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# VENICE, VERONA & THE PROSECCO ROUTES

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A VOYAGE INTO THE PAST

# THE VENICE JEWISH GHETTO

Take a journey into the past, dive into Venice's history and traditional heritage and discover one of the most fascinating and evocative area in the whole of Venice, the Jewish ghetto, a neighborhood, which has given birth to a world-renowned word. The English word "ghetto", in fact, comes from here: the area had been used as a foundry, "geto" in Venetian dialect, hence "ghetto". Founded in 1516 this is the most ancient ghetto in the world, the first place where people were forcibly segregated because of their religion. Journey back in time and through the centuries visiting this superbly charming area, so rich in history and life and character, with the privilege of a private tour led by an experienced English-speaking dedicated guide. During the visit you will hear all about the area's history and heritage, learning that the area was once inhabited by almost 5,000 Jewish people, subject to the rules of the Venetian Republic but free to profess their faith in the 5 synagogues still in existence today. Later, with the opening of the gates that once isolated them from the rest of the city in the 19th century, most of the Jews moved out of the Ghetto and today only few families still live there. The district has, however, not lost its identity at all: the neighborhood is lively and charming, and the Venetian Jewish lifestyle thrives on. Your visit will include a guided promenade through the most scenic picturesque streets - lined by shops, artisan workshops and attractive typical restaurants – and exquisite squares where time seems to have stopped, and a visit to the Synagogues. Built on the top floor of the buildings in the Ghetto Novo these are hard to be seen and recognized from outside, but inside they are unrivalled gems. During the tour stop at the best typical bakery for a sweet taste of authentic Jewish-Venetian fare.

**DURATION:** 2 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2 hours
- Tasting at a typical bakery
- Guided tour of the Synagogues: please note these are handled directly by the religious authority and conducted by specialized internal Synagogue guides; guides are naturally English-speaking



INTO THE SQUARES AND ACROSS THE CANALS

# WALK&GONDOLA TOUR OF VENICE INTO THE SQUARES AND ACROSS THE CANALS

Discover enchanted Venice, one of the world's most extraordinary and magical cities, exploring on foot and cruising the canals aboard a real gondola! Virtually without wheeled traffic, with "main streets" made of water Venice is, as Mary Shelley wrote many years ago "so different ... from any other place in the world, that you leave at once all accustomed habits and everyday sights to enter an enchanted garden". Our enlightening and romantic half day walk & gondola tour allows you to discover the city's main historic center and major landmarks and get acquainted with Venice's one-of-a-kind way of life escorted by a specialized private guide. Walk along the canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces and through airy squares embellished by statues and fountains, learn about the city's eventful history, catch unexpected views. Marvel at the grandeur of St Mark's Square, a showpiece which beautifully represents the splendor of Venice's past. Admire the gothic architecture of the Doge's Palace, once seat of the government, Palace of Justice and prison, as well as home of the Doge. Crown your tour enjoying the most memorable of all Venetian experiences: a gondola cruise. Board your private gondola, guided by a friendly picturesque-looking gondolier, and enjoy drifting along the silent canals, admiring the palaces and towers from this unique viewpoint, and passing below the famous and hauntingly lovely Bridge of Sight. Evocative atmospheres, quaint cobble-paved alleys and glimpses of magic... lose yourself in Venice's enchantment!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed guide for 3 hours
- 2 hours and 30 minutes walking tour
- 30 minute private gondola tour



BRIDGES, DOMES AND MAGICAL MOSAICS

# HALF DAY TOUR OF VENICE AND HIGHLIGHTS OF ST MARK'S BASILICA

Gorgeous palaces, quaint squares where time seems to have stopped, domes, mosaics. Glittering masks gazing from shop windows, gondolas drifting and fiery-red sunsets over the lagoon. Unique, mysterious and intriguing, Venice is one of the most romantic and amazing cities in the world. Explore the heart of Venice, get to know your way around and breathe in the one-of-a-kind atmosphere! Our enlightening half day orientation visit allows you to discover the city's main historic center and major landmarks with the privilege of a private guided tour led by a specialized private English-speaking guide. Walk along the canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces and through airy squares embellished by centuries-old statues and fountains, learn about the city's eventful history, and catch unexpected views. Admire the gothic architecture of the Doge's Palace, once seat of the government, Palace of Justice and prison, as well as home of the Doge, and the famous and hauntingly lovely Bridge of Sighs. Marvel at the grandeur of sumptuous St Mark's Square, crowned by the Venetian-Byzantine domes of Venice's main cathedral, the grandiose St Mark's Basilica. Founded in the 9th century to house the remnants of St Mark the church boasts a profusion of polychrome domes, walls clad in marbles and, inside, over 8000 square meters of luminous mosaics. Get ready to be surprised! Highlights include the glittering ceiling mosaics, many made with 24-carat gold leaf, the basilica's oldest mosaics and the three golden domes. Truman Capote once said: "Venice is like eating an entire box of chocolate liqueurs in one go". Just like a liqueur-filled bonbon Venice is a daring dream come true!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Entrance tickets to St Mark's Cathedral



INTO THE SQUARES AND ACROSS THE CANALS

# HALF DAY WALK&BOAT ORIENTATION TOUR OF VENICE

Imagine a city of marble palaces, rich arcades and domes built on, in, a lagoon... an enchanting network of tiny islands connected by land and water. It sounds simply impossible! Virtually without wheeled traffic, with "main streets" made of water Venice is one of the most romantic and amazing cities in the world! Our enlightening half day orientation walk&boat tour allows you to discover the Venice's major landmarks and sights on shore and from the canal with the privilege of private specialized guide assistance and private motorboat transportation. Walk along the canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces and through airy squares embellished by statues and fountains to St Mark's Square, a showpiece which beautifully represents the splendor of Venice's past. Flanked by the arcaded Procuratie building and Correr Museum the square is crowned by the grandiose St Mark's Basilica, a marvel of polychrome domes and walls clad in marbles. Admire the gothic architecture of the Doge's Palace, once seat of the government, Palace of Justice, prison, and home of the Doge. Then... ships ahoy! Board your private motorboat and set off on a memorable 1-hour cruise along Venice's fabled shimmering canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces. Sail across the Grand Canal, Venice's signature waterway, enjoying your guide's anecdotes about the haughty noble families who once populated the vast palaces' halls, discover the minor side-canal, flanked by Venetians' homes and enhanced by quaint charming bridges. Memorable palaces and bewitching atmospheres, mysterious alleys and glimpses of eternity... experience Venice's enchanted romantic aura!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2 hours
- Private motorboat for 1 hour



DOMES AND FRESCOES, MAJESTIC HALLS AND GLISTENING CANALS

# HALF DAY WALK&BOAT ORIENTATION TOUR OF VENICE AND HIGHLIGHTS OF ST MARK'S SQUARE

Gorgeous palaces, quaint squares, mosaics, glittering masks gazing from shop windows, gondolas and fiery-red sunsets over the lagoon. Unique, mysterious and intriguing, Venice is one of the most amazing cities in the world. Explore the heart of Venice and breathe in the one-of-a-kind atmosphere! Our enlightening half day orientation walk&boat tour with highlights of St. Mark's square allows you to visit two of the city's major landmarks and admire the main sights on shore and from the canal with the privilege of private specialized guide assistance and private motorboat transportation. Walk along the canals lined by gorgeous palaces to iconic St Mark's Square, crowned by the grandiose St Mark's Basilica. Founded in the 9th century to house the remnants of St Mark it burned down in 976 and was then rebuilt as we see it today: polychrome domes, walls clad in marbles and over 8000 square meters of luminous mosaics. Highlights include the glittering ceiling mosaics, many made with 24-carat gold leaf, the basilica's oldest mosaics and the three golden domes. Proceed on to visit the Doge's Palace, a masterpiece of gothic architecture with a splendid white stone and pink marble façade. Graceful outside the building was once seat of the government, Palace of Justice, state prison, and home to the Doge. Learn all about the palace's eerie history exploring the imposing corridors lined by majestic sumptuous rooms. And then, ships ahoy! Board your private motorboat and set off on a memorable 1-hour cruise along Venice's fabled shimmering canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces. Sail across the Grand Canal enjoying your guide's anecdotes about the haughty noble families who once populated the vast palaces' halls, discover the minor side-canals enhanced by quaint charming bridges. Memorable palaces, bewitching atmospheres and glimpses of eternity... experience Venice's enchanted aura!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2 hours
- Private motorboat for 1 hour
- Entrance tickets to St Mark's Cathedral
- Entrance tickets to the Doge's Palace



ACROSS BRIDGES, INTO ENCHANTMENT

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**DURATION:** 2 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 2 hours





SUBLIME VIEWS, DAZZLING CLIFFS AND GORGEOUS VALLEYS

# A DAY IN THE DOLOMITES

Leave the hustle and bustle behind, step off the beaten tourist track, spend a day breathing in the fresh mountain breezes of the marvelous Dolomites! Numbering 18 peaks which rise to above 3,000 meters and cover 141,903 ha. this amazing UNESCO heritage mountain range in the northern Italian Alps features some of the most beautiful mountain landscapes anywhere, with vertical walls, sheer cliffs and a high density of narrow, deep and long valleys. Meet your private English-speaking driver, a knowledgeable local specialized in the mountains who will explain all during the journey, at your Verona hotel and set off for a memorable day. Travel to Val di Fassa, one of the Dolomites most fascinating valleys, in full comfort admiring the changing landscapes. In a couple of hours you will enter this wide open valley, dotted by a variety of quaint villages surrounded by steep mountainside walls, and then journey on and up: a truly exciting cable car ride will take you to the spectacular Pass Pordoi, which boasts mesmerizing views of the surroundings. Take a break for a couple of photos, enjoy some time at leisure in this astounding spot. Experience the pleasure and thrill of a mountain walk admiring the white stones of the famed Marmolada, and sample the tempting local fare at one of the picturesque "rifugi". After lunch travel back down and discover the stupefying beauty of the Passo Sella. Crown your day stopping to explore one of the valley's most fascinating villages and browse its charming shops for some special typical product

**DURATION:** 10 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private state-of-the-art minivan for the day, inclusive of transport from/to Verona hotel
- English-speaking specialized driver-guide for the day
- Cable car up Pass Pordoi
- Typical lunch at a charming rifugio
- Time at leisure for a stroll in a picturesque mountainside town

**NOTES:** \* not available in November. \* Proper mountain attire (waterproof windbreaker jacket/hat/sunscreen/hiking boots) required.



LAKE GARDA'S MOST DELIGHTFUL VILLAGE

# DISCOVERING SIRMIONE

Set off to discover Sirmione, famous for its generous thermal waters and exquisite historical city center. Enjoy a delightful walk through the narrow and irregular alleys and discover the history of the cities led by your knowledgeable dedicated guide! Relish the splendid views of both shores, dotted by the splendid villas that were built in the Roman times, including the mansion once home to the great poet Catullo, who celebrated the beauty of these places in his verses. From the Scaliger Castle to the archaeological site located on the end of the peninsula, Sirmione contains matchless treasures of art and history! Visit the renowned Terme di Catullo Archaeological site and admire the major highlights, such as the churches of Santa Maria Maggiore and San Pietro in Mavino. Enjoy a picture-perfect day in one of the most beautiful town on the lake!

**DURATION:** 2 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private English-speaking guide for 2 hours
- Walking tour of Sirmione



PRECIOUS GLASSWARE, HANDMADE LACE AND ENCHANTING VIEWS

# HALF DAY TOUR OF MURANO AND BURANO

Away from the crowds and across the lagoon! Spend a memorable day discovering Venice's lagoon islands, Murano and Burano, atmospheric havens of the local traditional heritage, traveling in great style aboard your private motorboat, with the privilege of dedicated private guide assistance throughout the day. Cruise the calm silvery waters learning all about the area's characteristics and history, disembark on Burano and set off to explore. Renowned worldwide for its brightly-painted houses and exquisite handcrafted lace Burano is a quaint, evocative fishermen village, and a delightful treasure-chest of fascinating centuries-old traditions. As the legend goes ago the handmade lace craft started when the village girls tried to imitate a mermaid's wedding veil, made of elaborately patterned sea spray! Follow your guide along the canals and through the pretty streets lined by rainbow-hued homes, see how lace in every shape and size floats from the tiny shops, catch unexpected views of eternity and breathe in its authentic atmosphere. After the visit travel on to fascinating Murano, kingdom of world-acclaimed of gorgeous handcrafted glass. Founded between the 5th and the 7th century Murano experienced its major development after 1291, when all Venetian glass furnaces were moved here to avoid fires in the main city. From then on the island became Europe's first supplier for high quality glass, and still today artistic and industrial fornaci (i.e. furnaces) continue to make superb glass products ranging from beads and mosaic tiles to elaborate chandeliers and works of art. Roam the picturesque streets, admire splendid ancient churches and crown your day with a visit to a traditional glass factory, and an unforgettable firsthand experience: a live glass blowing demonstration!

**IMPORTANT:** in order to guarantee best results and guests' comfort the order of the visit may be varied for climatic/logistic/ operational reasons.

## INCLUSIONS:

- Private motorboat at disposal for transportation to/from central Venice and as needed throughout the tour (4 hours)
- Private licensed English-speaking guide for the tour (4 hours)
- Visit to a traditional glass factory and glass blowing demonstration



THE ULTIMATE VENETIAN HISTORY & FOOD EXPERIENCE

# LEGENDS, OMBRE AND CICHETTI

Domes, mosaics, gondolas drifting along the canals and glittering hand-crafted masks gazing at you from shop windows, not to mention scrumptious local cuisine. Learn about Venice's exciting history, admire the major landmarks, enjoy a bite of authentic Venetian flavor and a cheering sip! Our carefully designed food&history itinerary allows you to explore the city through your eyes and taste buds, escorted by a private specialized English-speaking guide. Admire St Mark's square, enhanced by the magnificent basilica and exquisite gothic Doge's Palace, and learn about the lavish banquets and balls held at the time of the Doges. Just think: a feast once held in honor of the King of France included over 1000 dishes and 200 bonbons! Enjoy an insider's view of contemporary Venice visiting the charming Rialto Market, Venice's main grocery market. Enjoy the bustling atmosphere and explore the spectacular fish market located beneath a neogothic loggia. See the colorful stalls heaped high and the fishmongers discussing recipes with their customers. Follow your guide across quiet footbridges and through the maze of cobblestone-paved back alleys to discover a quintessential part of real Venetians' life, the small rustic *bàcari*, typical "neighborhood" bars. Experience the local lifestyle: this is where locals indulge in *cicheti*, luscious Venetian tapas such as tiny sandwiches, seafood speared on toothpicks, and local classics served in small portions. Join the party! Sample morsels of genuine Venetian delight with a mouth-watering tasting of freshly made *cicheti* with the local flagship drink, Spritz, or bubbly Prosecco, in a charming *bàcaro*. Crown your experience stopping at the finest local Jewish bakery for a bite of the luscious sweet which makes it famous all over town. Discover the heart and soul of Venice, enjoy an unforgettable insider's view!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Tasting at a typical bacaro
- Tasting of a sweet traditional specialty at a Jewish bakery



AN AUTHENTIC HAND-ON VENETIAN EXPERIENCE

# MASK PAINTING

Why does one always feels “watched” while walking through Venice’s picturesque streets? It’s the gleaming masks, peering out from shop windows, beckoning to you! Venetian masks are a centuries-old tradition, and an icon of the city. Experience the city’s traditional heritage firsthand, dive into the glittering realm of Venetian masks! Visit an ancient mask workshop, famed worldwide, and master the art of creating your own Venetian mask hands-on, led by a pro a skilled Venetian artisan! Meet the in-house staff and take a look at the workshop’s immense collection of custom-made papier-mache hand-crafted masks, each a unique piece which expresses the style and feelings of the artist who created it. Learn about the mask wearing tradition in Venice, the styles and types, and about the time-honored production techniques and variety of materials used for decoration: these also include precious ones, such as fine fabrics, real feathers, Swarovski gems, and gold or silver leaf. Then follow the expert guidance of your dedicated craftsman to create your own mask! Choose your preference among 60 types of Venetian masks, all in hand-made papier mache, and let your teacher lead you through the various phases of the decoration process and decorate two authentic Venetian masks. Dress your masks up with the traditional materials: acrylic tempura paint, natural wax and stunning metallic hues like gold, silver or copper. Once the mask is painted you can add charming additional decorative items such as rhinestones, feathers (and more!) and, at the very end, choose the ribbons you like best to add onto your, lovely, finished masterpiece. Your splendid hand-made Venetian masks will be dry and ready to be wrapped and taken off with you at the end of the activity... unique souvenirs of a memorable day to show your friends, and wear, once back home!

**DURATION:** 2 hours. Available morning and afternoon

**INCLUDES:**

- Private mask decorating workshop held by a professional English-speaking artisan



# PADUA

Set off for Padua, meet your local private guide and explore this exquisite city quoted by Shakespeare. Home to one of the most ancient universities in the world Padua boasts lively squares, pleasant arcaded streets, welcoming cafés and a cheery inspiring atmosphere. Admire the city center's stately palaces, medieval vestiges and gorgeous churches. Stroll through the center to discover the superb Cappella degli Scrovegni, home to one of the most important masterpieces in Western art, Giotto's awe-inspiring cycle of frescoes depicting the lives of the Virgin Mary and Christ, an amazingly innovative masterpiece. In fact these do not depict the figures as they were at the time, elongated or stylized, and their clothes hang naturally... in a word: they are three-dimensional!

**DURATION:** 2 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private guide in Padua
- Entrance Fees to Cappella degli Scrovegni

Lunch is not included. Padua is filled with delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.



HISTORY, MYSTERIES AND POWER IN VENICE

# HIGHLIGHTS OF ST MARK'S SQUARE: THE BASILICA AND DOGE'S PALACE

Enjoy an enlightening tour of two of Venice's most remarkable and extraordinary landmarks, St Mark's Basilica and the Doge's Palace, with the privilege of a private guided tour led by an excellent and highly specialized English-speaking guide. Walk along the shimmering canals lined by gorgeous ancient palaces and reach airy sumptuous St Mark's Square, a showpiece which beautifully represents the splendor of Venice's past. Largest square in the city, and the only one given the title of "piazza", while all the others are called "campi", St. Mark's Square has always hosted the city's most important government and ecclesiastical buildings. Flanked by the Procuratie building and Correr Museum the square is crowned by the Venetian-Byzantine domes of the grandiose St Mark's Basilica. Founded in the 9th century to house the remnants of St Mark and burned down in 976 it was rebuilt as we see it today: polychrome domes, walls clad in marbles from Syria, Egypt and Palestine and, inside, over 8000 square meters of luminous mosaics. Get ready to be surprised! Highlights include the glittering ceiling mosaics, many made with 24-carat gold leaf, the basilica's oldest mosaics (Apostles with the Madonna), and the three golden domes. Then visit the Doge's Palace, an airy masterpiece of gothic architecture with a splendid white stone and pink marble façade. Despite its graceful outside aspect, the building was once seat of the government, Palace of Justice, state prison, as well as of the Doge's private apartments and a vast complex of chambers and courts. Take an unforgettable journey back in time admiring the palace's grand central courtyard and the imposing corridors lined by majestic sumptuous rooms and learn all about the palace's history, mysteries and captivating legends

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUSIONS:**

- Private professional licensed English-speaking guide for 3 hours
- Entrance tickets to St Mark's Cathedral
- Entrance tickets to the Doge's Palace



CHEERS TO VENETO'S SPARKLING DELIGHT!

# THE PROSECCO ROUTE

What's Italian, seductive, sparkling and makes an evening perfect? Prosecco, the unique wine made from prosecco grapes in Veneto! Listed among the DOCG (Denominazione di Origine Controllata e Garantita, Italy's highest oenological distinction) wines since 2009 Prosecco is the flagship wine of one of Veneto's greenest and most alluring areas, the roughly 20 miles from Conegliano to Valdobbiadene known as Prosecco Route. Spend a day in the idyllic countryside with the privilege of private transportation with an English-speaking local driver, savor the ride, the views of the majestic Dolomites in the background and local heritage. Here everything, from the landscape to the wines' aromas, hearty typical fare and welcoming atmosphere bears the mark of the heartfelt centuries-old traditions. Clad in vineyards and dotted by parish churches and castles this bountiful area offers a luscious variety of meats, cheeses, greens, chestnuts, mushrooms and honey, and a glorious king: Prosecco! Journey along splendid country roads lined by lush vines and stop at a premium local winery for a visit, followed by a memorable wine tasting. Explore the grounds and cellars escorted by the friendly in-house staff, see the winery's equipment and learn about the secrets that lie behind great wines. Crown your visit with a tasting of the best estate blends. Then travel on through the verdant countryside to a charming typical town, for some time at leisure and a pleasant stroll through the quaint streets and pretty main square before heading off to another historical winery, one of the area's gems. Admire the views, grounds and cellars, learn about the estate's history, and explore the aging cellars. End your day savoring the heavenly aroma of the fine estate blends ... a perfect finale to a postcard-perfect day!

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private transportation from your hotel, throughout the day as needed and back at the end of the day
- Visit and Wine Tasting at 2 premium privately-owned wineries
- Time at leisure for a stroll in one of the area's most charming villages



A MEMORABLE VOYAGE THROUGH THE "VALLEY OF MANY CELLARS"

# VALPOLICELLA

Step off-the-beaten-path, journey to Valpolicella and discover its world-celebrated wines! Enjoy the privilege of exploring this heavenly vineyard-clad region, one of Italy's wine-producing gems, traveling by private transportation with an English-speaking local driver throughout the day. The vineyards of Valpolicella (namely the "valley of many cellars"!) begin just outside Verona and stretch west, towards Lake Garda. Rising along the foothills of the Alps, blessed by a calcareous clay-rich soil and precious microclimate, the area has been producing wine ever since the ancient Greeks, and still today yield a variety of red wines, among which the famed Amarone. Travel along splendid country roads lined by luxuriant vines and admire the landscape: the whole area is a gorgeous enclave of lush scenery! Journey along splendid country roads lined by lush vines and stop at a premium local winery for a visit, followed by a memorable wine tasting. Explore the grounds and cellars escorted by the friendly in-house staff, see the winery's equipment and learn about the secrets that lie behind great wines. with a tasting of the best estate blends. Then travel on through the verdant countryside to a charming typical town, for some time at leisure and a pleasant stroll through the quaint streets and pretty main square before heading off to another historical winery, one of the area's jewels. Admire the views, grounds and aging cellars, learn about the estate's heritage, and end your day savoring the sublime estate blends.

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private transportation from your hotel, throughout the day as needed and back at the end of the day
- Visit and Wine Tasting at 2 premium privately-owned wineries
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VERONA AT ITS BEST

# VERONA: THE SIGHTS, THE WINES, THE FLAVORS

Countless churches and fascinating bridges over the Adige river, the world's largest and most impressive open-air lyrical theatre and Juliet's evocative balcony, impressive art, luscious typical fare and excellent regional wines... Verona is one of northern Italy's most attractive cities! Enjoy the many pleasures and refined atmosphere of this delightful jewel-city with the privilege of discovering its attractions led by a dedicated specialized English-speaking guide. Known as «la degna», Italian for “the worthy”, and world-celebrated thanks to its romantic tradition and opera season, Verona is a treasure chest of striking monuments. Led by your guide you will have the chance to admire perfectly preserved ancient Roman remnants, lovely noble palaces, evocative courtyards and airy picturesque squares. Including the city's most remarkable landmarks, such as the Scavi Scaligeri, the Porta dei Bombardieri, the 12th century City Hall, the Lamberti Tower, and the delightful Piazza delle Erbe, your tour will also allow you to see Juliet's famous balcony and courtyard, one of the world's most romantic sights! Then enjoy a fascinating guided visit to the legendary Arena: dating back to the Ancient Romans and perfectly maintained it is the largest and most important open-air lyrical theatre in the whole world. End your walking tour in the winding alleys of the ancient city center, at one of the city's most delightful and authentic osterias. Beloved by the locals, warmly rustic and filled with character this genuinely Veronese “restaurant-enoteca-pub-café” is a haven of the best regional wines. Join the feast, taste the best, indulge your taste buds! Enjoy a memorable tasting of some of the finest locally produced blends... the ideal crescendo finale to a memorable Veronese day!

**DURATION:** 3 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private English-speaking specialized guide for 2 hours
- Entrance Fees to Verona's Arena
- Wine tasting and typical lunch at a charming osteria in the city center



ROMANCE, ANCIENT VESTIGES AND SPELLBINDING FRESCOES

# VERONA AND PADUA

Leave the hustle and bustle of the city behind, set off to discover two of Veneto's jewel-cities, Verona and Padua. Enjoy the privilege of traveling by private transportation throughout the whole day, savor the ride and the views. Start your day in Verona, splendidly located on the banks of the river Adige. Meet your private guide and set off to unveil the beauties and special atmosphere of this exquisite city. Known as "la degna", Italian for "the worthy", it is famous thanks to the striking monuments, romantic tradition and opera season. Follow your guide's lead and admire ancient Roman remnants, lovely noble palaces, evocative courtyards and the city's most remarkable landmarks, such as the Scavi Scaligeri, the Lamberti Tower, delightful Piazza delle Erbe, and Juliet's famous balcony, one of the world's most romantic sights! Visit the legendary Arena, the largest and most important open-air lyrical theatre in the whole world. Relish some time at leisure, stroll through the inviting city center and savor the local cuisine at a restaurant/trattoria or café of your choice. Then set off for Padua, meet your local private guide and explore this exquisite city quoted by Shakespeare. Home to one of the most ancient universities in the world Padua boasts lively squares, pleasant arcaded streets, welcoming cafés and a cheery inspiring atmosphere. Admire the city center's stately palaces, medieval vestiges and gorgeous churches. Stroll through the center to discover the superb Cappella degli Scrovegni, home to one of the most important masterpieces in Western art, Giotto's awe-inspiring cycle of frescoes depicting the lives of the Virgin Mary and Christ, an amazingly innovative masterpiece. In fact these do not depict the figures as they were at the time, elongated or stylized, and their clothes hang naturally... in a word: they are three-dimensional!

**DURATION:** 9 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private transportation from your hotel, throughout the day as needed and back at the end of the day
- Private specialized English-speaking guide in Verona
- Entrance Fees to Verona's Arena
- Private specialized English-speaking guide in Padua
- Entrance Fees to Cappella degli Scrovegni

Lunch is not included. Verona is filled with delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide is at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.



ROMANCE, PASSION AND EXTRAORDINARY WINES

# VERONA AND VALPOLICELLA

Discover Veneto's heart and soul: explore elegant Verona and vineyard-clad Valpolicella, and savor sensational wines! Enjoy the ride and views traveling comfortably by private transportation throughout the whole day. Start your day in Verona, splendidly located on the banks of the river Adige. Meet your private guide and unveil the beauties and atmosphere of this exquisite city famous for its striking monuments, star-crossed lovers and world-acclaimed opera season. Admire ancient Roman remnants, noble palaces, evocative courtyards and the city's remarkable landmarks, such as the Scavi Scaligeri, the Lamberti Tower, Piazza delle Erbe, and Juliet's famous balcony, one of the world's most romantic sights! Visit the legendary Arena, the largest and most important open-air lyrical theatre in the whole world. Then relish some time at leisure, a stroll through the inviting city center and the luscious local cuisine at a restaurant/ trattoria of your choice. After lunch travel on to green Valpolicella, one of Italy's wine-producing gems. Rising along the foothills of the Alps, blessed by a calcareous clay-rich soil and precious microclimate, the vineyards of Valpolicella (namely the "valley of many cellars"! ) have been producing wine ever since the ancient Greeks, and still today yield a variety of red wines, among which the famed Amarone. Journey along splendid country roads lined by lush vines and stop at a premium local winery located in one of Valpolicella's most evocative spots, to explore the grounds and cellars escorted by the friendly in-house staff. Hear about the estate's history, see the winery's equipment and aging cellars, learn the techniques and secrets that lie behind great wines. End your visit savoring the sublime aroma and heavenly taste of the finest estate blends.

**DURATION:** 8 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private transportation from your hotel, throughout the day as needed and back at the end of the day
  - Private specialized English-speaking guide in Verona
  - Entrance Fees to Verona's Arena • Visit and Wine Tasting at a premium privately-owned winery in Valpolicella
- Lunch is not included. Verona is filled with delightful restaurants, cafés and trattorias; we recommend you select your preference on site directly; your guide and driver are at disposal for suggestions and, if needed, assist with booking.



A PROMENADE THROUGH THE CITY OF ROMANCE

# VERONA ORIENTATION VISIT

Discover Verona, one of Veneto's most exquisite jewel-cities! Spend an unforgettable day exploring the elegant city center and awe-inspiring Arena. Located on the banks of the river Adige Verona boasts a refined atmosphere and a unique charm. Meet your private dedicated English-speaking guide and set off to unveil the beauties and special atmosphere of this exquisite city. Known as "la degna", Italian for "the worthy", it is rich in striking monuments, and worldcelebrated thanks to its romantic tradition and opera season. Led by your guide you will have the chance to admire perfectly preserved ancient Roman remnants, lovely noble palaces, evocative courtyards and airy picturesque squares. Including the city's most remarkable landmarks, such as the Scavi Scaligeri, the Porta dei Bombardieri, the 12th century City Hall, the Lamberti Tower, and the delightful Piazza delle Erbe, your tour will also allow you to see Juliet's famous balcony and courtyard, one of the world's most romantic sights! Then enjoy a fascinating guided visit to the legendary Arena: dating back to the Ancient Romans and perfectly maintained it is the largest and most important open-air lyrical theatre in the whole world.

**DURATION:** 2 hours

**INCLUDES:**

- Private English-speaking specialized guide for 2 hours
- Entrance Fees to Verona's Arena

