



SUSTAINABILITY POLICY

Albergo-Bar-Ristorante-Campeggio Casavecchia di Merli Giuliano & C. SNC

Our Vision

Since 1921, Casavecchia has welcomed guests and employees with a simple idea of hospitality: respect, authenticity, care for people, and love for the Valle di Ledro area.

Since 2025, we have embarked on a more structured sustainability journey, following the international standards of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC). This approach encourages us to evaluate sustainability not only from an environmental perspective, but also from managerial, social, economic, and cultural perspectives.

For us, sustainability means creating a balance between hospitality, protection of the local territory, people's well-being, and the enhancement of the local community.

This is not simply about complying with standards, but about continuously improving the way we work, reducing our environmental impact, and contributing positively to the development of the territory that hosts us.

Our Commitment Towards GSTC Certification

The decision to pursue GSTC certification represents an important step in our commitment to more responsible tourism.

Over the years, we have voluntarily adopted numerous sustainable practices, including reducing food waste, improving energy efficiency, promoting local products, managing resources responsibly, and putting people at the centre of our decisions.

GSTC certification allows us to better organize and monitor existing practices, define measurable objectives, continuously improve our environmental and social performance, actively involve guests, employees and suppliers, and contribute to the protection of the Valle di Ledro territory.

For our guests, choosing Casavecchia means staying in a property that is genuinely committed to a more sustainable and responsible future.

The Property

Our Hotel, Camping and Restaurant Casavecchia is located in Tiarno di Sopra, just a few kilometres from Lake Ledro, surrounded by the natural beauty of the Trentino Pre-Alps.

The property includes:

- 8 hotel rooms
- 24 beds
- 50 camping pitches;
- approximately 180 camping spaces.

The architecture blends harmoniously with the alpine and pre-alpine landscape of Valle di Ledro, reflecting local colours, materials and traditions.

In recent years we have invested in sustainability and energy-efficiency improvements, including

- solar and photovoltaic panels;
- Replacement of lighting systems with LED and energy-efficient solutions
- energy monitoring systems;
- whenever possible, the reuse of furnishings according to circular economy principles.

Our HYDROSOFT saunas, made from natural wood and produced in Tyrol through short supply chains, combine comfort with low energy consumption.

Accessibility and Inclusion

We believe that hospitality should be accessible and inclusive.

In 2022, we completed a major renovation project aimed at removing the main architectural barriers within the property.

The improvements included:

- a new accessible entrance;
- installation of an elevator serving all floors;
- creation of two rooms specifically designed for guests with disabilities;
- adapted bathrooms and enlarged spaces to facilitate mobility.

Our property is also committed to respecting diversity and individual needs, promoting a welcoming and respectful environment for all guests and employees.

Management of Special Dietary Requirements

We are aware of the increasing attention given to allergies, food intolerances and specific dietary needs.

For this reason, we adopt a flexible and personalised approach. Our team is trained to adapt to guests' requirements, with particular attention to food safety and the quality of the dining experience.

Guests are encouraged to communicate any specific requirements at the time of booking or check-in.

People at the Centre

Camping Albergo Casavecchia condemns all forms of exploitation, harassment and discrimination based on gender, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, nationality or disability.

We have adopted a Code of Ethics that defines the fundamental principles guiding our activities.

We believe that hospitality quality depends first and foremost on people. Many of our employees return season after season, helping to create a familiar, stable and welcoming environment.

We are committed to ensuring:

- a healthy, safe and respectful workplace;
- professional training and development;
- compliance with labour regulations;
- opportunities for personal growth and professional advancement.

Our Connection with the Local Territory

Casavecchia is deeply connected to the Valle di Ledro area.

We actively support the local community through:

- contributions and donations to local associations;
- support for the local Tourist Board (Pro Loco);
- sponsorship of local sports teams and community initiatives;
- collaborations with local businesses and producers.

We believe that tourism should generate tangible benefits for the local community and contribute to preserving and promoting the traditions, culture, and identity of the region.

Local Supply Chain and Responsible Gastronomy

Our cuisine is one of the central elements of the Casavecchia experience.

We offer dishes that celebrate Trentino culinary traditions and local products, giving preference, whenever possible, to local suppliers and short supply chains.

We collaborate with local businesses such as:

- LATTE LEDRO;
- MACELLERIA CIS;
- FARMACIA FOLETTTO;
- local honey producers and other traditional local producers.

For products that cannot be sourced locally, we favour organic, Fairtrade, or responsibly sourced alternatives.

Our menu features traditional local specialties such as:

- strangolapreti (traditional Trentino bread and spinach dumplings);
- lake trout and char;
- game dishes;
- mountain dairy cheeses;
- local beers, spirits, and liqueurs.

Food Waste Reduction

Reducing waste is one of the key aspects of our sustainable management approach.

For this reason, we adopt a number of operational practices, including:

- daily menu planning;
- breakfast buffets tailored to the number of guests;
- frequent replenishment of fresh food items;
- the use of techniques such as vacuum cooking and single-portion preparation;
- responsible recovery and reuse of food products in compliance with applicable regulations.

Waste materials are also managed carefully:

- coffee grounds are reused in vegetable gardens;
- used cooking oil is collected and processed by specialised companies;
- part of the vegetable waste is used as animal feed;
- selected food preparation by-products are recovered and reused in culinary preparations whenever possible.

Responsible Purchasing and Circular Economy

We pay particular attention to the selection of products and materials with a low environmental impact.

Whenever possible, we adopt the following practices:

- use of certified paper products;
- Fairtrade and organic products;
- reduction of single-use packaging;
- use of refillable dispensers;
- reusable containers;
- cleaning products supplied in large-format containers with refill systems;
- biodegradable tableware and materials whenever feasible.

We have also eliminated the use of bottled water through a microfiltration system that allows us to serve drinking water in reusable bottles.

In line with circular economy principles, part of the property's furnishings has been sourced from furniture recovered from a hotel undergoing renovation, helping to reduce waste and promote the reuse of valuable resources.

Energy Saving and Clean Energy

We are continuously committed to reducing energy consumption and increasing the use of renewable energy sources.

The main measures adopted include:

- installation of solar thermal and photovoltaic panels;
- use of electricity generated entirely from renewable energy sources;
- replacement of lighting systems with LED and energy-efficient solutions;
- motion sensors in common areas;
- monitoring of energy consumption;
- reduction of unnecessary lighting.

We have also replaced the old boiler with a modern biomass boiler supported by a thermal storage system and solar panels.

Our goal is to continuously improve the property's energy efficiency and further reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Water Saving

Protecting water resources is an increasingly important priority.

For this reason, we have implemented a range of water-saving measures throughout the property, including:

- low-flow taps and water-efficient fixtures;
- dual-flush toilet systems;
- monitoring of water consumption;
- towel replacement upon request;
- responsible irrigation management;
- encouraging guests to use water responsibly through awareness initiatives.

We regularly monitor water consumption to evaluate the effectiveness of the measures adopted and to identify new opportunities for continuous improvement.

Waste Management

We carefully monitor the waste generated by our operations and promote responsible waste management practices.

The main measures adopted include:

- waste separation and recycling;
- reduction of single-use materials;
- reuse of packaging whenever possible;
- providing guests with information on proper waste disposal and recycling practices;
- distribution of recycling kits for camping guests.

We continuously work to increase recycling rates and reduce the overall amount of waste generated by the property.

Sustainable Mobility

We promote sustainable mobility options for both our guests and employees.

The property:

- is located close to public transportation services;
- provides information about local transport options;
- offers the Garda Guest Card;
- collaborates with local bicycle rental providers;
- makes bicycles available to guests;
- provides charging stations for electric vehicles and e-bikes.

Through these initiatives, we aim to encourage environmentally friendly travel choices and reduce the environmental impact associated with transportation.

Biodiversity and Landscape Conservation

Respect for nature and biodiversity is a fundamental part of our philosophy.

For this reason, we:

- limit the use of chemical products in green areas;
- promote the creation and preservation of natural habitats;
- encourage the presence of hedges and untreated green spaces;
- support environmental initiatives and tree-planting activities;
- collaborate with schools, associations, and local organizations;
- raise awareness among guests about environmentally responsible behaviour and respect for local wildlife.

We also pay particular attention to reducing light pollution through the use of low-impact LED lighting and carefully directed lighting systems.

Monitoring and Continuous Improvement

Sustainability is an ongoing journey of continuous improvement.

For this reason, we regularly monitor:

- energy consumption;
- water consumption;
- waste generation;
- greenhouse gas emissions;
- environmental and social objectives.

We are committed to continuously improving our practices through investments, staff training, collaboration with the local community, and the active involvement of our guests.

Objectives for 2027–2029

Energy Efficiency and the Use of Renewable Energy

Continue the process of reducing energy consumption by improving the domestic hot water production system, increasing the contribution of solar energy and further reducing reliance on conventional energy sources.

Expansion of the Photovoltaic System

Assess and implement the expansion of the existing photovoltaic system, with the objective of increasing the share of self-generated renewable energy and progressively improving the property's energy self-sufficiency.

Enhancement of Guest Facilities

Expand and renovate the hotel's indoor lounge area to provide more comfortable, functional, and versatile spaces throughout the year, improving both the guest experience and the operational efficiency of the property.

Enhancement of Green Assets and Natural Carbon Sequestration

Assess the carbon absorption potential of the property's green areas in order to monitor the environmental contribution of the existing trees and vegetation, and identify opportunities to enhance biodiversity and implement natural carbon sequestration measures.

Final Declaration

This Sustainability Policy represents the concrete commitment of Camping Albergo Casavecchia towards responsible tourism that respects people, the environment and the local territory.

I, Giuliano Merli, Owner and Legal Representative of ALBERGO-BAR-RISTORANTE-CAMPEGGIO CASAVECCHIA di Merli Giuliano & C. SNC, hereby confirm the adoption of this Sustainability Policy.

Place: Ledro

Date: 22 / 05 / 2026

Signature: Giuliano Merli