# PLACES & PEOPLE ON THIS TOUR



# THE CITY OF TREVISO

Charming and graceful center with colorful frescos and medieval streets lined with porticos and palaces. From Piazza dei Signori along the Calmaggiore intense reds and bright colors enhance and decorate the town making Treviso one of the most beautiful *urbs picta (painted centers)* of Italy. Interweaving waterways give charm to special corners like *Pescheria* and *Buranelli Canal*, hence the "city of water".

### SILE RIVER

Enjoy an excursion along the Sile River (Italy's longest resurgent river) for a fascinating journey immersed in a natural oasis rich in history and surrounded by estate villas.

# ODERZO—THE ROMAN MUNICIPIUM

See well preserved and invaluable underground archaeological remains of the Paleo-Veneto and Roman periods, including a forum, basilica, temples and historical public edifices.

## PORTOBUFFOLE

One of Italy's most beautiful hamlets. A fascinating medieval gem with the 14<sup>th</sup> century estate of noblewoman Gaia da Camino, immortalized by Dante in Purgatory Canto XVI adorned with frescos depicting late medieval warriors and people of power.

## Possagno - Neoclassical sculptor Canova

**Possagno** and its Temple were designed by its native son the great neo-classical sculptor Antonio Canova. Tour the **Gypsoteca** with Canova's collection of masterpieces and pictorial works by *lantern*.

#### CONEGLIANO- ELEGANT HOMETOWN OF CIMA

A small Renaissance town dominated by a beautiful castle. Tour the streets and the 16th century Duomo to see the magnificent masterpiece by **Cima da Conegliano.** 

## PALLADIO VILLAS- UNESCO

Tour the most famous villas of the great Renaissance architect Andrea Palladio. Adorned with frescoes by Giovanni Battista Zelotti, the magnificent Villa Emo is an excellent example of Palladian architecture where ancient forms and practical necessities of agrarian life met. See also Palladio's masterpiece Villa Barbaro di Maser with interior frescos by Paolo Veronese.

#### ASOLO- THE CITY OF MANY HORIZONS

This pearl is amidst the hills of the province where the unique and magical atmosphere have been the source of inspiration to artists and writers from the times of Caterina Cornaro – the Queen of Cyprus. The "city of a hundred horizons" with its small squares, exquisite views and breathtaking panoramas is considered one of the most beautiful places in the world.

# GRAN CANSIGLIO -ECO-TOURIST DESTINATION

A guided nature tour of the Pre-Alps Cansiglio forest and the striking Gorges of Caglieron caves, is an eco-tourist destination and splendid natural reserve.

# CASTELFRANCO VENETO - CITY OF GIORGIONE

An impressive walled town fortified by the powerful Ezzelini da Romano and home to the extraordinary Renaissance painter Giorgione. See the famous Altarpiece of unrivalled beauty.

#### SARMEDE - A FAIRYTALE TOWN

Visit Sarmede, the unique storybook fairytale town home to many illustration artists and open air theaters- featured iat USF in Sarasota-founded in 1982 by Czechoslovakian artist Stepan Zavrel.

## VITTORIO VENETO

City symbol of Italy's victory in WWI. This town merged from two historic villages- Ceneda and Serravalle.. The two towns still preserve their original features, Renaissance for Ceneda, Medieval for Serravalle with its characteristic Gothic Loggia and Roman Castrum.

#### OCTOBER - AUTUMN GOURMET DELIGHTS

During the month of October festivals abound with Autumn seasonal delights like mushrooms, chestnuts, pumpkin and the first release of the *vino novello (the new wines)*. Gourmet lunches and dinners are paired with wines in local trattorias, villas, and top Restaurants of the province.

#### PROSECCO ROAD- DESIGNATED UNESCO

From Conegliano to Valdobbiadene, flavors and fragrances of the green and golden painted hillsides. A continuous line of vineyards dotted with secular trees and rustic farmhouses. Enjoy a cellar tour and tasting of the locally produced wines. See marvels like the 12<sup>th</sup> Century Cistercian Abbey of Follina and the picturesque water mill Molinetto della Croda.

#### PIAVE WINE ROUTE

Journey along the Piave River Wine Route for an exceptional food and wine experience. Excellent, vigorous wines with aromas that recall the fragrances of the generous lands. Enjoy a private cellar tour and tasting at a family owned producer.

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