



COMUNE DI SAN PELLEGRINO TERME
PROVINCIA DI BERGAMO

FONTE E SALA BIBITE

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The fame of San Pellegrino's water had spread since the Middle Ages: legend has it that even Leonardo da Vinci visited its source in the first decade of the 1500s.

However, the exploitation of the water, which made the town a renowned ville d'eau, did not begin until the 18th century: in 1760, Pellegrino Foppoli established a station where people paid to drink the water, which was later transformed into a real spa, to which a second was added after the discovery of a new spring by Giuseppe Salaroli in 1838. The town began to develop and take on the connotations of a cheerful and enjoyable town, a destination for aristocrats and new bourgeoisie, such as Avv. Mazzoni, who in 1899, by establishing the Società Anonima delle Terme, acquired the two springs to build the new spa. In 1902, a drinking hall was built, completely decorated with frescoes in Pompeian style and with a large basin and taps from which water gushed out; next to it was the portico housing shops and cafés. The projects, entrusted to the engineer Mazzocchi, raised the prestige of San Pellegrino to the Vichy of Italy.