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## FROM PALLADIO TO GALILEO GALILEI ACROSS THE BERICI HILLS TO THE EUGANEAN HILLS - MONTEGALDA AND THE SURROUNDINGS



**€ 131.00 PER PERSON IN DOUBLE-TWIN**  
**€ 117.00 PER PERSON IN TRIPLE ( 2 ADULTS 1 CHILD )**  
**€ 107.00 PER PERSON IN 4 BEDDED ( 2 ADULTS**  
**VALID FROM FEBRUARY TO OCTOBER 2010**

### STORY OF THE TERRITORY:

A real treasure amongst the hills, protected by a castle, Montegalda in ancient times was called *Mons Gaudii*, delightful and full of joy, this explains why illustrious like Antonio Fogazzaro, decided to live here.

When in 1543 Costantinopoli fell under the Turkish domain, leaving the Mediterranean insecure and rather difficult the merchant trade of the Republic of Venice, the venetians began to invest their capitals in new property and portions of land. During the period from '400 to'700 in the area of Vicenza, many Venetian Villas began to arise. They were projected by great architects famous, like Palladio, Scamozzi and Massari. Venetian Villas integrate grandeur with the chores tied to agricultural lands. Today they represent an original synthesis of pleasure towards what is 'good-looking' and what is practical. Many paths will allow you to reach some points from where you will have a view of wonderful panoramas. Many of these lands have a special vocation for wine production, but not only, just to mention one, olive oil. This area is well known for its cuisine, mainly from trattorie and farm-houses. From spring time there isn't a weekend without some kind of eno-gastronomic demonstration or antique trade show going on. The best wine produced in this area is the red Tocai. Several pointed out routes will permit you to have fantastic walks around. The hills by the Fimon lake will allow those who wish to, also to ride on horse-back or on mountain bikes.

Many are the autocton-vineyards present in this area since ancient times. A few products, just to mention them are: Prosciutto Berico-Euganeo, rice from Grumolo delle Abbadesse, the Padana (parmisan) cheese and the 'grappa'. Not far away from this area you can visit Vicenza City or towards east, Padova a city famous and rich of opera's of Giotto, the Chapel of Scrovegni, the Observatory of Galileo Galilei, the botanic garden and the famous basilica of Sant'Antonio.

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY

You can visit the Castle of San Martino with the appurtenance of the 'Bacchiglione Museum'. The Castle of San Martino della Vanezza is situated on the southern riverside of the Bacchiglione, it represents a very interesting example of defence constructions that spread within these landscapes. This Castle was once an ancient monumental complex, the tower was erected around 1000 d.C. Furthermore, you can visit Villa Poiana designed by Palladio in the little town of Poiana Maggiore. Villa Poiana is in the countryside of Noventa Vicentina on the southern border of the province, about 35km from Vicenza. To commission this Villa in 1546, was Bonifacio Poiana. An enormous estate that was given to him



by the Republic of Venice as a thanksgiving for his services during the war. Another sight not to be missed is the 'Abbazia di Praglia'.



In 1080, Umberto Maltraverso, count of Montebello, destined a rich lush landscape covered with trees for the construction of an Abbey for the Benedictine monks. The Abbey went through dark and splendor periods. The Napoleonic abolitions struck the Abbey and the monks returned to house is only in 1904 thanks to many men of culture such as Luigi Luzzati and Antonio Fogazzaro. The interior of the church preserves opera's of Veronese, Tintoretto, Longhi and Zelotti.

Again, on a guided tour you can visit the 'Museum of the Venetian Bells'. It can be found near Villa Fogazzaro in Montegalda, the residence of the famous writer Antonio Fogazzaro. At your discretion, you can then visit the city centre of Vicenza and the Olympic Theatre or the city of Padova. (we can arrange tour guides for you half day- 4 hrs)

## HOSPITALITY

You may choose for accommodation in the farm-house 'Il Palazzone' or at the 'Grimana farm'.



Grimana Farm



Il Palazzone

The atmosphere in the farms will guarantee you a pleasant and comfortable stay. At the 'Grimana Farm-house' there are double rooms or **bio-rooms**, the house is distinguished, the furniture of high quality. You will also find a game park, land meadows and you will have the possibility to visit an ancient distillery and winery/museum that preserves goods since the time of peasants. You can use their bicycles free of charge.

### Fratelli Brunello Distillery



### Family portrait





## PACKAGE DETAILS

The package includes:

- On twin basis, nr 1 overnight stay, breakfast, a typical dinner at the 'Al Contadino farm-house';
- a lunch basket for day time;
- Visit with wine tasting at the Fratelli Brunello distillery and winery, or the peasant museum;
- Entrance fee to the Abbey of Praglia, entrance fee to the Venetian Bells Museum.

The package does not include

- Transfers in mini-vans of car , the entrance to the Bacchiglione Museum, entrance to Villa Poiana, extras and personal expenses. All that is not mentioned under the voice included. Tour guides.

On request you can stay for more days

## HOW TO GET HERE

**By car:** exit Grisignano di Zocco,- Vicenza, motorway A4 (milano-venezia)

**By train:** Vicenza Station, then change for Grisignano di Zocco, or Padova railway station

**By plane:** Terminal Marco Polo, Venezia (45km) or All'Angelo Airport Treviso ( km65 ) or Catullo Airport of Verona (km 60 ).

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.

## FOR RESERVATIONS:

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## ECO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

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.