



240 LEGO® Models have already been created specially for LEGOLAND® Water Park at Gardaland from 3 million LEGO bricks

Here are some exclusive photographs of the entrance and a time-lapse VIDEO of a LEGO model being built



As work continues on site at LEGOLAND® Water Park in Gardaland, scheduled to open in June 2020, it has finally been revealed what the **gateway** to the Water Park will look like, and where it will be found.

Located in the area which currently houses the Pala Magic Theatre, facing the amazing Raptor rollercoaster, the entrance gate will welcome visitors by immersing them straight away into that special LEGO atmosphere.

The awe-inspiring gateway, 13 metres wide and an incredible 6.5 metres high, looms above the water park entrance. Built with 400 "giant" Lego bricks, the remarkable arch shape and blue and white colours will resemble a huge wave.



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The entrance area, as well as other areas and attractions found in the Water Park, will be decorated with **LEGO Models**, one-of-a-kind constructions built with genuine LEGO bricks that represent various subjects and themes.

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"Good progress has been made on building the LEGO Models, that will make the Legoland Water Park in Gardaland truly one of a kind- 240 models have been built with 3 million LEGO bricks," said Luca Marigo, Sales and Marketing Director of Gardaland. *"One of these will be a large and **friendly purple octopus made of 258,126 LEGO bricks** placed right at the entrance to the Water Park, ready to amaze all visitors as they arrive".*

To sate the curiosity of enthusiasts, **Karen Hornby** (Model Delivery Manager of Merlin Entertainments) said a bit more about the LEGO Models: *"There will be a grand total of 488 LEGO Models, specially designed for Gardaland and built in different parts of the world including the United States, the United Kingdom, the Czech Republic and Malaysia."*

"The Gardaland LEGO Models, just like all models created for LEGOLAND RESORTS worldwide, are very colourful, cheery and fun," continued Karen Hornby. *"They are designed to be **dynamic and stoke children's creativity**, assembled with the aim of showing the endless building possibilities that the beloved LEGO bricks offer. The choice of which LEGO Models to make is not random, but is closely linked to the venue where they will be positioned: many of the models designed for Legoland Water Park at Gardaland, for example, are based on the theme of water".*

"Behind the complex research, development and production processes for LEGO Models, there is a global team with experts in the field who work together to guarantee perfect results," concluded Karen Hornby. *"To put together the 135,000 LEGO bricks that make up the **"Polar Bear" LEGO model**, for example, it took a team of 6 professionals over 512 hours of labour."*

LEGOLAND Water Park embodies the fundamental values of the LEGO Group: Fun, Quality, Imagination, Creativity, and Learning. These are all qualities that go hand-in-hand with the Fantasy, Adventure and Magic of Gardaland.

Gardaland Resort – thanks to its Amusement Park which ranks among Europe's top attractions, the themed SEA LIFE Aquarium and the three hotels (Gardaland Hotel, Gardaland Adventure Hotel and the brand-new Gardaland Magic Hotel) – is now truly a **must-visit destination for tourists**. Not only this, but visitors can stay overnight for an



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even more memorable experience on this site that boasts the beautiful Lake Garda as a backdrop. The **LEGOLAND Water Park** promises to become another jewel in the crown of Gardaland, and yet another reason for visitors to extend their stay and fun experience at the Resort.

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LEGOLAND Water Park Gardaland will be the **first LEGO-themed Water Park in Europe**, and the fifth LEGOLAND Water Park IN THE WORLD, following those found in the LEGOLAND parks in California, Florida, Malaysia and Dubai.

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