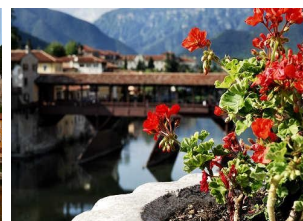




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VICENZA, THE RIVER BRENTA, AND THE FOUR ELEMENTS OF BASSANO DEL GRAPPA



€URO 193.00 PER PERSON FOR 2 NIGHTS
VALID MARCH TO NOVEMBER 2010

BACKGROUND

Bassano del Grappa occupies the bank of a river and is surrounded by mountains. Here culture brings together elegance, tradition and the explosion of popular festivities. Earth, air, fire, water are the four elements that reflect the four seasons of the year and the four periods of the day as day turns into night. Spring unfolds into Summer and Autumn to Winter, and with this the fascination and the charm of this town unfolds with it.

This picturesque town has the Old Ezzelino Castle, the City Tower and the city Gateways which appear in the coat-of-arms of the first Commune. In later ages came the squares, the biggest is dedicated to 'liberty'. The famous wooden bridge over the River Brenta is based on a sixteenth century model by PALLADIO and has made Bassano del Grappa famous all over the world. Bassano is a city of painting, outside there are the frescoes that decorate the houses and facades. When you move inside the town the paintings continue with the extraordinary portrait of Frederick II in Palazzo Finco, the scenes from the 'Life of Cleopatra' in Palazzo Roberti and in the City Museum the sculptures of 'Canova'. Culture became visual in this little town many centuries ago.



Marostica is a town famous for its Chess game played by living people. The story of the Chess Game dates back to 1454 when Marostica belonged to the Venetian Republic. It happened that two noblemen, Rinaldo D'Angarano and Vieri da Vallonara, fell in love with the beautiful Lionora, daughter of Taddeo Parisio, who was



the Lord of the Marostica's castle. As was the custom in that time, they challenged each other to a cruel duel to win the hand of Lionora. The Lord, not wanting to make an enemy of either suitors or lose them in a duel, forbade the encounter in conformity with Cangrande della Scala's Edict. He decided the two rivals should play a chess game: Lionora would take the winner as her husband and the loser would in any case join his family, marrying Oldrada, the younger sister. The game should take place on the square in front of the Lower Castle on a feast-day with armed living persons carrying the noble ensigns of Whites and Blacks, in the presence of the Lord, his noble daughter, the Lords of Angarano and Vallonara, the noble court and the entire population. He also decided the challenge should be honoured by an performance of armed men, fool-soldiers and knights, with fireworks and dances and sounds. So the armed men entered the field: archers and halberdiers, fool-soldiers and knights, then the Lord and his noble court with an anxious Lionora, who is secretly in love with one of the two rivals, her faithful nurse, noblemen and their ladies, the herold, the master of arms, falconers, pageboys, maidens, standard holders, musicians, farmers and their wives; the Whites and the Blacks with their kings and queens, rooks and knights, bishops and pawns and the two suitors who decide the moves. Then tribulation for the victory, fireworks and music according to the Lord's orders.

This event is repeated today just like the first time, in a framework of sumptuous costumes, multi-color banners, martial parades, exquisite elegance. A note of unique courtesy pervades everything; it inspires the whole re-evocation of this ancient story which, from the darkness of remote times, still live today as a miracle of fantasy. The orders are still given to characters and cast today in the "Serenissima Republic of Venezia" dialect. The show, with over 550 characters, lasts about 2 hours.



Nove is a small town close to Bassano, famous since the seventeenth century for the production of ceramic art. In 1995 the 'il Museo della Ceramica' opened situated in the Palazzo de Fabris and was refined to accommodate the local institute of art for ceramics. It is a place to study and examine this art and documents a collection that is divided accorded to periods of time, from the 1700s to the present day.

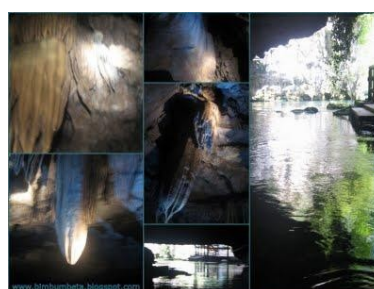




SUGGESTED ITINERARY

In this area nature is very generous with her gifts, like the famous asparagus. There are thousands of cherry trees, olive trees and the vast amount of vines that produce great quality wines. On the slopes of Monte Grappa you can find such typical local cheese as the Morlacco or the Bastardo. Marostica is known to be one of the most beautiful towns of the Veneto.

For those who love nature contact, from April to October it is possible to take the excursion, 'Lets get to know the River Brenta', with a visit to the caves of Oliero in Valstagna that is not at a far distance. You can choose to sail on a boat along the river or go rafting for 10km.



During your stay, you can choose from any cultural circuit, visiting the villas and museums of the area including a visit to one of the most ancient grappa distilleries in Bassano, or you can decide to go on a Natural circuit as mentioned above. There is a large amount of possibilities as this area is abound with culture, nature and history.

ACCOMMODATION

Miria and Roger, the owners of the 'La Dolfinella' farmhouse, will be pleased to welcome you and make you feel at home allowing you to discover the local traditions, the cultivation of their products and animals. The farmhouse "La Dolfinella", placed in the middle of a land that is as ancient as the stream running beside it, was built by the count Dolfin, a local landowner, to irrigate his crops. Amongst the greenery in the land near Bassano del Grappa, it is a comfortable facility provided with 16 beds, bathrooms and a bedroom for the disabled. An inner room seating 60 people is used as a restaurant. In summer you can enjoy a dinner in the charming outer space. Open all year long, "La Dolfinella" offers: homemade pasta with duck, vegetables and meat sauces; risottos, white meat from its own farmyard animals, roast sucking pig, pork leg and grilled pork, its own dressed pork products and typical wines. The farmhouse has been recently refurbished. If you wish you can also make use of their bicycles.





PACKAGE DETAILS

Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation in double rooms including breakfast
- 2 dinners including drinks
- Free transfer to The Caves of Oliero (minimum 6 guests)
- Complimentary bicycle hire

The package does not include:

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

Please contact us to receive special rates for children

HOW TO GET HERE

By car – Motorway A31 Valdastico, exit Vicenza Nord, follow indications for Treviso. Once you reach Cittadella, follow the indications for Trento-Bassano, 7km until you reach Rosà. At the traffic light turn left and follow for NOVE. At the second round-about follow for San Pietro.

By train – Railway station of Cittadella or Bassano del Grappa or Rosà:

By plane – Airport of Venice Marco Polo (approx 60km), Airport of Treviso (approx 45km)

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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