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VERONA AND THE LESSINIA NATURAL PARK

A PLACE OF REAL BEAUTY AND STRONG EMOTIONS



€URO 193.00 PER PERSON FOR 2 NIGHTS

VALID SUMMER 2010

BACKGROUND

The Regional Natural Park of Lessinia spreads out for more than ten thousand hectares on the Lessinia Mountains plateau, from north of Verona right up to the borders of Trento. This area is characterized by the alternation of hornbeam, beech and Norway spruce woods and meadows, pastures and spectacular structures of Karstic origins, unequalled in all of Europe: The bridge Ponte di Veja, the abyss Spluga della Preta, the Covolo of Camposilvano and the 'town of rocks' in Valle delle Sfingi. Crossed by five deep valleys fanning out from the north, the park treasures a large number of historical, archeological and naturalistic findings of inestimable value. A blend of great historical, natural and cultural heritage with human presence.

The province of Verona is rich in history, art and nature, witnessed by the presence of medieval castles, Romanesque churches, villas and elegant gardens. It is also the most important province in the Veneto as for production of wine, olive oil, fruit and vegetables with its traditional tastes and flavors that are a great temptation for the most demanding of palates. Olive oil, honey, delicious mountain dairy cheese, vegetable crops and Vialone Nano rice are only a few of the many products that dominate the dining tables of the Veronese inhabitants and visitors. Excellent wine with all of 10 DOC classics that can be tasted in many cellars where the art of winemaking is handed down generation after generation.

Sport lovers have a myriad of opportunities for practising all types of summer and winter sports. Mount Baldo and the Lessinia mountains are irresistible for trekking and skiing for those who love the highlands. Water lovers on the other hand find their paradise in the shores of Lake Garda.



The story of Lessinia, however, doesn't end with its geological, pre-historic or ethnographic heritage. Several traditional activities, such as alpeggio (specialized dairy and cheese production) and stone masonry continue as economic and cultural pursuits. Some quarries are still operational today, and extract Pietra della Lessinia (the traditional stone of the Lessinia region). The principal centres of the district are: Grezzana, where the prestigious Villa Arvedi is situated; Bosco Chiesanuova and its Museo Etnografico, Erbezzo with the flora and fauna area of Malga Derocon, S. Anna d'Alfaedo, where the Museo Paleontologico is located, and Ponte di Veja, a unique example of a natural bridge formed by a geological phenomenon. Markings left on the Grotta dell'Orso and other caves formed under this bridge indicate a use by hunters (one of whom may have been "Otzi", found on the Similuan glacier) in pre-historic times. The Parco delle Cascate di Molina, a natural water oasis, full of rare botanical species, boasts gorgeous canyons, lakes and panoramic lookouts found throughout the park. Refreshingly cool in the summer months, the park is also fascinating during the winter.

SUGGESTED ITINERARY

Arrive in time for dinner and get ready for a wonderful excursion the next morning. You will begin driving down to the small village of Camposilvano in Velo Veronese which is approx 20km from the farmhouse. Here we suggest a visit to the 'deep hole'. It is approx 60 meters deep where right at the bottom the hole opens into a large cave. The temperature it gives out is freezing cold, it's a natural phenomenon that comes from ancient times. A small path will lead you to the 'Fossil' museum of Camposilvano. Walk around the most luxurious vegetation, a path will lead you right into the 'cave'. See how the vegetation, temperature and light suddenly changes, it will give you a real emotion. This place existed probably before the glacial era, at least 50-70 thousand years ago, probably even before 'Neanderthal'. Other sites like the bridge of Veja will be a testimony of what nature did since ancient times. This place continued to be visited also during the Roman and Medieval era which you will be able to see in the Museum. The cave contains a huge number of legends transmitted by father to son which are of great interest.





After lunch we suggest a suggestive walk in the 'Valley of the Sfinji' where you will admire the 'city of rocks'. Magic stories surround this city of fairy tales and legends. Dinner will be arranged at the Perlara. On the following day we suggest a walk in the centre of Verona starting off from Piazza Brà, where you can see the Arena and admire centuries of history that blend in the squares and piazzas. You will encounter Roman monuments, medieval palaces and churches with high bell towers that seem to touch the sky. Verona has an immense historic, artistic and architectural heritage that you can discover strolling through the alleyways sprinkled with elegant coffee shops, inns and ancient handcrafting boutiques that still today retain flavors of the past. Near the city centre you can also find the house of Romeo & Juliet, enchanted by Shakespeare and that have given spark to Verona worldwide. There are also museums of great interest such as the Museum of natural history and the archeology museum near the 'Teatro Romano'. Another beauty is the church of 'San Fermo' that holds one church into another, the Cathedral of St Anastasia and the Abbey of 'San Zeno', patron of the City. Verona is declared 'World Heritage' since year 2000 by Unesco.

ACCOMMODATION

The farmhouse 'PERLARA' of Pierangelo Annichini and his family, will be delighted to welcome you. The farmhouse is very close to the centre of Verona. Here you will be delighted by the most beautiful panoramas of the valleys and the surroundings. They have 8 comfortable and large double bed rooms with all facilities and furnished with natural wood. All their dishes are prepared with agricultural products of their property which is strongly based on the season and prepared in the local traditional way.



PACKAGE DETAILS

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in double/twin bed rooms including breakfast
- 2 dinners including drinks
- 1 lunch including drinks
- Entrance fee to the Museum of Camposilvano
- The Verona Entrance Card to visit the main sites, museums and monuments



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The package does not include:

- Local guides, car hire and transfers from and to airports
- Extras (minibar, phone, laundry) and tips plus all what is not included in the 'Package includes'.

HOW TO GET HERE

By car – On motorway A4 exit Verona Est, continue on highway Est and take exit Roverè, follow the indication for Roverè and continue until you arrive in 'Prezzolano

By train station of Verona

By plane by Catullo Airport, Verona



We can arrange for transfer pick-ups from the Verona Airport or Railway Station. Rates 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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This trip has been organized in partnership with the Organization Coldiretti of the Veneto Region. More than 568.000 farmers are member of this Organization representing 52% of the total number of those registered in the Chamber of Commerce (Board of Trade). Coldiretti is active on the whole Italian territory and not only. Coldiretti helped us to choose especially for you, locations, hotels etc where it's sure that environmental standards are respected and the food that will be served belongs to the category zero km (food miles) meaning that it's produced right there in that region/location without trucks bringing it from the other part of Italy, Europe or any other part of the world.