Venice, Padua, Verona and Venetian villas
7 nights / 8 days
ITINERARY

Day 1 – Saturday
Arrival in Venice – transfer to your hotel
Check in at your 4 stars hotel
Orientation walking tour of 2 hours with private guide

Day 2 – Sunday
4 hours visit of Accademia Museum and Frari Church with private guide
Afternoon at your leisure
Special evening opera “Musica a Palazzo”

Day 3 – Monday
4 hours tour in Padua: the Scrovegni Chapel, University and the old ghetto
Cicchetti tasting and aperitivo

Day 4 – Tuesday
Bassano/Castelfranco/Asolo

Day 5 – Wednesday
La Serenissima Vita: the villas
Prosecco wine tasting and typical lunch

Day 6 – Thursday
Transfer to Verona via Vicenza with visit to La Rotonda
Orientation walking in Verona

Day 7 – Friday
Cooking class

Day 8 – Saturday
Departure
Day 1 – Arrival Day

Upon arrival into Venice airport, make your way to the dock to get your private taxi boat. The first navigation from the airport to the hotel is just amazing and it is the best way to give you the idea of the extraordinary city of Venice. Here everything is done by walk or by water!
Check in at the hotel and freshen up before meeting your private guide in the lobby of the hotel. Together with her you will have a first taste of the city: three hours of orientation tour. Included are vaporetto ticket to drop on and off where you prefer! (the ticket will be valid for all your stay in Venice).
Dinner is on your own with our restaurants suggestions.
Evening at leisure.
Day 2

After breakfast, you will meet your guide in the lobby of the hotel for a 4-hours visit of the Accademia Museum and Frari Church.

The Accademia museum is a very rich collection of Venetian paintings from Veneto as well, from the Bizantine and Gothic fourteenth century to the artists of the Renaissance, Bellini, Carpaccio, Giorgione, Veronese, Tintoretto and Tiziano until Gianbattista Tiepolo and the Vedutisti of the eighteenth century, Canaletto, Guardi, Bellotto, Longhi. These artists will influence the whole history of European painting.

After the visit, the guide will show you where to have a typical lunch. The afternoon is at your leisure. We suggest to lose yourself around the small streets, walk up and down on the bridges and discover the uncommon corners of Venice. Back to the hotel and have dinner before to go to the theatre. Tonight, you will have a reservation for the opera at Musica a Palazzo!

Day 3

After breakfast make your way on your own to the train station (vaporetto boat tickets included) and take the visit to Padua. The train takes about 30 minutes.
Once in Padua, you will meet your guide and together with her you will visit the Scrovegni Chapel with the famous Giotto’s paintings. After the visit, it will be time to walk through the centre of Padua and taste the typical “cicchetti” with a good glass of wine! Enjoy your aperitivo at the Piazza Erbe! In the afternoon, back to Venice by train. In Venice make your way to the hotel. Evening at your leisure.

Day 4

Check-out and take your private taxi to Piazzale Roma where you will be met by your driver to Bassano Del Grappa. This town is lovely located at the food of the Alps and represent an icon of the medieval walled town rich of frescoed palazzos, cobbled streets and an amazing wooden bridge. It is also strategically located to visit the Venetian villas.

Once arrived and after the check in at your hotel, you will meet your guide for a 2-hours of orientation tour.
Day 5

Today you will have a full introduction to the concept of Villa Veneta. Your driver will be at your disposal for the day, to go and visit the UNESCO Villa Emo or Villa Barbaro as long with Asolo reconized to be one of the most charming village in Italy. You will also have the opportunity to taste the famous sparkling white wine of the area: the prosecco. Salute!

Day 6

*Maybe never architectural art has reached such a level of magnificence” (J. W. Goethe, after the visit at La Rotonda)*

Today you will leave in the direction of Verona. On the way you will stop at Vicenza to admire the masterpiece of Palladio: La Rotonda. La Rotonda is not a villa. It’s something more. In time it has been visited by poets and artists, sovereigns and statesmen, scholars and art amateurs, travellers and tourists. To everyone La Rotonda has given an unforgettable emotion, that sense of harmony and grace whose answer is a smile, a silence. After 500 years, La Rotonda today is still a place of pure beauty, waiting to give inspiration, culture, joy.
Have lunch in a typical restaurant of Vicenza (we will help you with the reservation) and continue your drive to Verona. Check in at the hotel and spend the rest of the time at your leisure.

Day 7

After breakfast, you will meet your guide for a 3-hours walking tour around the center of Verona. In ancient Roman times, the city of Verona received its chess-board layout and was adorned with the Arena, the world's best preserved Roman amphitheatre, still today in use for music and entertainment show. You’ll easily recognize the structure of the ancient Roman cities: with the "cardo" (the main North-South axis) that intersected with the "decumanus" (the main East-West axis). Great remains of the era are also the Pietra bridge and two monumental gates: Porta dei Leoni and Porta Borsari. The visit will also include the 14th century house of Juliet, a lovers' venue and a very popular stop: in everyone’s mind Verona is linked to her image and her sad love story. Another 14th century attraction consists of the bizarre "Arche" of the Della Scala family, namely the stone lace structures pointing up to the sky that still
harbour suspicions and mysteries. Along the way you will cross three main squares that have maintained their peculiar and very popular, aristocratic or institutional character throughout the centuries: Piazza Brà, the open air living room of the Veronesi with all the cafe and restaurants lined around the Arena, Piazza dei Signori, enclosed by the medieval palaces of government and the lively Piazza delle Erbe, the oldest one with the open air market.

After lunch you will have time at your leisure: around 5pm you have to be ready for the cooking class! Learn how to make the traditional risotto and pasta and of course the perfect tiramisù all flushed with Valpollicella Red wine!

Day 8

Today is your departure day. Check out after breakfast and enjoy the last moments before to leave. Transfer to airport will be organized according with flight schedule. 

Arrivederci!
### WHAT’S INCLUDED

| Accommodations | Breakfast included | Return transfer from and to airport | 2h walking tour in Venice | 4h Accademia Museum and Frari Church visit with entrance tickets included | Ferry “vaporetto” tickets for 3 days | Opera Musica Palazzo tickets | Return train tickets to Padua | 4h private guide in Padua | Scrovegni Chapel tickets | Cicchetti tasting and aperitivo | Transfer from hotel to Piazzale Roma | Transfer to Bassano/Castelfranco | 2h orientation tour in Bassano/Castelfranco | 4h tour of Villas with transfer included + Asolo and prosecco tasting | Transfer to Verona with stop in Vicenza, visit La Rotonda with guide and tickets included | 3h orientation tour in Verona | Cooking class in Verona |

### WHAT’S NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare to/from Italy
- City tax (to be paid directly at the hotels)
- Meals and beverages where not mentioned
- Transfer beyond those mentioned above
- Personal spending money and tips
- Room upgrades and extras

### PRICES:

**Dates:**

**From May 26th to June 2nd 2019**

- Price per person based on 2 persons: EUR 3,712,00 per person
- Price per person based on 4 persons: EUR 2,780,00 per person
- Price per person based on 6 persons: EUR 2,445,00 per person
- Price per person based on 8 persons: EUR 2,315,00 per person
- Single supplement: EUR 895,00 per person
From September 15th to September 22th 2019

Price per person based on 2 persons: EUR 3.797,00 per person
Price per person based on 4 persons: EUR 2.865,00 per person
Price per person based on 6 persons: EUR 2.530,00 per person
Price per person based on 8 persons: EUR 2.399,00 per person
Single supplement: TBC

MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS 2 PEOPLE
RATES ARE BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY. SINGLE SUPPLEMENT ON REQUEST.
AVAILABILITY HAS TO BE CHECKED AT THE MOMENT OF BOOKING.