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LA MONTECCHIA
Conte Emo Capodilista

For anyone interested in culture big cities are a must. Those primarily wanting a holiday generally avoid them, being acquainted only too well with their hustle and bustle. But what if one is in search of a cultural holiday? The answer could be to find accommodation in the vicinity of the town, but still in the open countryside.

The La Montecchia estate is just that. Padua is some 10 km away, Venice the same again. Vicenza, Verona, Ferrara, Mantua and Rovigo - to name but a few of Venetia's larger towns - are just nearby for excursions in the immediate surroundings. So are some 3,000 villas in the Terraferma, as the hinterland of Venice is called. You do not, of course, have to visit all of them, although many of them are open to the public.

La Montecchia, too, has a villa - Villa Capodilista. Standing on a hilltop, this hunting lodge of yore provides a magnificent vista - it is reminiscent of Leonardesque backgrounds - across a luxuriant plain, sprinkled with cornfields and vineyards, farmhouses and gardens, poplars and cypresses. As well as the villa, La Montecchia comprises the medieval citadel with the administrative centre of the vineyard. Four guest apartments have recently been adapted there.

Semi-fortified, the site features a phenomenon encountered again and again in the villas and country houses of the region: once within its walls, the bustle of Venetia is left far behind and one is transposed to a refuge where tranquillity reigns, accompanied only by birdsong and the rustle of the breeze. It is bordered by the wooded Euganean Hills, their trattorias and taverns providing welcome shade and refreshment. The surroundings offer a cornucopia of cultural sights, in the little towns of Este, Monselice, Montagnana and Arquà Petrarca, for instance, or the Abbazia di Praglia, still within sight of La Montecchia.

What is there for holidaymakers to do here? As we have said, there is an abundance of culture. As far as sport is concerned, the estate borders on a golf course with a swimming pool and tennis courts. Two further golf clubs are situated nearby.

At times when neither culture nor sport are on the agenda it's good just to lie in a deck chair in the garden or on the terrace, listening to the sound of the cicadas and watching an isolated summer cloud pass by.

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The Villa

Originally a hunting lodge (building work started in 1568), this was the brainchild of Dario Varotari, a painter flirting with architecture, a pupil of Veronese who remained faithful to his own métier and covered the rooms in mannerist frescos: scenes from mythology and family history, putti, grotesques and vignettes. In keeping with the open, hilly situation, Varotari designed a severely square building with identical facades: each with two side towers between which extend double-storey loggias. The formal severity produces a delightful contrast with the playfully theatrical loggias, their frescos and their elaborately decorated pediments. The basically square structure of the hedge-lined terrace is also broken up by semicircular extensions, so-called exedra.

The seven castles then owned by the Capodilista family are depicted in the Stanza delle Ville, including the world-famous Villa Emo in Fanzolo designed by Palladio. Like the other villas owned by the Emo Capodilista family, it is open to the public.

The hill provides a splendid view - it is reminiscent of Leonardesque backgrounds - across a luxuriant plain, sprinkled with cornfields and vineyards, terracotta-coloured farmhouses and gardens, poplars and cypresses, bordered by the Euganean Hills. These are, so to speak, the local mountains for Padua and for Venice. On a clear day, they can be seen from the Serenissima, some 40 km to the east.

Family History. There is no lack of families who can trace their history back a couple of generations or two or three hundred years. It is far more rare to find families with a thousand years of history.

The earliest existing evidence of the Emos goes back to the late 10th century in Venice where, in republican and oligarchic times alike, they were always among the ruling families, holding positions as statesmen, diplomats, humanists and, last but not least, important military commanders. One Emo led the army against the Genoese, another defeated the Turks in the naval battle of Lepanto, a third besieged Algiers and Tunis.

The Capodilista family was even older and can be traced back to Charlemagne. When that king of the Franks invaded Italy in the late 8th century in order to dislodge the last Lombard king, the Transalgardo brothers, as they called themselves then, belonged to his retinue. They both took the enemy commander prisoner and one of them, Carlotto, became the head of a company, the so-called capo di lista. He was allowed to keep this name and given the attribute Conte.

The Capodilistas settled near Padua, holding office as civil and military leaders or princes of the Church, among them the blessed Giordano Forzatè, founder of the abbey of San Benedetto in Padua. In 1783 Beatrice, the last Capodilista, married Leonardo Emo, the Venetian patrician. Since that time the family has borne the double name Emo Capodilista.

Today, in the style of the influential Venetian families as from the 16th century, the Emo Capodilistas are primarily involved with the occupation of agriculture and viticulture.

Sport

Tennis:

As our guests you are entitled to use the tennis club down the road right next to the Golf Club. They have 4 hard courts. The management of the tennis club can also supply rackets, please let them know 2 days ahead.

2 courts are available between 3 pm and 8 pm. From 8 pm to 11 pm 3 courts are available. Please book ahead through the office of Montecchia.

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A trainer is also available, cost depends on whether the lessons are individual or for a group of people. The telephone number is 049-637866.

Golf:

The club "Golf della Montecchia", located immediately next to the estate, literally 3 minutes on foot door to door. It is only one of three excellent golf clubs in the area.

The Montecchia Golf Club (Tel. +39 049 8055550, Fax +39 049 8055737, www.golfmontecchia.it), based on a project by Tom Macauley - President of the British Association of Golf Course Architects - lies below the Castello della Montecchia. It is a modern course built over a surface of about 820.000 square meters landscaped with undulations and several lakes.

The course (27 holes par 72 with a development of 6318 metres) is completely flat, very technical and requires a good concentration from the golfer who has to pay particular attention to the water obstacles that make the play more demanding.

Daily Fees for 18 and for 27 holes

The guests of Montecchia are granted a 30% discount on the greenfee of the Montecchia Golf Course.

Please make your reservations ahead of time (2 weeks ahead) via fax to the Golf Club +39 049 80 55 737, indicating the date, number of persons and eventual extras (clubs, car) and that you are guests of the Castello della Montecchia. The Golf Club is closed on Mondays.

The Veneto has 18 golf courses all in all (see the website below), 2 of which are in the nearest vicinity.

Golf della Montecchia and the Padova Golf Club are more or less 10 and 20 minutes by car. Web site with full description of the golf courses in the Veneto:

<http://www.english.abanolink.it/fitnessesport/golf/golf.asp>

The Frassanelle Golf Club - 18 holes (par 72, SSS 72, length 6.180 m) is situated amidst gentle hills near the thermal zone of Abano and Montegrotto, some ten minutes by car from La Montecchia. Once a park, Frassanelle covers over 490 acres and provides a clubhouse - a converted 17th century country house - bar, restaurant, sauna bath, massage and a pro-shop. The club is open throughout the year.

Frassanelle di Rovolon (PD), tel. (049) 9910722 - fax (049) 9910691

<http://www.golffrassanelle.it>

Padua Golf Club, too, is no more than ten minutes by car from La Montecchia. With its 18 holes (par 72, SSS 72, length 6.053 m) it constitutes a third attractive alternative for golfers.

<http://www.golfpadova.it>

Horse Riding:

Villa Trent: Cervarese S. Croce, Via Roma 1, 35030 villatrento@libero.it

Instructor: Sascha: tel. 328 2293318

Other n° 328 6489530 and 328 5437509

English, German and French speaking .On the main road to the motor way Milano - Venice, on the right just past the village of Cervarese S. Croce.

Alfa Farm: Longare, V. S. Gaetano 28, tel 0444 555418 / portable: 339 8465458

Only Italian speaking

Rent a bike:

Please note that to rent a bike you need your ID or driving license.

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Abano Terme

Cicli Bassan, Via Stella 35 - Z 049-810862

Montegrotto Terme

Battisti Marcellino - Z 049/793099

Brombin Francesco - Z 049-793491

Este

Pro Loco - Z 0429-3635

Monselice

Atala Point - Z 0429-72370

Battaglia Terme

Ufficio Turistico dei 5 Comuni - Z 049-526909

Pernumia

Ufficio Turistico Pro Loco

Villa Maldura - Z 0429-779163 – 779738

Thermal swimming pools:

In Montegrotto Terme we recommend 2 beautiful pools with wonderful views onto the Eugean hills:

- Hotel Preistoriche: Montegrotto, Via Castello 5, tel 049 793477 (irregular shaped pool, partly inside, partly outdoors.) Sunday-Thursday 10am-10pm Friday and Saturday 10am-12pm. € 22,00 per person Monday-Saturday € 27,00 per person Sunday and national holidays.
www.termepreistoriche.it
- Hotel Terme Bellavista: Montegrotto, Via dei Colli 5. Tel. 049 793333
www.bellavistaterme.com. 3 swimming pools (1 indoor one outdoor and 1 half in door and half outdoor) and a very good restaurant. Open every day 9am-7pm. € 20,00 per person.
- Hotel Ritz Terme: Abano Terme via Monteortone 19, tel 048 8633444 and 049 8633100
www.ritz.it. Open every day 7.30pm-11.00pm. € 10,00 per person.

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Daily Life

The closest village to Montecchia is Selvazzano Dentro. There is no real recognisable centre, as all the shops run along this same main road, which is called Via Scapacchio'.

Abano Terme is the closest larger shopping centre. It has a large supermarket which is open until 8 o'clock in the evening every day of the week, also on Sundays. To reach Abano Terme turn right at the gate, and as you reach the large road, cross it following the sign to Abano.

Food shop Tel. 049-8055949

Maistrello Enzo Via Scapacchio'51 Selvazzano Dentro

Opening hours: 8.15 am - 12.45 pm and 4 pm - 7.15 pm

Supermarkets

The supermarkets here are excellent. Apart from the usual basics, you will find a large selection of local produce: fresh meat, cheeses, sausages, fresh pasta, vegetables, etc.

The closest Supermarket is

BILLA on the VIA EUGANEA 146. As you leave the gate turn right and then left onto the big road which takes you towards Padova. After a short while to your left you will see the sign "Billa" written in red on a yellow background which marks the entrance to the parking area of the supermarket.

Opening hours: 8 am - 12.30 pm and 4 pm - 8 pm

A larger Supermarket, which is also open on Sundays is

ALIPER Via Previtali, 30 Abano Terme Tel. 049-8668222

Turn right at the gate, and as you reach the large road, cross it following the sign to Abano. This will take you to the by-pass of Abano. Turn right, keep going straight ahead past 4 crossroads and then turn to your left following the signs for "Aliper". You will find the shopping mall to your right.

Opening hours: 9 am - 8 pm every day of the week, including Sunday.

Butcher

We recommend the butcher

Calore Antonio Via Roma 1 Selvazzano Dentro Tel. 049-638694

The butcher is located on the main road of Selvazzano just before you reach the first red light, next to the newsagent.

Post office Tel. 049-8057911

Via Scapacchio' 40/A Selvazzano Dentro

Opening hours: 8.10am to 6 pm from Monday to Friday, 8.10 am to 1.30 pm on Saturday

Banks

Cassa di Risparmio Tel. 049-637300 di Padova e Rovigo Via Scapacchio' 48 Selvazzano Dentro

Unicredit Tel. 049-8056490 Via Scapacchio' 59 Selvazzano Dentro

Both banks are open from 8.20 am to 1.20 pm and 2.30 pm to 4 pm

Car mechanics

Punto Auto Tel. 049-638973 Via Fratelli De Gasperi 9, Selvazzano Dentro

Bicciato Evelino Tel. 049 8977288 Via Marconi 18 Selvazzano Dentro

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Taxi

Selvazzano Dentro Tel. 049-8685350

Radio Taxi Padova Tel. 049 651333

Limousine Service

Catav Largo Marconi, Abano Terme

Tel. 049 8669345 Fax 049 8669581

Car rental

MAGGIORE

Piazzale Stazione 15/bis (Square in front of the main station) Padova

Tel. 049 8752852

SPRINTAGE - Specialised in classic car rental (Alfa Romeo Spider, MG, Porsche and others)

Phone and fax: +39 0424 541397, E-mail: info@sprintage.it

Website: <http://www.sprintage.it> (Cars can be delivered and collected elsewhere in all Central and Northern Italy (at the main airports, train stations or agreed places). Delivery and collection of the cars is possible in 2 different locations)

Dry cleaners

Puccini, Via Euganea 250 (on the main road to Padova)

Pulisecco 2000 Via Scapacchio' 67 (on the main road of Selvazzano)

Ladies hairdresser

Effetto Donna Tel. 049 638207

Via Montesanto 3/a Selvazzano Dentro

Beautyician – Cosmetician

Mani di Fata – Stefania Cenzi, Tel. 049 80166673 Via Scapacchiò Est, 83/B

35030 Saccolongo

Very easy to find, turn left at the gate toward Selvazzano. At the end of the road turn left again. The Beautyician is immediately after the round-about toward Selvazzano, on the right hand side of the street.

Internet Café

The closest internet point is in Montegrotto.

Biblioteca Comunale (Library)

Via Scavi

Montegrotto

Tel.: 0498928830

Opening hours: Mon. Tue. Thurs. Frid. : 3.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Wedn. 09.00-12.30 – 3.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

Rates: €0,75 per 30 minutes

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Wine and Food

The wine. The La Montecchia estate is primarily concerned with viticulture, an activity established here since the Middle Ages. Petrarch himself appreciated the local vintage, making his home at Arquà at the southern foot of the Euganean Hills. Black grapes predominate on these 50 acres: Merlot, Cabernet Franc, Cabernet Sauvignon, Carmenere and Raboso, a local vine variety that is picked late, are all cultivated here. Merlot and Cabernet have been grown in La Montecchia since Napoleon I's day and are justifiably regarded as local vines.

For some ten years now Conte Giordano Emo Capodilista, the owner and manager of La Montecchia, has made every effort to improve the quality of his wines still further. Most of them bear the controlled appellation D.O.C. Colli Euganei which is only awarded to superior growths. Prizes and recognition from the most notable wine critics like Robert Parker, Luca Maroni, "Gambero Rosso" and Luigi Veronelli have encouraged Giordano Emo to continue in this manner. Some half of the production is exported abroad.

Culinary Matters. In most, but not all, of the Euganean Hills - some are just wooded - there are restaurants, trattorias and taverns providing delicious local food. Gallina padovana (chicken à la Padua), for instance, coniglio (rabbit), polenta con soppressa (polenta with brawn), risotto with erbe dei colli (wild local herbs) or baccalà (salt cod). And, of course, pasta in all its variations. To conclude, a formaggio asuago or a grano padano. Guests dine in the midst of locals, delighting in the fragrant forest air.

Just by the estate is the Relais Golf Montecchia Restaurant belonging to the Golf Club della Montecchia. Enjoying an excellent reputation, it is an annexe of the Le Calandre Restaurant which boasts two Michelin stars.

W I N E B A R S A N D E N O T E C A S

Bastia:

Jolly Bar, Via Roma 5, Bastia – Tel. 049 9910002

Next to the red lights of Bastia. They have an excellent choice of Italian wines with more than 100 different labels. Open from 7am to 12 pm, except for Thursdays 7am to 8pm. Closed on Monday.

Padova:

Wine Bar Godenda, Via Squarcione 4, Padova, Tel. 049 8774192.

Located in a side street of the Piazza delle Erbe, this elegant and modern wine bar serves a good selection of wine to accompany tasteful appetizers and dishes. Open from 10am to midnight. Closed on Sunday.

La Corte dei Leoni, Via P. d'Abano 1, Padova, tel. 049 8750083.

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We suggest this place for its large selection of wines and good dishes. Full meal excl. of wines Euro 30-35. Tables are set out in the courtyard in summer. Closed on Sunday and Monday lunch.

La Mia Cantina, Piazzale Santa Croce 21, Padova, tel. 049 8801330 (this is a shop, no tasting here). Open from 8am to 1.30pm and from 4pm to 8pm, closed on Sundays and Mondays.

Enoteca Severino, via del Santo 44, Padova, tel. 049 650697

Wine shop with tasting.

Open 10am to 1pm and 5pm to 9pm. Closed on Sunday.

Bollicine, Via Euganea 344/B, Selvazzano Dentro, tel. 349 8217272

Wine shop with tasting; here you can eat some appetizers and sandwiches. Open from 7am to 2.30pm, and from 5.30pm to 1am. Closed on Wednesday.

How to reach it: from Frassanelle you go towards Bressio, in Bressio turn left towards Padova. You will find it before the first traffic light, on your left.

WINE ESTATES

Castello della Montecchia, Via Montecchia 16 – 35030 Selvazzano Dentro. Tel. 049 637294. Wine shop and tasting. Open from Tuesday to Saturday 9am to 12 am and 2.30 pm to 18.30 pm. This estate has been winning international accolades over the past 10 years. The owners Emo Capodilista are first cousins of the Papafava family. For further information visit the website www.lamontecchia.it. Rentals on the estate of Montecchia are handled by Trust&Travel.

To reach La Montecchia, in the village of Bressio turn left towards Padova. At the first traffic light turn left.

Vigna Alta, Villa dei Vescovi, Luvigliano. Tel. 049 9933105. Open 10.30 am to 12.30 pm and 3 pm to 7 pm. Closed on Sundays. Wine shop and tasting. One of the best estates of the Euganean hills.

After Montemerlo follow the indications for Tre Ponti and then Luvigliano. Once you have reached the walls which surround this famous property, turn right. The estate's shop is on the right of the entrance to the villa. For visits to the Villa dei Vescovi see our chapter SURROUNDINGS.

Tenuta Sant'Albano, Tre Ponti, Via Euganea. Tel. 049 7385037. Open all days from 9 am to 12.30 pm, and from 2.30 to 7.00 pm. If you like good Prosecco di Valdobbiadene at a very interesting price this is the right place.

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La Capreria di Enrico Grandis, Via Carbonare 51, Montegalda. Tel. 0444 634125

www.lacapreria.it

Excellent fresh and matured cheeses produced from organically raised goats. Open 9,00 am to 12,00 am and from 3 pm to 6 pm. Closed on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday.

D I S T I L L E R I E S

Brunello, Via Giuseppe Roi 27, Montegalda, Tel. 0444 737253

Excellent distillati and fruit conserved in grappa.

In Montegalda turn left towards Vicenza. You will find the distillery to the left after 1 km, next to the restaurant Culatta.

Restaurants in the area

Top range

Relais Club della Montecchia: Tel 049-8055323 - 1 michelin star *

Via Montecchia, 16 Selvazzano Dentro

The Golf Club hosts one of the better restaurants in the area. It is run by the family Alaimo, the owners of the famous 3 star restaurant Le Calandre. First class food and wine list. Closed on Monday. Credit Cards accepted. Our guests are granted a 10% discount. Please mention that you are staying with us when booking, or at the latest, when you arrive at the restaurant.

3 Michelin stars ***

Le Calandre, Tel. 049-630303 Statale Padova Vicenza, Loc. Sarmeola – Rubano

Middle range

PADOVA

Caffè Pedrocchi, Via 8 Febbraio, 8 Padova Centro

Historical coffee house in the historical center of Padova, famous throughout Italy, you should at least have had a coffee here.

Enoteca Angelo Rasi – Via Paleocapa 7 – Padova Tel.: 049 8719797

Elegant and modern wine bar in the centre of Padova with wines from all over the world and some special dishes.

Open only in the evenings. Closed on Mondays.

Ristorante Antico Brolo – Corso Milano, 22 – Padova. Tel: 049.664555

Elegant and exclusive restaurant in the centre of Padova. Excellent food, wines and service. Closed on Mondays.

Ristorante Belle Parti –Via Belle Parti, 11 – Padova - Tel. 0498751822

Very elegant restaurant.

Closed on Sundays.

Ristorante Gattopardo – Riviera Tiso Camposanpiero – Padova

Tel: 0498364060

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Modern restaurant, youthful, with innovative and light recipes. Excellent meat dishes. Live music.

Open all days of the week.

Pizzeria e Trattoria Marechiaro 049 8758489 Via D. Manin 37 – Padova

SELVAZZANO

Osteria del Picchio – Via Euganea 154 – Selvazzano – Tel. 049637197

Very close to La Montecchia. Turn right at the gate. At the traffic light turn left and go straight. Before reaching the next traffic light you will find the restaurant to your left. Simpatico country restaurant with traditional recipes. Very famous for the "Pasticcio di Cipolle" (lasagne with onions). A typical example of the high quality of traditional fare.

Closed on Sunday evening and on Mondays.

Pizzeria Conca D'Oro – Feriole di Selvazzano – Tel. 049 637876

It is also a Take-Away with a large variety of Pizza. They also have a Pizza La Montecchia!

Closed on Mondays.

La Bulesca – Via Fogazzaro, 2 – 35050 Selvazzano – Tel: 0498975297

Traditional local restaurant run by the Chimetto Family.

Closed on Sunday evening and on Mondays.

SACCOLONGO

Vaccese – Via Roma 96 – Saccolongo – Tel. 049/8016180

This restaurant is very close to the estate. As you come out of the gate turn left, and left again at the first crossroads. You will see the restaurant to your left after about 1km.

Typical restaurant with traditional local fare, we like it.

Closed on Mondays.

MONTEGROTTO

Da Mario – Corso delle Terme 4, Montegrotto Terme - Tel. 049/794090

Take the road to Abano opposite Via Montecchia and, as you reach the large by-pass of Abano, turn right towards Montegrotto. As you reach Montegrotto keep going, Mario is opposite the Hotel Garden.

Credit cards accepted.

Closed on Tuesdays

Ristorante Da Cencio – Via E.Fermi, 11 – Montegrotto Terme – Tel.: 049793470

Very nice restaurant with summer garden.

Closed on Mondays.

EUGANEAN HILLS

ARQUA' PETRARCA

To reach Arquà Petrarca drive to Abano Terme, follow the indications for Monselice. After Battaglia Terme take to your right following the indications to Arquà Petrarca.

La Cucina di Arquà – Via Scalette, 1 – Arquà Petrarca – Tel: 0429777170

"Innovative cuisine" with respect of tradition. Excellent food and wines.

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Closed on Mondays and Tuesdays at lunch time.

Ristorante La Montanella – Via Costa 33 – Arquà Petrarca 0429/718200

Excellent restaurant famous for its typical recipes of local tradition such as “gallina padovana” (hen), pheasant, guinea fowl.

Closed on Tuesdays (evening) and on Wednesdays (all day).

ESTE

To reach the town of Este turn right at the gate, turn right again on the large road, and follow the indications first for Abano Terme and then for Monselice and Este.

Ristorante Sapio – Via Madonetta 2/C – Este – 0429 602565

Closed on Mondays.

Ristorante Antica Torre – Via Cornaro 11 – Este 0429 3484

Tavernetta da Piero Ceschi – Via Pescheria Vecchia, 14 – Este 0429 2855

MONSELICE

From Abano Terme follow the indications to Monselice

Ristorante La Torre – Piazza Mazzini 14 – Monselice 042973752

Typical restaurant in the centre of Monselice. Good home cooking.

MONTAGNANA

Ristorante Aldo Moro – Via Marconi, 27 – Montagnana – Tel: 042981351

Elegant restaurant in the centre of the medieval town of Montagnana. Closed on Mondays.

TEOLO

Trattoria al Sasso – Via Ronco- Castelnuovo di Teolo Tel. 049 9925073

To reach the restaurant drive onto the large road coming from Padova and turn right towards Teolo, pass through San Biagio and Treponti. In Teolo take the left turn toward Castelnuovo Slightly more elegant country restaurant in Euganean hills with excellent food and wine list.

The scenic drive as well as what you find upon arrival make this a worthwhile visit.

Credit cards accepted

Closed on Wednesdays, during the week only open for dinner, on weekends lunch and dinner.

Trattoria al Capitello – Via Chiesa 14 – Tramonte di Teolo 049 9935029

Turn right at the gate and right again at the traffic light. Keep going straight to the first crossroads. Turn left and keep going straight to the second crossroads. Turn right. After 150 mts. turn right again and follow indications for the restaurant.

Country restaurant with sommer terrace. Simple home cooking.

Credit cards accepted. Closed on Mondays.

Ristorante da Antonio – Via Molare, 34/A – Teolo – Tel: 0499925109

Country restaurant with home cooking. Closed on Thursdays.

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Villa Lussana – Via Chiesa Teolo – Teolo Tel.: 049 9925530 Closed on Tuesdays

Elegant restaurant with excellent food and wines. Enchanting view of the Euganean Hills

TORREGLIA

Castelletto da Taparo - Via Castelletto 43, Torreglia Tel.: 049 5211060

Good country restaurant with honest simple home cooking and local wine. Closed Mondays, last week of January and first week of February.

Antica Trattoria Ballotta –Via Carromatto, 2 – Torreglia – Tel.: 0495212970

One of the most ancient "Trattorie" in the area. Slightly more elegant country restaurant in Euganean hills with excellent food and wine list.

Closed on Mondays.

Antica Trattoria Antenore ai Colli – Via Mirabello, 68 - Torreglia

Tel: 0495211130

Good restaurant with typical traditional recipes and excellent local wines. Summer garden. Closed on Mondays.

OTHERS

Trattoria al Rio – Via del Molino 2 – Faedo di Cinto Euganeo 0429/94028

Turn left at the gate and left again at the first crossroads. Keep going straight following the indications to Bastia and then towards Vo' Euganeo, and finally towards Faedo.

Country restaurant with home cooking. Scenic drive to reach the restaurant.

Ristorante La Tavernetta–Via Cavour, 7–Fontanafredda – Tel: 0429644322

Country restaurant with home cooking.

Scenic drive to reach the restaurant

Ristorante Le Logge – Via Rolando, 32/C – Piazzola sul Brenta – Tel: 90499601432

Very good and elegant restaurant. From its terrace you will have a wonderful view of the Villa Contarini

Ristorante ai Prati – Via Prati, 76/C Vigonza – tel: 04980897408

It's called "AI PRATI" because it is located in the middle of a very green area.

Osterie Moderne –Via Bassa II, 18 – Campodarsego – Tel: 0495565236

One of the most famous places in the city of Padova. Excellent selection of wine. PIZZA is also served.

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SURROUNDINGS

Excursions in the neighbourhood. Venetia is steeped in history and culture, city like Padua, Vicenza, Verona, Mantua, Ferrara and, of course, Venice are within easy reach. The numerous Veneto villas, are a real must. The most famous of these - La Badoera, La Malcontenta, La Rotonda, Villa Maser, Villa Emo and the Villa Cornaro Rush, for instance - were designed by Andrea Palladio (1508-1580) who combined the classical proportions of antiquity with the ground plans of the traditional Venetian palaces. Seventeen are the work of Palladio, but on the Brenta Canal north of Padua alone there are 125 villas, many of which evoke his vocabulary. The most outstanding among them are the Contarini Simes and Pisani Villas - both more princely residences than villas in the strict sense - and La Malcontenta. They are all easily accessible from La Montecchia. Many of them are open to the public.

Apart from the famous towns and the extraordinary villas, we suggest visiting some smaller towns, all of them reachable in less than 1,5 hours by car. Bassano del Grappa lies below the Grappa mountain. Close by Asolo is a medieval jewel located north of Bassano. Furthermore you have Marostica, a fortified hamlet famous for the biennial chess game with human figures, held in commemoration of a medieval challenge to win the hand of the chatelains daughter. Montagnana is one of the most famous and better conserved medieval citadels of Europe. Possagno is where the world famous sculptor Antonio Canova was born. In the museum, next to the house where he was born, you can see the plaster models and designs of his major works of art.

Abbey of Praglia: The terracotta-coloured Abbazia di Praglia nestles on Lonzina Hill. The largest Benedictine abbey in Italy, this was founded in the 11th century, acquiring its present form - with the exception of the older campanile - in the 15th century. Of particular interest are the cloisters and the Church of the Holy Virgin. The monks produce and sell honey, face creams, soaps and herbal teas. Getting there: on the road to Padova, a little after Bresseo you will find indications to the right. Open: guided tours only: Saturday and holidays: regular hour 2.30, 3.00, 3.30, 4.00, 4.30 pm. Daylight saving: 3.30, 4.00, 4.30, 5.00, 5.30 pm. Weeks day: regular hour: 2.30, 3.10, 3.50, 4.30 pm. Daylight saving: 3.30, 4.10, 4.50, 5.30. Closed on Monday, New Year's day, Epiphany, Easter Triduum, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, Assumption, All Saints Day, Immaculate Conception, Christmas and Christmas Eve. Sunday Mass: 9.15 and 11.00 solemn. 16.30 (17.00 daylight saving) www.praglia.it

La Campanella is a garden center founded by Anna Maria Sgarabottolo which specialises in old and English roses. Anna Maria has planted a beautiful rose garden. In May, the garden is a true firework of colours and smells. Afficionados will find it interesting in every season, here you will find a large selection of the most beautiful old roses and their hybrids. Tel. 049 9910905 www.vivaiolacampanella.com

Villa Capodilista: Visits only upon request: Tel. 049 637294

Originally a hunting lodge built in 1568, this was the brainchild of Dario Varotari, a painter and architect, pupil of Veronese. The rooms are covered in mannerist frescoes: scenes from mythology and family history, putti, grotesques and vignettes. In keeping with the open, hilly situation, Varotari designed a severely square building with identical facades, each with

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extended double-storey loggias. The formal severity produces a delightful contrast with the playfully theatrical loggias, their frescos and their elaborately decorated pediments. The internal layout of the rooms follows the symmetrical principle. The four rooms on the ground floor and the four rooms on the first floor are connected by a splendid staircase with four ramps. The basically square structure of the hedge-lined Italian garden is broken up by semicircular extensions, so-called exedra. Villa Capodilista belong to the estate La Montecchia. www.lamontecchia.it

Villa dei Vescovi, in Luvigliano: the villa is curen being refurbished it is expected to be re-open to the public in Spring 2010. Constructed between 1535 and 1542 on an embankment in the Eugenean Hills this imposing villa stands out against the surrounding rural landscape. Much more than a mere villa built to serve agricultural functions, it is notable for its design, which reinterprets Roman models and encapsulates a perfect sense of harmony between art and nature a sense that is also evident in the interior design, which features an important cycle of Raphaelesque frescos painted between 1542 and 1548 by Lamberto Sustris. For re-opening cheque the www.fondoambiente.it Getting there: drive through Montemerlo e follow the indications for Teolo. At the stop cross the road (SP 89) and continue towards Luvigliano.

The gardens of Villa Barbarigo, Valsanzibio: In the 1600's Antonio Barbarigo, brother of St. Gregorio, enlarged and transformed the exterior of the villa by drawing out a large water garden inspired by the antique Romans. The garden is decorated with 70 statues of which 40 are attributed to Marengo. Furthermore there are 4 ponds, 3 water follies, 16 fountains and a boxwood maze.

Getting there: from Luvigliano drive towards Torreglia and then Valsanzibio. Open from March to November, 10am to 1pm and 2pm until sunset. Tel. 049 8055614 responsible Dr. Rossi Tel. 328 6482894. www.valsanziobiogiardino.it

Casa Petrarca, Arquà Petrarca: "Here, in the Euganean Hills, I live in complete peace of mind, free from noise, misunderstandings or cares, reading, writing and praising God", wrote Petrarch from Arquà Petrarca - still simply called Arquà at that time - to his brother. That was in 1373. The following year the poet died in his study. The room can be viewed, as can the entire Casa Petrarca with its Renaissance frescos. Open March 1st to October 31st, 9am to 12pm and 3pm to 6,30pm. Between November 1st and February 28th, 9am to 12pm and 2pm to 5pm. Closed on Monday, Christmas, day after Christmas, New Year's day, 1st of May. Tel. 0429 718294.

Castello di San Martino: the oldest part of this small castle goes back to the year 1000. Later on the Carraresi amplified the building. The Venetians used it as a port along the river. Today the building has been transformed into a museum of the river Bacchiglione with finds going from the age of iron to the middle ages.

Getting there: turn to the right towards Padova at the traffic lights in Fossana. The first road to the left is Via San Martino, the castle is a little futher down this road. The castle and the museum are open April 1st to September 30th. Saturday 3pm to 7pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm. From October 1st Saturday 2pm-6pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm Tel. 049 9915425. Responsible Sig.ra Debora Coron 348 8746424 or 0429 647157. www.musei.padova.it

Villa Beatrice d'Este, Monte Gemola, Baone: The Villa was given this name after the blessed Beatrice d'Este stayed here in the 12th century. At the time the building was a monastery. In the 1600's a Venetian merchant transformed the religious building into a worldly Villa. The barchessa was added in the 19th century. Today the Villa is the museum of the Colli Euganei. Open: April 1st to September 30th: Saturday 3pm to 7pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm. From October 1st Saturday 2pm-6pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm Tel. 049 9915425. Responsible Sig.ra Debora Coron 348 8746424 or 0429 647157. www.musei.padova.it

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Museo di Cava Bomba, Cinto Euganeo. The 19th century furnaces of Cava Bomba is an highly interesting example of an former factory for the production of lime. The space houses a geo-paleontological museum which illustrates the geological phenomena and the fossil finds of the Euganean hills. Open: open April 1st to September 30th . Saturday 3pm to 7pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm. From October 1st Saturday 2pm-6pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm Tel. 049 9915425. Responsible Sig.ra Debora Coron 348 8746424 or 0429 647157. www.musei.padova.it

A real must: Panoramic route to Vicenza: take to road which from Montegalda turns left towards Vicenza. It will take you along the banks of the Berica and shortly before you reach Vicenza past the famous Villa Rotonda by Palladio and Villa Valmarana ai Nani with fabulous frescoes by Gianbattista and Giandomenico Tiepolo. The 2 villas are linked by a very nice foot path in the country, visitors can walk from one villa to the other. On the way, in Montegalda, you will come past the excellent trattoria Culatta.

Villa Rotonda by Palladio c. 1556: Vicenza, via Rotonda 29. Although the Villa Rotonda is the universal icon of the Palladian villa, in reality its owner considered it as an urban residence, or — more appropriately — a suburban one. Paolo Almerico in fact sold his own palace in the city in order to move just beyond its walls, and Palladio himself publishes the Rotonda amongst the palaces, not the villas, in the Quattro Libri. Otherwise the villa is isolated on the crest of a small hill and originally there were no agricultural dependencies. Visit: garden: 15 March – 4 November: from Tuesday to Sunday 10am-12am / 3pm-6pm. Villa: 15 March - 4 November: Wed. 10am-12am / 3-6 pm. With booking (min. 25 persons) after 4 November and in other days. Tel. +39 0444 321793 / Fax +39 049 8790879 (preferable) +39 049 8791380.

Villa Valmarana ai Nani: Vicenza, via dei Nani 8. The Villa is a marvellous architectural and artistic sight composed by three buildings and a wide 18th century park. In 1757, Tiepolo and his son Giandomenico were invited to Vicenza to fresco rooms in the Villa Valmarana and in the adjoining guest quarters, the so-called 'foresteria'. Their patron was Count Giustino Valmarana, a scholar and theater enthusiast. Tiepolo frescoed the vestibule and four ground-floor rooms, while his son executed the decoration in the adjacent guest house. Giandomenico's lively genre scenes featuring peasants and merchants were intended to form a marked contrast with Giambattista's noble and tragic themes in the Villa, borrowed from famous works of Greek, Roman, and Italian literature. Visit: March 10 – November 8 2009 from Tuesday to Sunday 10am – 12am / 3pm - 6pm. On request, you can also ask to visit the villa in different periods. Tel: 0444 321803. www.villavalmarana.com

Villa Barbarigo, Noventa Vicentina. If you go to Vicenza through the panoramic road (see below) you must take a detour and visit this amazing villa. Among the villas erected near Vicenza for Venetian patricians, Villa Barbarigo distinguishes itself because it was built for a dogal family. For this reason it deserves the title of Villa of the Dogi (definition that in the past some authors had not correctly attributed to all the venetian villas). Here everything cooperates to glorify the Barbarigo family: the majesty of the architecture on four floors, the scenographic and solemn façade crowned by daggers and flanked with two wings of porticoes, the wide cycle of frescoes that fills an area of approximately 430 sqm. Frescoes by Antonio Foler, Antonio Vassillachi the Aliense and Luca Ferrari from Reggio. Visits: every day from 9,30 to 12,30 am.

Castello di Valbona, Valbona di Lozzo Atestino. The Castle is situated along the road leading to Noventa Vicentina. It belongs to the most interesting and best preserved fortified buildings in the whole province and offers a chance to visitors to see an ancient castle in its almost original state . It seems to have its origins in the 13th Century perhaps built on the order of Ezzelino da Romano. It became the property of count Lozzo, passed to the Comune of Padova and to the Carraresi. The structure of the castle does not seem to have served so

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much as a feudal residence as a significant defence structure, capable of withstanding the Vicentine raids. In the castle can be visited if you go to the restaurant, or pizzeria and pub. Tel. 0429 97022. Closed on Monday and Tuesday and November. Open in August.

The Castello Catajo is situated beside the Euganean Hills, on the main Padua-Rovigo road. Its builder, Pio Enea Obizzi, inventor of the howitzer (Ital. obice), took part in the siege of Lepanto (1571) in which the Turks were defeated. This explains the somewhat Oriental, fortress-like architecture. The park is magnificent with a pond covered in water lilies, in the shade of massive, centuries-old trees. With their waxy leaves and their showy flowers the magnolias, in particular, catch the eye. The castello is open from April to August, Tuesday and Sunday from 3pm to 7pm. March, September, October and November: Tuesday and Sunday from 2.30 pm to 6.30 pm. Tel. 049 9100411. www.castellodelcatajo.it

Ca' Marcello Only a few kilometres south of the Castello del Catajo, in Monselice, lies the Ca' Marcello. Ca' is the Venetians' abbreviation for Casa (house) - an understatement indeed, for this is the heavily fortified castle of Ezzelino III da Romano, a local tyrant in the 13th century. The Ca' Marcello is the only well preserved example of a lordly residence of that era in the Veneto. Remarkable, too, are the six chapels on the Via Sacra alongside the castle hill. Open from April 1st to November 30th. Guided tours daylight saving: at 9am, 10am, 11am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm. Regular hour: 9am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm winter. Closed on Monday. Tel. 0429 72931. www.castellodimonselice.it

The remarkable Villa Emo (at Rivella, just near Monselice) can be viewed by appointment. The garden is accessible on certain days:

(April and October: Thursday and Saturday 2pm to 7pm, Sunday 10am to 7pm) the ornamental garden is not far from the main road, but nevertheless remains a world of its own. "The average traveller would not dream what marvellous parks and gardens lie hidden behind commonplace castle walls on a country road", as the authoress Tryphosa Bates Batcheller once aptly remarked. Tel. 0429 781970.

Castello di San Pelagio: on the same road between Padova and Rovigo, north of the Castello del Catajo, you will find the interesting Museum of the Air (Museo dell'Aria), which assembles documents, models and aeroplanes from the time of Leonardo da Vinci to our days. You will find the exposition about Gabriele D'Annunzio highly interesting. It was here that he planned his famous flight to Vienna in 1918. The garden is also very beautiful with its 2 mazes (a third one is under construction) is a real attraction for children. Open: from February to November all week except for Monday, 9am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 5.30pm (winter) or 7pm (summer). Tel. 049 9125008. www.museodellaria.it

Butterfly Arc: in Montegrotto Terme a vast greenhouse is the habitat of 100 different types of butterflies from all over the world. Visitors can wander through this oasis of palmtrees, orchids, alocasias and passiflora. Nearby you will find a mythological garden inhabited by gnomes, elves, fairies, magicians, witches, kings and queens, all figures taken from ancient naturalistic legends. Open: April to September, 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 5.30pm. February, March and October, November 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm. In February and November the Arc is open only for some days please call: 049 8910189. www.butterflyarc.it

Abbazia di Carceri, Via Camaldoli 4, Carceri. Very old and impressive abbey. The first church built here by the Augustinian monks goes back to 1107. The abbey has a cloister from the 1400', beautifully decorated in Pietra d'Istria (stone from Istria). Part of the original library from the 15th century, built by the Camaldolesi monks, can still be visited. Open from Monday to Friday only upon reservation. Guided tours : on Saturday from 3pm to 6.30 pm; on Sunday from 11am to 12am and from 3pm to 7pm. Getting there: go to Este and then follow the indications for Carceri.

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Villa Contarini: Piazzola sul Brenta (on the way to Cittadella and Bassano) antique market on the last Sunday of the month.

The magniloquent baroque appearance that the Villa Contarini displays today is, in all probability, the result of the seventeenth-century transformation of a villa designed by Andrea Palladio in the 1540s for Paolo Contarini and his brothers. Traces of Palladio's work linger on in maps and archival documents, although little is now visible of a building which was transformed in several campaigns from 1662 on. In 1676 the right wing was enlarged and remodelled, with a two-storey order of rustic columns and telamons, and a program of ostentatious sculptural decoration which invades the principal villa block too. A map of 1788 shows that by that date the porticoed hemicycle defining the great piazza already existed. The 50 hectares of parkland are entirely open to visitors.

The flowerbeds, lakes, fish ponds, lawns and garden features, woods and wetlands form a protected environment, home to many species of birds and small mammals.

Visit: the inside of the villa only guided tours: May 1 to September 30: weekdays 9-12am / 3-7pm, Sundays and holidays 3-8pm; December 1 to February 29: 9-12am / 2-5pm; November and March: 9-12am / 2-6pm; April and October: 9-12am / 2.30-6.30pm tel. 049 5590347/238 — fax 049 9619182. www.villacontarini.com

The river Brenta Villas: Once along this waterway sailed the "burchielli", boats that carried the Venetian nobleman; nowadays all the boats that cruise along the Brenta Canal are called "burchielli". These boats carry from 70 to 135 passengers. The guided cruises usually include boat trips from Padua to Venice or viceversa (Padua, Strà, Dolo, Mira, Oriago, Malcontenta, Fusina, Venezia); and the visits to Villa Gradenigo of Oriago, to Villa Widmann or Barchessa Valmarana of Mira, to Villa Pisani of Strà, to Villa Foscari Malcontenta by Palladio. Also included in the programs a visit of the Ancient Mills of the 16th century, historically very important for the economy of this area. Some programs include departure or arrival in the historical centre of Padua at the new landing stage of "Porte Contarine" lock or at the old fluvial port "Portello" with its Steps of the 16th century. A daily cruise from 09.00 to 18.00 proposes: navigation, visit to three Villas, visit to the 16th century Mills in Dolo and the guide; lunch is optional and it is served in a restaurant. Special short cruises and half day public and private group programs are available. Tel: 049 8760233 Mon-Fri 9.00am-12.30pm/3.00pm-6.30pm www.battellidelbrenta.it

Possagno: Gypsotheca museo Canoviano: Piazza Canova, Possagno (TV). Possagno is the native village of the neo-classical sculptor Antonio Canova (1757-1822). The Gypsotheca (greek term for collection of plaster casts) was built in 1836 just by Canova's native house and it preserves moulds and plaster models, terracotta, wax scale models, some marble statues and about 300 works of Canova's Roman studio. In 1957 the architect Carlo Scarpa extended the Gypsotheca with a new and modern annex which contains some of Canova's most famous and precious scale model. Canova's house is preserved as it was during his last years of life. The mortal remains of the great artist are hosted in one of his masterpieces the magnificent neo-classical Temple. Tel: 0423 544323. Open from 9.30 am to 6pm. Closed on Monday, Christmas, Easter, New Year's day.

Going to Venice

by train:

This is what I suggest: go to Montegrotto rail way station, park the car in the free parking area. You have a train every hour and the journey takes 47 minutes. Time tables: from Montegrotto: 9:16 – 10:16 – 11:16 – 13:16 – 14:16 15:16 from Venice: 15:57 – 16:57 – 17:57 – 18:57 – 19:57 - 21,24 (this train takes 1,23 hours and is more expensive) – 23:30 (this train takes 1,21 hours and is more expensive). Ticket price in 2008: € 5,10 first class, and € 3,40 second class children up to

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12 € 2,55 first class and € 1,70 second class. For more informations go to www.trenitalia.it the station in Montergrotto is called Terme Euganee.

by car:

Time: 1 hour. Since February 2009 there is a new motorway which bypasses Venice so there are no more traffic jams but it is always best to avoid the rush hours at the toll (8/9,30 am and 5/7 pm). From Frassanelle to the toll is about 45 minutes.

Take the A4 in Grisignano to Venice. 8 km after the exit Padova Ind. / Bologna there is the gas station Arino Est, immediately after it, be careful and keep the right lane, otherwise you will find your self in the new motorway which bypasses Venice. Pass the toll bar and follow the indications for Venice.

From the land the only vehicle access road to Venice is the Ponte della Libertà (Liberty Bridge), this is a straight road 4 km long with two lanes in each direction. Parking areas in Venice are located in Piazzale Roma, Tronchetto and just before the Liberty Bridge.

Piazzale Roma: City Parking Garage (Auto rimessa Comunale): Piazzale Roma, Santa Croce 496, 30135 Venice. Tel 041 2727211 ticket office 041 2727307. Open 24 hours. It is the first one you find on your right. Prices for 24 hours (period can not be divided): from € 24,00 to € 31,00 depending on the period and on the length of the car. If you reserve on line 15 days before arrival you can have discounted rates: www.veniceconnected.com.

Piazzale Roma: S. Andrea - TEMPORARILY NOT AVAILABLE. Small secured parking lot, uncovered - S. Croce 461, 30135 Venezia. Tel. 041.2727304. Open 7am - 12pm. This parking is behind the City Parking Garage as you reach Piazzale Roma always keep your right. The garage is small and you might have to wait in line before parking up to 30 minutes. Sometimes the line starts at the level of the entrance to the City Parking Garage you have to join the right queue. Prices: € 4,50 every 2 hours.

Piazzale Roma: Garage S. Marco : Piazzale Roma 467/F, 30135 Venezia. Tel 041 5232213. This parking is on the right of the square, as you arrive in Piazzale Roma go by the main parking Garage the Autorimessa Comunale, than go right you will find in front of you. Prices for 12 hours € 24,00 for 24 hours € 30,00 periods are not divisible. You can reserve your place on line: www.garagesanmarco.it

Tronchetto: Venezia Tronchetto Parking 30125 Venezia (VE) - isola Tronchetto

tel. 041.5207555 - fax 041.5285750

Before reaching Piazzale Roma, follow the street signs and then turn right to reach Tronchetto.

You can reach Venice from Tronchetto by taking the ACTV boat line 82 (2 from Jann. 2008) which brings you into the heart of the city. Expect to pay € 20,00 for 24 hours.

Parking before the Ponte della Libertà (Liberty Bridge) S. Giuliano Car Park: this is a parking area just before the bridge Ponte della Libertà on the right. This parking lot is made up of many independent car parks. Usually the following ones are the prices and the opening hours, but please cheque before entering the car park: for 6 hours: € 8,00 all day: € 12,00 open from 6am to 2am , from here you have to take a bus to cross the 4 km bridge and reach Piazzale

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Roma. The bus ticket is € 1,00 per person and you can buy it at the exit of the car park. The bus stop is very near the car park but it depends on which car park you have chosen.

For more informations on car parks in Venice go to www.asmvenezia.it

Public transport: In Piazzale Roma and Tronchetto you find all the shore terminal for the public navigation lines (ACTV) to reach any area in the city as well as on the islands. The public transport in Venice is very expensive a single fare in a water bus is € 6,50 (you can buy the ticket also on board for the same price). A limited one-way non-resident's ticket can be bought at a cost of €2.00 at Hellovenezia ticket offices and authorised outlets. Valid for a crossing of the Canal Grande only on line 1, from one landing stage to the next landing stage. You can find more informations and tourist packages in www.hellovenezia.com and www.actv.it.

Taxi Boat:

Consorzio Motoscafi: 24 h a day service: tel. 041 522 2303 www.motoscafivenezia.it

Consorzio taxi Venezia: 24 h service: tel. 041 723 112 www.veneziataxi.it

Suggestion for guided tours in Venice

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Visiting Palladio's villas

The following informations are taken from www.cisapalladio.org and www.ville.inews.it. We suggest to consult them for historical details and more informations.

La Rotonda c. 1556: Vicenza, via Rotonda 29.

Visit: garden: 15 March – 4 November: from Tuesday to Sunday 10-12 am or 3-6 pm. Villa: 15 March - 4 November: Wed. 10-12 am or 3-6 pm. With booking (min. 25 persons) after 4 November and in other days. Tel. +39 0444 321793 /+39 049 8790879 ; Fax (to be preferred) +39 049 8791380

Villa Saraceno c. 1543: Vicenza, Finale di Agugliaro, Via Finale 8.

Visit: 1 April - 31 October Wed 2-4 pm (reservation if more of 20 persons), 1 November - 31 March only with booking. Tel./Fax +39 0444 891371

Villa Repeta c. 1557: Vicenza, Campiglia dei Berici, Via Andrea Palladio 1. Visit: only upon request. Tel. +39 0444866032

Villa Pojana c. 1546: Vicenza, Pojana Maggiore (near Montagnana), via Castello 41.

Visit: until 1st November 2009: open from Wed. till Fri. 10-1 am, 2- 6 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10am-6pm Tel. +39 0444 323014. From 2nd November open only upon booking from Wed till Sunday. You'll have to send the booking by fax to the number: 0444 322869 or send an email to info@villapoiana.it

Villa Thiene c. 1542: Vicenza, Quinto Vicentino - (1542) Piazza IV Novembre, 4.

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Visit: Monday to Friday 9am-1pm; on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 3-7pm tel. 0444584224/0444584225/0444584211

Villa Pisani c. 1542: Vicenza, Bagnolo of Lonigo, via Risaie 1.

Visit: open all year, only upon request. Tel. +39 0444 831104 .

Villa Pisani c. 1552: Montagnana, Via Borgo Eniano 1, not open to the public, but you can see it from the outside.

Villa Piovene c. 1539: Vicenza, Lonedo di Lugo Vicentino, Via Palladio 51,

Visit Every day 2-7pm

Villa Godi c. 1537: Vicenza, Lonedo di Lugo Vicentino, Via Palladio 44,

Visit: from 1st March till 31 May and from 1st October till 30 November: Tue., Sat., Sun. and holidays: 2-6pm tel. From 1st June till 30 September: Tue, Sat., Sun. and holidays: 5-7pm. If you are in a group, it is better to call and book. Tel. 0445 860561 / 339 3429942

Villa Chiericati c. 1550: Vicenza, Vancimuglio di Grumolo delle Abbadesse, Via Nazionale 1,

Visit: April 1 to October 31: every day 9-12am / 3-7pm. November 1 to March 31: every day 9-12am / 3-5pm tel. 0444 387076

Villa Caldogno c. 1542: Vicenza, Caldogno, Via Zanella 1,

Visit: From 1st March till 31 October : Friday 3 - 6 pm, Saturday 9 - 12am. Groups only upon reservation. Tel (Municipal library): 0444 905054.

Villa Badoer c. 1554: Rovigo, Fratta Polesine, Via T. Tasso 3.

Visit: Thursday, Saturday, Sunday and holidays: 10-12 am/3:30-6:30 pm. Free guided tour : 10:30 am- 4pm (booking needed for groups). Opening and guided tour even on other days, on request. Tel: 0425 21530.

Villa Contarini c. 1546: Padova, Piazzola sul Brenta, Via L. Camerini 1,

Visit: May 1 to September 30: weekdays 9-12am / 3-7pm, Sundays and holidays 3-8pm; December 1 to February 29: 9-12am / 2-5pm; November and March: 9-12am / 2-6pm; April and October: 9-12am / 2.30-6.30pm tel. 049 5590347/238 — fax 049 9619182

Villa Cornaro c. 1552: Padova, Piombino Dese, Via Roma,

Visit: May 1 to September 30: Saturday 3.30-6pm tel. 049 9365017

<http://www.boglewood.com/palladio/>

Villa Barbaro c. 1554: Maser (10 km from Asolo), Visit: January-February: Sat. 10am-5p, Sun. 11am-7pm; March, July and August: Tue., Thu., Sat.: 10am-6pm, Sun. and holidays: 11am-6pm; from April till end of June, and September and October: from Tue to Sat. 10am-6pm, Sun. and holidays: 11am-6pm; November and December: Sat. And Sun. 2:30-5pm. Tel. +39 0423 923004/3. www.villadimaser.it

Villa Emo c. 1558: Treviso, Fanzolo di Vedelago, Via Stazione 5.

Visit: From 1st November till 31 March: from Mon. To Fri. 2-4pm, Sat., Sun. and holidays: 2-5:30pm. From 1st April till 31 October: From Mon. to Sat.: 3-6:30pm; Sun. and holidays: 10-12:30am/3-6:30pm. Groups with more than 15 people only upon booking. Tel. 0423 476334/414 fax 0423 487043

Villa Zeno c. 1554: Treviso - Via Donegal, Donegal di Cessalto.

Visit: by appointment only for groups of 10 people or over. fax 0422 752688 e-mail: liasora@doge.it <http://www.liasora.com>

Villa Foscari or La Malcontenta 1559: Venezia, Malcontenta di Mira, Via dei Turisti 9,

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Visit: May 1 to October 31: Tuesday and Saturday 9-12am. Open also on other days only upon request. Tel. 041 5203966 / 041 5470012 fax 041 2770204 www.lamalcontenta.com

Visiting this region with children

Venetia is rich in attractive sightseeing destinations which are also fun for children. First of all of course Venice, where children can run and play without any danger of being hurt by cars. A journey in a Gondola along the canals is a magical experience which a child will remember all his life.

For the older ones the arena of Verona recalls the roman gladiators. But also medieval castles can be fun. Following castles are in the immediate vicinity:

Castello di San Martino: the oldest part of this small castle goes back to the year 1000. Later on the Carraresi amplified the building. The Venetians used it as a port along the river. Today the building has been transformed into a museum of the river Bacchiglione with finds going from the age of iron to the middle ages.

Getting there: turn to the right towards Padova at the traffic lights in Fossana. The first road to the left is Via San Martino, the castle is a little further down this road. The castle and the museum are open April 1st to September 30th. Saturday 3pm to 7pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-7pm. From October 1st Saturday 2pm-6pm, Sunday 10am-1pm and 2pm-6pm Tel. 049 9915425. Responsible Sig.ra Debora Coron 348 8746424 Tel.0429 647157. www.musei.padova.it.

The Castello Catajo is situated beside the Euganean Hills, on the main Padua-Rovigo road. Its builder, Pio Enea Obizzi, inventor of the howitzer (Ital. obice), took part in the siege of Lepanto (1571) in which the Turks were defeated. This explains the somewhat Oriental, fortress-like architecture. The park is magnificent with a pond covered in water lilies, in the shade of massive, centuries-old trees. With their waxy leaves and their showy flowers the magnolias, in particular, catch the eye. The castello is open from March to November. March, September, October, November: Tuesday and Sunday from 2:30pm to 6:30pm. From April to August: Tuesday and Sunday from 3 pm to 7pm. Tel. 049 9100411. www.castellodelcatajo.it.

Castello di San Pelagio: on the same road between Padova and Rovigo, north of the Castello del Catajo, you will find the interesting Museum of the Air (Museo dell'Aria), which assembles documents, models and aeroplanes from the time of Leonardo da Vinci to our days. You will find the exposition about Gabriele D'Annunzio highly interesting. It was here that he planned his famous flight to Vienna in 1918. The garden is also very beautiful with its 2 mazes (a third one is under construction) is a real attraction for children. Open: from March to November. Wed. and Thu. 9am-1pm, Fri. and Sat.: 9am-1pm/2:30-6:30pm, Sun. and holidays: 10am-7pm. Tel. 049 9125008. www.museodellaria.it

Ca' Marcello Only a few kilometres south of the Castello del Catajo, in Monselice, lies the Ca' Marcello. Ca' is the Venetians' abbreviation for Casa (house) - an understatement indeed, for this is the heavily fortified castle of Ezzelino III da Romano, a local tyrant in the 13th century. The Ca' Marcello is the only well preserved example of a lordly residence of that era in the Veneto. Remarkable, too, are the six chapels on the Via Sacra alongside the castle hill.

Open from Tuesday to Sunday. Guided tours daylight saving: at 9am, 10am, 11am, 3pm, 4pm, 5pm. Regular hour: 9am, 10am, 11am, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm winter. Closed on Monday. Tel. 0429 72931. www.castellodimonselice.it

Castello di Valbona, Valbona di Lozzo Atesino. The Castle is situated along the road leading to Noventa Vicentina. It belongs to the most interesting and best preserved fortified buildings

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in the whole province and offers a chance to visitors to see an ancient castle in its almost original state. It seems to have its origins in the 13th Century perhaps built on the order of Ezzelino da Romano. It became the property of count Lozzo, passed to the Comune of Padova and to the Carraresi. The structure of the castle does not seem to have served so much as a feudal residence as a significant defence structure, capable of withstanding the Vicentine raids.

In the castle you can find a restaurant, pizzeria and pub. And a children play area, Tel. 0429 97022. Closed on Monday and Tuesday and all November.

Castello di San Zeno, Montagnana: The castle of S. Zeno rises in the place of an early medieval installation that was the residence of the heirs of Ugo the Great of Tuscany, who later became marquis of Este. The present building goes back for the most part to the 13th century when Ezzelino, after setting Montagnana on fire in 1242, decided to rebuild and fortify the town. The building has a rectangular plan with an ample inner courtyard. Till the early 19th century, the castle was surrounded by a ditch, and also comprised towers. Originally the drawbridge that crossed the ditch giving entrance to the city, led probably into the inner courtyard of the castle. When Padua, Verona and the other cities in Veneto were subdued by Venice and stopped their never-ending mutual struggles, Montagnana flourished thanks to its agricultural production, especially hemp. The castle of San Zeno was then turned into a deposit of hemp and even troop lodging. When the Austrians took over Veneto (Napoleon gave the area to them with the Campoformio Treaty, betraying the Venetian republic) and still later on with the kingdom of Italy and until the First World War the castle continued to be used as military lodgings.

The gardens of Villa Barbarigo, Valsanzibio: In the 1600's Antonio Barbarigo, brother of St. Gregorio, enlarged and transformed the exterior of the villa by drawing out a large water garden inspired by the antique Romans. The garden is decorated with 70 statues of which 40 are attributed to Marengo. Furthermore there are 4 ponds, 3 water follies, 16 fountains and a boxwood maze.

Getting there: from Luvigliano drive towards Torreglia and then Valsanzibio. Open from March to November, 10am to 1pm and 2pm until sunset. Tel. 049 8059224 or 049 8055614 responsible Dr. Rossi Tel. 328 6482894. www.valsanzibiogiardino.it

Butterfly Arc: in Montegrotto Terme a vast greenhouse is the habitat of 100 different types of butterflies from all over the world. Visitors can wander through this oasis of palmtrees, orchids, alocasias and passiflora. Nearby you will find a mythological garden inhabited by gnomes, elves, fairies, magicians, witches, kings and queens, all figures taken from ancient naturalistic legends. Open: April to September, 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2.30pm to 5.30pm. February, March and October, November 9.30am to 12.30pm and 2pm to 4pm. In February and November the Arc is open only for some days please call: 049 8910189. www.butterflyarc.it

Gardaland, Peschiera sul lago di Garda: Gardaland is the biggest amusement parc in Italy, a sort of Italian Disneyland on the shores of Lake Garda. Tel. 045 644 9777. For prices and opening times, please visit the website, www.gardaland.it.

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