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Welcome Magazine is here to accompany visitors in their discovery of Italy's attractions. 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. Our mission is to provide **essential tourist information** for the benefit of visitors who choose wonderful Italy as their destination.

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.

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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
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Veronesi

"Last September, 22 years after having been
awarded **World Heritage Site status by
UNESCO**, Verona has hosted 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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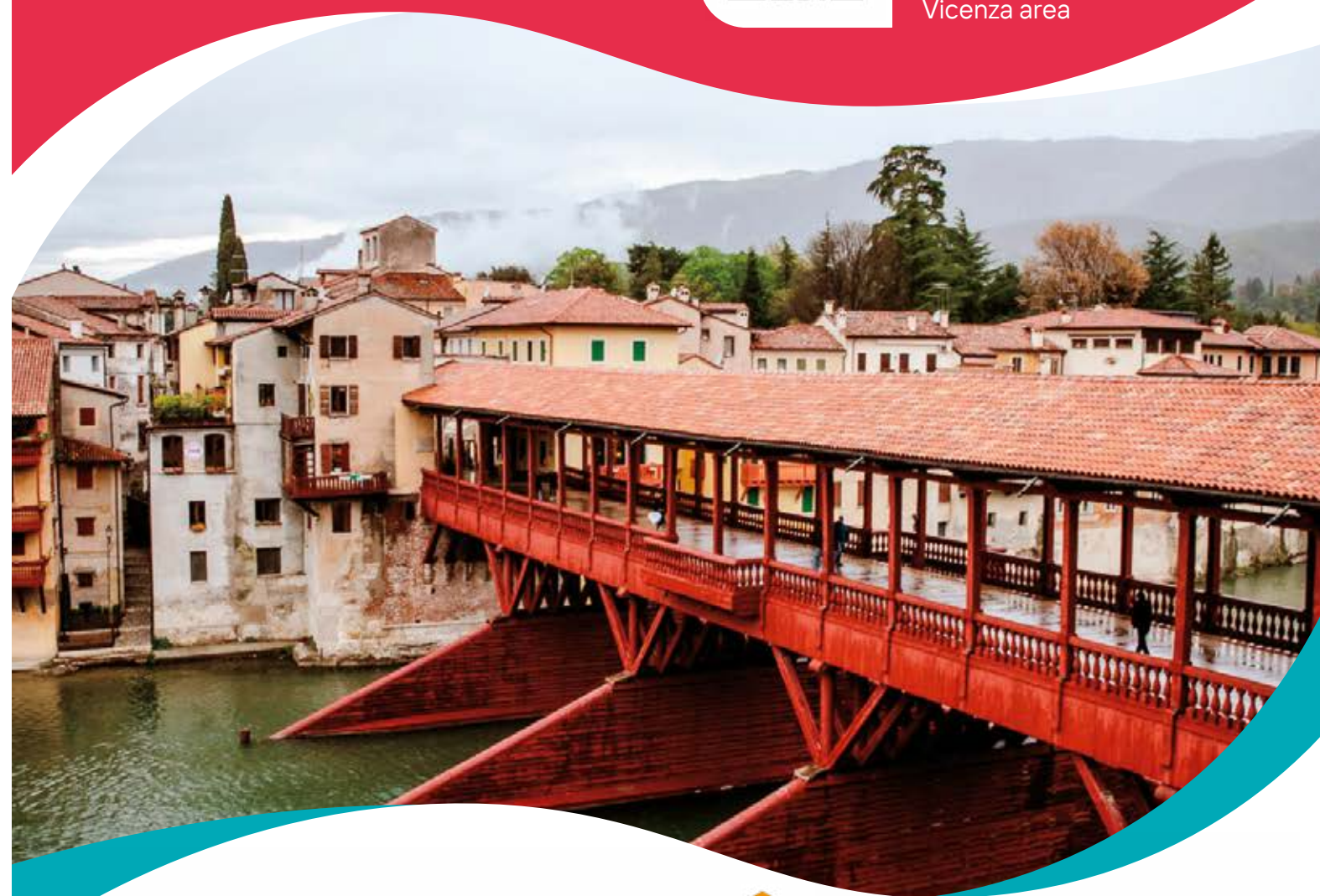
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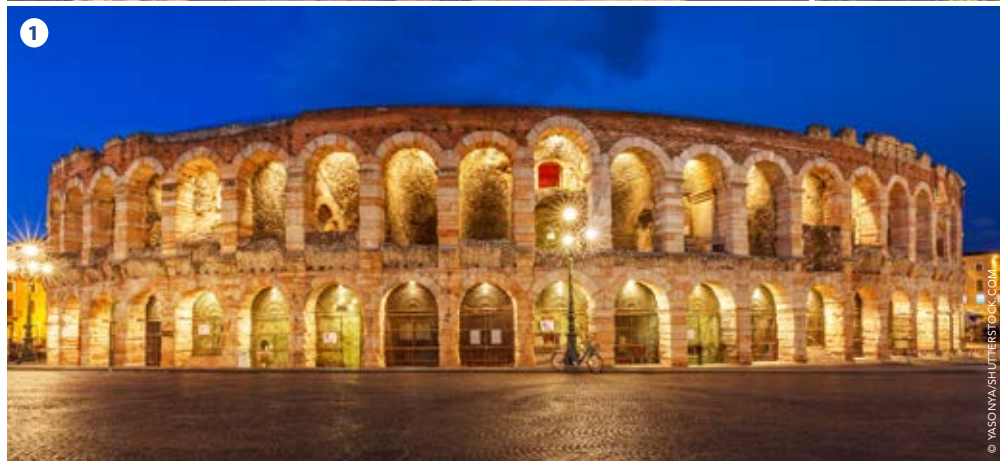
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Top in Town



1 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

2 CASA DI GIULIETTA

This is a tourist must-visit for all fans of William Shakespeare's tragedy "Romeo and Juliet" and their love affair. The 13th-century Gothic tower-house is located in Via Cappello, not far from Piazza delle Erbe: 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 famous balcony described in Shakespeare's romantic tragedy. casadigiulietta.comune.verona.it

3 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.

4 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

5 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 this 12th-century tower is decorated with a large clock, while at the top are two bells, one of which strikes the hour. The top, which can be reached by lift or a spiral staircase, offers a spectacular view of the historic centre. www.torredeilamberti.it

6 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 church of Saint Helena, the church of San Giovanni in Fonte, the Canons' Cloister, the Canonical Museum and the Capitular library). The majestic and solemn interior of Romanesque design with Gothic touches on the façade contains

Renaissance trompe l'oeil frescoes and the famous painting "Assumption of the Virgin" by Titian (1535). www.cattedralediverona.it

7 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: the crypt, the church proper (or chiesa plebana) and the presbytery. Notable features on the façade are the central rose window, also known as the "Wheel of Fortune", and the bronze portal consisting of 48 panels. basilicasanzeno.it

8 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 from different periods of history, 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: a typical meeting point of the Veronese.

9 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.

10 CASTEL SAN PIETRO

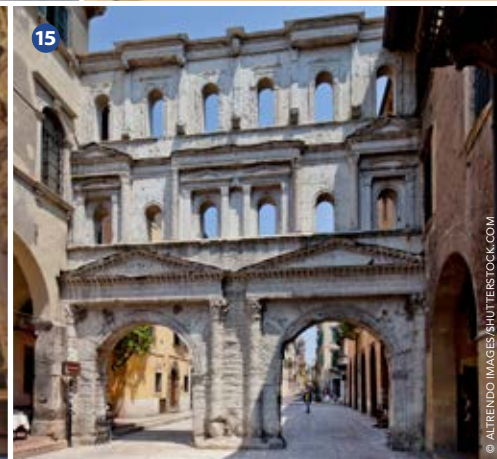
To admire the city from a different point of view, you can take a nice walk up to Castel

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.

11 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, created as a backdrop for the Palazzo of the same name. 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. As the Grand Tour spread through Europe, the Giusti Garden became a stop for all the great travellers passing through Verona. giardinogiusti.com

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12 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.

13 TEATRO ROMANO

The 1st century B.C. open-air theatre was built before the Arena of Verona and is among the oldest buildings in the city. Built on the natural slope of the San Pietro hill on the left bank of the Adige River, 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 - www.estateteatralerveronese.it

14 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 modern speciality shops and 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.

15 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.

16 BASILICA DI SANTA ANASTASIA

The largest and most solemn Catholic church in Verona's historic centre is also the city's most important Gothic monument, preserving important works of art. 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.

17 CASA MUSEO PALAZZO MAFFEI HOUSE MUSEUM

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 spans more than five centuries of history: a "wunderkammer" with ancient masterpieces in dialogue with the modernity of a private residence. The collection consists of over 350 works arranged in 20 rooms decorated with stuccoes and frescoes. palazzomaffeiverona.com

18 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.

19 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.

20 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.

21 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.

22 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.

WELCOME TO VICENZA

East of Verona lies the city of Vicenza which carries on the **legacy of Andrea Palladio**, the architect who inspired on the White House in Washington DC. During the 16th Century, Palladio transformed the city of Vicenza by building many famous buildings that are still visited today, and the work that he produced led him to become famous all over the world. Some of the monuments included the **Olympic Theater**, the **Palladian Basilica** and **Palazzo Chiericati**. There are also a lot of different **museums, gardens and monuments** to see while visiting Vicenza. These include the Gallerie d'Italia-Palazzo Leoni Montanari, Parco Querini, Salvi Gardens, Palladio Museum and the Temple of San Lorenzo. Visitors can enjoy a wide variety of sights and see how big of an impact Palladio had on Vicenza.



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HOW TO REACH VICENZA from VERONA

>> About 50 km from Verona, Vicenza is a tourist destination that can be visited in one day. Travel time by train is about 25 minutes, on a route served by Trenitalia, Trenitalia Freccie and ItaloTreno, Swiss Railways and Eurocity, departing from Verona Porta Nuova.

▲ The **Basilica Palladiana** is a symbol of the city and a building that will leave visitors speechless. It retains the name "basilica" because in ancient Rome that was how the place where the most important politics and business was managed was called. Here Palladio redesigned the **Palazzo della Regione**, creating a work that combined the already **Gothic and Renaissance styles** and officially established him as the architect of the city of Vicenza. *Piazza dei Signori*



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◀ The **Olympic Theater** is considered the oldest covered masonry theater in the world and hosts **classical musical reviews, concerts of the Vicenza Jazz Festival** and more. Designed by Palladio, this magnificent **Mannerist-style** architectural work is inspired by the typical Roman theater: a stepped elliptical cavea, surrounded by a colonnade, with statues on the frieze, with interesting optical solutions. *Piazza Matteotti, 11. www.teatroлимпicovicenza.it*

► Intesa Sanpaolo's first museum venue, the **Gallerie d'Italia-Palazzo Leoni Montanari** houses the valuable collections of **eighteenth-century Veneto** and **Russian icons** owned by the Bank, one of the most important in the West, that offers a visual journey into Orthodox spirituality. Since 1999, it has welcomed visitors by offering **temporary exhibitions** and cultural initiatives aimed at audiences of all ages. *Contrà Santa Corona, 25. gallerieditalia.com*



◀ Since 1855 **Palazzo Chiericati** has been the historic home of the Civic Museum. The palace was **designed in 1550** by Andrea Palladio for Girolamo Chiericati, and was completed in the late 17th century. The City of Vicenza acquired it in 1839, with the intention of gathering the **civic art collections** there. *Piazza Matteotti, 37/39. museicivivicenza.it*

► The first in Italy and one of the few in the world **dedicated exclusively to jewelry**, the **Museo del Gioiello** is a 400 sq.m. permanent museum space located inside the Basilica Palladiana. In the heart of Italy's most important goldsmith district, the museum is designed in its layout by **designer Patricía Urquiola** and features a **scientific and educational itinerary** on two levels. *Piazza dei Signori, 44 (inside the Basilica Palladiana). museodelgioiello.it*



► The **Palladio Museum** housed in one of Andrea Palladio's most beautiful urban mansions takes visitors on an emotional journey through the life of the **Italian architect, architectural theorist and stage designer of the Renaissance** and his time, discovering his masterpieces in the Veneto region. *Contrà Porti, 11. www.palladiomuseum.org*

VILLE VENETE

Not far from the city, it is possible to visit two of the most famous and imitated buildings in the history of architecture in the modern era: **La Rotonda**, among Palladio's most beautiful and admired Venetian villas and **Villa Valmarana**. Two examples in which classical architecture has become timeless and relates to the surrounding landscape in a **harmonious relationship with nature**.



▲ A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1994, **Villa La Rotonda** was designed by Palladio in 1566 and is probably Palladio's most famous building. Conceived as a classical temple and built **on the top of a hill**, it was commissioned to him by the wealthy canon Paolo Almerico to be a **meeting place for Vicentine aristocrats** but also with the character of a **private retreat**. The technically perfect, **centrally symmetrical plan** represents the transposition from the religious to the secular world. *www.villalarotonda.it*



▲ **Villa Valmarana "Ai Nani"** stands on the slopes of San Bastian Hill, a few hundred meters from La Rotonda. The Villa owes its nickname to the **17 sculptures of dwarfs**, in 18th-century clothing, lined up on the surrounding wall. Also notable is the **historic garden** where one can take a pleasant stroll. The villa is famous for the extraordinary cycle of **frescoes by the Tiepolos: Giambattista** is responsible for the decoration of the villa with mythological and epic themes, while **his son Giandomenico** is responsible for most of the paintings in the guest house, with subjects ranging from carnival scenes to situations of oriental atmosphere. *www.villavalmarana.com*

ARENA DI VERONA

FROM THE ANCIENT ROME TO THE CITY SOUND



— **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, Plácido 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. In spite of the numerous transformations it has undergone, it is still **one of the best-preserved Roman amphitheatres** of the Peninsula, thanks to the systematic conservative restorations carried out since the sixteenth century.

— The Arena was built in stone from **Valpolicella**, the so-called **Rosso Verona**, a resistant and easy to extract limestone, with a special color that ranges from milky white to deep red. Walking through the long, semi-dark **tunnels** that run along the entire perimeter of the structure and coming out on the **terraces**, with the sudden glimpse of the inside of the amphitheater in all its **majestic grandeur**, is a unique emotion, which takes us back for a moment to the time of the gladiators and leaves us stunned in front of the Roman architectural genius.

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PIAZZA DELLE ERBE

THE OLDEST SQUARE IN VERONA

Once a **city forum** during the period of the Roman Empire, the square was the **centre of political and economic life**. Among the main attractions in the city today are **medieval buildings**, including the ancient **Palazzo del Comune**, the **Torre dei Lamberti**, the **Casa dei Giudici** and the **Case dei Mazzanti**. On the western side is the baroque **Palazzo Maffei** (palazzomaffeiverona.com) which houses the prestigious **Carlon Collection**, offering an extraordinary journey through ancient and modern art, reopening to the public in September 2020. On the superb white marble column in front of Palazzo Maffei is the **lion of St Mark**, symbol of the Republic of Venice.

The oldest monument in the square is the **fountain surmounted by the 'Madonna Verona' statue** from Roman times (dated 380) with later medieval additions. The statue is adorned with a scroll in its hands and bears the old motto of the municipality, which reads **'to this city bearer of justice and lover of praise'**. Another historical monument is the capital, known as the **'Tribune'**. It dates from around the 13th century, a period when it was used for various public occasions: in particular, the **podestà** sat under it for the installation ceremony.

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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.



MUSEO ARCHEOLOGICO AL TEATRO ROMANO,
UNTIL 1 OCTOBER

▲ ANIMALS IN THE ANCIENT WORLD

ART The exhibition aims to illustrate some aspects of the **fascinating subject of animals in the ancient world**, presenting not only objects that are not normally on public display, but also dedicating a showcase to a **very interesting find that took place in recent years in Verona**.

The exhibition starts with some small but valuable evidence of the role of animals in **ancient Egypt**, in particular the use of mummies of different species as offerings to the gods in places of worship. The documentation on the **classical world**, in which animals played an important role in mythology and religion, is more extensive. The exhibition closes with **illustrations of fantastic creatures**, frequently depicted in the ancient world, and with a section devoted to the fascination these beings exerted in the ages following antiquity.

Animali nel mondo antico. Museo Archeologico al Teatro Romano. Rigaste Redentore, 2. museoarcheologico.comune.verona.it



ARENA DI VERONA, UNTI 8 SEPTEMBER THE AIDA OF THE 100TH FESTIVAL

OPERA To celebrate the **100th Opera Season in the Arena**, the titles that have been most successful and repeated in the historic amphitheater during the 100 editions since its inception in 1913 are presented this year: 50 unrepeatable evenings in less than three months. **Giuseppe Verdi's "Aida"** is the most frequently performed opera in the Arena di Verona amphitheatre since 1913. It takes the audience back to the **Ancient Egypt** and will be offered in a **new production**. In the shadow of the pyramids, in an ancient and mysterious Egypt, you will discover the troubled love

that binds **Aida to Radamès**, the valiant warrior with whom Amneris, the proud and strong-willed daughter of Pharaoh, is also enamored. A bold, sumptuous, unexpected version of the show: with direction, sets, costumes, lighting and choreography by **Stefano Poda**, it will leave you speechless.

After the June performances, the "Aida" is scheduled on 9, 16, 21, 30 July; 2, 13, 18, 23 August; 3 and 8 September 2023.

**"Aida" by Giuseppe Verdi
Arena di Verona.
Piazza Bra. www.arena.it**

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UNMISSABLE NOVELTIES AT GARDALAND

FAMILY Gardaland Resort boasts a **season full of novelties** and the reopening of its three hotels thanks to which, by staying there, it is possible to prolong the experience in perfect Gardaland style even at night. First and foremost among the experiences not to be missed is **Jumanji® -The Labyrinth**, an immersive adventure in the heart of Gardaland that will make visitors true protagonists, creators of their own personal experience inside the labyrinth. Courage and cunning will be required for a **multi-level multisensory experience**.

Then, at **Gardaland Theatre**, comes **Nautilus**: a unique and unpredictable **live show** developed on an innovative concept that will have as key elements, for guaranteed success, the interactions of spectators with the show and the use of modern technologies. But the novelties don't end here: new shows and animations, a new film in **4D cinema** and an unmissable **Meet & Greet** dedicated to the little ones are also waiting for guests. The activities of **Gardaland SEA LIFE Aquarium** are also resuming at full speed, waiting for the reopening of LEGOLAND Water Park Gardaland, Europe's first LEGOLAND Water Park among colourful slides and millions of LEGO® bricks.

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JANUARY

MOTOR BIKE EXPO

The MBE is the largest custom motorcycle trade exhibition, which takes place annually at Veronafiere. The show extends over an area of about 100,000 sqm, housing over 170,000 visitors and more than 700 international exhibitors each year. On this occasion, professionals, enthusiasts and members of the custom motorcycle community gather and have the chance to admire the latest motorcycle models from the major manufacturing firms such as Yamaha and Ducati, as well as exclusive customized motorcycles by the best builders worldwide. Live demonstrations and competitions of all kinds, together with workshops and lectures are also arranged, offering a must-do experience for motorcycle lovers. www.motorbikeexpo.it

VERONA ANTIQUARIA (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

Verona Antiquaria, the market of antiques, modern art, collectibles and vintage par excellence, takes place every first Sunday of the month at San Zeno



VERONA ANTIQUARIA

Square, Corrubio Square and nearby streets of the most historic and suggestive district of the city. The event aims at promoting and rediscovering the beauty and quality of second-hand items, giving new life to them. If you're looking for authenticity, this is the perfect opportunity to find and purchase objects of all sorts with unique and unconventional design.

FEBRUARY

GIULIETTA&ROMEO HALF MARATHON

On this occasion, the most popular tragedy of all time, Romeo and Juliet by W. Shakespeare, turns into one of the most fascinating half marathons in the world. The race route, which is about 21km long, passes along the major landmarks of the city, such as the Arena, Piazza delle Erbe, Adige River, and finally Juliet's house, the most romantic spot of all time. An itinerary in which love, friendship, running, history and speed mix together to create an event which remains unmatched. www.veronarunevents.it



HALF MARATHON

VERONA IN LOVE

Verona, the city of love par excellence, annually houses the most romantic event ever dedicated to those who are in love, in the days leading up to Valentine's Day. The main streets and monuments of the city are completely transformed, filling in red lights which create an even more romantic and warm atmosphere. Itineraries and activities of all kinds are also arranged all over the city, in theatres, museums, libraries, and restaurants. lovinverona.com

THE OPERA SEASON AND THE SYMPHONIC SEASON (JANUARY TO DECEMBER)

The theatre season is divided into two



TULIPANOMANIA

sections: the opera season and the symphonic season, which both take place at Teatro Filarmonico in the city of Verona. The first one, which usually starts in late January and continues until December, is dedicated to lyrical works, while the second one is dedicated to orchestral concerts, kicking off the season in late February until early December. Both events host internationally renowned artists, who perform operas and compositions of extraordinary beauty.

MARCH

FAI SPRING DAYS

FAI (the National Trust for Italy) is the major public event dedicated to Italy's cultural and natural heritage. During the FAI Spring Days, you'll have the chance to explore some unusual sites of extraordinary beauty all over the country, which are usually inaccessible to the public. Indeed, during the last years, FAI opened the doors of some hidden gems such as historic mansions, churches, castles, naturalistic areas and even entire villages. fondoambiente.it

TULIPANOMANIA (MARCH TO MAY)

Each year the magnificent Parco Giardino Sigurtà hosts the event exclusively dedicated to flowers par excellence: Tulipanomania. It represents the largest tulip flowering in Italy, and the second one in Europe, trailing only that of the Netherlands. Within this huge park, visitors can admire over three hundred varieties of tulips, as well as many other plant and flower species, such as daffodils, hyacinths, anemones and much more. Tulipanomania is a unique event and unmissable event and the perfect opportunity to take amazing pictures surrounded by nature. www.sigurta.it

APRIL

VINITALY

Vinitaly is the largest international exhibition dedicated to wine and spirits worldwide. It is held annually at Veronafiere and it is exclusively reserved to wine professionals. The fair hosts more than 4000 exhibitors coming from all over the world, and it also features workshops and special exhibition areas to promote Made in Italy products and emerging companies on the market, as well as international productions. There's also room for tastings of red and white wines, as well as spumanti (sparkling wines), which are regarded as real Italian excellence.

VINITALY AND THE CITY

Vinitaly and the City is Vinitaly's off-show event, as it is reserved to the public and to wine enthusiasts. It takes place in the old town of the city: squares, streets, courtyards and even monuments of extraordinary beauty liven up with wine tastings, meetings, concerts, guided tours and much more. Vinitaly and the City is a journey to discover the true excellence of wine and the treasures of Verona, a UNESCO World Heritage City. www.vinitaly.com



VINITALY

MAY

MURA FESTIVAL (MAY TO SEPTEMBER)

From May until September, Mura Festival animates the city of Verona with a variety of multisensory events that take place in five different locations along the city wall. The planned activities are suitable for all ages and tastes since they explore various fields such as sport, cinema, theatre, gastronomy and creative handicraft. It goes without



VERONA MINERAL SHOW

saying that the participants have access to food trucks serving street food, as well as pubs and wine bars. murafestival.it

VERONA MINERAL SHOW

Verona Mineral show is the perfect opportunity for mineralogy and gemstones enthusiasts, as well as fossils experts and goldsmiths to dive even deeper into this fascinating world. With over 250 exhibitors, the event features a wide variety of handmade jewelry and bijoux with a refined design, as well as unique creations, embellished with semiprecious stones, minerals or pearls, which will enable you to express your personality and authenticity. www.veronamineralshow.com

JUNE

ARENA DI VERONA OPERA FESTIVAL (JUNE-SEPTEMBER)

The Roman amphitheater of Verona, the Arena, during the summer season, hosts the Arena Opera Festival, which is the most important event for the city itself, attracting millions of tourists and opera enthusiasts all over the world. This prestigious festival, which first opened in 1913, each year, is the



ARENA DI VERONA

stage of magical shows performed by the greatest talents of the opera world. The combination of the suggestive atmosphere and the breathtaking stage sets leaves an indelible memory. www.arena.it

SEPTEMBER

MARMOMAC

Marmomac is the most important fair dedicated to the whole stone production chain worldwide, featuring over 1200 exhibitors coming from all over the globe. The exhibition offers the opportunity to admire the finest marbles and granites, rough stone slabs, as well as an entire exhibition pavilion exclusively dedicated to Made in Italy productions, in order to enhance the work of both designers and architects. Marmomac is currently the major international hub that gathers businesses and professional training, boosting innovation and development in its sector. www.marmomac.com



TOCATI

TOCATI (INTERNATIONAL ROAD GAMES FESTIVAL)

Tocati is the international road games festival, which is held annually on a weekend in mid-September. In 2022, this amazing event was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, as it aims at promoting and protecting traditional games and sports, which are deeply tied to the territory. Each year the festival celebrates a different region or country, rediscovering their traditional games, dance, music and food. It certainly represents a great opportunity to get to know new cultures, become children again and take a challenge, as the name of the festival itself suggests: "tocati" comes from the expression in Venetian dialect "toca a ti", which means "it's your turn". tocati.it

VERONA ANNUAL EVENTS



ARTVERONA

OCTOBER

ARTVERONA
ArtVerona is one of the major fairs of modern and contemporary art, which takes place every year in October at Veronafiere. It focuses on innovation and experimental work, promoting Italian talents and artists who have been able to emerge in this world. Indeed, the fair offers a great opportunity for young artists to be noticed by collectors, gallery owners and museums. Naturally, the exhibition also features sections dedicated to international emerging talents and successful artists, a dream that comes true for art lovers. artverona.it

VAL POLIS CELLAE
Over twenty wine cellars of Valpolicella appellation, various itineraries and excellent wine, all accompanied by some tasty traditional dishes and breathtaking views of the valleys during harvest: this is Val Polis Cellae. Each year, participants can take part in specific tours paired with the best local wineries, which offer wine tastings of their own productions, art exhibitions, guided tours of the winery and food specialties of Veronese



VAL POLIS CELLAE

tradition. Almost all the masterpieces are for sale and visitors can interact directly with the artists for further information. www.infovalpolicella.it

HOSTARIA
Hostaria, whose name is the ancient version of the present “tavern”, is the wine and grape harvest festival of Verona. It takes place along the streets of the historic center, where visitors can taste an infinite number of wines and local specialties. The festival aims at recreating the spirit and the atmosphere of old taverns, where a friendly hospitality, fine wine and food reigned. Therefore, through this event, not only is the city of Verona able to show its excellence, but it also promotes niche products, coming from other Italian regions and various parts in the world. www.hostariaromana.it



FIERACAVALLI

NOVEMBER

FIERACAVALLI (INTERNATIONAL HORSE EXHIBITION)
Fieracavali is one of the most prestigious show fairs dedicated to horses and horse riding worldwide and the largest one in Italy, attracting thousands of visitors from all over the world. With over 2,000 horses present, almost every breed in the world is represented at Fieracavalli. The fair provides a large exhibition space for producers of horse and rider equipment, saddles, as well as equestrian competitions, cultural events, dressage performances and, finally, Jumping Verona, the only Italian stage of the Show Jumping World Cup, which is the most awaited indoor event across the country. fieracavalli.it

VERONA MARATHON
Verona Marathon is one of the most important sporting events of the city, since it attracts numerous participants all over the

world. The race is held over a distance of about 42km, which also include a half marathon of approximately 21km. The competition is open both to pro athletes and amateurs and it is the perfect combination of sport, entertainment and culture, as it enables participants to discover and enjoy the beauties of the city while running. www.veronarunmarathon.it

DECEMBER

VERONA CHRISTMAS MARKETS (LATE NOVEMBER- LATE DECEMBER)
During the most magical time of the year, Verona is transformed: thousands of glittering lights stretch out from the entrance to the city, along the streets of the historic center until Piazza Bra, against a backdrop of the Roman Arena and the imposing Christmas star that is placed on the square. The market features over a hundred exhibitors selling traditional and handicraft products, setting up both giftware and food stalls. One of the main attractions is definitely the Presepi Dal Mondo exhibition, which gathers and showcases real works of art inspired by the Nativity.

GARDALAND MAGIC WINTER (EARLY DECEMBER-EARLY JANUARY)
During Christmas time, Gardaland Resort turns into a colorful and snowy landscape, inhabited by goblins, elves, princesses, snowmen, polar bears and, obviously, Santa Claus with his reindeer. The fairytale atmosphere takes you back to childhood, and the special activities arranged, such as visiting Santa Claus Village and singing the most famous Christmas carols, contribute to dive even more into the Christmas spirit, which is the most wonderful time of the year! www.gardaland.it



GARDALAND

GAM, UNTIL OCTOBER 2023

▼ NATURE ON SHOW

CONTEMPORARY ART Protagonist of the exhibition “Contemporary Non-Stop. The Breath of Nature” is this time **WATER. A source of life but also a destructive element**, the first of the four natural elements invites a number of contemporary artists to reflect on the theme of ecology, of man's relationship with nature, which in recent decades has been compromised by the effects of climate change. Thus continues the **journey into the “natural forms” of art** begun with the format launched in 2020, in which **nature becomes a metaphor for creation**, questions man and becomes a cue that translates into the great enigmatic nature of art. The exhibition is open from Tuesday to Sunday, from 11am to 7pm (last entrance at 6.30 pm).

Contemporaneo Non-Stop. Il respiro della natura/AQUA
GAM Galleria d'Arte Moderna Achille Forti . Cortile Mercato Vecchio, 6. gam.comune.verona.it



PARCO DELLE MURA, UNTIL OCTOBER
CULTURE, SPORT, FOOD: A FEAST FOR THE CITY

FESTIVAL The Mura Festival is an annual event that lasts **140 days** along the **Verona city walls**. The festival offers children, young people, families, sportsmen and women, the elderly, lovers of music and theatre, good food and creative handicrafts many experiences. The event celebrates culture, art, sport, entertainment, training, games, leisure, relaxation, creative handicrafts, local products, in a **green oasis** of great historical and cultural value. This year, people have the opportunity to take part in **over 600 events and workshops** of all kinds. Given the festival's focus on food, there is a weekly food truck area to immerse people in a **gourmet world food tour**: from meatballs to arrosticini, from gourmet burgers to “polenta col musso” (a typical Veronese dish), from Venezuelan cuisine to fusion cuisine with plenty of gluten-free and vegetarian options. Mura Festival marks the return of the **show in a safe, open-air space** where each evening is dedicated to a different artistic project. Every day it will be possible also to try out a different **wellness discipline**, including yoga, Pilates, running, functional training, parkour, Tai Chi, Kung Fu and much more. The event is promoted by the Unesco Department of Verona and lasts for **20 consecutive weeks**.

Mura Festival
Parco delle Mura (Bastione di San Zeno, Bastione di San Bernardino, Bastione delle Maddalene, Prato di Castello San Felice). murafestival.it



>> ABOUT THE GAM GALLERIA D'ARTE MODERNA “ACHILLE FORTI”

The GAM is a modern art museum in the historic centre of Verona, housed in the **Palazzo della Ragione**. In fact it was founded by **Veronese patron Achille Forti**, who at the beginning of the 20th century left his art collection as a fund for the establishment of a city museum dedicated to the arts. This heritage has been enriched through bequests and donations until there are about **1,600 works of art**, covering a period of time from the early nineteenth century to the present day.

At the end of 2021 it inaugurated a **new exhibition itinerary**, the result of artistic research aimed at modernity: an exhibition structured according to the formula of the **rotation of works**, which aims to make known most of the works kept in the deposits, some of which have never been exhibited. The Gallery tells the story of the development of **art in Italy from 1830 to the present day**, and proposes new itineraries on the themes and insights that have marked the cultural landscape of this time period. Since 1997, the museums has enriched the **contemporary section with about 400 works**, thanks to purchases, donations, deposits and loans, with the aim of offering the public already established authors on the international art scene, as well as young emerging artists.

Full ticket price: 4 euros; Galleria d'Arte Moderna + Torre Lamberti **combo ticket**: 8 euros. gam.comune.verona.it

LAKE GARDA 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.



Sirmione

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 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, fish and Garda oil**, and even **panodoro** 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**.



FASHION & DESIGN Shopping

SHOPPING



Pavin, luxury experience

Discover the Pavin boutiques, offering a unique and personalised experience in Verona.

In Verona Pavin Group has been present since 1980 with **4 boutiques in the historic centre**, offering a unique and personalised **shopping experience**, in refined and welcoming environments. If **Pavin Luxury Goods** offers a unique selection of accessories by Italian and international brands (Salvatore Ferragamo, Sergio Rossi, Jimmy Choo, Chloë, Hogan, Philippe Model, Santoni, Premiata), **Pavin Elements** is the boutique dedicated to women and men looking for a refined and classy total look (Polo Ralph Lauren, Herno, Fay, CP Company, Barba, Tagliatore, Jacob Cohen, Parosh).

Cuoieria is the perfect shop for those who love Made in Italy artisan footwear, while **Erbavoglio** offers clothing and accessories for children to accompany them through the most important stages of their growth (Gucci, Off White, Palm Angels, Dsquared, Polo Ralph Lauren, Stella McCartney, Stone Island, Hogan, Premiata).

>> Pavin
store.pavingroup.com
Pavin Luxury Goods - Via Cappello 9
Pavin Elements - Via Mazzini 35
Cuoieria - Corso Porta Borsari 19/21
Erbavoglio - Via Mazzini 35
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i @pavin_official



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 PIAZZA BRA AND PIAZZA DELLE ERBE

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. Among these streets 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 connecting Piazza Bra to Piazza delle Erbe. It can be defined as the shopping street par excellence in Verona, due to the presence of big names in high fashion, including Armani, Gucci, Chanel, Dolce & Gabbana, Prada, Louis Vuitton, Montblanc, Bulgari, Fratelli Rossetti and many others. There are also some famous **international store chains** with well-known names in fast-fashion.

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.



VERONETTA DISTRICT, 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.



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.

MANET eSIM: DIGITAL AND SMART

Are you looking for a **reliable and fast connectivity** in Verona? Today, you can easily **surf the web**, even if you are **travelling**. Discover the **Manet eSIM platform**, an innovative technology that is revolutionizing mobile connectivity.

- **WHAT** - The Manet eSIM is a **virtual SIM** which allows you to connect to the Internet **without putting a physical SIM card** in your device.
- **WHERE** - The Manet eSIM offers you affordable mobile data, even **abroad, directly on your smartphone**.
- **WHEN** - You can buy online the Manet eSIM and activate it on your personal device **at any time, also before the departure**.
- **WHY** - Manet eSIM is a **quick, flexible and affordable** solution, that can be activated at any time from any place in the world. Moreover, it's **fully digital** so zero waste.

Discover more on esim.manetmobile.com/where_verona



[EDITOR'S TIPS]

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L'Occitane, *beauty* inspired by nature

Inspired by the wonders of nature, L'Occitane en Provence was founded in 1976 in Provence, where fragrant lavender fields are a constant reminder of **nature's bounty**. The products are formulated in the south of France from **essential oils** and **natural ingredients** developed according to the principles of phytotherapy and aromatherapy.

A network of **130 producer-partners** who cultivate precious ingredients, and a laboratory that combines tradition and innovation, developing natural, effective, sensory and sustainable cosmetic products. The product lines offer the best in quality for **body and facial care** or for **perfuming the home**. Among the bestselling products: Karité Hand Cream, Divine Cream with Immortelle flower, Concentré de lait Amande or Eau de Toilette Verveine.

The Boutique in Verona is located in the central Via Mazzini and is open every day from 10am to 8pm.



L'Occitane en Provence

Via Mazzini, 63
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Map D4

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 the meeting of two essential elements: the **quality of the fabrics** - with a preference for organic fibres, recycled materials, 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**.



Boggi Milano

Via G. Mazzini, 14/16.
T: 045 590823
Open daily 10am-7.30pm.
www.boggi.com
BoggiMilanoOfficial

Fratelli Rossetti

design & technique

Italian high-end footwear brand Fratelli Rossetti has been a symbol of style and craftsmanship for more than 70 years. Now in its second generation, the brand has always demonstrated its ability to combine **contemporary design** and **manual techniques**. From the slippers to the “Brera” and “Yatch” loafers, from the “Hobo” to the “Magenta” boots, the models designed by Fratelli Rossetti have made **history in Italian footwear design**. Iconic accessories that complete an elegant look that is in **step with the times and comfortable**. The brand’s proposals are renewed every season, creating new lines of footwear for him and her. For those who love accessories that express an “it”, the Fratelli Rossetti boutique in via Mazzini 21 is a must in the shopping street par excellence.



Fratelli Rossetti
Via Giuseppe Mazzini, 21
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Map C3
www.fratellirossetti.com

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 guide** according to the **Italian legislation** to discover the common system of value added **tax exclusively for non-EU resident travellers**.

1. 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.
2. In some cases, travellers may be granted a **VAT refund**. This refund does not cover the services supplied by hotels, restaurants, taxis or agencies.
3. 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 OTELO information system (**Online Tax Refund at Exit: Light Lane Optimization**) and their validation is digitally carried out.
- after the digital "customs stamp" is obtained, OTELO 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.
- 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.
 10. However, please note, VAT cannot be refunded directly by customs offices.

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

[DAILY TOURS]

Fashion and design outlets

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**.



NOVENTA DI PIAVE DESIGNER OUTLET

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 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

Tasting

FOOD & RESTAURANTS

Modern atmosphere, historic flair

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

In the historic centre of Verona, Casa Mazzanti Caffè is located inside the Casa 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. Because of its location and quality of service, Casa Mazzanti is one of the best-known establishments in the city. A café, restaurant and lounge bar, it welcomes guests from the morning with

breakfast and selected coffees and the "cornetti" and artisan pastries by Caffè Wallner. Don't miss the "Caffè Espresso di Casa Mazzanti", a Carcolito of arabica from Brazil. Called the coffee pearl because the beans, which grow at the ends of the plant, are small and round, have an intense aroma and a full body. English breakfast variations within a typically 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. Finally, for evenings with friends, cocktails for every taste and aperitifs to perfection. A selection of select wine labels can satisfy even the most discerning connoisseur.

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



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The heart of food tradition

If you want to try Veronese specialties, 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. The cuisine is based on local (and even national) specialties revisited with a contemporary twist. Great attention is paid to the choice and presentation of meat, with a preference for grilled meats.



Caffè Dante Bistrot
Piazza dei Signori, 2
T: 045 8000083
Open Tues-Sat 10am-11pm; Sun 10am-7pm.
www.caffedante.it

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 specialties. Open Wed-Sat 10am-10pm; Tues and Sun 10am-7.30pm. Closed on Monday.



La Bottega della Gina XXL
Via Abramo Massalongo, 5
T: 045 594725
www.labottegadellagina.it

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 **full-bodied 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.

DESSERTS

As for desserts, Verona's most popular dish is **Pandoro**. Literally meaning "Pan de Oro" ('golden bread'), it is a sweet brioche-style 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.



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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.

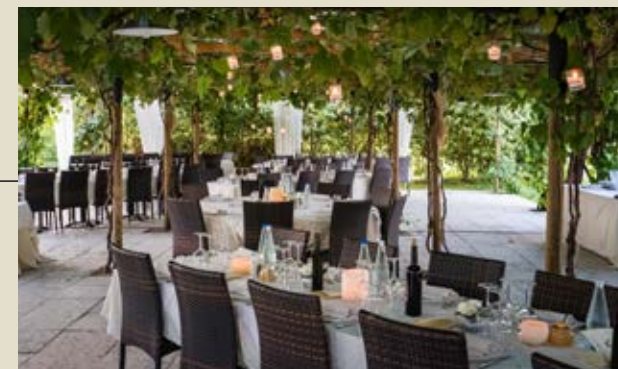


Le Cantine de l'Arena

Piazzetta Scalette Rubiani, 1
T: 045 8032849.
lecantine-arena.com

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.



Agriturismo Principe Amedeo

Strada Staffalo, 17.
Custoza di Sommacampagna
(30 minutes from Verona)
T: 045 2429197
www.agriturismoprincipeamedeo.it

Wine

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.

It 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, Masterclass 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. The attention to the dishes on offer is maniacal and the **perfect combination of "Wine-Food"** is the real objective. Research begins with the choice of serious and careful producers who can guarantee the **highest quality standards**. The Food Specialists have a direct control of the production chain and a personal relationship with those who work every day to deliver fresh and genuine products. The menus, which are constantly evolving, feature dishes linked to seasonality, **typical of tradition**, but always with an **innovative twist**. There is a large selection of PDO and PGI cured meats and cheeses from all over Italy and Slow Food presidia.

>> www.signorvino.com
Verona: Corso Porta Nuova, 2 |
Via Mazzini, 6 | Via Preare, 15
Aff: Via San Pieretto, 15
Vallese: Via Spinetti, 1



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Top labels great passion

Enoteca Villafranca was founded in 2000 as a result of the owners' passion for researching wines from the **Verona area and the rest of Italy**, as well as from the world's most famous production areas. To date, it has collected more than **1700 labels** of quality wines, including wines from all over the world, French wines, old vintages and spirits, selected with passion from large wineries and small wine producers. The wines can be tasted, collected or given as gifts, as well as food and wine specialties ranging from classic or **flavoured cheeses to desserts and chocolate**, which has always been a strong point of this wine shop. Not only the great wines of the world are available for tasting on site, but also specially selected table wines from trusted producers as well as excellent draught beer. **Online shop.**



Enoteca Villafranca
 Via Angelo Messedaglia,
 124/a
 T: 045 6305342
 Open Tues-Sun 9.30am-
 12.30am/3.30pm-7.30pm.
 Mon 3.30pm-7.30pm.
www.enotecavillafranca.it

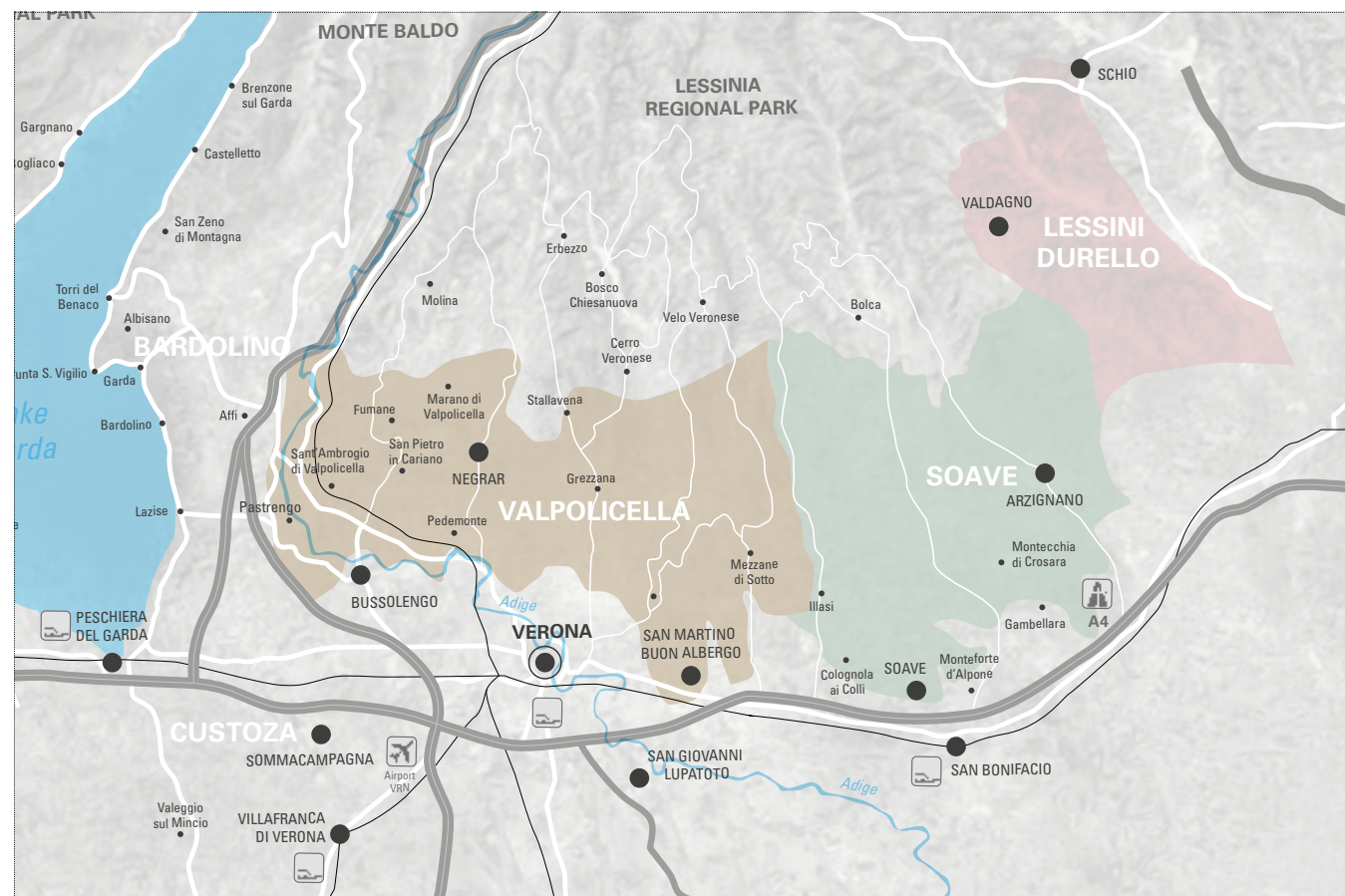
Wine bar in Verona

Located in the immediate vicinity of **Castelvecchio**, **Enoteca Baraldi** is one of the places in town where you can taste and buy the best of the area's wine production. **Wine, beer and liqueurs** selected with passion by the Baraldi family, which has three outlets in the city. An elegant and well-furnished place, with a wide choice of wines, both local and not, a good range of small producers of Champagne, small refined gastronomy, craft beers, high quality Spirits and the possibility to buy bottles, even vintage ones. Two types of products are selected for customers who are always looking for the best in quality: **top of the range labels** and **emerging wineries**. The service is extremely friendly and the staff knowledgeable. To accompany the wine tastings by the glass, an excellent range of food makes it the ideal place for a small meal or an evening aperitif. **International shipping.**



Bottiglieria Baraldi
 Via Roma, 10
 T: 045 566393
 Open Tues-Sun 9.30am-
 1pm/3pm-7pm.
 Mon 3pm-7pm.
winebar-bottiglieria-baraldi.business.site

Valpolicella-Soave-Lessini Durello



On the trail of taste/1

A few kilometres north of Verona are famous wine-growing 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.



Costa Arènte
Località Costa, 86
Grezzana (20 minutes
from Verona).
T: 0422 864511.
costaarente.it

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.



Pieropan
Historical site: Via G. Camuzzoni, 3 (Soave).
Leonildo Pieropan Winery:
Via G. Matteotti (Soave).
Villa Cipolla: Via C. Cipolla, 19 (Tregnago).
T: 045 6190171.
www.pieropan.it

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.



Ottella
Loc. Boschetti-San Benedetto di Lugana.
Peschiera del Garda (30 minutes from Verona).
T: 045 7551950.
www.ottella.it

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 **Chiarretto**, 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.



Menegotti
Loc. Acquaroli, 7.
Villafranca (30 minutes from Verona).
T: 045 7902611.
menegotticantina.com

Lessinia, fully immersed in nature

Lessinia is a perfect spot to relax and be fully immersed in nature.

Lessinia is a plateau in the **Vicentine Pre-Alps** located mostly in the province of Verona, a perfect spot to relax and be fully immersed in nature. The area is full of **rich history and civilization** since the earliest of times: already in prehistoric times it was an optimal territory for hunters who found an abundance and variety of animal species to hunt and vegetables to gather. It borders the Piccole Dolomiti range and **Monte Baldo**, making Lessinia full of **beautiful views, hiking trails** and much more.

Lessinia National Park is the place to visit a green paradise nestled between the Little Dolomites, the city of Verona and Monte Baldo: trails are spread out around the park, leading visitors to all the must-see attractions including **fossilized Bolca fish, waterfalls, caves**, natural bridges, lakes, forests, animals and more. Museums at the park also help to showcase the history found within the park's perimeter. The park consists of eight museums and a flora-fauna area located throughout the area, where archaeological documents and materials are preserved. The territory of upper Lessinia, which from 1,200 meters exceeds 1,800 meters in its northeastern part, is characterized by the widespread presence of **"malghe"**, where cheese was once made, now processed in industries. Lessinia cheeses have become increasingly important thanks to the **famous DOP Monte Veronese cheese**. There are some types of Monte Veronese that have different aging times, ranging from 25-45 days to a year and sometimes longer.



Monte Veronese

Enjoy the top

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.



Peschiera del Garda

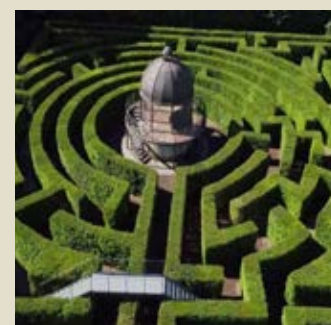


Waystours

Vicolo Carmelitani
Scalzi 14B (Verona)
www.waystours.com

A flower garden near Verona

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 tulipiums 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 papyrus triumph in summer - where you can stroll and enjoy fantastic views, on foot or by electric golf-cart, panoramic train, electric shuttle or bicycle.



Parco Giardino Sigurtà

Valeggio sul Mincio
(Via Cavour, 1).
30 km from Verona
Open from mid-March to
beginning of November
www.sigurta.it

Enjoy the top

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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Peschiera and its charming canals

A charming town located on the southern shore of Lake Garda, Peschiera del Garda's history dates back to ancient times when it was inhabited by the Romans. Today, you can still see remnants of its past, such as the **impressive fortress** walls that surround the town. Peschiera is known for its **picturesque canals**, which give it a unique character: the **Mincio River** flows through the town, creating a network of waterways that are perfect for boat rides and leisurely strolls. You can explore the canals on an organized boat tour or simply enjoy the scenic views from the waterfront promenade. The town's historic center is a delight to explore, with its narrow streets, **charming squares**, and colorful buildings. **Piazza Ferdinando di Savoia** is the main square, where you can find several cafes, restaurants, and shops. This is also a **great base for exploring the other towns around Lake Garda**: you can take a ferry or drive to nearby destinations like Sirmione, Bardolino, or Lazise, each offering its own unique charm and attractions.



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**.



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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.

Named 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 (such as the Bianchi C-20) onwards. A passion for cars and engines that has given rise to the Museum's collections on display today in 6000 sq.m. A multiplicity of examples that

recount not only the technical, mechanical and engineering advances of the time but also the **impact of the automobile on the evolution of society**.

These are the numbers: about **200** vintage cars, **120** bicycles, **105** motorbikes, **500** cameras, film cameras and movie cameras, **120** musical instruments and jukeboxes, **100** typewriters, small aircraft and flight instruments and combinations, a rare collection of about **100** Formula 1 racing and touring, grand touring and sports cars, a military area with **relics from the First and Second World War, model cars**, motorbikes and trains, a section dedicated to motorbike, car and aircraft **engines** and hundreds of works of human ingenuity. The exhibition area is flanked by a **Congress Centre**, the Idea Space, the Tourist Activities, the Historical Archive, the Education Section, the Library and one of the best-stocked **Bookstore** on the world of engines.

>> **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



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GAM | Galleria d'Arte Moderna Achille Forti

GAM was founded by Veronese patron Achille Forti, who at the beginning of the 20th century left his art collection as a fund for the establishment of a city museum dedicated to the arts. This heritage has been enriched through bequests and donations until there are about 1,600 works of art, covering a period of time from the early nineteenth century to the present day. It is currently housed in the Palazzo della Ragione and at the end of 2021 it inaugurated a new exhibition itinerary, the result of artistic research aimed at modernity: an exhibition structured according to the formula of the rotation of works, which aims to make known most of the works kept in the deposits, some of which have never been exhibited. Open Tues-Sun, 11am-7pm. Closed on Monday. Full ticket price: 4 euros; Galleria d'Arte Moderna + Torre Lamberti combo ticket: 8 euros. Cortile Mercato Vecchio, 6 (access from the Scala della Ragione). gam.comune.verona.it. T: 045 8001903. **Map C3**

Museo Archeologico al Teatro Romano

The Archaeological Museum at the Roman Theatre is located in one of the most scenic areas of Verona, as well as being interesting from an archaeological point of view. During renovation work during the 19th and early 20th centuries, parts of the theatre were discovered: in particular, the cavity, dug into the hillside by the Romans to prevent water infiltration into the building, was discovered. The Archaeological Museum exhibits sculptural and decorative elements from the theatre, pieces of mosaics, tombstones, stelae and altars, various epigraphs and statues. Open Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed on Monday.

Full ticket price: 4.5 euros. Regaste Redentore, 2. www.museoarcheologico.comune.verona.it. T: 045 8000360. **Map B2**

Museo degli Affreschi G.B. Cavalcaselle

Dedicated to a famous historian and art critic of the 19th century, the museum houses frescoes painted between the 10th and 16th centuries, detached from private Veronese palaces and religious buildings to be rescued after the damage caused by the flooding of the Adige in 1882. It has recently been restored and enlarged with other collections, including sculptures made in the 19th century by Innocenzo Fraccaroli and Torquato della Torre, many paintings by artists who lived between the 16th and 18th centuries, and the frescoes recovered from the Grotta dei Santi Nazaro e Celso, one of the oldest sacellums in the Veronese territory. Open Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed on Monday. Full ticket price: 4.5 euros. Via Luigi da Porto, 5. www.museodegliaffreschi.comune.verona.it. T: 045 8000361. **Map E3**

Museo di Castelvecchio

29 exhibition halls with paintings, sculptures, archaeological finds and weapons; 622 works of medieval, renaissance and modern art on display; 90,000 medals and 10,000 prints, drawings and photographic plates; over 4,000 items in storage. These are the numbers of the collection of the Museo di Castelvecchio, one of the most important museums in the city dedicated above all to Italian and European art within the complex of the Scaligera fortress of Castelvecchio. Open Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed on Monday. Full ticket price: 6 euros. Corso Castelvecchio, 2. www.museodicastelvecchio.comune.verona.it. T: 045 8062611 (Museum Ticket Office T: 045 8062640). **Map D3**

Museo di Storia Naturale

The Palazzo Pompei houses scientific material dating back almost five centuries, studied and catalogued by naturalists and experts in 16 rooms: it is estimated to contain over 2 million exhibits. The Palazzo houses the sections devoted to minerals and rocks, palaeontology and zoology, while the prehistory and botany sections have been transferred to the Palazzina Comando of the former Austrian Military Arsenal. The jewel in the museum's crown is the section dedicated to the fossils of Bolca: over 250 animal and 200 plant species from the Lessini mountains, a few kilometres from Verona, over 50 million years ago. An extremely rare specimen of a large marine tortoise from the Upper Cretaceous period (around 70 million years ago) is also preserved here in excellent condition. Open Tues-Sun, 10am-6pm. Closed on Monday. Full ticket price: 4.5 euros. Lungadige Porta Vittoria, 9. www.museodistorianaturale.comune.verona.it. T: 045 8079400 (Ticket Office: T: 045 8004379). **Map D2**

Palazzo Maffei Casa Museo

Five centuries of history for an exhibition of ancient and modern art, with more than 350 works, including almost 200 paintings, about twenty sculptures, drawings and an important selection of applied art objects. In one of Verona's most scenic 17th-century buildings, twenty rooms decorated with stuccoes and frescoes overlooking Piazza Erbe make an elegant domestic setting into a wunderkammer that is a synthesis of the arts. The great passion for Futurism and Metaphysics gives collectors the opportunity to display unique masterpieces by Balla, Boccioni, Severini, but also Picasso, Magritte, Duchamp and other important artists of the last century. Open on Sat, Sun and festivities, 11am-6pm. Piazza Erbe. palazzomaffeiverona.com. T: 045 5118529. **Map C3**

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.



Casa di Giulietta

Via Cappello, 23
T: 045 8034303
Open Tues-Sun 9am-7pm.
Closed on Monday.
casadigiulietta.comune.verona.it

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Verona, a romantic city

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



Guided tour by Waystours

Situated 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**. In fact, if you want to take a step back in time, all you have to do is get lost among the arches of the Arena, the Roman amphitheatre and temple of international opera, walk among the almost intact steps of the Roman Theatre, which is still used today for shows and performances, or walk on the Ponte Pietra, built by the Romans around the first century BC. 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**, the historic centre of Verona boasts countless monuments and attractions not to be missed, such as Juliet's house, one of the most visited sites in Italy, and the medieval Piazza delle Erbe, the city's "living room", and then Castelvécchio, an imposing military fortification.

Verona is also the **romantic city par excellence**, where the timeless love story of **Romeo and Juliet** is set, where you can stroll through the streets of the centre in a **charming atmosphere** or where you can indulge in the best of local cuisine after attending an evening show at the Arena. And if all these marvels are not enough for you, you should know that Verona is **surrounded by territories of great cultural and gastronomic interest**, such as **Valpolicella**, an area of hills covered with vineyards, where the famous Amarone wine is produced, and **Lessinia**, with its rich environmental and natural heritage. Finally, with regard to excellence linked to wine, Verona's pride is its participation as the Italian representative in the international network **"Great Wine Capitals"**, which brings together 11 major cities and wine-growing regions around the world. And it will be Verona itself that will host the network's great **Annual Meeting in 2024** on the occasion of the **"Best of Wine Tourism"** award (www.greatwinecapitals.com).

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Via Carlo Cattaneo, 5C. T: 045 2216921 or 349 3168780.

Taxi

In Italy taxis cannot be flagged down as they pass you along the street; they are stationed at special taxi parking stands in most of the major squares in any city or town and at the airport, and can be requested by phone. **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 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 Leonicino, 61. T: 045 8068680. www.visitverona.it

VERONACard, a key to the city



With the **VeronaCard** you have access to **all free urban buses**, as well as free or **reduced access** to the city's main museums, monuments and churches. VeronaCard is available in two versions: a **24-hour card** (20 euros) and a **48-hour card** (25 euros) and it is activated on first use (museum entrance or bus journey).

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
With VeronaCard you can visit these places free of charge:

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Additional facilities at: Fondazione Museo Miniscalchi Erizzo, Museo Africano, Giardino Giusti; Adige Rafting, Arena di Verona Opera Festival, CitySightseeing Verona, Parcheggio Saba Arena, SIM Shakespeare Interactive Museum, Simonetta Bike Tours, Trenino Turistico.

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Waystours: Vicolo Carmelitani Scalzi 14B, T: 045 5701561
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Hallmark red double-decker bus offering 2 routes, from March to October (starting point: Piazza Bra - duration: 1 hour).
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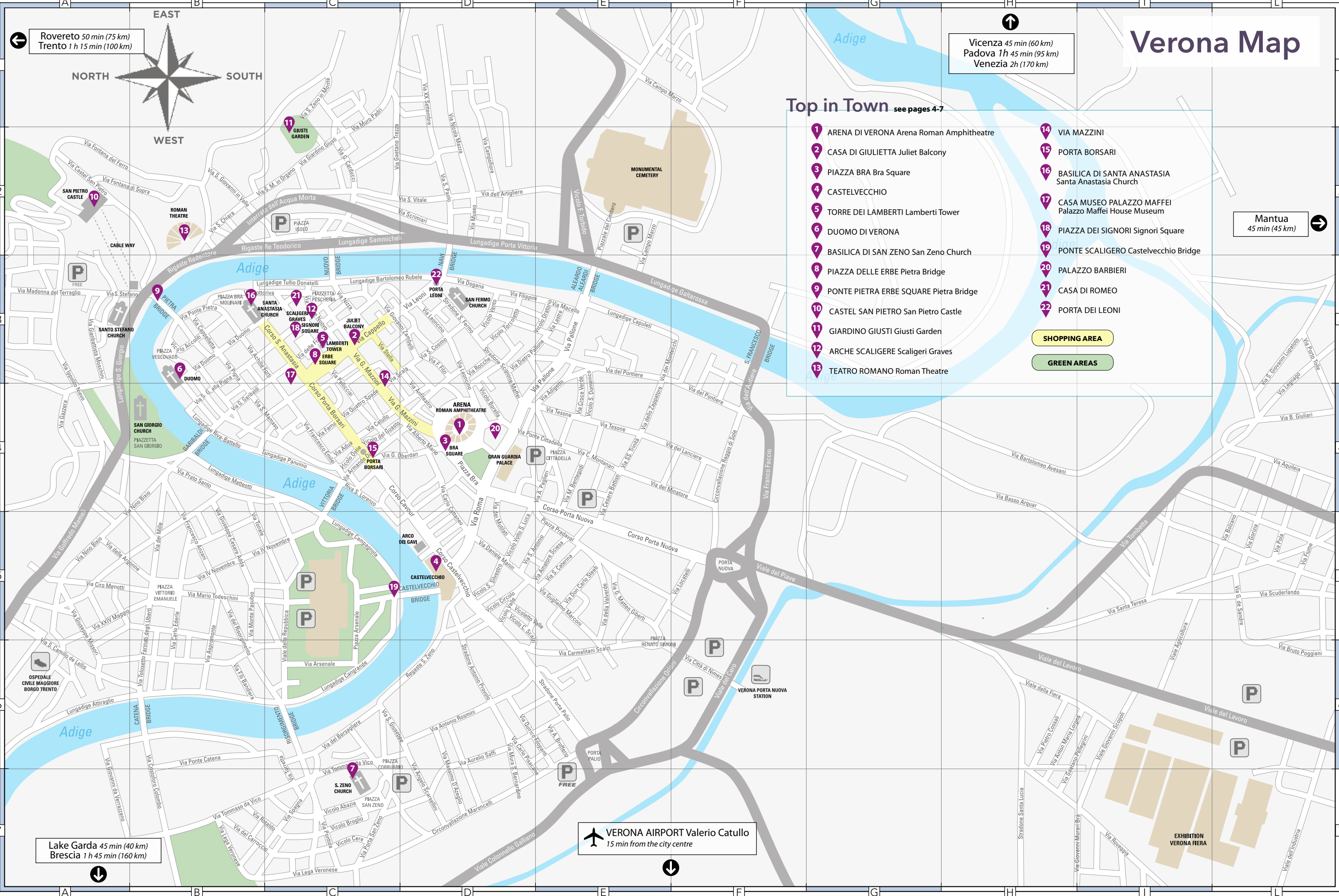
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