

## The enchantment of Monte Verità

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**Monte Verità**, which dominates **Ascona**, in the Canton of Ticino, has long been a point of reference for those who were looking for an alternative life.

Today, the hill is home to **a large hotel, a park, a tea garden and a museum** that tells the extraordinary story of this place.

Born as a sanatorium, for its favourable position and the particular energy that characterized it, it was lived as an **isolated oasis where you can devote yourself to the care of the body and mind**.

At the beginning of the twentieth century it attracted to Ticino many personalities among intellectuals, thinkers and artists such as **Hermann Hesse, Rudolf von Laban, the psychologist Otto Gross**, as well as nobles, anarchists and many others who believed in a new society.

In 2019, the **Bauhaus**, the school of architecture, art and design founded in 1919 in Weimar, also celebrates its first century of existence. A cultural movement that extended to Ascona where in 1927 the Bauhaus hotel was built by the architect **Emil Fahrenkamp**.

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