

Dolomites

Val Gardena



Press Release

**13 concerts in 9 different locations, from March 19 to 28, 2026:
Rock the Dolomites, only in Val Gardena**

The now famous Winter Music Festival returns to make the most beautiful mountains of the Dolomites vibrate once again. Music, skiing, and fun along the most scenic slopes of Val Gardena. In March, from Thursday the 19th to Saturday the 28th, rock music will once again take center stage with Rock the Dolomites, set on the sunny terraces of mountain huts and alpine lodges along the legendary slopes of Selva di Val Gardena. Ski and music enthusiasts alike will be able to have fun and dance, surrounded by some of the most beautiful mountains in the world.

Now in its twelfth edition, this event has become one of the most evocative music festivals in the Alpine region, set among the iconic peaks of the Dolomites. A festival unlike any other, combining live music, breathtaking landscapes, and the authentic energy of the Dolomites, a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

This year again, Rock the Dolomites will bring concerts and performances to exceptional locations, transforming mountain huts and natural spaces into open-air stages. An event that goes beyond the traditional festival concept, offering audiences the chance to experience music immersed in nature, surrounded by spectacular views and crisp mountain air.

Rock the Dolomites is a meeting point for genres, people, and places, where artists and audiences share unforgettable moments in perfect balance between nature and sound. Music lovers and mountain enthusiasts are invited to get ready for another edition that promises intense emotions, adrenaline, and a true sense of freedom in the heart of the Dolomites.

Nine days of music and fun: the concert calendar includes 13 events featuring 13 bands across 9 different locations.

Let's take a closer look.

The opening concert will feature **Mad Dark Lady** on **Thursday, March 19 at 4:00 pm** at **Baita Pra Valentini**. The band delivers explosive, engaging rock, bringing genre-defining songs to the stage on an intense musical journey. Formed in 2020, the group underwent several changes before consolidating its distinctive sound in 2025. Each track is arranged and performed with personality, resulting in authentic live shows.

On **Friday, March 20 at 12:30 pm**, the festival moves to the **Dantercepies Mountain Lounge** with **The Pop Show**, an acoustic duo (Samuele Rossin and Nicola Cipriani) blending electric and electronic instruments with live loops. The result is an explosion of live pop enriched with reggae, funk, and folk-rock influences and strong on-stage interplay.

At **2:30 pm**, still at the same location, **sun | sēida**, a rock band from Val Gardena formed at the end of 2022, will perform. The five musicians — Pauli, Gabriel, Ujep, Martin, and singer Carmen — reinterpret well-known



rock hits and compose original songs, performing in Italian, German, English, and Ladin to reflect their cultural diversity.

After a break on Saturday, March 21, the festival resumes **on Sunday, March 22 at Baita Saslonch** (10:30 am) with **Maria De Val**, a South Tyrolean singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist who blends art pop, indie folk, and experimentation into a refined and personal style. Her songs tell deep and contemporary stories about identity, emotion, and freedom of expression.

Later that day **at 1:00 pm, still at Baita Saslonch, KLANG**, a Berlin-based band of four musicians initially united by a strong sense of alienation, will perform. Their sound is a dystopian post-punk for the post-everything, pre-nothing generation, balancing apocalyptic anxiety with instinctive boldness, fear with hope. After international tours and inclusion in Spotify editorial playlists, they emerged from Berlin's DIY scene.

Sunday, March 22 concludes at 4:30 pm at the **Après Ski Bar La Stua** with **Pëufla**, a rock-pop band from Val Gardena active for over 30 years and very popular with local audiences. The five-member band performs original songs and covers in several languages.

Two concerts are scheduled for **Monday, March 23, both at Danter Eat**. At **1:30 pm, Tony Sghembo**, a garage-blues sextet-trio from Valpolicella, blends psychedelia, desert rock, and folk with 1960s grooves and a strong soul-funk spirit. Bass and drums are played simultaneously, and some instruments and microphones are homemade.

At **4:00 pm, Living Dolls**, a rock and pop-rock cover band founded in 2010 in Friuli-Venezia Giulia, will perform. With over 100 songs in their repertoire and more than 200 concerts, they have played major events across Italy and appeared on the Rai 1 show *The Band*, known for their powerful, high-energy live performances.

Another all-female band takes the stage on **Tuesday, March 24 at 4:00 pm** at the **Après Ski Snowbar: Venusia**. United by their passion for music, they take audiences on a journey through the greatest rock classics, delivering pure energy.

On **Wednesday, March 25 at 1:30 pm** at **Rifugio Salei, Waydlee**, an energetic rock band known for its passionate stage presence, will perform. The trio from Val Gardena brings timeless international hits to life, allowing audiences to relive the golden era of rock and pop.

The following day, **Thursday, March 26 at 1:30 pm** at **Baita Miara, Lucky17** will entertain the crowd with an energetic and authentic sound, bringing the spirit of early rock back to the stage with groove, style, and fun. The six friends share a passion for 1950s rock'n'roll and have over a decade of live experience, turning every concert into a true rock'n'roll party.

At **Baita Panorama** on **Friday, March 27 at 2:30 pm, Killbilly's**, with years of international experience and endless passion, embody the essence of rock'n'roll. Their sound combines neo-rockabilly and blues with surf and garage-punk influences and a bold rock attitude. Often described as a "Rock'n'Roll Explosion," they have been setting European stages on fire since 2016. A visual highlight of their show is the double bass player, who often stands on the instrument and performs acrobatics.

Finally, the **closing concert** will feature **Die Draufgänger** at **Col de Mulin Bridge** starting at **5:30 pm**. The Austrian party-schlager and folk band, founded in 2001 in Styria, is famous for their infectious style and hits like *Cordula Grün*. Blending rhythm, folk melodies, and schlager, they create a pure party atmosphere and are among the most sought-after bands for events and open-air shows, known for their energetic and engaging performances.



The full concert calendar is available at:

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