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We have been present in Milan since 2010 and then in Venice, Florence and Turin, offering international (and also Italian) visitors valuable **tourist information** in an agile and prestigious format. For editorial content, we count on our

deep-rooted local presence and international experience.

We chose the province of Verona for our territorial development. The city is a **Unesco Heritage Site since 2011** and boasts many international events such as Vinitaly or the **Arena Opera Festival**.

As you can see in the following pages, the **Welcome Magazine** offers useful information about events, shopping, food and wine, everything that can interest the visitor answering the question: "what can I do, what can I discover during my stay?". Our aim is to create memorable experiences of the visit, also by linking together the different opportunities offered by the area. You will find the Welcome Magazines in the approximately **500** hotels belonging to the Welcome Magazine circuit in Italy. You can therefore use the traditional paper editions, but don't miss the chance to browse through the pages of the **digital and** interactive editions also on your computers and smartphones. And now great news for all of you who love shopping and have a non-EU passport: since October 2022, VERONA Welcome Magazine has become a partner of Global Blue, the leading service company for obtaining **tax refunds**. Keep an eye on our pages and our website **www.welcomemagazine.it** to enjoy the important benefits offered by Global Blue.

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"Welcome to Verona. a land of art, culture, wine and food, shopping, the city of love par excellence located in a province full of varied and captivating proposals and offers, just like its landscapes, in which Lake Garda stands out with its hinterland. An ideal territory for lovers of good living and relaxation, for sportsmen and music lovers. The high quality of the welcome and services are a guarantee of a pleasant stay for tourists and business people alike: Verona is popular, everyone wants to return to Verona"





Alessandro Tapparini Presidente Cooperativa Alberaatori Veronesi

"In September, 22 years after having been awarded World Heritage Site status by UNESCO, Verona will proudly host the 13th edition of the World Tourism Event dedicated to World Heritage Cities and Sites. In the meantime, the comeback of Vinitaly has marked the beginning of a new season that we have long awaited. Our commitment is to make you feel greeted by a city that keeps growing without losing its authenticity, where you can easily move from the **historic** center to the wineries of Valpolicella or to the shores of Lake Garda. never being afraid of getting lost. Take your time, we'll take care of the rest."

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Vanessa Carlon Director, Palazzo Maffei House Museum

"Verona is an extraordinary city in terms of location, beauty and the richness of its territory. Since ancient times it has been splendid, imposing, yet on a human scale. The history and culture that have made it so can be felt in every view, in every street, in every square. It is difficult to define it with a single word: it is a city of **opera** and music, theatre, architecture and art, enterprise, wine and food, which make it unique, a great testimony to the past but also a symbol of the ability to renew itself and confront the present. Palazzo Maffei House Museum is also moving in this direction: through our collection and activities, we make ancient masterpieces and the avant-garde of the twentieth century dialogue with contemporary creativity, to offer ever new inspirations in the name of beauty."



Silvia Nicolis President, Museo Nicolis

"The **Museo Nicolis** is located just a stone's throw from Verona, one of Italy's most beautiful cities of art, rich in historical and artistic evidence and recognised as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Supporting and promoting the culture and **uniqueness of our territory** is part of the values on which our exhibition has always been based.

Museums today are incomparable places of discovery and **memory**: they preserve the past to continuously offer ideas and suggestions for the future. Thanks to our 10 collections, we are one of the most exciting private exhibitions on the international scene: we tell the story of the **people**, innovations, technology and design that have characterised the 20th century. The Museum is a true **journey** through time that fascinates and surprises young and old alike, an experience not to be missed."

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ARENA DI VERONA FROM THE ANCIENT ROME TO THE CITY SOUND

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— Symbol of the city of Verona and the third largest Roman amphitheater in Italy, after those of Rome (the Colosseum) and Capua, the Arena of Verona was built around the middle of the first century AD to host **gladiator fights, naval battles** or shows with exotic animals.

- Since 1913, when **Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida"** was performed here for the first time, it has hosted a prestigious **opera festival** every summer. Attending an opera in the Arena is an experience that takes your breath away, thanks also to the perfect acoustics, due mainly to its particular elliptical shape, which allows the singers' voices and music to propagate perfectly inside, so as not to need amplification systems. Famous artists such as **Maria Callas, Luciano Pavarotti, Placido Domingo** have performed here.

 In recent years, moreover, the Arena is often the background to musical concerts, shows of various kinds,
 sporting events, such as the arrival of the Giro d'Italia or ice skating competitions, some of these broadcast on national TV.

- In Roman times the show took place in the center, with the audience all around, today instead the structure is used as a theater: one end hosts the stage, while the audience sits in a semicircle on the opposite side. Although in **Roman times** it originally had a **capacity of 30,000 spectators**, today it contains about half that number, both for stage requirements and for safety reasons.

- Architecturally, the appearance of this imposing amphitheater today is quite different from the original, especially because of the lack of the outer ring. The only part of the original **monumental facade** still standing is the so-called **Ala** (Wing), composed of four arches, which has become the most iconic image of the Arena today.



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Christmas Market, Christmas Star and "Presepi dal Mondo" EVENT Central Verona • until 22 January 2023



Lo Schiaccianoci BALLET Teatro Nuovo • 11 December



"Voli-Ni" and "Staged" EXHIBITION E.ART.H. Eataly Art House • until 15 January 2023



"L'Histoire du Soldat" FAMILY CONCERT Teatro Filarmonico • 3 December

, "Il Lago dei Cigni" BALLET Teatro Nuovo • 25 December



Verona Antiquaria MARKET FAIR Piazza San Zeno and its surroundings • 4 December



Free Sunday at the Museum CULTURE Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Verona • 4 December

Gardaland Festivities OUT OF TOWN Gardaland Resort (Castelnuovo del Garda) • 3 December 2022-8 January 2023

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DISCOVER AND ENJOY

Whether it's discovering the events celebrating Italian traditions, art and music or visiting an exhibition, we bring you this month's unmissable dates.



CENTRAL VERONA, UNTIL 22 JANUARY 2023 THE MAGICAL TRADITION OF VERONESE CHRISTMAS

EVENT During the end-of-year festivities, the Verona **Christmas Market** creates a magical atmosphere in the city. The famous **Piazza dei Signori** and the streets of the centre host the wooden houses of the Christmas markets in cooperation with the "Christkindlmarkt" in Nuremberg. In this year's thirteenth edition, more than **100 little houses** will offer **handicrafts**, **gift ideas**, **decorations**, food and sweets.

Don't miss the **Christmas Star in Piazza Bra**, a metal sculpture that reaches a height of 100 metres creating a festive atmosphere in the Italian city of love. Emblematic of these festivities, the comet star is set up and illuminated every year during all the Advent season. It **links the Arena of Verona and Piazza Bra** and is also the star of the international crib exhibition held in the city every year. In the winter period, in fact, the Arena's hidden archways host the **"Presepi dal Mondo"** exhibition, which transforms the Arena into a distant Bethlehem.

Christmas Market

Piazza dei Signori, Cortile Mercato Vecchio and Via della Costa

Christmas Star and "Presepi dal Mondo"

Arena di Verona and Piazza Bra. www.presepiarenaverona.it



TEATRO NUOVO, 11 DECEMBER THE FANTASY WORLD OF THE NUTCRACKER

BALLET The Nutcracker is one of the masterpieces of classical ballet and represents the famous trilogy together with the two works considered icons of dance, 'Swan Lake' and 'Sleeping Beauty', all by the great Russian composer Pyotr Il'ič Tchaikovsky and choreographed by the French Maestro Marius Petipa. The ballet, inspired by the story by Ernst Theodor Amadeus Hoffmann, tells of a young girl (Clara) who receives a Nutcracker in the form of a toy soldier as a Christmas gift and when she falls asleep she dreams of him turning into a beautiful young man who defends her from imaginary fights between mice and soldiers, becoming her hero. He will lead her into a fantasy world, into the realm of sweets where there will be a series of dances that make up the famous *Divertissement* of the second act.

A ballet suitable for the whole family, it will be performed and danced by the students and junior company of the **Balletto di Verona**. The role of the Sugarplum Fairy will be played by **Chiara Uderzo**, a dancer from Verona and soloist at the Vienna Stadtsoper.

Lo Schiaccianoci. Teatro Nuovo. Piazza Francesco Viviani, 10 www.teatrostabileverona.it





E.ART.H.-EATALY ART HOUSE UNTIL 15 JANUARY 2023

NEW SPACES OF CONTEMPORARY ART

EXHIBITIONS "Voli-Ni", the personal exhibition of the Ghanaian visual artist **Ibrahim Mahama**, inaugurates the **new spaces of E.ART.H**. in Verona, together with "**Staged**", the photographic exhibition dedicated to the Dutch photographer and director **Anton Corbijn**.

The "**Voli-Ni**" unprecedented exhibition project is designed specifically for the spaces of E.ART.H. and includes a **large installation** that fully occupies the long corridor on the first floor. "**Staged**" unfolds as a journey through Corbijn's career with a **corpus of around eighty works**. Included are some of the most iconic shots he has taken from his early days to the present day and which have now become part of the collective imagination, juxtaposed with others that are less well-known.

"Voli-Ni" and "Staged" at E.ART.H. Eataly Art House

Via Santa Teresa, 12 www.eataly.net/it_it/negozi/verona









>> ABOUT E.ART.H. EATALY ART HOUSE

The city of Turin has been enriched with a new exhibition space of **over a thousand square metres** (the former Specialised Refrigeration Station) dedicated to temporary exhibitions of **contemporary art and photography**, with a programme of about six exhibitions a year. The aim is to propose a high quality cultural offer, aimed at the widest possible audience, highlighting the great protagonists of contemporary culture, with exhibitions by important curators on the Italian and international scene.

E.ART.H.'s mission is to create new ways of enjoying **art for the public**, and a new kind of collecting. The founding thought of E.ART.H. is based on the idea that through art we can reach a broader and deeper understanding of our reality, looking at the works as a fertile ground through which to analyse the present and open new glances at the future. **eatalyarthouse.it**





TEATRO FILARMONICO, 3 DECEMBER FAMILY CONCERT AT THE FILARMONICO

CONCERTS The winter of the Fondazione Arena di Verona is enriched by a special appointment designed for families, in a completely **new miniature series**: the Family Concerts. This date is dedicated to a little gem of theatre in music, "L'Histoire du soldat" (The Soldier's Story), a timeless tale that Igor Stravinsky created with his friend and Swiss writer Charles-Ferdinand Ramuz in 1918. The performance, a "story to be read, acted and danced", is based on a **Russian fairy tale** by Afanas'ev happily contaminated by the western myth of Faust. Director of the Veronese debut is **Domenico Andriani** with sets by Angelo Finamore. Seven professors, first parts of the Orchestra areniana, are conducted by **Paolo Spadaro** to bring Stravinsky's original score to life. Even the short duration, contained within the hour, is designed for **light and engaging enjoyment**.

The show takes place at 3.30pm in the modern Sala Filarmonica (entrance from Via Roma 3). The full price is 10 euro for adults (5 euro for children under 14).

L'Histoire di Soldat. Teatro Filarmonico. Via dei Mutilati, 4 www.arena.it/en/teatro-filarmonico



TEATRO NUOVO, 25 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS IN POINTE TOES

BALLET One of the immortal masterpieces of 19th century ballet history by **Marius Petipa** is staged for Christmas: **Swan Lake**. First performed in 1877 at the Bol'šoj Theatre in Moscow, despite Tchaikovsky's music, it was not immediately as successful as it was in 1894, when it was staged at the Mariinsky Theatre in St. Petersburg. This ballet tells the enchanting love story between the young **prince Siegfried and Odette**, an otherworldly creature transformed into a swan by the perfidious magician Rothbart for refusing his love. Reviving the emotion of this classic with its muffled atmosphere is the **Opera Ballet of Iasi**, one of the most acclaimed classical dance companies that has been touring all over Europe for more than twenty-four years. **Evocative light designs and sets** will immerse the audience in the white atmosphere of the world's most famous swan lake.

Il Lago dei Cigni (Swan Lake)

Teatro Nuovo. Piazza Francesco Viviani, 10 www.teatrostabileverona.it







A STUNNING PRIVATE COLLECTION

This house museum offers a **journey through history** among masterpieces and curiosities spanning **two thousand years**. Located in the central **Piazza Erbe**, it is a must-see for art history enthusiasts. A wunderkammer with thematic nuclei of ancient art in which the dialogue with modernity and the charm of a private residence bursts in.

>> Since this autumn, Palazzo Maffei has **extended its visiting hours until 6pm**, and is open **from Thursday to Monday**, when all museums are generally closed.

Palazzo Maffei Verona

Piazza Erbe, 38-38/A palazzomaffeiverona.com



SAN ZENO DISTRICT, 4 DECEMBER ANTIQUES, AN UNFAILING PASSION

MARKET FAIR Like every first Sunday of the month, the San Zeno district hosts a market for antiques, collectibles, modern and vintage items. The perfect occasion for tourists and the curious on the hunt for bargains, where they can rediscover objects from the past and small hidden treasures. About 250 exhibitors from all over northern Italy offer visitors art and antiques, furniture, knickknacks, carpets, modern and vintage objects and clothes. There is also no shortage of fine embroidery, lace and traditional fabrics. Often this market is the occasion for thematic side events and small shows. The stalls are located in Piazza San Zeno, Piazza Corrubbio, Piazza Pozza, Via S. Procolo, Via Lenotti and Via Porta San Zeno.

Verona Antiquaria

Piazza San Zeno. Open 8am-6pm.







MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO NAZIONALE, 4 DECEMBER FREE SUNDAY AT THE MUSEUM

Every first Sunday of the month, **state-owned museums**, **archaeological parks and cultural sites in Italy** will grant free admission to all visitors, who can thus once again benefit from a unique initiative to promote knowledge of Italy's cultural heritage. In Verona, the state museum in Verona involved in the "Free Sunday at the Museum" initiative is the Museo Archeologico Nazionale.

Museo Archeologico Nazionale di Verona

Open 10am-6pm. Stradone San Tomaso, 3 polomusealeveneto.beniculturali.it/musei/museo-archeologiconazionale-di-verona



OUT OF TOWN



LOT OF FUN AT GARDALAND RESORT

LEISURE Lights, decorations, shows and a magic encounter with Santa Claus for the younger ones: this and much more on the occasion of Gardaland Magic Winter, the by now traditional and magic winter event - scheduled from 3 December to 8 January 2023 - which this year reaches the incredible milestone of its twentieth edition.

During the whole opening period - on **3 and 4 December**, during the long bridge of the Immaculate Conception from **8 to 11 December**, on **17 and 18 December**, on **24 December** and then uninterruptedly from **26 December to 8 January** - the main attractions will be available but also many new features to be unveiled, which will be accompanied by enthralling displays, animations and shows that will accompany visitors during their fun-filled days. Gardaland will be open, on the above mentioned days, from **10.30am to 6pm**.

GARDALAND RESORT

Castelnuovo del Garda. (30 minutes from Verona) www.gardaland.it



2023 EVENTS IN ITALY



JANUARY

10-13/1 | Florence | Pitti Uomo. www.pittimmagine.com 13-17/1 | Milan | Milano Fashion Week Men's. www.cameramoda.it 20-22/1 | Cortina d'Ampezzo (Veneto) | Alpine World Ski Championship. www.fis-ski.com www.cortinaskiworldcup.com 20-24/1 | Vicenza (Veneto) | Vicenzaoro. www.vicenzaoro.com 29/1 | Val di Fassa (Trentino-Alto Adige) | 49th Marcialonga Skimarathon. www.marcialonga.it

FEBRUARY

4-6/2 | Florence | Taste 16. taste.pittimmagine.com
4-21/2 | Venice | Carnevale di Venezia. www.carnevale.venezia.it
4-25/2 | Viareggio (Tuscany) | Carnevale di Viareggio. Viareggio.ilcarnevale.com
12-14/2 | Milan | BIT Borsa Internazionale del Turismo. Bit.fieramilano.it
21-27/2 | Milan | Milano Fashion Week Women's. www.cameramoda.it

MARCH

19/3| Rome | Run Rome The Marathon. www.runromethemarathon.com 23-26/3 | Milan | MIA Fair (12th edition). www.miafair.it 25-26/3 | Several locations | Spring Days FAI. www.giornatefai.it

APRIL

2-5/4 | Verona | Vinitaly.
www.vinitaly.com
9-30/4 | Venice | Homo Faber.
www.homofaber.com
14-16/4 | Milan | Miart. www.miart.it
18-23/4 | Milan | Milano Design
Week-Salone del Mobile.Milano.
www.salonemilano.it

MAY

6-28/5 | Several locations in Italy | Giro d'Italia (106th edition). www.giroditalia.it 8-21/5 | Rome | Tennis. Internazionali BNL d'Italia. www.internazionalibnlditalia.com 20/5-26/11 | Venice | Biennale Architettura-18th International Architecture Exhibition. www.labiennale.org 31/5-4/6 | Venice | Salone Nautico Venezia. www.salonenautico.venezia.it

JUNE

11/6 | Mugello (Tuscany) | Moto GP. Gran Premio d'Italia. www.motogp.com 13-17/6 | Brescia-Rome-Brescia | Mille Miglia 2022. www.1000miglia.it 15-18/6 | Milan-Monza | MIMO Milano Monza Motor Show. www.milanomonza.com

16/6-8/9 | Verona | Arena di Verona Opera Festival (100th edition). www.arena.it

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JULY

2/7 | Siena | Palio di Siena-Palio di Provenzano. www.ilpalio.org
7-16/7 | Perugia | Umbria Jazz. www.umbriajazz.it
15/7 | Venice | Festa del Redentore. venice.welcomemagazine.it

AUGUST

16/8 | Siena | Palio di Siena-Palio dell'Assunta. www.ilpalio.org 30/8-9/9 | Venice | Biennale Cinema. www.labiennale.org

SEPTEMBER

3-9/9 | Monza (Milan) | Formula 1. Italian Grand Prix. www.formula1.com 4-24/9 | Milan and Turin | MITO SettembreMusica. mitosettembremusica.it 6-10/9 | Mantua (Lombardy) | Festivaletteratura (27th edition). www.festivaletteratura.it 9-17/9 | Venice | The Venice Glass Week. theveniceglassweek.com 10/9 | Misano (Emilia Romagna) | Moto GP di San Martino e della Riviera di Rimini. www.motoap.com 15-17/9 | Florence | Fragranze. fragranze.pittimmagine.com 15-18/9 | Terni (Umbria) | Umbria Jazz. www.umbriajazz.it

17-19/9 | Milan | MICAM. www.themicam.com 19-25/9 | Milan | Milano Fashion Week Women's.

www.cameramoda.it 21-26/9 | Genoa |

International Boat Show. www.salonenautico.com

OCTOBER

7/10- 3/12 | Alba (Piedmont) | International Alba White Truffle Fair. www.fieradeltartufo.org 8/10 | Trieste | Barcolana (55th edition). www.barcolana.it

NOVEMBER

1-5/11 | Turin | Paratissima (19th edition). www.paratissima.it 2-5/11 | Verona | Fieracavalli (125th edition). www.fieracavalli.it 3-5/11 | Turin | Artissima (30th edition). www.artissima.art 7-12/11 | Milan | EICMA. International Motorcycle and Accessories Exhibition. www.eicma.it 15-19/11 | Milan | BookCity Milano. bookcitymilano.it 17-25/11 | Venice | Teatro La Fenice - Opening of the Opera and Ballet season, www.teatrolafenice.it 21/11 | Venice | Festa della Salute. venice.welcomemagazine.it

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LAKESIDE DESTINATION

Just 30 minutes from Verona, Lake Garda attracts millions of visitors thanks to its mild climate, its old-fashioned atmosphere and its breathtaking scenery, including scenic roads along the coast, Renaissance villas, Romanesque hamlets and small villages.

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Surrounded by **three distinct regions** – Lombardy, Trentino Alto-Adige and the Veneto – **Italy's largest lake** is one of the most important tourist destinations in the country. Characterized by a mild climate all year round, Mediterranean vegetation, colours and scents reminiscent of the sea, Lake Garda is surrounded by **picturesque villages, seaside resorts, historical remains**, harbours, **parks and nature** reserves: capable of satisfying **nature lovers**, those who want to discover places rich in **history and culture**, as well as the more sporty who can enjoy trekking, excursions and above all, thanks to the constant winds, **water sports**.

The most famous places include **Sirmione**, the favourite destination of the poet Catullus and Maria Callas, with its splendid **Rocca Scaligera**, **Gardone Riviera**, with the Vittoriale degli Italiani, the house-museum of the poet Gabriele D'Annunzio, **Peschiera del Garda**, with its fortress and 16th-century ramparts.

Not far from Verona, we find Bardolino, a very lively centre with its typical maze of alleyways, shops, bars, restaurants and



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nightclubs, and **Garda**, where it is worth visiting the Pieve di Santa Maria in Garda, one of the oldest religious buildings in the area, which has a beautiful 15th-century cloister and some 15th-century frescoes.

Lovers of architecture should not miss the famous Garda villas, including the 16th-century **Villa Guarienti**, which stands at the centre of the San Vigilio promontory, with its Italian-style garden and lemon house built in Venetian Gothic style, and **Villa Albertini** surrounded by an immense park stretching across the hill behind it, in a riot of Mediterranean fauna.

History and archaeology enthusiasts should not miss the rock engravings in the **Torri del Benaco** area. Engraved on a rock that has become a sort of natural blackboard due to glaciation, you will find graffiti from various eras, mostly dating back to prehistoric times.

The area is also characterised by the production of excellent wine and olive oil. Custodian of extraordinary culinary and enogastronomic excellence, Garda is the production area of red radicchio, rice of the **vialone nano** variety, **Lessinia cheeses**,

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fish and Garda oil, and even pandoro and Amarone della Valpolicella, all typical products capable of satisfying even the most demanding traveller.

The nearby Gardaland, one of Italy's largest amusement parks, boasts several of the country's most famous attractions, including roller coasters, simulators and theme parks designed to appeal to visitors of all ages (www.gardaland.it).



THE NATURAL PARK OF MONTE BALDO

It dominates Lake Garda and is the ideal place for a **holiday in contact with nature and good food**. We are talking about **Monte Baldo**, a mountain resort in Trentino on the border with Veneto, which offers a 360° **panorama of the lake** (don't miss the Cima Valdritta viewpoint at 2,200 m). In the summer months, you can enjoy long walks along the mountain paths, mountain bike rides or horseback rides (for the more daring there are also hang-gliding or paragliding excursions). In winter, the holiday resort turns into a **top ski resort** thanks to the futuristic **Malcesine-Monte Baldo rotating cable car**.

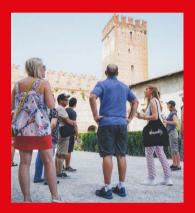






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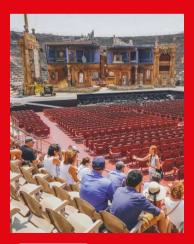


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Strolling through Verona

A stroll through the boutiques and craft shops in the centre is an opportunity to discover that Verona is a city that has nothing to envy to the great fashion capitals of Italy.



VIA MAZZINI, BETWEEN

The main shopping streets are located in the **historic centre** and are all close and interconnected: Via Mazzini, Via Pellicciai, Via Cappello, Via Stella, Via Roma, Corso Porta Borsari, Corso Sant'Anastasia and Piazza delle Erbe. Here you can find boutiques selling clothing, eyewear, shoes, jewellery, perfume, furniture and antiques, as well as bookshops, grocery shops and cafés.

Via Mazzini is the most elegant and fashionable street can be defined as the shopping street par excellence due to the presence of big names in high fashion. There are also some famous **international store chains** with wellknown names in fast-fashion.



PIAZZA DELLE ERBE, WHERE TO SHOP THE VERONESE WAY

If you fancy a more "traditional" shopping experience and want to immerse yourself in the habits of the Veronese, drop by the **market in Piazza delle Erbe**, which has become an institution. In this beautiful square, you will find stalls selling **everything from fruit to sweets to souvenirs.** The market runs from Monday to Saturday (7.30am-8.30pm) and exceptionally on some Sundays.







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THE YOUNG SIDE OF THE CITY

On the left bank of the river Adige, there is an area called Veronetta. It can be reached by leaving the Church of San Fermo and crossing the Ponte San Fermo. From here starts Via XX Settembre, a long street that leads to the university area, with multicultural shops and students walking around.

A buzzing neighbourhood full of alternative venues, art galleries and craft shops: this is Veronetta, home to one of the city's university centres, the Santa Marta campus. Less touristy than the centre, but with a young, alternative atmosphere.

Going in Veronetta will give you the opportunity to enjoy the local lively atmosphere.



SAN ZENO DISTRICT, FOR ANTIQUES LOVERS

Every first Sunday of the month "Verona Antiquaria" is held in this district, just a few steps from the city centre. It is a true paradise for **collectors and vintage lovers.** Among the stalls in Piazza San Zeno, Piazza Corrubbio, Piazza Pozza, Via San Procolo, Via Lenotti and Via Porta San Zeno, there is no lack of opportunities to buy an object of the heart, a souvenir or a unique collector's item.









Modern atmosphere *historic* flair



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Boggi, *New smart* boutique



In the heart of the city of Verona, Boggi Milano has renovated its historic boutique in **Via Mazzini 14/16,** creating an innovative synergy between collections and interior design. The new masculine identity that the Italian brand wants to communicate today tends to move in the direction of greater performance and comfort. In fact, the brand is increasingly focusing on innovation, technology, sustainability and quality, thanks also to the use of raw materials with high technical performance. The design of Boggi Milano garments is the result of two essential elements: the **quality of the fabrics** - with a preference for organic fibres, certified and avant-garde fabrics - and stylistic research, applied to the vision of a new way of life for contemporary man. The concept store also has an omnichannel approach, the result of perfect integration between the physical and digital worlds, which allows it to work in synergy with the **e-commerce platform**.

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Tax Free Refund Guide

According to the Italian law, non-EU resident travellers may be granted VAT relief/refund for goods intended for personal or family use purchased in Italy. This relief is surely an advantage for the foreign travellers: in fact, it allows to save from a minimum of 4% up to a maximum of 22% of the selling price of the goods purchased. Here is a **short** quide according to the Italian legislation to discover the common system of value added tax exclusively for non-EU resident travellers

- VAT (in Italian: IVA) is a value added tax on goods and services, and is part of the European Union's value added tax system.
- In some cases, travellers may be granted a VAT refund.
 This refund does not cover the services supplied by hotels, restaurants, taxis or agencies.
- You may be eligible for a VAT refund provided that:
- you are a non-EU resident;
- the goods purchased are intended for personal or

family use only and are carried in your luggage;

- the overall value of the goods purchased exceeds **154,94 Euro** (VAT included);
- the purchase is certified by an invoice. This invoice should include a description of the goods purchased, your personal information as well as the details of your passport or any other equivalent document;
- the goods shall leave the EU territory by the third month following the date of issue of the invoice, as proved by the "customs stamp";
- from 1 September 2018, tax free invoices in Italy must be electronically transmitted by the national seller to OTELLO information system (Online Tax Refund at Exit: Light Lane Optimization) and their validation is digitally carried out.
- after the digital "customs stamp" is obtained, OTELLO will send a message to the retailer that all the requirements are met and, as a consequence, the retailer will reimburse the amount due or will settle the tax relief.

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- the invoice is returned to the Italian retailer within four months after the purchase was made. If the invoice is stamped by other EU countries, it needs to be brought to the shop retailer by the fourth month following that of the purchase.
- 4. The goods purchased and the relevant invoice must be shown at the customs exit point when leaving EU territory (if you intend to pack the purchased items into your check-in luggage, you must go to Customs BEFORE checking in).
- 5. After leaving EU territory, the traveller must return the original invoice, regularly endorsed by the customs office, to the Italian retailer. Said invoice must be returned within four months from the date when the document was issued.
- 6. The refund can be made directly by the Italian retailer (however, make sure that the shop you've chosen displays a "Tax Free Shopping" or "Euro Tax Free" sign in its window).

- 7. Several Tax-Free companies are able to offer immediate VAT cash refunds when the goods leave either Italian or EU territory (thus exonerating the passenger from having to return the invoice to the retailer). However, this procedure only applies at major international airports or main border crossings. Most major department stores have Tax Free Refund offices.
- 8. The services provided by Tax-Free companies imply the payment of a small administrative sum which is **directly deducted** from the amount of VAT refunded to the traveller.
- 9. In the event of a traveller not receiving a VAT refund within a reasonable period of time, he or she should re-contact the Italian retailer or one of the aforementioned companies.
- However, please note, VAT cannot be refunded directly by customs offices.

Source: www.adm.gov.it/portale/ ee/citizen/

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In addition to the shopping destinations that can be found in Verona, those with a **passion for shopping** and **an eye for saving** cannot fail to plan a visit to the **outlet villages around the corner**, small towns where you can find many Italian and international **brand shops**.



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NOVENTA DI PIAVE

The Designer Outlet is conveniently located for easy access from Verona, **just 1 hour and 30 minutes** away from the city centre. Noventa di Piave is part of the McArthurGlen group, Europe's leader in designer outlet shopping, with 26 outlets in 10 countries.

The group in Italy also boasts "Serravalle"

near Milan and Genoa (the largest Designer Outlet in Europe), "Barberino" near Florence, "Castel Romano" near Rome and "La Reggia" near Naples.

• WHERE: The outlet has a beautiful setting with mosaics and frescoes, inspired by Venetian and Treviso palazzos. It is located adjacent to the motorway exit San Donà-Noventa di Piave (A4 Milan-Triest).

• WHAT: Noventa di Piave offers a strong mix of fashion and homeware brands for women, men and children, from the



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ultimate designer must-have to high-street fashion favourites. The outlet hosts 150 fashion and design brands, from iconic fashion brands like Prada, Gucci, Armani, Fendi, Polo Ralph Lauren, Jil Sander, Roberto Cavalli and Paul Smith to sporting labels, like Nike and The North Face, and high-street favourites, like Guess and Desigual. Discounts to 70% all year round.

• WHEN: You can visit the outlet every day, from 10am to 8pm.

• **NOT ONLY SHOPPING:** other highlights include cafés and restaurants, a children's play area, and free parking. Non-EU residents can reclaim any VAT paid on items purchased here. *www. mcarthurglen.com/en/outlets/it/designer-outlet-noventa-di-piave*

MANTOVA VILLAGE

Half an hour from Verona, Mantova Village offers a unique shopping experience in a land that combines shopping, culture and the sweet life. In addition to Mantova, the Land of Fashion Villages include 4 other outlets in Italy's most beautiful locations: Valdichiana, Franciacorta, Palmanova and Puglia.

A package of services is available using

the same "Village Card" at all Land of Fashion outlets.

• WHERE: the Village, just 10 km from Mantua, is near to the Brenner motorway. You can easily reach the outlet from Verona (Porta Nuova Station) by train or by car (A22 motorway with toll). The address is: Via Marco Biagi, Bagnolo San Vito (Mantova).

• WHAT: over 100 boutiques with a selection of Italian and international brands at prices reduced by up to 70% off the retail price. Among the fashion brands you can find Harmont & Blaine, Liu Jo, Luisa Spagnoli, Motivi, Nanapijri, Sisley, Timberland, Trussardi and many more. Sports brands include Adidas, Freddy, Nike and Salewa; and for your home and lifestyle discover Bialetti, Basetti, Gabel, Italian Factory and more.



WHEN: you can visit the outlet every day, from 10am to 8pm.
NOT ONLY SHOPPING: other highlights include cafés and restaurants, a playground, and an electric car charger. Non-EU residents can reclaim any VAT paid on items purchased here. *www.mantovavillage.it*

FRANCIACORTA VILLAGE

Nestled between Lakes Garda and Iseo, **one hour from Verona**, Franciacorta is not only the home of the famous wines but also offers a unique shopping experience. In addition to Franciacorta Village, the **Land of Fashion Villages** include other 4 outlets in Italy's most beautiful locations: Valdichiana, Mantova, Palmanova and Puglia. A package of services is available using the **same "Village Card" at all Land of Fashion outlets**.

• WHERE: you can easily reach the Village from the Verona airport (Villafranca) by car (A4 motorway with toll) or from the Verona train station (Porta Nuova) by AeroBus. The address is: Piazza Cascina Moie,1/2 - Rodengo-Saiano (Brescia).

• WHAT: over 190 stores with a selection of Italian and international brands at prices reduced by up to 70% off the retail price. Among the fashion brands and shops you can find Baldinini, Blumarine, Bric's (new), Del Mare 1911, Doriani Cachemere, Hartmont & Blaine, Liu Jo, Motivi, Nanapijri, Pollini, Roncato, Sisley, Timberland, Tommy Hilfiger, Trussardi and many more. Sports brands include Adidas, Dolomite, Freddy, Nike, Rossignol, Salomon, The North Face; and for your home and lifestyle don't miss Bialetti, Richard Ginori, Villeroy & Boch.

• WHEN: the Village is open from Monday to Sunday, from 10 am to 8 pm.

• **NOT ONLY SHOPPING:** other highlights include cafés and restaurants, a children's play area, and free parking. Non-EU residents can reclaim any VAT paid on items purchased here. *www.franciacortavillage.it*

FOOD & WINE TASTING



Casa Mazzanti Caffè overlooks Piazza delle Erbe, the site of the city market since Roman times.

>> Casa Mazzanti Caffè Caffetteria, ristorante, lounge bar Piazza Erbe 32 T: 045 8003217 Open daily 8am-2am www.casamazzanti.it

n the historic centre of Verona, Casa Mazzanti Caffè is located inside the Case Mazzanti, extraordinary buildings that are among the most beautiful in the whole of Verona: owned by the Scaligeri family in medieval times, they are characterised by their frescoed facades from the 16th century. A café, restaurant and lounge bar, Casa Mazzanti Caffè welcomes quests from the morning with breakfast and selected coffees and the artisan pastries of Caffè Wallner. English Italian menu are also available. For lunch and dinner, prepared with the best of ingredients, fresh pasta is carefully cooked every day, dressed with seasonal sauces.

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• Breakfast time in Italy can be from 6am to 11am, depending on what time you got up, and it usually includes a cappuccino, which is a morning drink, and "cornetto" or other sweet pastries.

• Lunchtime usually ranges from midday to 2pm (that is

why many of the shops of the shops close in these hours), **dinnertime** from 8pm to 10pm.

• Between 6pm and 9pm it's **aperitivo time**, an Italian tradition started in Verona. If you're feeling hungry between 3pm and 5pm then it's time for you to have a "merenda", a quick snack between the two main meals. Should you be hungry at late night, you can check several list of **late-night restaurants in Verona**.

• Never forget to check the restaurant's **weekly closing day**, which – most of the time – will be Monday.

• Reservations for most restaurants are strongly advised.

• In Italy, service is included in the price meaning that although **tipping is not compulsory** but it is obviously appreciated as a sign of satisfaction.

• Some menus include the word "**coperto**", a small surcharge corresponding to the cost of the service and bread (usually between 1 and 3 euros per person).

 If you want tap water, you should specify it to the waiting staff of the restaurant or bar, asking for a glass of "acqua di rubinetto".

Although no dress code exists in Italy, semiformal

clothing is usually considered de rigeur at restaurants.

 All restaurants and bars are non-smoking unless a separate smokers' area is specifically offered.



The heart of food *tradition*



If you want to try Veronese specialities, with a touch of creativity, served in the elegant rooms of a **19th-century building with a dehors** on the square, **Caffè Dante Bistrot** is the place to go. Since the beginning of the 20th century, the "Dante" has been part of Verona's cultural life, an essential meeting point for city life and the heart of **Verona's food and wine tradition**. It is reminiscent of a Parisian bistro, a vintage corner with art deco overtones.

In the refined setting of **Piazza dei Signori**, this **gourmet restaurant** boasts an award-winning wine list and a selection of ethical meats from certified local farms.

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The cuisine is based on local (and even national) specialities revisited with a **contemporary twist**. Great attention is paid to the choice and presentation of meat, with a preference for **grilled meats**.

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A pasta *heaven* in Verona



In the streets of the centre, **La Bottega della Gina** offers the true taste of home-made tradition. A **speciality food and delicatessen shop** that has become an institution in Verona: gnocchi and fresh pasta of all kinds are prepared here by hand, especially with fillings. The pasta is handmade, "**express**" **cooked** and served with great courtesy and politeness. A small place, a little hidden away, but with an extremely **genuine cuisine** with delicate flavours and excellent ingredients, of high quality and well presented. Whether it's a portion of tortellini to enjoy while strolling, or fresh pasta to take home for a special evening of "**takeaway tortellini**", La Bottega della Gina is the place to enjoy one of Italy's most typical specialities. Open Wed-Sat 10am-10pm; Tues and Sun 10am-7.30pm. Closed on Monday.

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Good *food* . and great *MUSIC*



A restaurant, pizzeria and jazz club, **Le Cantine de l'Arena** is a stone's throw from the Arena of Verona with an important dehors. The **restaurant-pizzeria** is located on the ground floor of a majestic 17th century building and offers a rich selection of **typical Veronese and regional dishes**.

The pizza is prepared faithfully following the Neapolitan recipe. The **music brasserie** is in the cellars with a vaulted brick ceiling: a refined environment with a **magical atmosphere**, where you can listen to good music while enjoying delicious food and grilled meat. From aperitifs to after-dinner drinks, the bar offers a variety of speciality wines and spirits accompanied by imaginative snacks, bruschettas and platters of cold meats and cheeses. Live music three or four times a week, with a strong preference for jazz and blues.

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Genuine flavours in the Custoza hills



Food that is always fresh and **raw materials of the highest quality**: at **Principe Amedeo** all this is cared for and offered to guests with great passion. Situated in the **hills of Custoza** to the south-east of Lake Garda in an environment of great **natural beauty**, this agriturismo has been dedicated to catering, hospitality and food for forty years. A location where you can savour the pleasure of a memorable evening or lunch, not least because of the **courtesy and attention to detail**. Authentic flavours are brought to the table, from the first courses prepared day by day, to the wine list that reflects the tradition of the area. The rooms have a veranda that opens onto the gardens, the pergola of strawberry grapes, the BBQ area and, above all, the first fruits of the almond and pomegranate orchards, the olive trees and the vegetable gardens where the ingredients served at the table are grown.

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Verona flavours

It would be a pity to visit Verona without dedicating some time to the discovery of the local enogastronomical excellences, some of them are internationally known, others are more niche, but equally noteworthy.



AMARONE

This is a dry red raisin DOCG wine, produced exclusively in Valpolicella, a hilly area surrounding Verona and extending from Lake Garda to almost the border with the province of Vicenza. The climate and soil of this area, protected by the Lessini Mountains to the north and influenced by the almost Mediterranean climate, mild and not very rainy of Lake Garda, contribute to determine the organoleptic characteristics of this wine with its **full and velvety flavor**, which goes well with **fullbodied meat dishes**, such as braised meat, stews and roasts, but also with **cold cuts** and **hard cheeses**.

RISOTTO ALL'AMARONE

If you are true lovers of Amarone, you cannot avoid to taste a typical recipe where it is the protagonist together with another excellent product of the territory: **Vialone Nano rice**. This is



the delicious **Risotto all'Amarone**, which you can obviously taste in the best restaurants of Verona.

MEAT-BASED MAIN COURSES

Rich **stews served with polenta** are also a feature of Veronese cuisine, such as **brasato all'Amarone** (beef braised in red wine) and **pastissada de caval**, a horse meat stew made rich with medieval spices.

MONTE VERONESE DOP CHEESE

Another traditional product of the area, which goes very well with Amarone and with the other red wines of Valpolicella, is **Monte Veronese DOP cheese**, which was born in the mountains of Lessinia, paradise for lovers of **dairy products**: from butters, to caciotta cheeses, to various malga cheeses.

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As for desserts, Verona's most popular dish is **Pandoro**. Literally meaning "Pan de Oro" ('golden bread'), it is a sweet briochestyle cake dusted with icing sugar, with its typical eight-pointed star shape. Like the Milanese panettone, but much older, it has become an Italian staple for Christmas and New Year. Another typical local cake is the **Torta Russa**, a pastry cake wrapped in a thick **almond paste**, so-called because its shape resembles that of a colbacco.



CELLARS & WINE SHOPS

Signorvino, cellar with kitchen

In Verona and surroundings, lots of (excellent) Italian wine labels and quality food: a stop at Signorvino is well worthwhile.

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t is not just a shop. Signorvino is a reference point in the city for all wine and food enthusiasts and for all those who want to experience the best of Italian production at affordable prices. At Signorvino you can buy a bottle of wine for any occasion, have lunch or dinner, have an aperitif tasting new combinations, take part in lessons, tastings, Masteclass or spend an evening together thanks to the over 1000 events organised every year. In all stores you can find over 2000 labels representing the Italian territories with the greatest wine vocation, big names and very small companies that are often hard to find.

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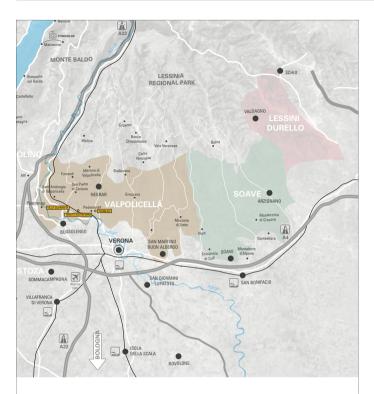
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[THE LANDS OF WINE] Valpolicella-Soave-Lessini Durello



On the trail of taste/1

A few kilometres north of Verona are famous winegrowing areas where many of the world's most exported Made in Italy wines are produced: these include the hilly area of Valpolicella, the kingdom of Amarone, Soave and Lessini Durello. The whole area deserves an itinerary to discover the most prestigious or characteristic wine cellars.





In Valpolicella and its surroundings



Set in the wonderful microcosm of the **Valpantena**, the valley closest to Verona and rich in numerous nature trails, **Costa Arènte** is located on a hill 250 metres above sea level. The company produces **wines with a strong Valpolicella identity**, respecting the territory and tradition, but with a desire to innovate. 35 hectares of which 17 are planted with vines (corvina, corvinone and rondinella) and the remainder with woodland and olive groves. The grapes destined for **Amarone**, after being selected and **harvested by hand**, are put to rest in the "fruttaio", while the ageing phase takes place in a **state-of-the-art "barricaia"**. Already a reference point in the valley as a refuge and favourite holiday resort for Veronese families, the estate opens its doors to visitors: from **wine tasting** to discovering the Costa Arènte vineyards and facilities. To **book your experience**: booking@costarente.it or call +39 347 2111150.

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Soave, between tradition and quality



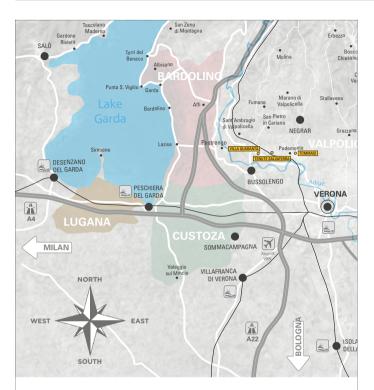
From a **long family history**, in the heart of the **medieval town of Soave** stands the **Pieropan** winery, where grapes and wines of excellence are produced. A great knowledge of the land and raw materials, combined with a great passion and a strong entrepreneurial spirit make this company a flagship in the Veneto region. The cultivation of the grapes, pressing, vinification and bottling all take place on site. Its vineyards are all located in the **classic hilly area of Soave**, with different exposures and altitudes: **Calvarino**, cultivated in terraces and on soil of volcanic origin; **La Rocca** located in the **impressive hypogeum of a hillside** of calcareous origin, and **Monte Garzon**, 400 metres above sea level, ventilated and clayey for rich, structured and elegant wines. There are **two Pieropan cellars**: the historic one, in the heart of Soave, where all stages of production take place and which also houses the historical memory of Pieropan production - and the other in a modern, sober style at Villa Cipolla.

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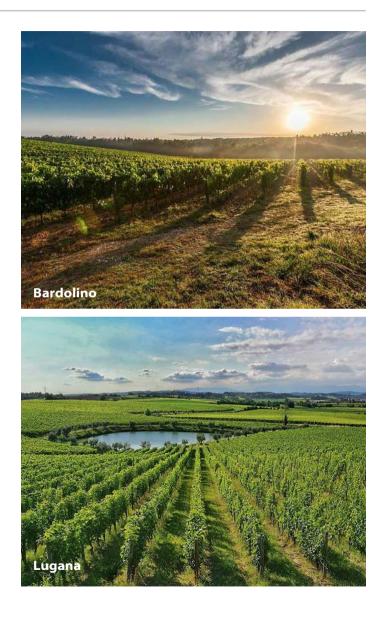
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[THE LANDS OF WINE] Lugana-Custoza-Bardolino



On the trail of taste/2

Along the Veronese shores of Lake Garda, the three wine regions of Bardolino, Custoza and Lugana have in common the Garda terroir, which guarantees a moderate microclimate and altitude and a moraine soil rich in humus. Bardolino is a land of red and rosé wines, Custoza and Lugana of white wines, but all are distinguished by their freshness and ease of drinking.





Lugana, a duo of vine and territory



The **Ottella winery** in the Peschiera del Garda area is one of the most renowned wine producers in the **southern part of Lake Garda**. Relying on the Trebbiano di Lugana vine, locally known as "turbiana", the company produces modern wines in full respect of the particular characteristics of the territory. A clay and limestone soil of glacial origin of **40 hectares**, combined with a constantly ventilated microclimate, results in fine, healthy grapes. A few ingredients, where simple becomes synonymous with quality. The Ottella winery cultivates **both white and red grapes**, producing a large number of labels. Among the reds, the Venetian wine expressions of **Amarone** and **Valpolicella** stand out, while among the whites, **Trebbiano di Lugana** reigns supreme. Mineral sapidity, aromatic finesse and freshness define the imprint of Ottella wines, which can tell the soul and essence of a grape variety and a territory.

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Tasting experience in the *Custoza* land



To the **south-east of Lake Garda**, just a few kilometres from Verona and Mantua, the **Menegotti farm** cultivates **30 hectares of vineyards** that extend into the evocative landscape of the moraine hills of Custoza, ideal territory for the production of high quality wines. More than half a century's experience has been handed down for three generations in the production of classic Garda wines and **Classic Method sparkling wines**, all strictly from grapes grown on the farm. Menegotti is today synonymous with elegant and harmonious traditional Garda wines such as **Custoza, Bardolino and Chiaretto**, as well as excellent sparkling wines born from the care and thirty years' experience in bottle fermentation. The company offers the possibility of tasting and visiting the production and ageing cellar. In addition, tastings, company meetings and dinners are organised in the unique setting of the **elegant showroom** designed by Atelier Mendini.

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Vicenza, the city signed by Palladio

Also called a theatre city, Vicenza preserves some of the most important artistic and architectural wonders of the Veneto region. ast of Verona lies the city of Vicenza, which bears innumerable traces of **Andrea Palladio**, the architect who influenced the design of the White House in Washington DC. During the 16th century, Palladio helped transform this city, which is characterised by **different styles**: Romanesque, Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque and Neoclassical. Notable monuments include the Teatro Olimpico, the Basilica Palladiana and the Palazzo Chiericati.

The **Palazzo Leoni Montanari** houses the **Gallerie d'Italia**, which collects works of 18th-century Venetian painting, together with the most important Italian collection of Russian icons.







Bike tour along the Mincio



A perfect itinerary for those who love to combine sport, nature, culture and wine and food experiences with **slow tourism**, between natural parks, botanical gardens and ancient castles: the **Mincio Valley cycle path** offers the possibility of organising a bicycle trip suitable for everyone.

On a city bike, or better still on a mountain bike, the section of cycle path from **Borghetto sul Mincio** to Peschiera del Garda is **15 km long** (the complete Garda-Mantova route is about 45 km long) through the green of the dense vegetation and the blue waters of the River Mincio. A flat route, on an asphalt road reserved for bicycles only, which crosses the protected area of the **Mincio Natural Park**, skirting the river in places, to arrive at the Unesco World Heritage fortress town of **Peschiera del Garda**. This is also the starting point for the 40 km Peschiera-Garda cycle path (round trip) along a picturesque route overlooking the lake.

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Mantua, a city shaped like a palazzo



Only **40 minutes from Verona**, Mantua is a place that conveys the **splendour of 16th-century courts**. Originally an Etruscan settlement, it achieved its full splendour in Medieval times and, in particular, during the reign of the **Gonzaga family**, the Dukes of Mantua who conquered the city in 1328 and ruled benevolently until 1707. Important monuments including **Palazzo Ducale**, **Palazzo del Podestà**, **Palazzo della Ragione** and the churches of San Lorenzo (the "Rotonda") and Santa Maria del Gradaro also date back to this period. In 2016, the city has been named Italian Capital of Culture. The city offers evidence of its prestigious history and rich traditions at every corner of its historic centre: **porticoes, small squares and courtyards**, enchanting places that convey the splendour of 16th-century courts. The 14th-century Castle of San Giorgio houses the most famous room in the entire Ducal Palace, the **Bridal Chamber**, frescoed between 1465 and 1474.

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Custoza, mix of history and vineyards



Custoza is a **small Italian village**, 11 miles southwest of Verona, near Borghetto and **south of Lake Garda**. Here visitors can enjoy the countryside while sipping local wine or **rent bikes to explore the area** and see all the history that fills this town. **History dates back to the XIX century**, where the first and third Italian Wars of Independence took place in 1848 and 1866. The **Ossuary of Custoza** stands on the **Belvedere Hill** to honor the Italian and Austrian soldiers that were killed during the two wars. The monument is marked with a tall stone pillar that consists of three rooms on the inside. Visitors will find a chapel, a **crypt** which displays remains of Italian and Austrian soldiers, and a **gallery** where visitors can find a 360-degree view of the area. Along with the monument, **Custoza is known for its wine.** Due to the **climate and soil** in this area, wine is able to be produced locally, and has hints of salty and savory as well as a fresh acidity.

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The **Parco Giardino Sigurtà**, about 30 km from Verona, offers a spectacle of green spaces as far as the eye can see with **amazing seasonal blooms**. One of the highlights is the famous "**Tulipanomania**" between March and April, when hundreds of thousands of tutipaniums of all shades of colour bloom in unison. Then there is the "**Avenue of Three Thousand Roses**", which in May covers more than a kilometre of promenade. Also worth visiting are the "Labyrinth" of 1,500 yew trees that form a path over an area of 2,500 sq.m., the "Water Gardens" and the "Great Oak". Other places of interest are: the Castelletto, the Horizontal Sundial, the Stone of Youth and the Hermitage. A **riot of greenery and ponds** - in which hundreds of water lilies and lotus flowers, water hibiscuses and papyruses triumph in summer - where you can stroll and enjoy fantastic views, on foot or by electric golf-cart, panoramic train, electric shuttle or bicycle.

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Soave, the "Most Beautiful in Italy"



Soave is a village at the base of the Lessini Mountains that resembles a small medieval town due to the castle and architecture of the buildings. Soave was named the "Most Beautiful Village in Italy in 2022", a contest launched by Italy's national television group, in a programme dedicated to travel and tourism. The area offers visitors a variety of monuments worth visiting and vineyards that produce Soave white wine, which is known around the world. The Castle of Soave sits on top of Mount Tenda and is considered a military artifact and one of the main monuments in Soave. Visitors can still get a full tour of the castle and view the panoramic views of the vineyards surrounding the castle. Other monuments include Piazza dell'Antenna, Porta Vicentina, Porta Aquila, Palazzo Scaligero del Capitano and Porta San Giorgio. This land is perfect for the vineyards which gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy beautiful views while drinking local wine.



A museum dedicated to engines

The Nicolis Museum is a cultural enterprise of excellence destined to make the Italian mechanical engineering manufacturing tradition known throughout the world.

>> Museo Nicolis dell'Auto, della Tecnica, della Meccanica Viale Postumia, 71 Villafranca di Verona T: 045 6303289. Open Sat and Sun 10am-6pm. www.museonicolis.com

amed after Veronese entrepreneur Luciano Nicolis, the Museo Nicolis dell'Auto. della Tecnica, della Meccanica is located in Villafranca di Verona and houses hundreds of perfectly functioning cars including rare examples produced from the early 20th century onwards. About 200 vintage cars, 120 bicycles, 105 motorbikes, 500 cameras, film cameras and movie cameras, 120 musical instruments and jukeboxes, 100 typewriters, small aircraft, a rare collection of about 100 Formula 1 racing and touring, grand touring and sports cars, a section dedicated to motorbike, car and aircraft engines and hundreds of works of human ingenuity.



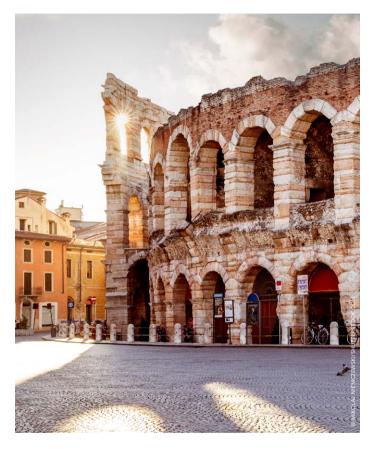


Giulietta between legend and reality



The universal fame of **Romeo and Juliet** stems from a 16th century novella set in Verona, inspired by Dante's "Divine Comedy" and the story of the Montague and Capulet families. The story reached England at the end of the 16th century and was staged by William Shakespeare, whose immortal verses made the two unfortunate lovers universally famous. In the eighteenth century, European travellers on the Grand Tour went to visit Juliet's tomb and would later attribute to her a home in this place where, from the balcony, according to tradition Juliet would look out to talk to her Romeo. Open to the public since 1973, after numerous restorations. Juliet's House has become a house-museum and one of the most important tourist attractions in the city, giving it the reputation of the "city of love". Don't miss a souvenir photo next to the bronze statue of the heroine, better still if touching her right breast for good luck.

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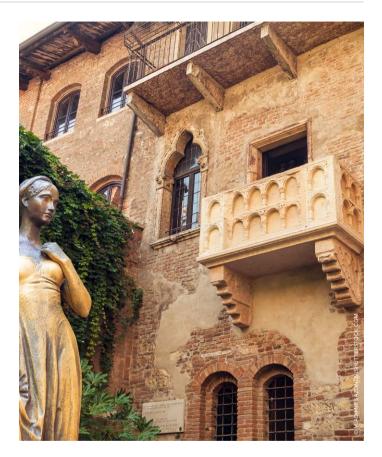


ARENA DI VERONA

Built around the 1st century A.D., this is a **symbol of the city** and the **largest open-air opera house in the world**.

In an excellent state of preservation, what once was an ancient amphitheatre where gladiator shows took place is now used for operas and concerts. Every year since 1913 it has been hosting the **famous Opera Festival**. www.arena.it





CASA DI GIULIETTA

This is a tourist must-visit for all fans of Shakespeare's tragedy "Romeo and Juliet". The **13th-century Gothic tower-house** is located in Via Cappello: in the courtyard there is the **bronze statue of Juliet** (which according to tradition grants luck and love to the person touching her breast) and the **balcony** described in Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. casadigiulietta.comune.verona.it







PIAZZA BRA

This is the **largest square in Verona**, overlooked by the famous Arena and a number of **historic buildings**, including Palazzo della Gran Guardia and Palazzo Barbieri. The characteristic "liston", a sidewalk paved in pink marble from Valpolicella, with which the Arena was also built, is the perfect place to enjoy a coffee or an aperitivo, perhaps just before attending a show inside the amphitheatre.





CASTELVECCHIO

This is one of Verona's main monuments and today houses the **city's civic museum**. Once the military seat of the Scaligeri family, it is now a place of historical interest that contains some of the most beautiful **works of art** in the city, as well as being an **architecturally interesting building**.

museodicastelvecchio.comune.verona.it





TORRE DEI LAMBERTI

With its **84 metres overlooking Piazza delle Erbe**, Torre dei Lamberti (built in 1172) is one of the tallest buildings in Verona. The central section of the tower is decorated with a **large clock**, while at the top are **four bells**. The top, which can be reached by lift or a **spiral staircase**, offers a **spectacular view** of the historic centre. www.torredeilamberti.it





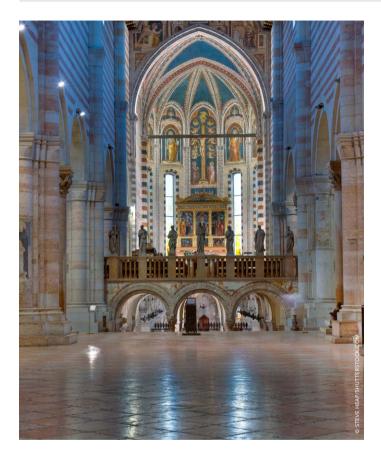
DUOMO DI VERONA

The church of **early Christian origins** was consecrated in 1187 by Pope Urban II and is part of an **architectural complex** that includes other religious buildings. The majestic and solemn interior of **Romanesque design with Gothic touches** on the façade contains **Renaissance trompe l'œil frescoes** and the famous painting "Assumption of the Virgin" by Titian (1535). www.cattedralediverona.it









BASILICA DI SAN ZENO

The church dedicated to Verona's patron saint has early Christian origins, it is a **sacred place par excellence in the city** and one of the masterpieces of **Romanesque art** in Italy. In the shape of a Latin cross with three naves, the interior is on **three levels**. Notable features on the façade are the **central rose window**, also known as the "Wheel of Fortune", and the bronze portal. basilicasanzeno.it





PIAZZA DELLE ERBE

Verona's oldest square stands in the area of the Roman Forum, which for many centuries was the hub of the city's social, economical and political life. Surrounded by palaces, towers and statues, among which the Torre dei Lamberti, it is considered one of the most characteristic squares in Italy. Every weekend a colourful fruit and vegetable market is held here.





PONTE PIETRA

It is the **oldest of the seven bridges crossing the Adige River** in the city and now the preferred transit route for those wishing to reach the **Roman Theatre**. Destroyed by the Germans in World War II, it was rebuilt with the rubble of the original bridge and retains the characteristic **shape of donkey's back**, typical of Roman bridges.





CASTEL SAN PIETRO

To admire the city from a different point of view, you can take a nice walk up to Castel San Pietro (a funicular is also available). From the top of this hill, you can admire an **enchanting panorama of Verona and the Adige River**.





GIARDINO GIUSTI

Located in the historic centre of Verona, this garden created at the end of the 14th century is considered one of the most significant examples of **Italian Renaissance gardens**. An oasis of greenery just a few steps from the Arena. A combination of **nature**, **art and history** that recalls many elements of the Medici gardens, an aesthetic reference point for the elite of the Renaissance. giardinogiusti.com

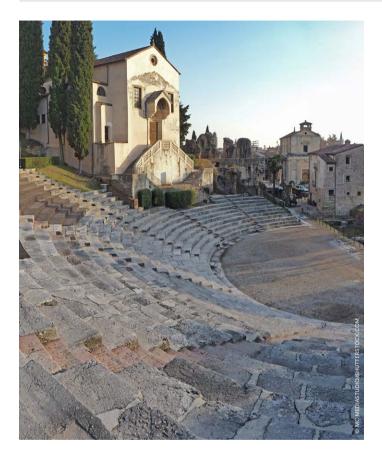




ARCHE SCALIGERE

The **Gothic funerary complex** in the heart of the historic centre houses the tombs of the **most illustrious members of the Scala family**, one of the richest and most powerful families in ancient Verona. Among them is the **Ark of Cangrande**, Lord of Verona from 1308 to 1311, also known as the friend and protector of the great poet Dante Alighieri.





TEATRO ROMANO

The **1st century B.C. open-air theatre** is among the oldest buildings in the city. Built on the **natural slope of the San Pietro hill**, it was completely covered by buildings and dwellings after the end of the Roman era. Brought back to the surface at the end of the 19th century, it has been hosting **musical concerts and theatrical performances** since 1948. museoarcheologico.comune.verona.it





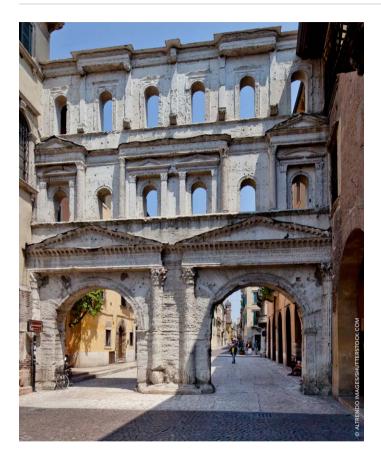
VIA MAZZINI

Via Mazzini is a **narrow cobbled pedestrian street** that connects the city's two most important squares: **Piazza Bra and Piazza delle Erbe**. About 500 metres long, it is considered the **shopping street**, with rows of boutiques of the most famous **fashion brands**. Together with Corso di Porta Borsari, Corso Sant'Anastasia, Piazza delle Erbe and Via Cappello, it forms a small shopping district.









PORTA BORSARI

One of the gates that opened along the Roman walls of Verona, it dates back to the **first century AD** and was the **main entrance to the city**, being located along the axis of the decumanus (the main street in Roman times). In an **excellent state of preservation**, it is characterised by a white stone façade and an overall **height of 13 metres**, which also includes the upper defensive structure.





BASILICA DI SANTA ANASTASIA

The **largest and most solemn Catholic church** in Verona's historic centre, this is also the city's most important **Gothic monument**. Founded in 1290, its construction took over a century. The unfinished façade features a **magnificent double portal** with polychrome marble, reliefs and frescoes. Inside, the basilica has **three large naves** supported by 12 imposing columns of red Verona marble.









CASA MUSEO PALAZZO MAFFEI

In a spectacular seventeenth-century building overlooking Piazza delle Erbe, the extraordinary art exhibition born from the collecting passion of the Veronese entrepreneur Luigi Carlon is a "wunderkammer" with ancient masterpieces in dialogue with the modernity. The collection consists of over 350 works arranged in 20 rooms decorated with stuccoes and frescoes. palazzomaffeiverona.com





PIAZZA DEI SIGNORI

Also known as **Piazza di Dante because of the statue** dedicated to the Great Poet placed here in the 19th century, it is located near Piazza delle Erbe. Since the Middle Ages it has had **administrative and political functions** and from an architectural point of view it is characterised by the succession of **historic buildings connected by arcades and loggias**.





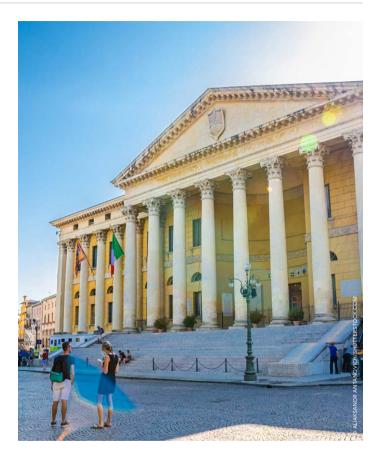




PONTE SCALIGERO

Also known as **Ponte di Castelvecchio**, it was built in the middle of the 14th century at the request of Cangrande II della Scala. It has been described as "the most daring and admirable work of the Middle Ages in Verona", a **masterpiece of military engineering**: a robustness that has allowed it to cross **five centuries of history** and the harshest floods of the Adige River intact.





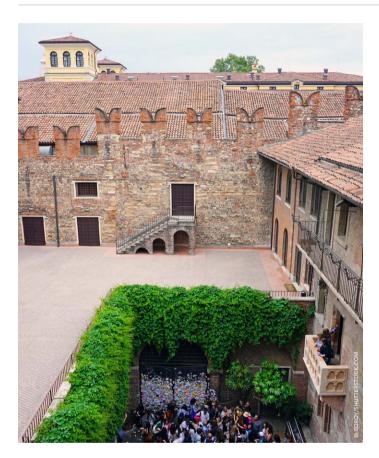
PALAZZO BARBIERI

Headquarters of Verona **City Municipality**, it is a **neoclassical building** constructed around the middle of the nineteenth century in Piazza Bra. Characterized by a **majestic façade**, for an Austrian military barracks, it recalls a Roman temple in its forms. The Sala degli Arazzi and the Sala del Consiglio Comunale are noteworthy for their paintings and furnishings.









CASA DI ROMEO

A **medieval building** that belonged to the Montecchi family, now a private residence, it is characterised by an alternation of **Romanesque, Gothic and Renaissance windows**, surmounted by splendid battlements.





PORTA DEI LEONI

One of the gates that opened onto the city in Roman times (1st century BC), giving **access to the cardo maximus**, the city's most important road axis after the decumanus. It takes its name from a sarcophagus found nearby depicting a pair of lions.



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Some information and local tips to experience the best that this charming city has to offer.

• ituated on the banks of the **river** Adige in the north-eastern Veneto region, Verona is Italy's second most well-preserved Roman city after Rome. What makes this city - which was Roman, Gothic, Byzantine, Lombard, Scaligera, Visconti and finally Venetian unique is the harmonious combination of all these dominations. Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, Verona boasts countless monuments and attractions not to be missed, such as Juliet's house. and Piazza delle Erbe. Verona is also the romantic city par excellence, where the timeless love story of Romeo and Juliet is set or where you can indulge in the best of local cuisine after attending an evening show at the Arena.

EMERGENCY

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Radio Taxi Verona offers a 24-hour service. Get all the information on **radiotaxiverona.it** or call T: 045 532666

Getting around Verona

ATV Azienda Trasporti Verona - www.atv.verona.it

Infoline Mon-Fri 8am-6pm T: 045 8057922.

Purchase your ticket before you get on the bus or the tram. Buses run approximately from 5 a.m. to midnight. Tickets can be purchased online via the Ticket Bus Verona app, or at the ATV Office (Piazza Renato Simoni, 12) or at an authorised retailer (tobacconists, newsagents, I.A.T.) and last 90 minutes from the first validation. There are also **day tickets**, which can be used until midnight on the day they are validated, or **10-trip carnets** which save money compared to a single trip.

It is also possible to travel around the city by bicycle using one of the many bike, e-bike and kick-scooter rentals (see also bikeverona.it).

• ZTL information – The majority of the city centre is a restricted traffic area ("ZTL-Zona a Traffico Limitato"), closed to normal vehicles apart from residents and hotel guests.

If you are coming to Verona by car, you can opt to park your vehicle in a covered car park, where charges apply, close to the city centre. Or there



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are **free car parks**, a little further from the city centre but connected by buses to the centre.

 From the Valerio Catullo Airport to the city centre – The airport is only 12 kilometres from Verona. An Airlink transfer will get you to Verona Porta Nuova train station in about 20 minutes for only 6 euros; alternatively you can choose to take one of the taxis always available at the arrivals.

Tourist Information

 IAT VERONA UFFICIO INFORMAZIONI E ACCOGLIENZA TURISTICA – Via Leoncino, 61 - Piazza Bra. T: 045 8068680. www.visitverona.it

VERONACard, a key to the city

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VeronaCard can be purchased at the IAT Office in Piazza Bra or at the various sites and monuments that can be visited, but also at various sales points in the city and outside the city: tobacconists, accommodation facilities or at the Porta Nuova railway station. www.visitverona.it

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Hallmark red double-decker bus offering 2 routes, from March to October (starting point: Piazza Bra – duration: 1 hour).

Line A leads to the Pradaval Gardens, then along the medieval walls to the San Zeno district, with its famous basilica; it then heads towards the Adige River to Castelvecchio, the Porta dei Borsari and the Roman Theatre.

Line B runs along the east side of the city, then reaches one of the most beautiful viewpoints, Castel San Pietro. It then descends the hill and enters the city's historic quarter, with the Duomo and Santa Anastasia. From here you can also reach Piazza Erbe and Piazza dei Signori, until you reach Juliet's House.

Audio-guide on board with 12 language commentary. Ticket valid 24h-48h (starting from 20 euros). Free app "Sightseeing Experience".

www.city-sightseeing.it/it/hop-on-hop-off-verona



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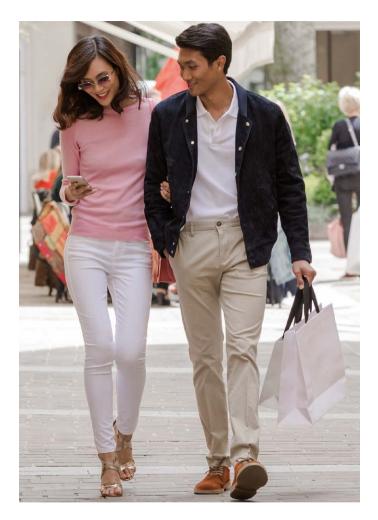
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