



Venice & the Veneto



The landscape of the Veneto varies from flat and unappealing to mountainous and breathtaking. Venice, the region's capital, is built on more than 100 small islands in a marshy lagoon in the Adriatic Sea. No description

can adequately convey the charm and fascination of the 'Serene Republic'.

Renaissance squares, Roman ruins and medieval palaces all vie for attention in the neighbouring towns of Padua and Vicenza. Padua, an old university town (Galileo lectured here), is rich in architecture and art. Vicenza has the 16th century Palladian theatre 'Teatro Olimpico'.



1 The Venetian Lagoon

Hop on a vaporetto and visit the Venetian glass factory on Murano; Burano where beautifully intricate lacework can be found; and Torcello, with its charming, colourful houses and gardens.



2 Cappella degli Scrovegni

The interior of Padua's chapel is entirely covered with 14th century frescoes depicting the life of Christ. Painted by the Florentine artist Giotto, it is one of the most important masterpieces of Western art.



3 Il Baccaro

The Baccaro is similar to a tavern and is typical to Venice. Venetians love to stop here and indulge in some tapas (cichetti) accompanied by a glass of wine (ombretta).



4 UNESCO World Heritage sites

The Veneto has six cultural sites listed which include the cities of Venice (and its Lagoon), Verona and Vicenza, the Palladian Villas of the Veneto, the Botanical Gardens of Padua and the majestic Dolomites.

Venice

The most romantic of cities, Venice is unique and captivating, with its panoramas and sudden glimpses of palaces, churches, canals and bridges.

Casa Nicolò Priuli, Venice

From the imposing gothic style façade to the opulent interior and stylish 19th century décor, this distinctive hotel is modest in size, but retains an unmistakable sense of exclusivity and grandeur. The hotel overlooks two canals, the Osmarin and the canal of the Greeks, with some rooms enjoying scenic views over the waterways. An ideal base from which to explore Venice and, with the added bonus of being situated in a quiet residential area, guests are assured a relaxing and comfortable stay.

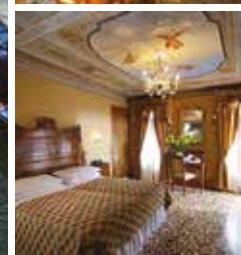
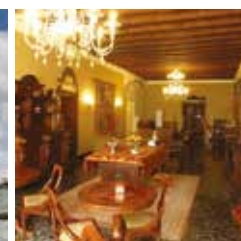
Accommodation: 25 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms and superior rooms.

- Airport: 13km Venice Marco Polo
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£555 per person***



Venice



Palazzo Priuli, Venice

Located in the heart of Venice's historic centre, the Palazzo Priuli is only 200 metres from the beautiful Piazza San Marco and 500 metres from the Rialto Bridge. This luxury hotel offers an authentic Venetian experience and is decorated in rich colours with antique furniture and fine art work. The spacious and elegant rooms afford a variety of picturesque views of the surrounding canals and historic buildings. There are numerous 'Bacari' (taverns) serving traditional Venetian dishes in close proximity to the hotel.

Accommodation: 10 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, superior rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 13km Venice Marco Polo
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£555 per person***

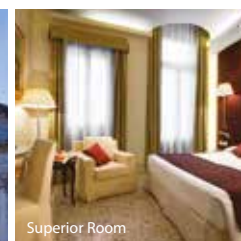
Palazzo Giovanelli e Gran Canal, Venice

The Palazzo Giovanelli is a charming well positioned 16th century building overlooking the Grand Canal and set in a tranquil quarter between the magnificent Church of San Stae and the modern art museum 'Ca' Pesaro'. This former palace has been, at one time, home to the last Doge of Venice (Marco Foscarini now buried in the Church of San Stae) and the great Austrian composer Mozart's family. The spacious lounges feature Murano-glass chandeliers and elegant Italian furniture but the hotel's facilities are modern.

Accommodation: 41 air-conditioned (01May-15Oct) rooms including superior rooms, deluxe room, junior suites and suites.

- Airport: 7.5km Venice Marco Polo
- 4-star superior hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£583 per person***



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Padua & Vicenza

The art cities of the Veneto have much to offer the discerning traveller. Marvel at Giotto's stunning frescoes in Padua and the impressive Renaissance 'Teatro Olimpico' in Vicenza.

Majestic Toscanelli Hotel, Padua

The Majestic Toscanelli is a sophisticated boutique hotel situated in the historic centre of Padua, in a restricted-traffic area, near the three famous squares of the town: Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza della Frutta and Piazza dei Signori. Discover Giotto's magnificent frescoes in the Scrovegni Chapel and enjoy a scenic walk past breathtaking architecture to the city's many cafés, restaurants and cultural attractions. The hotel's guestrooms are uniquely designed in various styles in either Baroque Venetian or a more

quaint 19th century English style and features carpeted or wood floors.

Accommodation: 34 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, comfort rooms, junior suites and suites.

- Airports: 45km Venice Marco Polo / 95km Verona
- 4-star superior hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£516 per person***



Campo Marzio Hotel, Vicenza

The Campo Marzio Hotel is well situated in the heart of Vicenza next to the city park and only a few minutes walk from Piazza dei Signori, the Basilica Palladiana and the Teatro Olimpico – some of Vicenza's hidden treasures. Guests have free use of the hotel's on-site bikes which is an ideal way in which to visit the historic centre. Its central location, near to the train station, also affords easy access to many culturally rich cities in the area including Venice, Verona and Padua.

Accommodation: 41 air-conditioned rooms including deluxe rooms and suites.

- Airports: 66km Verona / 76km Venice Marco Polo
- 4-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£536 per person***

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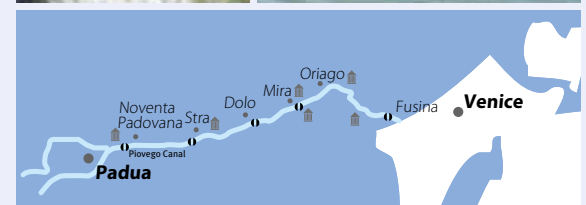
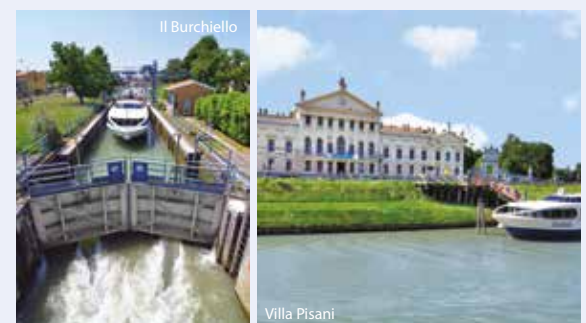
Il Burchiello mini-cruise (Padua to/from Venice)

Take a mini-cruise along the Brenta River from Padua to Venice or vice versa and visit three amazing Venetian Villas en route.

The Burchiello was a typical Venetian barge, finely wrought and decorated and used to transport wealthy aristocrats of the 1700's from the city of Venice to their countryside Villas. Today, the Burchiello is a modern and comfortable motorboat (for up to 110 people) that has an air-conditioned cabin with comfortable sofas, a bar selling snacks, a toilet and a panoramic deck with seating.

A full day mini-cruise captures the extraordinary beauty of the Brenta Riviera and passes nine swivelling bridges and five locks. A guided tour (including entrance fees) of Villa Foscari - also known as La Malcontenta (Mira), Villa Widmann (Mira) and Villa Pisani (Strà) is included, plus a stop for lunch at Oriago (optional) at 'Il Burchiello' restaurant.

There are daily departures from March to October from Padua to Venice (36km) on Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays and from Venice to Padua on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Prices on request.



Verona

One of the most fascinating cities of Italy, Verona is rich in Roman, Medieval and Renaissance buildings. Whilst busy and lively during opera season (Jun-Aug), it is more pleasant and cooler in the Spring and Autumn.

Aurora Hotel, Verona

This small, intimate hotel is centrally located off Piazza dell' Erbe, which has a daily local market, and a few minutes walk from the main shopping area and historical sights of Verona. The Aurora is a comfortable, well-positioned hotel with a small balcony overlooking the piazza, perfect for a late afternoon drink after exploring the city. It has been a success with Sunvil clients over several years.

Accommodation: 18 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms and one junior suite.

- Airport: 17km Verona
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£615 per person***



Giulietta e Romeo Hotel, Verona

The Giulietta e Romeo Hotel, named after the star struck lovers of the Shakespearean play, is located only a few minutes walk from Juliet's house, believed to be the inspiration for this tragic story. This modern, comfortable hotel is set in the heart of Verona, 30 metres from the fabulous Arena, the venue for many concerts and operas and only a few steps from shops and restaurants in this impressive walled city.

Accommodation: 37 air-conditioned rooms including standard rooms, triple rooms and suites.

- Airport: 17km Verona
- 3-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi

Guide price from **£616 per person***

Due Torri Hotel, Verona

Dating from the 14th century, this former palace has maintained many original features including frescoes in the lounge bar and is decorated throughout with antiques and luxuriant fabrics. Offering a high standard of accommodation within the historic city centre of Verona, the hotel has an almost regal atmosphere that promises a memorable stay.

Accommodation: 89 air-conditioned rooms including classic rooms, deluxe rooms and junior suites.

- Airport: 17km Verona
- 5-star hotel
- Bed & Breakfast
- City centre location
- Complimentary WiFi
- Restaurant

Guide price from **£775 per person***



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Verona Arena

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- Flights from London Gatwick to Verona (other airports on request)
- 3-nights Giulietta e Romeo Hotel, Verona BB
- Private transfers on arrival and departure
- Two 1st Sector Stalls 'Gold' tickets for an Opera of choice in the Arena of Verona

Departures
Daily (Opera Season Jun-Sep)

Duration
3 nights

Guide price from
£857 per person*



Verona Opera

Verona & the Opera

Itinerary: 4 days / 3 nights

Verona, situated in Northern Italy on the River Adige, is a historical delight. Founded in the 1st century BC, it boasts many Roman remains and has been the inspiration for three Shakespearean plays – the most widely known being Romeo and Juliet. Immerse yourself in the tragic love story with a visit to Juliet’s reputed house and famous balcony, ending with a performance of your choice at the internationally known Arena of Verona.

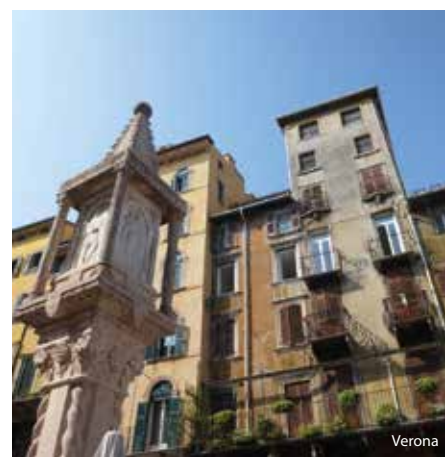
Day One: Arrive at Verona airport and transfer to Giulietta e Romeo Hotel. Named after the star struck lovers of Verona, the hotel is located within walking distance of Juliet’s house and the famous balcony as well as being just 30 metres from the Arena.

Day Two: Day at leisure. Opportunity to explore the historically rich and UNESCO World Heritage Site of Verona, with its picturesque centre. Stroll along the main shopping area leading towards Piazza dell’ Erbe, once a Roman Forum but today a delightful market square filled with wonderful frescoed buildings and monuments. Take a trip to the top of the Lamberti Tower for great views across the city or simply relax in one of the many cafes.

In the evening, walk down to Piazza Bra, location of the arena, for the evening’s performance of an opera of your choice. Performances commence at 20:45 or 21:00.

Day Three: Day at leisure to indulge in some last minute souvenir shopping or perhaps a visit to the Duomo (cathedral) of Verona; Castelvecchio – the 14th century medieval castle; the Roman theatre and archeological museum; or alternatively a train journey to Venice (c.80-minutes), for a memorable day trip.

Day Four: Transfer to Verona airport for your return flight home.



Verona

Multi-city Holiday

Verona - Padua - Vicenza - Venice

Itinerary: 8 days / 7 nights

The art cities of the Veneto offer historic centres, grand palazzi, great works of art by famous artists (Caravaggio, Titian and Giotto); regional food and prestigious wines; and all are inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage list.

Day One - Verona: Arrive at Verona airport and transfer to the Aurora Hotel.

Day Two: Full day to explore the delights of the historical, walled city of Verona: Visit Piazza delle Erbe, originally a Roman forum, with buzzing cafes and a daily market; Torre dei Lamberti, an 85m watchtower with panoramic views over the city; and Giardino Giusti, a marvellous Renaissance-styled garden with fabulous sculptures.

Day Three - Padua: After breakfast, self-transfer to the train station for your train to Padua (c.43-minutes). On arrival, self-transfer to the Majestic Toscanelli Hotel.

Discover the artistic wonders of this fabulous historic city. Padua has one of Europe's oldest universities, dating from 1222, where the likes of Galileo and Copernicus taught; the 13th century Basilica di Sant'Antonio (St. Anthony's final resting place); and the Scrovegni Chapel, with Giotto's famed 14th century frescoes. The impressive Prato della Valle, an elliptical square, is thought to be Europe's second-biggest.

Day Four - Vicenza: Enjoy a day out to Vicenza. The train takes c.15-minutes: Vicenza's compact town centre has many attractive buildings 'palazzi', from medieval and Venetian to gothic-style. The Corso Andrea Palladio is the main street and is lined with smart shops and cafes. Piazza dei Signori, in the heart of town, is dominated by two of Vicenza's most striking landmarks; the Basilica Palladiana, the medieval law courts, with an imposing facade by Palladio and the adjacent Torre di Piazza - a tall, slim tower. The town's most famous sight however is the Teatro Olimpico - Palladio's last work. The building was modelled on ancient Roman theatres, with a curved amphitheatre, graded stepped seating and lavish ornamentation.

Day Five - Venice: Self-transfer from Padua to Venice by train (c.26-minutes) or, take the boat 'Il Burchiello' from Padua to Venice - see page 20. On arrival in Venice, self-transfer by water taxi to the Palazzo Giovanelli Hotel.

Days Six & Seven: Explore the delights of the city: Venice is one of the 'must see' cities in the world, and with its picture-postcard panorama - an inspiration for generations of artists - beautiful palazzi and endless mazes of narrow cobbled streets, it is easy to see why.

Day Eight: Self-transfer to Venice airport for your return flight home.



Padua

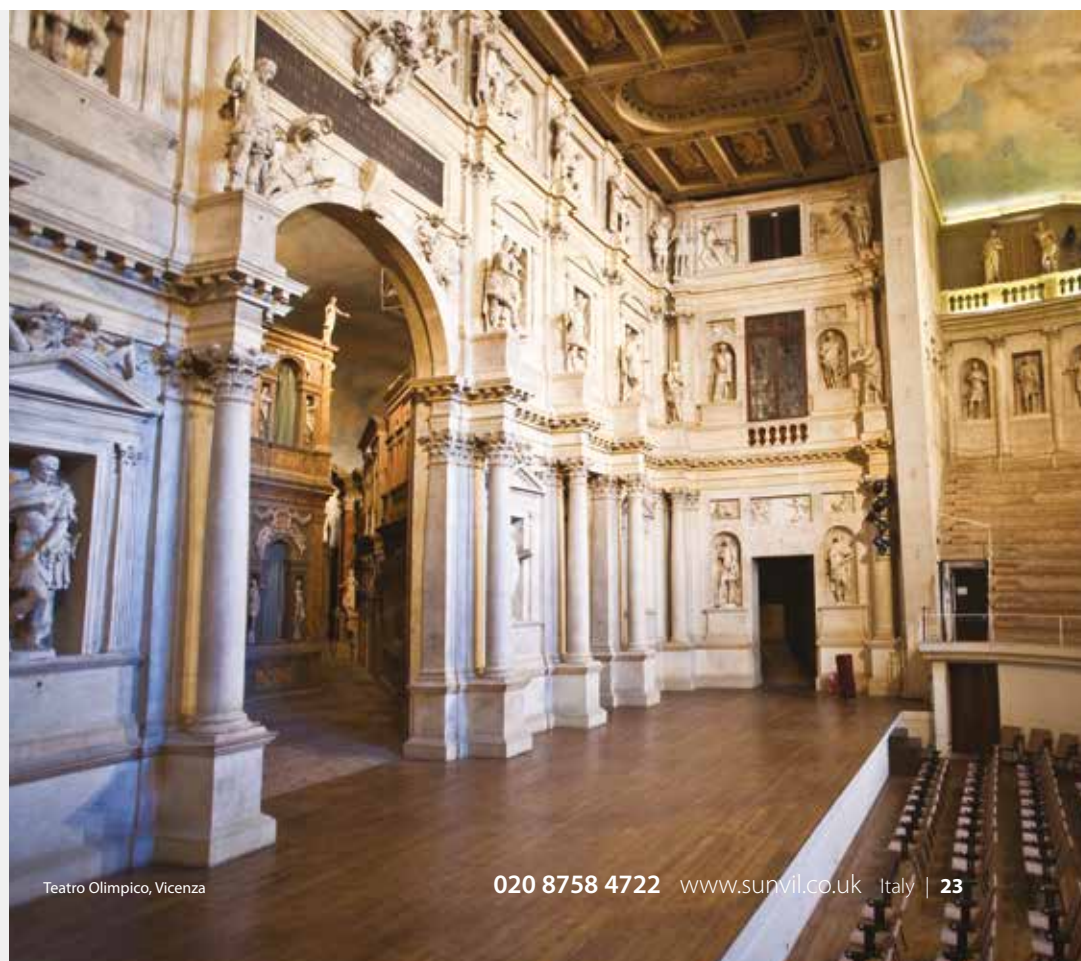
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- Flight from London Gatwick to Verona and return from Venice (other airports on request)
- 2-nights Aurora Hotel, Verona BB
- 2-nights Majestic Toscanelli Hotel, Padua BB
- 3-nights Palazzo Giovanelli, Venice BB
- Private transfer on arrival (Day 1) from Verona airport to Aurora Hotel
- Train ticket from Verona to Padua (Day 3)
- Train ticket from Padua to Venice (Day 5)
- Note: Transfers to/from train stations are not included

Departures
Daily

Duration
7 nights

Guide price from
£998 per person*



Teatro Olimpico, Vicenza