



Veneto 2012

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The Veneto in all its splendour!

With a dash of Friuli...

It's right to look for new inspiration and new programmes, yet classic tours often retain a fascination that withstands the test of time. As for this programme that, in 5 days, reveals a region boasting a wealth of history, culture and great produces to eat and drink!

Services

- 5 nights HP in a good 3* hotel in Lido di Jesolo.
- 2 full day excursions with tour guides: Lagoon islands, including Venice, Treviso and the Prosecco Wine Route,
- 1 private boat Punta Sabbioni- Murano – Burano – Venice and back to Punta Sabbioni
- 1 Prosecco wine tasting
- 1 guided city tour of Padua
- 1 guided city tour of Vicenza
- 1 tour of Spilimbergo and San Daniele del Friuli
- 1 entrance to the Mosaic School
- 1 prosciutto tasting in San Daniele

**Package price per person, 6 days
from € 199**





Programme

Day 1: Arrival day in the Veneto region. Check in at hotel, dinner, and lodging.

Day 2: All-day excursion to Murano and Burano. Following breakfast, you'll meet your tour guide in the hotel, and your motor coach will take you to the pier where your private boat awaits you. A 4-hour boat tour will take you to the islands of **Murano** and **Burano**. In Murano, you'll also visit a glass-blowing shop. After the excursion, your boat will take you to **Venice** (disembark next to Piazza San Marco). Time on your own. At the conclusion, the boat will take you back to Punta Sabbioni, and from there with the motor coach to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 3: All-day excursion to Treviso and the Prosecco Wine Route. Following breakfast, you'll meet your tour guide in the hotel. You'll travel by motor coach to the land of the famous Prosecco wine. Treviso may be considered one of Italy's most beautiful painted cities. The frescoes and decoration that adorn archways, churches, and palaces bring the city's history to life. Running through Treviso is the Sile River, which, together with a labyrinth of canals, gives the city an idyllic atmosphere. In Treviso, a guided walking tour so that you can see the city (excludes all entrance fees). After a bit of time on your own in the afternoon, you'll reach Italy's oldest wine route, where you'll visit a Prosecco wine cellar and finally get a chance to try Prosecco. Afterwards, return trip to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4: Excursion to Padua and Vicenza. Morning travel by motor coach to the university city of Padua, where you'll take a two-hour guided tour. A city with ancient origins – it was a pre-Roman settlement – Padua still retains numerous, intact signs of its important past. The vibrant old city with its lively squares, arcades, and beautiful palaces boasts artistic and architectural treasures of incomparable beauty: the Basilica of St. Anthony, Romanesque and Gothic in style; the city walls from the 16th century, one of Italy's longest city walls; the age-old university, which was attended by Dante and Petrarch; the Dome and the famous Botanical Garden (optional).





In the afternoon, you'll travel with the motor coach on to Vicenza, the City of Palladio, where a two-hour guided tour will help you to discover this elegant city. Located at the base of Monte Berico, Vicenza enjoys a natural backdrop unmatched for its beauty, which forms a unique tableau for the numerous Veneto-style villas. Every visitor to this city can't help but get carried away by this impressive world of the great architect Andrea Palladio. The centre of the old city appears to be almost abstractly created from light and space: The beautiful Basilica Palladiana, the Chiericati, Porto, Valmarana, and Thiene Bonin Longare palaces, and the Teatro Olimpico underscore the classically inspired architectural and urban planning. Late afternoon, return trip to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Following breakfast, departure by motor coach for the region of Friuli. After about 1-½ hours, you'll reach the beautiful medieval town of Spilimbergo, known as the City of Mosaics because of its being home to one of the world's most important mosaic schools. Here, a tour guide will lead you through this beautiful area. First, you'll visit the old city, which features the Duomo of Santa Maria Maggiore, the castle, and the Palazzo di Sopra, today home to City Hall. And of course, you'll visit the Mosaic School, whose origins date back to the late 16th century. The excursion continues on to San Daniele del Friuli, renowned for its prosciutto, where you'll have a chance to taste this tender, delicious product. The trip takes only about 30 minutes. After visiting a well-known prosciutto producer, a prosciutto tasting is planned. Afterwards, you'll have a guided tour of the centre of San Daniele and the Church of Sant'Antonio Abate with its wonderful Renaissance frescoes. The centre is located on a hill, and from there you'll have a beautiful view of the whole area. You'll of course also have time on your own, and late in the afternoon, you'll travel back to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

Day 6: After breakfast, departure.

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