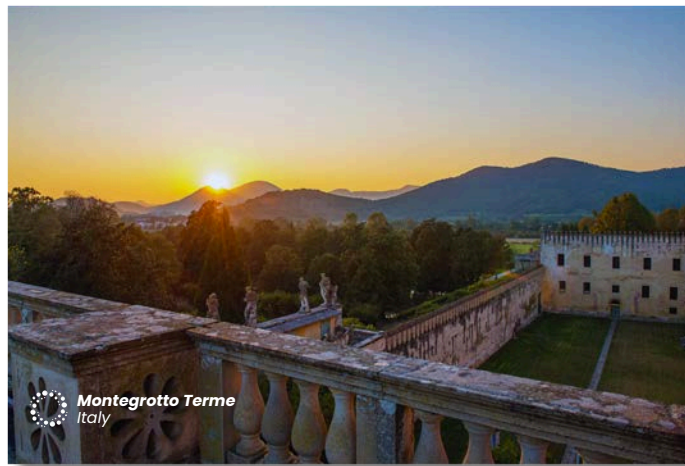
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The European Route of Historic Thermal Towns is one of the 45 Cultural Routes certified by the Council of Europe.

Since 1987, these routes have highlighted key themes of European heritage and encouraged exchanges between cultures, traditions and territories.

For EHTTA, this certification is essential: it provides visibility, supports the sharing of good practices, fosters European dialogue and guarantees a quality experience through regular evaluations.

The history of spa towns is an integral part of Europe's collective memory, and the route helps preserve it while supporting sustainable cultural and tourism development.



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THROUGH HISTORY, NATURE AND WELLBEING

For centuries, Europe's thermal waters have attracted visitors in search of healing, well-being and social connection. From Ancient Greece and Rome to the Ottoman era, civilizations built spaces dedicated to bathing, health and culture.

Later, spa towns became centres of science, medicine, the arts and lifestyle, where thermal practices became established as a European tradition.

At the heart of our member towns are ancestral mineral and thermal springs, which have shaped a unique urban model dedicated to care, well-being and social life.

These waters, at the origin of the earliest thermal practices, have attracted people seeking health since Antiquity, long before the rise of religious pilgrimages.

Around these springs, thermal establishments gradually developed, giving rise to places of hospitality, accommodation and leisure, transforming small settlements into true spa towns with a significant historical role in Europe.

