



PADOVA

Dates:

Monday 9 September
Saturday 14 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

2.30 PM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma
2.45 PM departure from Hotel Victoria
2.50 PM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: Half-day (afternoon)

Itinerary

Visiting the historical center of Padua is a sort of time travel. Your local guide takes you along the streets of the medieval city, among old monuments and buildings. A 2-hours walking tour visiting the Palazzo del Bo (the Old University), the Caffè Pedrocchi (the "Cafè without doors"), the Jewish Ghetto, the lively squares Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza dei Signori and Piazza dei Frutti...

Price: € 48,00 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP01

Included

English-speaking guided tour of Padova (half-day)
Transfer by private coach or minibus (roundtrip)
Our Assistance on the spot

Not included

Admission tickets, meals, tips.

Information and booking details:

The excursion is confirmed with a minimum of 10 participants

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GIOTTO and the Medieval Padova

Dates:

Monday 9 September
Wednesday 11 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

5.00 PM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma
5.15 PM departure from Hotel Victoria
5.20 PM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: Half-day (late afternoon)

Itinerary

Walking tour of 2 hours including the admission and guided visit of the Scrovegni Chapel. The tour includes a walk in the Ghetto, the famous squares Piazza dei Frutti, Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe, and ends at the Scrovegni Chapel, with the visit of Giotto's Frescoes.

The Scrovegni Chapel: it contains a rich and elaborate fresco that is universally considered Giotto di Bondone's masterpiece. Completed in 1305, Giotto and his assistants painted from top to bottom to relate the complex and emotional narrative on the lives of Mary and Jesus. The interior is a vibrant feast of color, vaulted by a starry sky with the two centers of Christ and Mary, the Last Judgement in the West and the Annunciation in the East, witnessed by God, frame the nave of the chapel.

Price: € 59,00 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP02

Included

English-speaking guided tour of Medieval Padova (half-day)
Admission ticket to the Scrovegni Chapel
Transfer by private coach or minibus (roundtrip)
Our Assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, tips

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VERONA

Dates:

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Meeting point (with our private coach):

8.40 AM departure from Viest Hotel

8.45 AM departure from Hotel Victoria

9.00 PM departure from Viale Roma

Duration: Half-day (morning)

Itinerary

Encounter with our local guide ad 2-hours guided tour of the city center. The city shows its alternation of various dominations through its architecture: from the settlement of the Romans, to the age of commons, to the era of the Signoria of the Scaliger family until its Venetian and Habsburg dominations. Verona is the city of lovers and the place where Shakespeare set his most famous romantic drama of all time: Romeo and Juliet.

Price: € 57 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP03

Included

English-speaking guided tour of Verona (half-day)

Transfer by private coach or minibus (roundtrip)

Our Assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, tips

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Vicenza & the Teatro Olimpico

Dates:

Tuesday 10 September

Meeting point (with our guide):

9.45 AM in Viale Roma - Vicenza (walking tour)

Duration: Half-day (morning)

Itinerary

Guided Visit of the city centre of Vicenza. Vicenza is part of the Unesco Cultural Heritage thanks to the Palladian buildings of its pedestrian area (Corso Palladio) and its Villas in the countryside. The visit includes the admission to one of Palladio's Masterpieces, the covered theatre Teatro Olimpico, as well.

Price: € 30 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP04

Included

English-speaking guided tour of Vicenza (half-day)

Admission Ticket and guided visit of the Teatro Olimpico

Not included

Meals, tips

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Padova, food & spritz tour

Dates:

Tuesday 10 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

9.00 AM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

9.15 AM departure from Hotel Victoria

9.20 AM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: 9 AM - 2 PM (indicative)

Itinerary

A fantastic Street-food experience in the city centre of Padua. Your guide will take you around Padova with stops at the famous Caffè Pedrocchi for a special coffee, at the open-air markets in the squares to stare at the colored stands plenty of fruits, vegetables and food, at the Sotto il Salone covered market, where you will taste typical Italian street food and will drink the venetian Spritz (in alternative you can taste Prosecco or non-alcoholic drinks). Being in the city centre, the excursion give you the possibility to see some of the most important monuments and sites of Padova, like the University, The Jewish Ghetto, the Palazzo della Ragione, etc. Happy ending with an Italian Ice Cream!

Inclusions Coffee and/or Tea and/or The Pedrocchi coffee. Alcoholic Beverages: 1 drink during the tour - Spritz or Prosecco or Beer (or non-alcoholic drinks if requested), bottle of water. Snacks: Street food experience with Tartare or Vegetarian food, "cicchetti" or bruschetta, or soup, etc. And the Italian Ice Cream.

Price: € 63 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP05

Included

English-speaking food-tour of Padova (half-day)

Food and drinks as per program

Transfer by private coach or minibus (roundtrip)

Not included

Further meals, admissions, tips

Information and booking details:

The excursion is confirmed with a minimum of 8 participants - max 12 participants

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Venetian Villas Cruise

Dates:

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Meeting point (with our private coach):

11.45 AM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma
12.00 AM departure from Hotel Victoria
12.05 (noon) departure from Viesti Hotel

Duration: 11.45 AM - 8 PM (indicative)

Itinerary

At 1.15pm, embarkation in Oriago di Mira. Cruise to Villa Widmann or Villa Barchessa Valmarana in Mira. Stop for internal guided visit of the Villa. Cruising continues between villas, villages and swing bridges and presentation during the cruise of the various Villas seen from the river. Passing through Mira and Dolo Locks with rising of the water level. Arrival in Stra and stop for the internal guided visit of Villa Pisani. At 5.30 pm, embarkation and cruise; passing through Stra and Noventa Padovana Locks with rising of the water level; Cruise along the course of the old Venetian burchielli passing in front of the gorgeous and suggestive Villa Giovanelli of Noventa Padovana. Cruise to Padova with arrival to the historical 1500's Burchiello's Stairway at Portello, ancient river port in the historical centre of Padua, around 7.00 pm. Transfer by bus to Vicenza.

Price: € 98 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP06

Included

Transfer by private coach or minibus,
Navigation of the Brenta River,
English-speaking guided service,
Admission tickets to visit Villas
Our assistance on the spot.

Not included

Meals, admissions, tips

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Vicenza

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Saturday 14 September

Meeting point (with our guide):

9.45 AM in Viale Roma - Vicenza (walking tour)

Duration: half-day (morning)

Itinerary

Visit of Vicenza historical centre. Declared a World Heritage by Unesco in 1994, Vicenza is decorated with a majestic architecture signed by only one name: Andrea Palladio. The architectural genius has left the clearest sign of his art here and thanks to Palladio we can admire buildings of incomparable elegance today. Among these is the Palladian Basilica and the beautiful Loggia of the Capitano. Sights include the Corso Palladio with the exteriors of Palazzo Thiene, Palazzo Chiericati, the Basilica Palladiana, the Duomo, and the wonderful Teatro Olimpico.

Price: € 18 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP07

Included

English-speaking guided tour of Vicenza (half-day)

Not included

Meals, admissions, tips

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Villa La Rotonda & Villa ai Nani

Dates:

Wednesday 11 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

2.30 PM departure from Viest Hotel
2.35 PM departure from Hotel Victoria
2.50 PM departure from Viale Roma

Duration: half-day (afternoon)

Itinerary

Visit of Villa Valmarana ai Nani, an outstanding architectural and artistic site belonging to the Valmarana family taking its name from the statues of dwarves (nani) which decorate its garden wall. Villa Valmarana is widely considered the highest testimony of the genius of Tiepolo. Then, visit of Villa Capra La Rotonda, the Palladian masterpiece surrounded by the wonderful Vicenza countryside.

Price: € 55 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP08

Included

English-speaking guided tour of the villas (half-day)
Admission tickets to Villa La Rotonda and Villa Valmarana ai Nani
Transfer by private coach or minibus,
Our assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, further admissions, tips

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VENICE

Dates:

Thursday 12 September

Meeting point (with our assistant):

8.30 AM encounter and departure by train from Vicenza Railway St.

Duration: half-day (morning + free time for lunch)

Itinerary

Departure by train (high-speed train) from Vicenza to Venice Santa Lucia. Encounter with our guide and walking tour of the city of Venice. The tour includes an itinerary among the Calli (pedestrian streets of Venice), the bridges and the most important monuments of Venice. You will see the best of classical Venice from Ponte di Rialto to the Rialto Market, from Saint Mark Square with the Basilica of Saint Mark to the Palazzo Ducale with the Ponte dei Sospiri. Possibility to add a short Cruise along the Canal Grande (public or private transportation). Back to the station for the train back to Vicenza.

Price: € 63 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP09

Included

English-speaking guided tour of the Venice (half-day)
High-speed train tickets (2nd class)
Our assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, admissions, tips

Information and booking details:

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Padova, Sant'Antonio and Prato della Valle

Dates:

Thursday 12 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

9.00 PM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

9.15 PM departure from Hotel Victoria

9.20 PM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: half-day (morning)

Itinerary

One of the most interesting itineraries in Padua, with a mix of Religion and art. Guided visit of the Basilica di Sant'Antonio (Saint Anthony Cathedral) with the Chapel of Saint Anthony, the Relics, the Chapel of St James with the frescoes of Altichiero, and The Cloister and the Magnolia Cloister.

Moreover you will see the two small chapels just outside the Basilica, the Oratorio di San Giorgio and the Scoletta del Santo. Final stop at the huge square of Padua: Prato della Valle.

Price: € 60 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP10

Included

English-speaking guided tour of the Venice (half-day)

Admission tickets to Scoletta del Santo and Oratorio di San Giorgio

Transfer by private coach or minibus

Our assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, further admissions, tips

Information and booking details:

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Orto Botanico

the Botanical Garden of Padova

Dates:

Thursday 12 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

2.10 PM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

2.25 PM departure from Hotel Victoria

2.30 PM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: half-day (afternoon)

Itinerary

Visit of the **Orto Botanico di Padova** (Padua Botanic Garden), which was established in 1545, making it the oldest university botanical garden in the world. During the 19th century a series of greenhouses were built, and one of them now contains the garden's most famous possessions, a dwarf fan palm (*Chamaerops humilis*) from 1781. The garden is surrounded by a circular wall (and a moat to keep out plant-stealing intruders!) and divided into quadrants, within which various beds are arranged. Despite 19th century alterations to the site, this remains one of the finest examples of a 16th century botanical garden in Italy, with a fine collection of plants from around the world. The modern greenhouses are also fascinating and have been developed to a very high standard by the University of Padua. They show us some of the major eco-systems of the world.

Price: € 50 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP11

Included

English-speaking guided tour of the Orto Botanico (half-day)

Admission ticket

Transfer by private coach or minibus

Our assistance on the spot

Not included

Meals, further admissions, tips

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Bassano del Grappa and Marostica

Dates:

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2.30 PM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

2.45 PM departure from Hotel Victoria

2.50 PM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: half-day (afternoon)

Itinerary

Guided visit of Bassano del Grappa, famous for the Grappa spirit production and for being the city of the Alpini Soldiers. One of the most beautiful monuments of Bassano del Grappa is the wooden Bridge, called The Bridge of the Alpini Soldiers (project of Andrea Palladio). The guide will take you along the narrow roads of this small city that is a symbol of WW1. Many Austrian and Italian soldiers battled in the mountains near the city of Bassano and, still today, you can see the "scars" of those battles. Transfer to Marostica, the Medieval walled-city famous for its square, "Piazza degli Scacchi" and the medieval show that takes place every 2 years: the "Chess Game" with human figures. Visit of the square and back to Vicenza.

Price: € 46 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP12

Included

English-speaking guided tour

Transfer by private coach or minibus

Not included

Meals, further admissions, tips

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Tasting Palladio, the Berici Hills

Dates:

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9.15 AM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

9.30 AM departure from Hotel Victoria

9.35 AM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: 9.15 AM - 2.30 PM (indicative)

Itinerary

Departure with private minivan and driver/guide for the excursion to the **Berici Hills**. During this day, you will see the beautiful natural landscapes of the area south of Vicenza. During the excursion, you will stop at the Mills Valley in **Mossano** - with a walk along the path of the 12 medieval watermills, 4 of them still functioning -, and **Costozza**, a small village plenty of Villas of Palladian School, and at a local wine-producer/farm where you will taste local products of the Berici Hills. Lunch in a farmhouse of the Berici Hills with a typical venetian menu.

Price: € 80 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP13

Included

English-speaking guided tour
Transfer by private coach or minibus
Wine Tasting and typical lunch in
farmhouse of the Berici Hills

Not included

further visits, tips

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Palladian Villas and Asolo

Dates: Saturday 13 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

8.30 AM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

8.45 AM departure from Hotel Victoria

8.50 AM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: full-day (indicative)

Itinerary

Departure for a visit to **Villa Barbaro**, in Maser. The Villa was built by Andrea Palladio for Daniele and Marcantonio Barbaro during 1560-68 as a farmhouse at the centre of an agricultural estate and has the unique attraction of being the only Palladian villa in Veneto to retain some of its original garden. The garden was laid out in front of the villa and Palladio's great achievement was to unite the villa, garden and surrounding landscape and seemingly create a single architectural structure. As the gardens at the front were essentially a public space, Palladio also designed a secret garden behind the villa, a small enclosed courtyard dominated by a magnificent nymphaeum, decorated with statues of classical gods.

Stop for short free visit of **Asolo** (leisure time for free lunch), one of the most beautiful boroughs in Italy.

In the afternoon visit to **Villa Emo**, designed by Andrea Palladio in 1559 for the Emo family of Venice it is one of the most accomplished of the Palladian Villas, showing the benefit of 20 years of Palladio's experience in domestic architecture. It has been praised for the simple mathematical relationships expressed in its proportions, both of the elevation and the dimensions of the rooms. In 1570 Palladio published a plan of the villa in his treatise *I Quattro Libri dell'Architettura*. Unlike some of the other plans he included in this work, the one of Villa Emo corresponds nearly exactly to what was built.

Price: € 98 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP14

Included

English-speaking guided tour

Transfer by private coach or minibus

Admission tickets to Villa Barbaro and Villa Emo

Our assistance during the tour

Not included

Lunch, further visits, tips

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BASSANO DEL GRAPPA, THE GRAPPA SPIRIT... and TYPICAL LUNCH

Dates: Sunday 14 September

Meeting point (with our private coach):

9.00 AM departure from Vicenza - Viale Roma

9.15 AM departure from Hotel Victoria

9.20 AM departure from Viest Hotel

Duration: 9 AM - 3 PM (indicative)

Itinerary

Guided visit of Bassano del Grappa, famous for the Grappa spirit production and for being the city of the Alpini Soldiers. One of the most beautiful monuments of Bassano del Grappa is the wooden Bridge, called The Bridge of the Alpini Soldiers (project of Andrea Palladio). The guide will take you along the narrow roads of this small city that is a symbol of WW1. Many Austrian and Italian soldiers battled in the mountains near the city of Bassano and, still today, you can see the "scars" of those battles. At the end of the visit, you will stop at the Grappa Museum Poli. The Poli Grappa Museum is the result of a long and passionate research, the Museum was created by the Poli Family in appreciation of Grappa. The Museum consists of five suggestive rooms and visits are self-guided. Finally, you will taste Grappa spirit, enjoying its different flavors. During or after the guided visit, you will have the possibility to stop at some of the many shops of Bassano, to buy souvenirs and handmade ceramics (yes... Bassano is famous for ceramics, too!). Before going back to Vicenza, stop for a typical lunch in one of the famous restaurants of the area (possibility to taste the famous Baccalà alla Vicentina).

Price: € 95 per person

Excursion code: 9ESP15

Included

English-speaking guided tour

Transfer by private coach or minibus

Grappa tasting at the museum of Grappa Poli

Typical lunch

Our assistance during the tour

Not included

Further visits, tips

Information and booking details:

The excursion is confirmed with a minimum of 10 participants

How to book: please, contact us at info@gentesviaggi.it

and ask for availability indicating date and code of the excursion. We reply you immediately. If the excursion is available, you can book it as follow:

- via credit card or PayPal (we send you the link via mail)

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