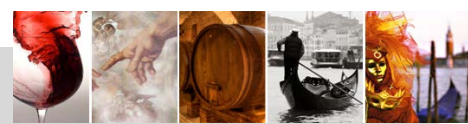


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PRIVATE TOURS in PADOVA

English/Italian language

On request other languages



• **SHORT WALKING TOUR** 2 hours

This tour is available every day

Is it your first time in Padova and you need to spend a couple of hours in the center for an orientation walking tour?? This is the tour for you! From the hotel we will reach the medieval squares - Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza della Frutta – seat of the daily market which have been representing one of the most beloved meeting points of the Paduans for the last 800 years. On the way we will reach saint Anthony Basilica and Prato della Valle. The guide will help you to know better the town, its museums, buses, train station, services and everything you need to spend a couple of days in this beautiful old city!

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- orientation walking tour in the city center
- all the information you need
- Coffee or cappuccino in the center





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- **FOOD TOUR in the MARKET** 3 hours

On request VEGAN TOUR

This tour is available Monday to Saturday

Our guide will take you for a private food tour in Padova city center.

From the hotel we will reach the medieval squares - Piazza dei Signori, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza della Frutta – seat of the daily market which have been representing one of the most beloved meeting points of the Paduans for the last 800 years. The historic centre of Padova (Padua) is dominated by the imposing Palazzo della Ragione, which was built in the year 1218. We will visit the ancient covered market “Sotto il Salone” famous since the past because it is the heaven of food ..you will taste asiago cheese, mezzano , parmiggiano reggiano, burrata cheese, salami, prosciutto crudo to end with a spritz , typical drink from the Veneto region with aperol and prosecco or with a glass of red wine!

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- walking tour in the city centre
- Visit the “Sotto il Salone” Covered Market
- Food Tasting and glass of wine or spritz or cappuccino





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- **GALILEO GALILEI'S TOUR and THE UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA**
3 hours

This tour is available on:

Monday/ Wednesday/Thursday/ Friday afternoon (march to October)
Tuesday/Thursday morning (march to October)

Monday/Wednesday/Friday afternoon (November to February)
Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday Morning (November to February)

From the hotel we will reach the medieval squares - [Piazza dei Signori](#), [Piazza delle Erbe](#), [Piazza della Frutta](#) – seat of the daily market which have been representing one of the most beloved meeting points of the Paduan for the last 800 years. Nearby there is the old University of Padua, established in 1222.

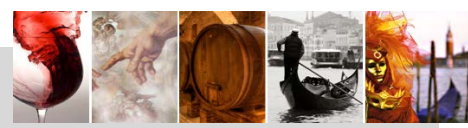
It is one of the oldest in the world and keeps several places of great historical value: the anatomy theatre (1594), which is the oldest in the world, the 14th century Medicine room, Galilei's chair and the Aula Magna. In its ancient and glorious University fundamental contributions to the progress of science and technology have been made thanks to the presence of enlightened and ingenious personalities.

We will end the tour tasting the famous “caffè alla menta e cacao”, coffee with mint and cocoa at the historical Caffè Pedrocchi, where Galileo use to come and meet colleges and students. [The Pedrocchi Café](#) is a [café](#) founded in the 18th century in central [Padua](#).

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- walking tour in the city center
- tickets entrance for the University and guided tour in the University
- famous coffee with mint and cocoa at the historical Caffè Pedrocchi.





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- **SCROVEGNI CHAPEL** 1 hour

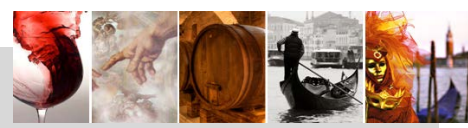
It was Giotto, in the first years of the Trecento, to give impulse to fresco decoration and narrative painting and the The Scrovegni Chapel (1303-1305) is considered the greatest masterpiece of fourteen Italian and European painting. Under a blue, starry heaven, it illustrates the life of Mary, Jesus and the story of the Passion.

This tour is available every day

The tour includes:

- Ticket entrance
- guided tour in the Chapel





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- **WINE TOUR at the “ENOTECHÉ” IN PADOVA** **3 hours**

This tour is available every day

Would like to taste wines of the Veneto region staying in Padova city center??

From the hotel we will reach the medieval squares - Piazza dei Signori and the Duomo, Piazza delle Erbe, Piazza della Frutta , – seat of the daily market which have been representing one of the most beloved meeting points of the Paduan for the last 800 years and then the enoteche.

“**Enoteca**” is an Italian word, derived from the Greek which literally means “wine repository”, case, box), but is used to describe a special type of local or regional wine bar where is possible to taste wines and little appetizers.

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- walking tour in the city centre
- visit two traditional enoteche
- wine tasting of 3 wines in each enoteca (in total 6 wines)
- little appetizers





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• **TOUR OF PADOVA +SCROVEGNI CHAPEL 3hours**

This tour is available every day

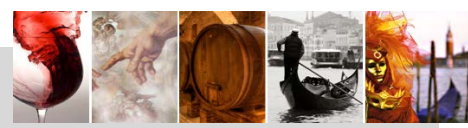
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Mid way from the historical centre and the train station you will see the Scrovegni Chapel which was magnificently decorated by Giotto at the beginning of 14th century.

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- Ticket entrance
- guided tour in the Scrovegni Chapel
- walking tour in Padova
- coffee or cappuccino





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• BASILICA of SAINT ANTHONY + BOTANICAL GARDEN –

This tour is available every day

3hours

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Saint Anthony Basilica, locally called Il Santo, holds the mortal remain of Saint Anthony. The sanctuary is a real shrine of art and devotion.

A Short distance away you can visit the University Botanical Garden, one of the oldest in the World which also a UNESCO HERITAGE SITE

The tour includes:

- pick up and drop off at the hotel
- Ticket entrances
- guided tour in the UNESCO Botanical Garden
- walking tour in Padova –
- Coffee or cappuccino





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WINE , HONEY AND TRADITIONAL FOOD in ARQUA' PETRARCA

In the Euganean hills of Padua, REGIONAL PARK since 1989, the climate is particularly mild and allows extensive wine and oil-growing with excellent results: there are a full **13 D.O.C wines** (Denomination of Controlled Origin) including the well -known Cabernet Franc, Ssauvignon, Chardonnay, Serprino and Moscato Fior d'Arancio . Other typical products of the hills are honey, cheese and seasonal fruits (chestnuts, cherries, peas and jujubes).

Honey is produced both in the Millefiori (obtained from different types of flowers) and in the one-flower variety, in particular acacia and chestnuts honey.



The gem of the hills is the medieval village of **Arquà Petrarca**, where time seems to stand still, keeping the magic of the Middle Ages intact.

Its peaceful atmosphere attracted and inspire the great Italian poet Francesco Petrarca, who spent here the last years of his life (14th century). His house, retains original ceiling and furniture. The beauty of this hills has attracted and inspired generations of poets, writers and artist, from the provencal troubandours, who gathered at the Estensi court in the 12th century to the most Italian and foreign writers of the past century such as Byron, Shelley, Foscolo.



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Program

10 .00 am Pick up and meeting with the tour leader.

10,30 am Arrival at the first vineyard and wine tasting of 4 wines

12,30 am Winetasting of 4 wines, and light lunch with honey, cheese and salami , and little local appetizers

2,30 pm Walking tour in Arquà Petrarca

Free time to visit the House of Petrarca

4,30 pm Return to Padova

The Tour includes:

-Pick up and drop off

-transfers

- private tour leader English speaking,

- wine tastings and food tasting-

-Walking tour in Arquà Petrarca

-tickets entrance for Petrarca House



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FULL DAY –ALL INCLUSIVE WINE TOURS

AMARONE WINE TOUR in VALPOLICELLA (hills in Verona)



Valpolicella is the hilly region north-west of Verona between Verona and Lake Garda, one hour far from Venice.

The name Valpolicella has probably Roman origins in Latin "vallis polis cellae" means "valley of the many cellars", proving the ancient wine making tradition of this area.

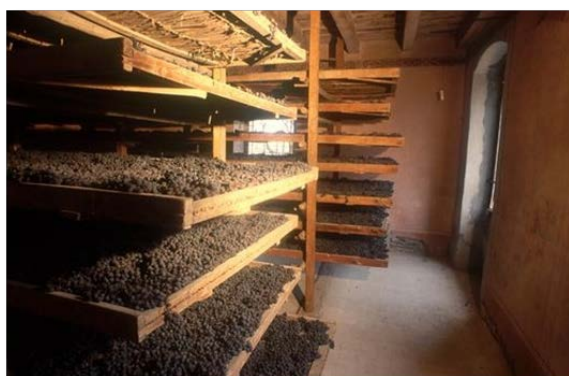
Valpolicella is known all over the world for its famous wines, especially the Amarone, Recioto, Ripasso .

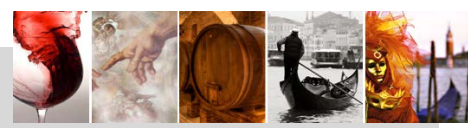
Its territory is made of beautiful landscapes, sweet hills that become mountains as you move north, valleys with old **villages** , medieval **churches**, making it a tourist destination in its own.

'**Ripasso**' literally means '**re-vision**', 'ri-pass', 'go over again' and is an old technique used by **Valpolicella winemakers** to enrich the normal Valpolicella wine with the flavors of the Amarone. After harvest, depending on the year in september or october, the best grapes selected for the production of the amarone are left to dry for four months in special drying lofts above wineries called "*fruttaio*". The other grapes are squeezed soon after harvest and fermented to make the normal Valpolicella wine. At the beginning of **february**, the semi-dried grapes for the production of Amarone are also squeezed and fermented.

At the end of the wine making process, Amarone is then put in **oak barrels** for the **ageing**. Fermentation tanks, with the **skins** of the semi-dried grapes used for the production of the Amarone are then refilled with the fresh Valpolicella wine produced in Autumn.

It is an infusion, we could almost say an "**Amarone tea**" in which some of the flavor and alcohol of the Amarone transfer to the wine. The resulting **Valpolicella Ripasso** is a medium body wine, which stands between the normal Valpolicella and the Amarone.





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We will visit two vineyard

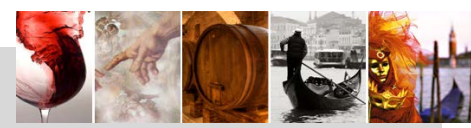
Located in the heart of Valpolicella Classica, the ancient sandstone quarry, dating back to the 15th century, testifies to the intimate interrelationship between the vineyard's philosophy and its local corner of earth.

This underground complex, irresistibly fascinating and radiating an utterly distinctive genius loci, provides unique continuity between the past of tradition and the future of innovation.

As the locus where nature, culture, and history converge, the quarry serves as the very foundation stone of the vineyard its bodily structure fashioned of natural stone, the magical cavern in which, year after year, the wines mature, then finally enter the bottle.



And finally, the " bottaia", which hosts the " botti", or large ovals of the finest European oak, a space powerfully enhanced by a wall of naked stone "on edge," its extraction marks and stratified limestone creating a contemporary feel.



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2nd Vineyard

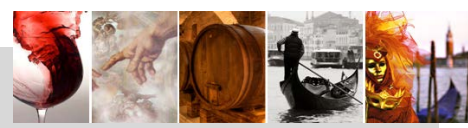
Escaping Florence, where he had sentenced to death for political reasons, [Dante Alighieri](#) arrived in Verona in 1312 where he stayed, under the protection of Cangrande of the [Scala family](#), until 1318. In 1353 Pietro Alighieri, first son of the great poet, acquired the property of **Casal dei Ronchi** in **Gargagnago**, in the heart of the traditional **Valpolicella Classica** production area.



In 1549 Ginevra Alighieri, descendant of Dante's family, married **Marcantonio Serego**, member of a noble and powerful family of Verona. Through the centuries the family enlarged the property of Casal dei Ronchi with new acquisitions. Agriculture and viticulture continued to be the most important family business.

They produce all main **Valpolicella wines**, especially an excellent **Amarone** that, after a two years aging in **oak barrels**, spends other four month in **cherry wood barrels**. **Serego Alighieri winery** can be visited in the historical Casal dei Ronchi complex. In the **wine shop** full of atmosphere can be tasted all the Serego-Alighieri and Masi products, not only the famous Valpolicella wines, also extra virgin olive oil, rice and jams.





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The third vineyard is a leading producer in the Valpolicella Classica area and one of the most highly-regarded and award-winning Italian wineries in the world.

Owned by the an ancient family, which has had roots in the Valpolicella since the sixteenth century, the Company has over 100 hectares of hillside vineyards in the Classico zone.



We will visit 2 vineyards depending on their availability.

8.45 am Pick up and meeting with the tour leader.

10.00 Arrival at the first vineyard

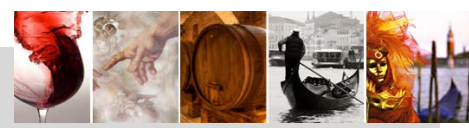
12.30 Lunch

2.30 pm Second wine tasting

4,30 pm Return to Padova

The Tour includes:

- Pick up and drop off
- transfers,
- private tour leader English speaking,
- wine tastings ,lunch



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PROSECCO WINE TOUR



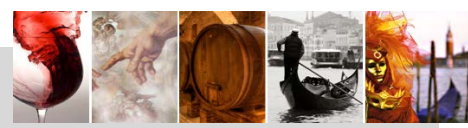
A few kilometers from Venice you will find the *Altamarca Trevigiana* corresponding to the foothills of the Veneto Region, north of the city of Treviso. Amphitheatre of the Venice lagoon and passage towards the Dolomites of Cortina d'Ampezzo, it is a gem nestled between Asolo, Conegliano and Valdobbiadene.

In this area in 1966, was born the first wine route in Italy: the ***Prosecco and Colli di Conegliano and Valdobbiadene Wine Road*** which goes through landscape of nature, art and taste.

Thanks to its unmistakable variety and fruity aroma, different from any other sparkling wine, it succeeded in meeting the taste of modern consumers.

Pleasant with a natural but strong sweet edge, this versatile and polyhedral wine easily matches any international dish.





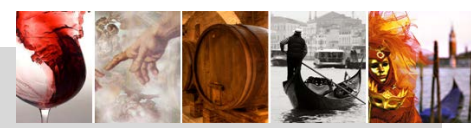
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An experience that must absolutely be tried: the fragrances of vintages past that the cellar treasures and then releases, testifying to the years during which selections mature and solutions emerge. One must witness the places where the grape answers its nature and transforms itself into wine. Once ripeness comes, it prepares for a new future, a process perfected through the years, one that expert eyes must follow with meticulous attention, a path that step by step leads to a wine that is controlled and guaranteed.

In Ettore's cellar, the enthusiasm for this journey increases in degrees with each new year, while tradition and innovation strengthen their partnership, in order to express, with quality wines. From the picking of the clusters during the harvest, then through the entire vinification process in the cellar, the grapes are carefully stewarded, step by step, to ensure the highest quality in each bottle.

Red and white wines, sweet and sparkling, all capable of capturing the attention of the most demanding palates.



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Splendid Palladian style villa dating back to 1622, is located in a renowned winemaking area in the heart of the province of Treviso. Three century old underground cellars stretch for over 1,5 km under the villa and create the perfect environment for wine aging.

Visitors are guided on a tour through the historical underground cellars through galleries dating back to the First World War that lead right to the living room of the Villa.

At the end of the tour will be served a tasting of Prosecco wine.

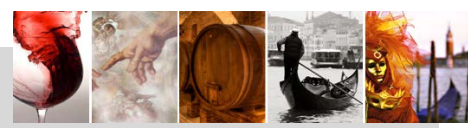
The owner purchased the nineteenth-century farmhouse years ago, along with a total of nearly 30 hectares of land. By the time a few years had passed, he had created a model wine-producing company, founded according to careful plans and research. Next to the unique bright-red house, Giovanni Rui created a modern, functional cellar, which, in part, is terraced into the hillside. Equipped with up-to-date techniques, it is often visited by students from the Ecological Institute and university students from Conegliano who are earning a degree Enology.

Sommelier delegations and amateur wine-tasters also visit to learn more about the company's wines and study its modern, efficient management.



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Upon availability we will visit two vineyards
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8.45 am Pick up and meeting with the tour leader.
11.00 Arrival at the first vineyard
13.00 Lunch
3.00 pm Second wine tasting
4.30 pm Return to Padova

The Tour includes:

- Pick up and drop off
- transfers
- private tour leader English speaking,
- Prosecco tasting ,lunch



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GRAPPA TASTING IN BASSANO DEL GRAPPA AND MAROSTICA



Bassano Del Grappa is located north of Vicenza and is one of the larger cities within the Vicenza Province. This geographical location has made Bassano a strategic land point for thousands of years, controlling the flow of migrating people from the North and South. The city was first established as an army camp, by the Romans, and from that time forward it has played a significant role in local history, history that we may be acquainted with but do not realize that it originated in this unique area.

The area of Bassano has been inhabited since the paleo-venetian period. The settlement was colonized by the Romans in the early part of the 1st century and by the 2nd century had assumed the name a major Roman land owner. The name Bassano derives from the Roman family Basius, who were owner so large "latifundium", owned property. This family owned or controlled the land the town Bassano was built upon. Up until the early 1900's the town was known as Bassano Veneto.

Bridge of the Alpini (symbol of the city) is first mentioned in history during the medieval city dates from 998, while the Castle is mentioned first in 1150. In 1175 Bassano was conquered by Vicenza, but the city maintained a semi-autonomous status as a free commune in the 13th century even when it was under the rule of the Ezzelino family.



As mentioned above, today the symbol of the town is the covered wooden pontoon bridge '**Ponte Alpini**', which is said to have been rebuilt following **the-designed by the architect Andrea Palladio in 1569**. The bridge has been destroyed many times, the most recent was during WWII. The Alpine soldier's organization or Alpini have based a large part of their historical pride on the battles of WWI that occurred around wooden bridge and Bassano Del Grappa.

The **Museo della Grappa "Jacopo Poli"** is located in 15th-century Palazzo delle Teste. The museum was created by the Poli family, who own the distillery (dates from 1898). The exhibitions focus on the history of grappa-distilling since it first began, showing how methods have changed; the production cycle of grappa, from the grape-harvest until the grappa comes out of the still. The library has a fine collection of antique and more recent specialist books on the subject. One of the most important is a volume entitled '*Liber de arte distillandi*' by Hieronymus Brunschwig (1500), the first book ever printed on the subject of grappa.





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Upon availability it will be possible to visit the new modern distillery of the in Bassano area.



Program

9.00 am Pick up and meeting with the tour leader.

10.00 am Arrival at the first distillery and free time in Bassano del Grappa

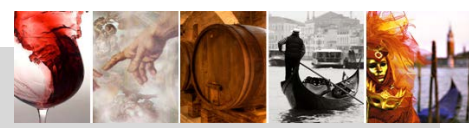
12.30 Lunch

2.30 pm Second grappa tasting and free time in Marostica

4.00 pm Return to PADOVA

The Tour includes:

- Pick up and drop off
- transfers,
- private tour leader English speaking,
- grappa tasting ,lunch
- Walking tour in Marostica and Bassano del Grappa medieval village



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VENICE

- **VENETIAN ISLAND TOUR IN VENICE - half day tour**

Explore three famous islands of the Venetian Lagoon – **Murano, Burano and Mazzorbo** – on a half-day sightseeing excursion by private water taxi. With company of the guide, you'll stop at a glass-blowing factory in Murano where you will have the chance to see the ancient art of glass blowing.



Then we will move to **Burano island** and see the ancient art of handcrafted lace. *Many international magazines include Burano among the top **10 most colorful cities in the world**,*



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We will end the tour with a walk in an ancient vineyard in Mazzorbo island...the only one in Venice! On the way back we will reach Piazza san Marco.



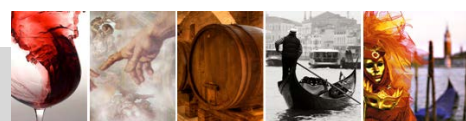


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- **BAR-HOPPING IN RIALTO – 3 hours**

When in Venice do as the Venetians do... before lunch or dinner enjoy local wines and specialties in **Bacari** and Osterie! Visit a selection of typical quiet bars while browsing Rialto market and meandering through the bustling surrounding area.

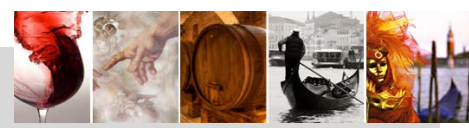




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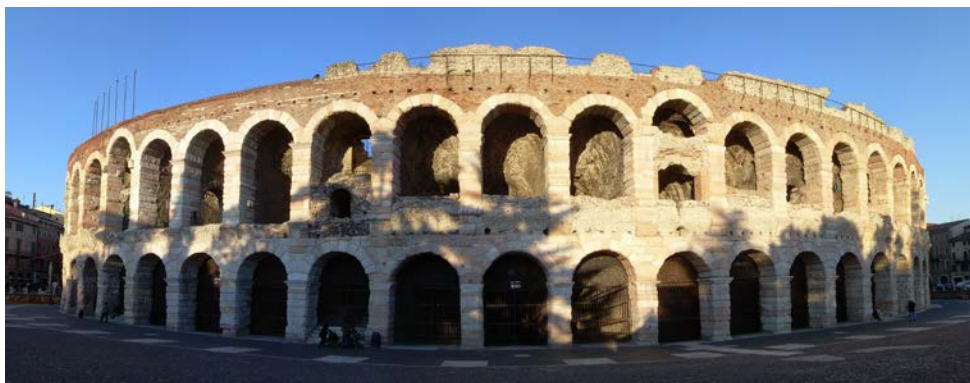


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VERONA

Verona is full of artistic, historical and cultural histories, all this in a city that maintains a suggestive atmosphere.

A city where you are surrounded by history with every step you take and every glance. 2000 years of history and a vast artistic and architectural heritage are revealed to you as you stroll among the streets of the old city center, the battlemented city walls and the wonderful views. The city's past centuries of history and its past splendour are witnessed by its architectural and artistic masterpieces; its culture and art are well renowned on a national and international level. For this reason, in the year 2000 Verona was recognized as a **UNESCO World Heritage Site** Roman ruins, medieval vestiges, Venetian and Austrian traces can be seen all across the city, as well as antique palaces, squares, bridges and wonderful churches. In the historical centre, Piazza Bra and the Arena, Piazza Erbe and Piazza dei Signori, Via Cappello and Corso Porta Borsari lead to the Teatro Romano, Ponte Pietra, Castelvecchio, the Ponte Scaligero and the ancient churches of San Fermo and Sant'Anastasia, the Cathedral (Duomo) and San Zeno.





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SHOES BAGS and FURS LUXURY SHOPPING TOUR in the Brenta Riviera factory outlets Half day tour morning or afternoon (4 hours)



The Riviera del Brenta, which extends over an area between the provinces of Venice and Padua is famous all over the world for its historical villas and for luxury shoes production, for both man and women.

During our short trip from Venice (20 minutes), we will pass by Villa Foscari known as "La Malcontenta" the only one built by the famous architect Palladio Unesco Heritage Site since 1993 and Villa Pisani, a National Museum.



The craft tradition that gave birth to one of Italy's most prestigious manufacturing sectors began in the distant past, thirteenth century, originating from the "Calegheri shoemakers, who accompanied Venetian nobles to their villas in the venetian country side (The Brenta Riviera). Virtually all designer footwear sold in stores around the world is now produced, co-designed and marketed by the shoe factories on the Riviera del Brenta.



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GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE FACTORIES

We will visit 2/3 outlets :

- Kallistè and Etro
- Ballin
- Rossi Moda Factory store where ladies can find MARC JACOBS, C. LACROIX, D. KARAN, CELIN, PUCCI, KENZO

On request, in the same area is possible to visit a **Fur factory.**

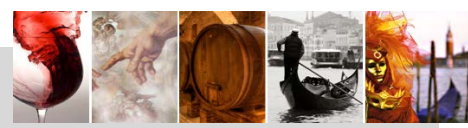


Program

MORNING or AFTERNOON SHOPPING TOUR 4 hours

Pick up at 9,30 am or 2,30 pm

9.30 am Pick up and meeting with the personal shopper/tour leader.



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