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The most beautiful
Borghi of Italy.
An Italian journey of
the senses

Italy plus Borghi: Where small is better and tourism is large





Between Veneto and Friuli, where you breathe history, culture, art, tradition and nature

Medieval villages where time seems to have stood still, traditional ancient flavors and charming hotels set in exclusive historical houses are just some of the fabulous emotional proposals of our amazing tours for your daydream holiday in Veneto and Friuli Venezia regions.

Treviso, Montagnana, Arquà Petrarca, Venice, Padua, Ruttars, Cormons, Gradisca d'Isonzo, Valvasone, Spilimbergo, San Daniele del Friuli, Trieste

Tour 8 days / 7 nights



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Day 1st – PADUA

Arrival at the airport of Venice
Transfer to hotel in Padova area
Accommodation in a historical palace
Welcome dinner at hotel
Overnight

Distances

Venice Airport – Padova area 46 km / 00h40

Day 2nd – MONTAGNANA / ARQUA' PETRARCA

Breakfast in hotel
Departure to Montagnana
Guided visit of the borgo of Montagnana (1h)
Wine tasting in the medieval cellar of the castle
Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)
Departure for Arquà Petrarca
Guided visit of the borgo (2 hrs)
Back to Treviso area
Dinner on your own
Overnight

Distances

Padova area - Montagnana 70 km /00h55
Montagnana – Arquà Petrarca 30 km / 00h35
Arquà Petrarca - Padua area 30 km / 00h40



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Day 3rd - VENICE

Breakfast in hotel

Departure to Venice

Morning at leisure to discover the city

Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)

Walking visit of the city (2 hrs)

Back to Padua area

Dinner on your own

Overnight

Distances

Padua area – Venice 40 km /00h35

Day 4th - PADUA

Breakfast in hotel

Guided visit of the city (3hrs)

Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)

Afternoon at leisure to discover the city

Dinner on your own

Overnight

Distances

Padua area – Padova 10 km /00h15



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Day 5th – COLLIO AREA, Ruttars and Cormons / GRADISCA D'ISONZO

Breakfast in hotel and check-out

Departure for the "Wine Route" in the Collio area

Reach Ruttars and time at disposal to discover the city

Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)

Departure to Cormons

Visit a winery and tasting of typical wines of this area accompanied by local salami and cheeses

Continue then to your hotel in Gradisca d'Isonzo area and accommodation

Time at leisure to discover the city

Dinner at hotel

Overnight

Distances

Padua area – Ruttars 165 km / 02h00

Ruttars – Cormons 6 km / 00h10

Cormons – Gradisca d'Isonzo area 13 km / 00h20

Day 6th – VALVASONE / SPILIMBERGO / SAN DANIELE DEL FRIULI

Breakfast in hotel

Departure to Valvasone

Visit of the borgo (2hrs)

After the visit departure to Spilimbergo

Guided visit of the town including a chocolate factory with tasting of local products

Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)

Departure to San Daniele del Friuli

Visit to a ham factory and tasting of typical products

Back to your hotel

Dinner on your own

Overnight



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**Distances**

Gradisca d'Isonzo – Valvasone 60 km / 01h00
Valvasone – Spilimbergo 15 km / 00h20
Spilimbergo – San Daniele del Friuli 18 km / 00h25
San Daniele del Friuli - Gradisca d'Isonzo 60 km / 00h55

Day 7th – TRIESTE

Breakfast in hotel
Departure to Trieste
Guided visit of the city (3hrs)

Time at disposal for lunch (on your own)
Afternoon at leisure to discover the city
Back to Gradisca d'Isonzo area
Farewell dinner at local restaurant
Overnight

Distances

Gradisca d'Isonzo – Trieste 47 km / 00h50

Day 8th -

Breakfast in hotel and check-out
Departure to the airport of Venice
End of the services

Distances

Gradisca d'Isonzo - Venezia airport 115 km / 01h20

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THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS TOUR

Montagnana, the walled medieval city

Montagnana's tall walls surround one of the most beautiful old towns in the region, in fact the Touring Club has finally awarded the Orange Flag to the town, this banner lets tourists know that they are in one of 'Italy's most beautiful towns'. The defensive complex, which makes Montagnana a great example of medieval strongholds, began development in the 14th century, during the Carraresi era. In fact, this historical family from Padova chose Montagnana as the outer point of defense against Scaliger raids from Verona. They commissioned the strong walls, which are about one metre thick and surrounded by a moat which today is a wide green space.

Padua and the Giotto's masterpiece, the Scrovegni Chapel

The city of Padua offers important monuments such as the Scrovegni Chapel with Giotto's frescoes, the Civic Museums of the Hermits, the famous Basilica of Saint Anthony and the Scuola del Santo with remarkable frescoes of the '500 also by Titian. Prato della Valle, one of the largest squares in Europe, is beautiful. The Botanical Garden, founded in 1545, is one of the oldest in Europe, as well as the University, one of the oldest in the world and founded in 1222. Colorful squares in the heart of the city house food markets and Palazzo della Ragione hosts, under the Hall, the shops with culinary excellence and specialties of all kinds.

Arquà Petrarca, the village of Francesco Petrarca

Arquà Petrarca is a medieval town that retains the charm of ancient times and is considered the pearl of the Euganean Hills. Inhabited since Roman times, it acquired importance after Francesco Petrarca, the great poet of the Italian language, because he wished to spend the last years of his life in the serene quietness of this place. The country preserves the house and the tomb with his remains. In the following centuries the memory of the poet favoured the rise of houses and villas of many Venetian families, which constitute today an artistic and architectural heritage worthy of being visited and revisited with religious attention.

Venice, the magical city

Venice is one of the most scenic and extraordinary city, where history and art reflected themselves in the calm waters of the lagoon. Here everything means romance and poetry! It's a unique city in the world, reach of paintings, in particular of Titian, Tintoretto and Giovanni Bellini. It was declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, not only for its wealth of art, but also for the extraordinary penetration between human activities and natural lagoons. During your visit you will have the possibility to admire San Mark's square, the Basilic, Ducal Palace, Rialto Bridge, Canal Grande.

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Ruttars

On top of the namesake hill, Ruttars is known for its wines and for its excellent trattorias (typical Italian restaurant). In the ancient part of the town, lies the Tower of Marquard (sec. XII), while on the slopes of the hill looms the mediaeval outline of the Castle Trussio (sec. XIII), which now houses an elegant restaurant.

Cormons

Cormons is the main center of the enchanting hilly area called Collio, a beautiful Hapsburg town; it is surrounded by small and picturesque villages on the border with Slovenia, such as Dolegna del Collio, San Floriano del Collio, Savogna d'Isonzo, where the Slav is spoken. Here the distance from the mountains and the sea is very short: the microclimate, unique for ventilation and temperature range, fits perfectly with the "ponka", the typical terrain of the Collio, ideal for growing grapes.

Gradisca d'Isonzo

An enchanting village, full of Renaissance palaces and public institutions. Here In 1500, Leonardo da Vinci was able to experience new techniques of defense, ensuring to the village protection and safety. Besides the architectural beauty, here are numerous culinary delights such as salami and cheeses, and the prized DOC wines produced by the many vines nestled in the rolling hills of the Collio, as Sauvignon, Merlot, Refosco and Pinot.

Valvasone

Valvasone is a medieval borgo where you will feel back in time, in a fairy tale. The town's name derives from the Old German words "Wal" and "Waso", which respectively mean "hill" and "grass" or "lawn between the heights". Significant is the castle, built to guard a ford of the river, whose presence is certified in documents dating since the early XIII century.

Spilimbergo

Spilimbergo, awarded as the "Jewel of Italy" in 2013, takes its name from the Carinthian Spengenberg counts, that settled here around the eleventh century. Not to be missed are the Castle and the Cathedral of Santa Maria Maggiore, one of the most important Gothic buildings in Friuli. Inside there is a cycle of frescoes of the fourteenth century with stories of the Old and New Testaments. Of great value is also the organ of the sixteenth century. But Spilimbergo is best known as "the city of mosaics": is the capital of mosaic art in Friuli Venezia Giulia, with a Mosaic School that is unique all over the world.

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San Daniele

San Daniele, with its endless views over the rolling countryside, is the main town of the Friulian Hills. San Daniele is one of the 'pearls' of Friuli Venezia Giulia, known internationally for its smoked trout and above all for the inimitable taste of the ham it has been producing for centuries, with the help of a unique micro-climate. The Guarneriana Library in San Daniele, with its precious illuminated manuscripts, is one of the most prestigious libraries in Italy and the oldest in Friuli Venezia Giulia. The dazzling white of the eighteenth century cathedral and the frescoes of the deconsecrated church of Sant'Antonio Abate, the most beautiful Renaissance fresco cycle in the region, have earned San Daniele the name of "Friuli's little Siena".

Trieste

Trieste is the fulcrum of the border mittleuropean culture, with an eye to the Adri-atic Sea and the other to the harsh karst headland. Surrounded by the scents of the Mediterranean, it is bright and shining mo re than ever when the air is made crisp by the wind. The beautiful buildings of Trieste are in neoclassical, Art Nou-veau, Eclectic and Baroque style. They fit in well with Roman remains, eighteenth century and Hapsburg buildings.

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**Package includes:**

- 4 overnights in double/twin room in a historical palace in Padua area, B&B
- 3 overnights in double/twin room in a historical palace in Gradisca d'Isonzo area, B&B
- 1 Welcome dinner at hotel in Padova area (drinks included)
- 1 dinner at hotel in Gradisca d'Isonzo area (drinks included)
- 1 Farewell dinner at restaurant in Gradisca d'Isonzo area (drinks included)
- Visit with wine tasting in the medieval cellar of the castle in Montagnana area
- Visit with wine & typical products tasting in Cormons
- Visit with tasting of typical products in chocolate factory in Spilimbergo
- Visit with tasting of typical products in ham factory in San Daniele del Friuli
- Guided visit of Montagnana (with english speaking guide, 1h, NO entrance fees included)
- Guided visit of Arquà Petrarca (with english speaking guide, 2hrs, including entrance fees where foreseen)
- Private round trip transfer by water taxi in Venice (from bus terminal to S.Mark and back)
- Guided walking tour of Venice (with english speaking guide, 2hrs, NO entrance fees included)
- Guided visit of Padova (with english speaking guide, 3hrs, including entrance fees where foreseen)
- Guided visit of Trieste (with english speaking guide, 3hrs, including entrance fees where foreseen)
- Rental of headsets for all guided tours
- English speaking Tour Leader for the whole trip
- Transportation GT bus with 24 seats as scheduled

Package does not include:

- Meals and drinks unless clearly specified
- Porterage, tips and extras of a personal nature
- Tourist city tax to be paid directly at the hotel
- FOC
- Anything not indicated under "the price includes"

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