



TOSCOLANO MADERNO PHOTO CHALLENGE Photography Competition

Pursuant to **Determinazione no. 357 dated 14/05/2026**

The Municipality of Toscolano Maderno hereby announces a photography competition dedicated to the promotion and enhancement of the local area, entitled TOSCOLANO MADERNO PHOTO CHALLENGE – Second Edition.

Registration period: from 15 May to 15 September 2026

Entry fee: €10.00 per participant

Competition themes:

First theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO (When the Sky Changes Its Face): a dialogue between light, rain, wind, stars, and the lake.

Second theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO EVENTS: shots that capture a community in celebration.

1. SUBJECT MATTER OF THE COMPETITION

The competition consists of the submission of photographic works relating to the following themes:

First theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO (When the Sky Changes Its Face): a dialogue between light, rain, wind, stars, and the lake.

Second theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO EVENTS: shots that capture a community in celebration.

2. TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Registration and participation in the competition shall be carried out exclusively in accordance with the procedures set out on the website www.visittoscolanomaderno.info, in the section dedicated to the photography competition.

The competition is open to all individuals, with the exception of elected officials, employees of the Municipality of Toscolano Maderno, members of the jury, and their immediate family members.

Participation by minors shall be subject to prior authorization by a parent or legal guardian, to be provided through the signing of the participation form.

The participation form (Annex A), duly completed and signed, must be submitted either by email to protocollo@pec.comune.toscolanomaderno.bs.it or delivered in person to the Ufficio Protocollo, together with a valid identity document and proof of payment, concurrently with the submission of the photographic works.

3. ENTRY FEE

Participation in the competition is subject to the payment of a non-refundable fee of €10.00, irrespective of the number of photographs submitted.

Payment must be completed by the application deadline, failing which the application shall be deemed inadmissible. Payment shall be made via the PAGO PA system at the following link: <https://pagamentipa.comune.toscolanomaderno.bs.it/it/payments>

The payment reference must indicate: “Photography Competition 2026”.

4. COMPETITION FORMAT

The Photo Challenge is a digital photography competition dedicated to the territory of Toscolano Maderno.

Participants may enter one or both categories of the contest, submitting a total of up to three photographs by the deadline.

Eligible submissions include images captured using digital devices (digital cameras and smartphones).

5. TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS OF THE PHOTOGRAPHS

Submitted photographs must be in JPG format only.

Image dimensions (pixel resolution) must correspond to the maximum resolution permitted by the device used, without any resizing or compression, and must include the original EXIF metadata. Failure to comply shall result in exclusion.

Images must not contain borders, signatures, logos, watermarks, or any other identifying marks.

The following post-processing adjustments are permitted:

- conversion to black and white;
- tonal adjustments (including highlights and shadows);
- adjustments to sharpness, brightness, contrast, and saturation;
- color profile adjustments;
- horizon alignment;
- use of physical filters (e.g. polarizers, cross-screen, soft focus);
- use of digital filters available in standard image-editing software for tonal or stylistic effects; advanced photographic techniques such as Tilt & Shift, HDR, Focus Stacking, Dragan effect, and similar.

The use of generative artificial intelligence tools that introduce, modify, or enhance image content beyond the original capture is strictly prohibited.

Participants shall retain the original image files (RAW or JPG), which may be requested by the Jury.

Failure to provide such files upon request shall result in exclusion.

6. SUBMISSION OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Each participant may enter one or both categories of the contest, submitting a total of up to three photographs.

Photographs must be submitted no later than 12:00 PM on 15 September 2026, in accordance with the procedures indicated on the official website, together with the completed participation form (Annex A).

Submissions shall be made either via email to protocollo@pec.comune.toscolanomaderno.bs.it or by hand delivery to the Ufficio Protocollo on digital media (CD or USB drive).

7. COPYRIGHT AND USAGE RIGHTS

By submitting a photographic work, the participant declares and warrants, under their sole responsibility:

- that they are the sole author and rights holder of the work;
- that the work does not infringe any third-party rights or applicable laws;
- that they hold all moral and economic rights relating to the work.

The participant shall indemnify and hold harmless the Municipality of Toscolano Maderno from any claims, damages, or liabilities arising from the content of the submitted work.

Participants grant the Municipality a full, non-exclusive, irrevocable, perpetual, and royalty-free license to use the submitted images for institutional, promotional, and communication purposes. The author's name shall in all cases be duly credited.

Participants shall retain full ownership of their works.

The submitted photographs may, at the Jury's discretion, be exhibited, published on institutional websites and social media channels, and used in promotional materials.

8. EXCLUSIONS

Incomplete or inaccurate information in the application form or required documentation shall result in exclusion, unless rectified within two (2) days following a formal request by the competent office.

9. JURY

The Jury shall be chaired by the Mayor of Toscolano Maderno and shall consist of:

- the Mayor or a designated representative;
- the Assessore alla Cultura or a designated representative;
- three (3) expert photographers.

The Mayor, in his capacity as Chair of the Jury, reserves the right to appoint additional members selected from the Municipal Library and Culture Commission and the Pro Loco Toscolano Maderno APS.

The final composition of the Jury shall be officially published on the website

www.visittoscolanomaderno.info.

10. EVALUATION

The evaluation of the submitted works will commence from September 16, 2026 onward.

The date of the award ceremony shall be communicated subsequently to the winners and published through official communication channels.

The decisions of the Jury shall be final and binding and shall not be subject to appeal.

11. PRIZES

The Municipality of Toscolano Maderno, with the support of sponsors, shall award the following prizes:

- First theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO (When the Sky Changes Its Face): a dialogue between light, rain, wind, stars, and the lake.
 - First Prize: €500.00 (five hundred euros)
 - Second Prize: one-night stay for two persons with breakfast in Toscolano Maderno
 - Third Prize: dinner for four persons in Toscolano Maderno
- Second theme – TOSCOLANO MADERNO EVENTS: shots that capture a community in celebration.
 - First Prize: €500.00 (five hundred euros)
 - Second Prize: one-night stay for two persons with breakfast in Toscolano Maderno
 - Third Prize: dinner for four persons in Toscolano Maderno

12. COMMUNICATIONS

All official communications shall be made exclusively via the website www.visittoscolanomaderno.info and through the contact details (email and telephone number) provided by participants in the application form.

Participants are required to provide both contact details. Any updates or changes shall be promptly communicated via the website and directly to registered participants.

13. ACCEPTANCE OF RULES

Participation in the competition implies full and unconditional acceptance of all provisions set forth in these guidelines.

14. PERSONAL DATA PROCESSING

Personal data shall be processed in compliance with applicable data protection legislation, including Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR).

Processing is carried out for purposes strictly related to the administration of the competition and is based on the data subject's consent pursuant to Article 6(1)(a) of the GDPR.

Data may be processed by public and private entities acting on behalf of the Municipality for purposes connected to the competition and to comply with legal obligations. No transfer of data to third countries is envisaged.

Provision of personal data is mandatory; failure to provide such data shall result in the inability to process the application.

Data subjects have the right to access, rectify, erase, or restrict processing of their personal data, as well as the right to lodge a complaint with the competent supervisory authority.

Data Controller: Municipality of Toscolano Maderno, Via Trento 5, tel. +39 0365 546011

Data Protection Officer (DPO): rpdc@comune.toscolanomaderno.bs.it

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