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## Insider Oddity: It's a Barbie World with a Barbie Chef at Sardinia's Forte Village



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The resort has a three-star Michelin restaurant and another eatery that formerly had one star (and is gunning for another). But now Forte Village, the mega-resort on the island of Sardinia in Italy (which Insider visited last month), can boast of another special culinary experience that's sure to delight families and younger guests.

Forte Village has had multi-year partnership with Mattel to help create part of its Children's Village, but for the 2019 season it signed on star Chef Rosanna Marziale to create new dishes offered on the menu of the Children's Restaurant. The new partnership was officially launched on July 24 at the life-size Barbie House of Forte Village. Chef Marziale will sign the new dishes offered on the menu of the Children's Restaurant menu throughout the 2019 season.

The event that sealed the launch of the new collaboration was a true birthday party for Barbie, who is celebrating her 60 years (can she really be 60?). The launch was attended by Lorenzo Giannuzzi, CEO and director of Forte Village; Filippo Agnello, vice president and country manager-Italy, Spain and Portugal for Mattel; and Marziale, a Michelin chef at the Restaurant Le Colonne di Caserta,

Mattel has had a partnership with Forte Village for six years with the beautiful Barbie House, which is full of games and activities for all the little fans who, if they wish, can customize the furnishings of their room at Forte Village.

Last March, Mattel kicked off the celebrations for the 60th anniversary of Barbie, the most famous fashion doll in the world. On the occasion of the anniversary, Mattel has confirmed its commitment in the Dream Gap Project, celebrating globally the widest range of female models, women who come from different contexts and sectors and who break the mold and become a source of inspiration for the next generation of women. In Italy star Chef Marziale opened the celebrations thus becoming the first SHERO of 2019.

Chef Marziale will enhance the Children's Restaurant menu with some of their most loved dishes, revisited and made with local products, to meet the healthy living standards that all mothers want to follow to feed their young ones. That includes such stalwarts as spaghetti with polka dots, meatballs turned into “bomboloni,” which enclose a heart of new potatoes, fish sticks of the day and breaded vegetables with toasted corn flakes, her legendary Braccio di Ferro hamburgers, and hot dogs with chicken, beef and fish, strictly homemade.

Parents also can join the fun cooking classes organized by the Forte Village to share recipes and tricks of the trade in the kitchen with their children—cooking together the delicacies that will remind them of their holiday at the resort. For more information, call 011-39-070-921-80-33, email [holiday@fortevillage.com](mailto:holiday@fortevillage.com) or visit [www.fortevillage.com](http://www.fortevillage.com).