

DEPARTURES

Signature Hotel Desserts



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Torta Valentina: Grand Hotel Tremezzo

Named after the daughter of the proprietors of Grand Hotel Tremezzo, Torta Valentina—a cocoa-and-almond cake of pillowy sponge coated with a rich chocolate casing—was made in 1983 to celebrate her first birthday. The dessert's namesake is all grown up, but the recipe has remained true to executive chef Osvaldo Presazzi's original creation. The cake has been a perennial favorite at this grand lakeside hotel; it's customary for guests to take one home in a golden box. *Rooms start at \$520; 8 Via Regina; 39-0344/42491; grandhoteltremezzo.com.*