

Pilgrimages

The native home of the Saint Giuseppe Frenademetz at Oies / Pedraces

In Pedraces - Oies area - there is the native home of Father Giuseppe Freinademetz, worshipped by the inhabitants of Val Badia and also of the whole South Tyrol.

It is possible to arrive at Oies following the Stations of The Cross path, that starts behind the vicarage in S. Leonardo/Pedraces or leaving from La Villa/Cianins area, taking the path that goes near the Fisti and Larzonei huts.

The 5th of October Padre Frenademez will be sainted, he will be the first Ladin Saint.

More Info: http://www.santa-croce.it/san_giuseppe_freinademetz_e.htm

The Santa Croce sanctuary in Pedraces

In the kingdom of nature you feel close to God.

For all mountain and hikes lovers there is a really special itinerary, immerse in a breathtaking natural scenery at the feet of mount S. Croce, in the Fanes - Sennes - Braies nature reserve.

This path takes from S. Leonardo in Val Badia to the pilgrimage site of S. Croce, at an altitude of 2045 m , where, during this Jubilee Year, it is possible to ask for a plenary indulgence. In fact, the S. Croce Sanctuary is one of the 13 sites in South Tyrol that has been suggested by the diocese of Bolzano/Bressanone for this Jubilee Year. From the church of S. Leonardo, magnificent example of rococo style, the path climbs to the Pransarores, Rainé et Chanacëi huts (path n. 7). It then goes through beautiful larch woods and arrives at the top of the S. Croce chairlift, that of course one may take to avoid the climb. From here, the path continues to the Sanctuary and the Hospice, following the Stations of The Cross path. During the summer, the small church of S.Croce, beloved by the Val Badia locals, is an important pilgrimage destination. There are other paths that take to the church, starting from La Villa, S. Cassiano and La Val. The Sanctuary was built in 1484 by the archbishop "Konrad" of Bressanone.

By the middle of the 17th century the chapel was enlarged and the bell tower was built. The sacristy and the hospice for the pilgrims were added in 1718. Now it is possible to dine in the warm atmosphere of the "stuben" of this old hospice and taste the best "Kaiserschmaren" in the Alps, still served by the host and his wife.

The church of Saint Barbara in La Val

Half an hour from the centre of La Val, there is the little church of S. Barbara, boldly perched on the crest of a cliff; it was built by the Valparola's miners that worked the minerals extracted from the Monte Pore.

The Crucifixion painted on the outside wall and the many paintings on the inside walls are of particular historic and artistic value.