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THE DOLOMITES

"A CLOSE EMBRACE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR MOUNTAINS IN THE WORLD"



The response from people who have been in the presence of these gigantic rock formations is, *"Compared to other mountains: brighter, more colorful, more monumental, and seeming to be architecturally inspired"*. Formed 200 millions years ago out of the primeval ocean, today they reach 3,000 metres into the sky. Déodat de Dolomieu (1750-1801) discovered and defined the unique composition of the stone, giving the mountains their name. Now they are among the UNESCO HERITAGES.

€URO 237.00 PER PERSON FOR 2 NIGHTS
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BACKGROUND

The county of Comelico Superiore covers an area of 95,86 sq. km; bordering Austria. In this county you can find four towns: Candide (city hall administration), Casamazzagno, Dosoledo, Padola, in addition to many suburban areas spread throughout. Valgrande is a tranquil and green valley located in the Dolomites of Comelico where also Padola can be found, a famous tourist site during the two world wars. Many tourists visit the village also for the thermal mineral waters, good for healing, beauty, and skin treatments. The "Stua" was built in the first years of 400 with the purpose of trading wood with the Serenissima (the Governor of Venice). Each tree trunk that came through it paid a toll fee. The original construction represented a rare work in Europe for its characteristics and for its type of construction. The first colonizing people moved into "Tresaga", a neighborhood of Transacqua, starting the actual living area.

Transiga gave birth to many famous people: leaders, Bishops, Ambassadors and Public Notaries. According to the scholar Giuseppe Ciani, in the year 589, the first church of the Comelico area was founded: S.Stefano, that now holds the painting by Cristoforo Manforti (The Last Supper- L'ultima cena). From 1420 to 1797 S.Stefano was under the dominion of the Serenissima Republic of Venice.



The Ladin Culture

The Union's aims are as follows: safeguarding, conservation and value of the historical testaments that link the community to its territory; historical and linguistic research, publications of studies, research and historical documents, the creation of specifically designed local culture courses, the valuation of the language and local place names, the creation of local museums or specifically designed cultural institutions, the organization of events aimed to maintain the habits, costumes and traditions of the communities and the active participation and support of the various Ladin Cultural Unions.



Although it is unclear when exactly man first set foot in the valley del Boite, it is highly probable that the first to enter the valley were hunters or pastors. Testament to this is the fortuitous and precious discovery of a body dating back to the Mesolithic age. Adorned with funeral gifts, this find has become known as the "man of Mondeval", and dates back to 7000 years ago.

The oldest archived document relating to San Vito dates back to 1156, while the village itself was constituted in 1203. After freeing itself from feudal submission and overcoming the terrible plague of 1348/51, the territory of San Vito was finally formalized in the constitutional statute of Cadore. The region enjoyed great freedom until the fall of the Venetian Republic in 1797. During this splendid period the territory enjoyed unparalleled economic prosperity - and in Cadore commercial, artisan and cultural initiatives boomed. While the ancient *regolieri* consolidated their importance, thereby guaranteeing a balanced use of the territory, the region developed important trade links with Northern Europe along the Roman Road that leads from the Val Pusteria through San Vito, the Boite and Piave valleys all the way down to the Adriatic coast.

Water from the River Boite fed the mills and saw-mills, but other forms of craftsmanship and woodwork related to the timber industry flourished too. During this time, the community of San Vito completed some of its most significant architectural, artistic, cultural and historical constructions, such as the Church Beata Vergine della Difesa. The Church Santi Vito, Modesto and Crescenza underwent significant structural changes. In addition, in 1753 the community of San Vito was forced to erect the famous "Muraglia di Giau" to draw the borderline between Ampezzo and San Vito and to finally bring to an end the hundred year old dispute about these pastures.

At the beginning of the nineteenth century the area suffered not only at the hands of Napoleon, but also the famine in 1817, the Austrian domination until 1886, and then severe emigration up until the end of the century. During the First World War San Vito acted as a border town along the Austrian and Italian front. The first tourists arrived in San Vito at the turn of the century to discover the Dolomites on foot. After the 1930's tourism gained importance, leaving a deep and enticing mark on the local economy. This heralded the start of the modern tourist boom.



The Maria Vergine dell Difesa Church

The church is situated in the center of San Vito, exactly beneath the pievanale church. Constructed at the end of the XV century, it was enlarged during the first half of the XVI century after the Venetian war against Kaiser Maximilian of Austria, and then once more during the XVII century. This late-gothic church contains various precious works of art. A triptych, attributed to Francesco Vecellio, brother of Tiziano, hangs above the main altar.



SUGGESTED ITINERARY

There are many cultural heritages to see in the area and sport activities, skiing, dog-sledge, alpine skiing with snowshoes. For those who want more comfort experience a ride with horse-sledges to the thermal area, where they can experience real rest and relaxation. During Summer the activities are almost all on trekking and walking excursions, mountain bike and horse riding. For those who love food there are many dairies and refuges to be visited that offer outstanding local menus.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation is offered by hotels in the area whilst meals are served by farmhouses in the zone that offer local menus and products. The Sport Hotel is situated in a quiet area of Padola in Comelico. During Winter it is an absolute paradise for those who love skiing. Very close they have 2 skiing slopes. During Summer there are a lots of activities offered to the visitor, trekking, horseback riding, tennis. The hotel has comfortable rooms with all facilities, lift, telephone and TV. The restaurant offers exquisite local dishes. There is a lounge, a bar, deposit boxes for skis and boots, bicycles, a large parking and private garden. The hotel has an agreement with the Dolomite Thermal Spa which offers special rates and mountain bikes can be hired.



The Moie' farmhouse finds itself at 1227 mtrs above sea level close to Padola and only a few minutes by car from the Thermal Centre of Valgrande. They have 3 singles and 3 double bedded rooms with facilities. From here you can enjoy the most beautiful panoramas of the landscape, easily reachable by car. All the products are local, mainly dairy products.



PACKAGE DETAILS

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation including breakfast at the Sport Hotel in Padola
- 2 dinners in farmhouse including drinks
- Horse sledge, snowshoes, transfer to and from ski slopes, and entrance fee to the Thermal Centre

The package does not include:

- Ski passes, lunches, local guides
- Extras (minibar, phone, laundry) and tips, and all what is not included in the Package.

HOW TO GET HERE

By car – take motorway A27 with exit Pian di Vedoia, direction Cadore–Cortina. After approx 30km you will reach Tai. Take directions Comelico–Sappada. As you reach Santo Stefano, follow indications for Comelico Superiore, location Padola.

By train – Calalzo di Cadore Station then a bus ride of approx 30 minutes to Padola di Comelico.

We also can provide expert guides – rates are on request

Should you require transfer service from the Venice, Treviso, Bologna or Verona Airports, we can offer transfers by private mini-vans up to 8 passengers. It is also possible to arrange a convertible classic car hire service by Sprintage Company. They will let you choose from a beautiful series of convertible classic cars that you will find at the Airport. A detailed map of the area for your tours around will be provided. Alternatively we accommodate corporate companies on business or larger groups too. This therefore is a flexible travel suggestion. The travel schedule can be altered, overnight stays can be added and other services or activities can be arranged. Note that almost all our travel packages can be combined if you want to see more than just one area of the Veneto territory. Please feel free to contact us. Together we will find the perfect solution.

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